

**CHANCELLOR**

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of conflict when a new president is introduced into a system, potentially stepping on the toes of chancellors. "Professionals disagree all the time," Stevens said. "When it's private, that's fine. When it becomes public, then someone is going to lose."

This was the case at Louisiana State University, where the introduction of a new system president led to the chancellor's resignation. Sean O'Keefe, who resigned as chancellor Feb. 1, cited disagreements with the system's leadership as a reason for his resignation.

O'Keefe had been chancellor for a year and a half, implementing his own agenda approved by the system's Board of Supervisors, when John Lombardi became the system's new president in 2007.

In addition to a changing presidency, the Board of Supervisors, which is equivalent to the UNC-system's Board of Governors, had changed 10 of its 16 members.

O'Keefe said the new leadership wished to take the university in a different direction than he was hired for.

"There is a new president, new board members and new leadership," he said. "They have different ideas for the system, and it's better for them to get somebody who can deliver them with a straight face."

He said the reason he was hired — to implement his "flagship agenda" — was no longer supported, so he decided to step down.

O'Keefe said that it is ultimately the president's system and that a chancellor is responsible to that.

"If it doesn't suit what you think is the right direction at the time, you have to make the choice to get out of the way," he said.

A similar situation took place at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville when Loren Crabtree resigned as chancellor, citing "differing philosophies in the area of governance" with system president John Petersen as a reason for resignation.

When Bowles was hired in 2006, Stevens said he did not see any kind of conflict with Chancellor James Moeser.

"They seemed to work together immediately," he said. "I think both understood the relationship between the two very well."

Conflict is less likely to emerge when the president is already in place and a new chancellor is hired, which will be the case of UNC-CH's next

*"It will be extremely important that they work together as a team. There are a lot of interests at stake."*

**RICHARD STEVENS, N.C. SENATOR**

chancellor. Rand said that while the personality in South Building will change, there will be little change in the professional relationship.

"Different ideas may be discussed, but there will be significant similarity in the way things are done," he said.

One reason, Stevens said, is that UNC-CH is the system's flagship and also where Bowles is based.

"The fact that he's at the flagship, that he has more exposure to campus and he's able to see the day in and day out of what's occurring at Chapel Hill is going to make for a strong relationship," he said.

Another reason the relationship will be strong, Stevens said, is that Bowles will recommend the final candidate.

"It's going to be his choice," Stevens said. "That alone is going to make for a different relationship."

He said Bowles is likely to pick someone he is going to work well with, someone he will look at as a "teammate."

"It should be a pretty strong relationship," Stevens said. "Bowles is going to be highly confident in who he selects."

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**SAPIKOWSKI**

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der, Woodall said. But Woodall said the prosecution would have challenged his story, saying the killings had happened the night before because alcohol was found in the bladder of his father, whose doctor had told him to drink wine.

And while the bat was found upstairs, clean, a report card in the downstairs kitchen had the father's blood on it, Woodall said.

Shotgun pellets near the kitchen show that Sapikowski shot at his mother once and chased her to the bathroom, where he shot her in the head, killing her, Woodall said.

Sapikowski's mother was shot twice. His father was shot several times in the head and neck. All of the shots were fired by a single-shot .410-gauge shotgun, Woodall said.

The crime was found when police tried to check on the Sapikowskis, who hadn't been heard from.

"There was a very bad odor in the house," Woodall said.

Police later found shotgun shells on the floor throughout the house and the parents' bodies in the master bedroom suite, wrapped in linens, Woodall said.

Judge Carl Fox told Sapikowski that he would eventually be released from prison and that he should try to come to terms with what he has done and turn his life around.

"At some point, you will miss your parents," he said.

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**DROPOUT RATES**

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himself, praised online courses for engaging students.

"That's the way these kids think," he said. "If they could get a haircut online, they'd do it."

Another innovation Easley has proposed is the creation of four separate tiers of college degrees, one for each year completed.

"We're talking about people who can't think four years in advance," Easley said.

Terri Mazingo, chief academic officer for Durham Public Schools, said the idea has potential.

"There's something tangible, concrete at the end of each year ... that may motivate some students along the way."

But Stephanie Knott, assistant superintendent for community relations in Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools, said the concept needs to be thought out more before it could be effectively implemented.

"Right now those labels are kind of meaningless to me," she said, adding that the system must make clear what each degree might prepare students for in the work force.

"There would have to be something employable attached to them."

Easley also focused on needing specificity at Wednesday's meeting.

"We have to demand focus and discipline of ourselves and stay focused on things we know we can accomplish," he told the group.

But what came out of the meeting was less concrete action than a proposal to create a plan of action. The group resolved to create

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**MIKE EASLEY, GOVERNOR**

two task forces, one to assess the effectiveness of state-funded educational programs in the next three months and one to examine the systems' schools of education in the next six months.

The group also promised to generate two additional reports, one assessing the Learn and Earn program and one evaluating the feasibility of creating a joint data system to share information across all levels.

Sharing data among university, community college and PreK-12 systems is a primary goal for UNC-system President Erskine Bowles.

Bowles, who has sought to re-examine the system's schools of education for the past two years, wants such a system in part to track the success of these schools in training teachers in light of how the teachers' eventual students perform on state tests.

Both reports should be done by May, in advance of the next N.C. General Assembly session. Jim Phillips, chairman of the UNC-system Board of Governors, said the goal is to target the legislature

— to create reports that have the potential of generating action.

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**LOCAL SCHOOLS**

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teaching support. Special academies and freshman seminars are part of the districts' plan.

"So many people are working to get around to one goal," said Stephanie Knott, district spokeswoman for the city schools.

Almost one-third of dropouts leave high school during their freshman year, according to the DPI report, and Knott and Gilbert said both districts focus efforts there.

Phoenix Academy is a specific way CHCCS has targeted students who are in need of a nontraditional learning environment, offering second-chance programs and remedial help.

"The goal is to get them ready to go back to their high schools," George said, adding that the academy focuses on "disenfranchised" students who might otherwise fall through the cracks.

"The biggest thing is how small we are," George said. "Some students just work better in a smaller environment, so our classes are smaller."

The academy has 30 students and keeps each class to a maximum of eight students in which counselors can pay special attention to students.

"School counselors try to put in place certain safety nets for them," George said.

"Every time you lose a kid you feel it."

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- Favorite intramural sport
- Favorite coach
- Best off campus work out
- Most despised rival
- Best place to watch a game on TV
- Most popular phys ed class

**THE SCENE**

- Best place to shop on the web
- Favorite place to people-watch
- Best place to get a mixed drink
- Cleanest bar bathroom
- Best meal after midnight
- Best place for a microbrew in the Triangle
- Best new hangout (bar or restaurant) from 2006

**COLLEGIATE LIFE**

- Best drinking game
- Best parking ticket appeal excuse
- Favorite study spot
- Best class to do the crossword in
- Best road trip
- Quirkiest roommate habit
- Favorite spring break destination

**ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT**

- Best up & coming artist
- Favorite campus music group
- Favorite radio station
- Favorite local group
- Favorite place to see a band
- Favorite Web site (not sports related)
- Favorite movie in 2007
- Best place to find that new CD
- Best place to see a movie
- Favorite reality show
- Favorite album in 2007

**OUT 'N' ABOUT**

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- Best restaurant to impress a first date
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