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GROWING UP GLOBAL



Chancellor James Moeser prepares to enter Memorial Hall after gathering with about 400 faculty, staff and students at the Old Well on Friday. Moeser delivered his speech celebrating the 214th anniversary of the "University of the People" and focusing on global expansion.

"We need to think of ourselves as the University of the People of the World." JAMES MOESER, CHANCELLOR

BY KELLY GIEDRAITIS
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When the University was founded, its mission was to serve the people of North Carolina.

After 214 years devoted to that cause, UNC now has a greater mission: Serve the people of the world.

About 400 faculty, staff and students gathered at the Old Well on Friday morning to celebrate the 214th anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone of the "University of the People."

"I would argue that the need for a great public university is just as great or greater than the need in the 18th century," Chancellor James Moeser said during the celebra-

tion. "We need to think of ourselves as the University of the People of the World."

Global expansion was the day's theme — broached by history professor Michael Hunt in his University Day address.

English professor Trudier Harris — who has lectured in locations such as Jamaica, Canada and Europe — led the procession from the Old Well to Memorial Hall.

Moeser said in his opening remarks that UNC plans to increase its presence in the international scene by "bringing the world to North Carolina and taking North Carolina to the rest of the world."

In his address, Hunt lauded UNC's recent commitment to global issues, but he also challenged the University to embrace a lead-

ership position in international relations.

"This and other universities have in this new century a special opportunity, and perhaps responsibility, to help sort out the international tangle that the United States has gotten itself (in)," Hunt said.

Hunt said universities should aim to tear down the barriers to fruitful debate by emphasizing educated international discussion.

He argued that universities should serve as a forum for critical conversations about issues overlooked or misrepresented by media, politicians and commentators.

"This is a role that the universities have not chosen," Hunt said. "It comes to us through

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ANALYSIS

UNC looks at definition of role in state

Initiative reveals scale of challenge

BY ERIC JOHNSON AND STEPHEN MOORE
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From the outset of his presidency, UNC-system President Erskine Bowles wanted a high-profile, comprehensive study to look at future challenges for higher education in North Carolina.

Now, just a few months into the initiative known as UNC

Tomorrow, university leaders are grappling with just how comprehensive it has become.

In a series of public meetings held across the state, policymakers heard a litany of chronic problems — and an almost endless stream of requests for help from the university system.

"It's so big, it's hard to know where to start," said Hannah Gage, a member of the UNC-system Board of Governors. Gage has attended all 11 public meetings, held everywhere from Asheville to Elizabeth City.

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New chancellor search begins

BY WHITNEY KISLING
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UNC's chancellor search committee received its official charge Friday, with a special note to maintain confidentiality and a unified voice.

UNC-system President Erskine Bowles, who's responsible for

selecting the next chancellor, told committee members at their first meeting that serving on the search committee will be the most important task they'll undertake for the University.

"Whatever you've done before — this is by far more important," he told the 21-member committee, which was assembled last month when Chancellor James Moeser announced he will step down June 30.

The committee aims to have someone in place by July 1. To find

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Upcoming chancellor search meetings and forums

1 p.m. Tuesday, Rizzo Center
The committee will discuss three academic search firms, aiming to select one by the end of the meeting.

1 p.m. Oct. 26, Dogwood Room in the Friday Center for Continuing Education
Anyone is invited to hear what alumni and local elected officials want in a chancellor, as well as offer thoughts on what traits and characteristics the next chancellor should have.

1 p.m. Oct. 30, Chancellor's Ballroom in the Carolina Inn
UNC's faculty, staff and students will explain what the next chancellor should be. Again, all members of the public are invited to give their ideas.

► If you can't attend but want to send your ideas, e-mail chancellor_search@unc.edu.
► For more information, visit www.unc.edu/chan/search.

Resolution opens old ethnic tension

Turks dispute genocide label

BY REBECCA PUTTERMAN
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A century-old debate resurfaced in the U.S. Congress last week that pits historical atrocities against the present realities of a delicate American foreign policy.

The House Committee on Foreign Affairs passed a resolution condemning the 1915 massacre of 1.5 million Armenians as a genocidal campaign by Turkey.

Turkey, a key American ally in the war on terror, reacted to the resolution by threatening to withdraw its support for the war in Iraq, and Armenians and Turks throughout the states have responded to a renewal of old tensions.

U.S. Rep. Brad Miller, D-N.C., who serves on the foreign affairs committee, voted against the reso-

lution for cultural reasons. "I would love to think that we had the standing in the world to pass a resolution like that and make another nation feel ashamed and examine their history and feel that there's something they need to do to make amends," Miller said.

"We do not have that standing in the world, particularly in the Muslim world, and I think that the Turkish citizens will feel insulted and angry."

Yet 27 of the 48 committee members approved the resolution with the Armenian victims in mind.

Ninety-five years later, there are still millions of Armenians who live daily with the pain of what they see as an unacknowledged atrocity.

UNC junior Maria Bagdasarian is the great-granddaughter of survivors who fled the massacre and arrived in Syria on foot to start over.

"This is a group of people that

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County voting process offers quicker results

BY ANASA HICKS
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HILLSBOROUGH — The Orange County Board of Elections publicly tested voting machines at its office Saturday.

Aiming for transparency, election officials tried out a new process, which will allow election results to be released sooner than in the past.

Although the machines are tested every year, this is the first time the Board of Elections has made it open to Orange County residents.

"We want to maintain the voters' trust in our system," said board director Barry Garner. "You hear about other states' problems with counting. I just wanted to make sure we don't have any problems."

The tests are in preparation for the Nov. 6 municipal elections. Early voting begins Thursday.

If nothing goes wrong this year, the Board of Elections will have the election results about 15 minutes after the ballots close.

Garner said Friday that he didn't foresee any problems with the two-year-old machines.

"It's more of a perception problem than a reality problem," he said.

The testing ran from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Few residents stopped by during the time period.

"I've gotten a lot of phone calls, but I guess people are shopping," Garner said Saturday. He hired two Durham residents, Cindy

Brantley and Bob Tucker, to test the machines.

Brantley worked for the Durham County Board of Elections for seven years with Garner. Tucker responded to an advertisement that Garner put in a newspaper.

First, the group marked test ballots with every possible combination. They then manually counted the results and counted them with a machine to make sure the numbers matched.

They also tested the phone lines because this is the first year that election results will be sent via modem to computers.

"The results via modem show up on several computers, which can immediately be uploaded to the Board of Elections Web site," Garner said. He said because there is no network, the system cannot be hacked into.

Billie Cox, chairwoman of the Orange County Board of Elections, stopped by on Saturday.

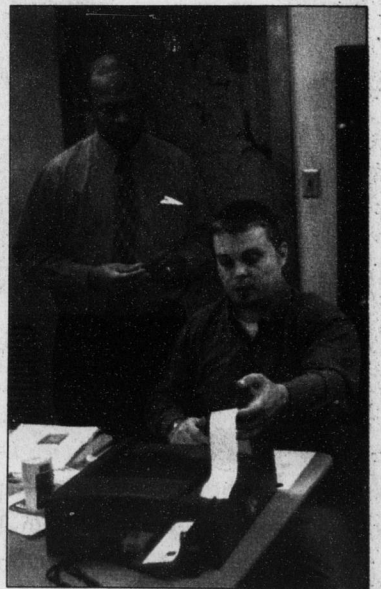
"I think it's important that people realize that we are preparing for the elections," she said.

Brantley and Tucker planned to test 38 machines Saturday, one for each precinct. On election day, the board will prepare 57 machines in case something goes wrong.

On Saturday though, all machines tested were working "flawlessly," Garner said.

"Democracy is flourishing in Orange County," he said.

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Barry Garner, director of the Orange County Board of Elections, oversees as Bob Tucker tests one of the voting machines Saturday.

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Days left until one-stop voting ends

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'SOMETIMES I CRY'

The one-woman show written and directed by actress Sheryl Lee Ralph, also a Delta Sigma Theta sorority member, tells the stories of many women living with AIDS.



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GOOD CLEAN FUN

The alcohol- and drug-free hangout, the Street Scene Teen Center, gets between 6,000 and 8,000 yearly visits. The center is looking for a new director.

this day in history

OCT. 15, 2000 ...

The Board of Governors announces Robert Shelton as the new provost. Shelton would move to UNC from the University of California's Office of the President.

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