

Chancellor search wrapping up

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The school year started off with a huge announcement: James Moeser's decision to step down from his position as chancellor.

That was September. Now more than seven months later, a search committee to find the next chancellor is almost finished with its task.

By July 1 UNC is expected to have the 10th chancellor in place, and Nelson Schwab, chairman of the chancellor search committee and a member of the Board of Trustees, said he expects June to be key.

"We're basically finished with our interviewing," Schwab said. "I think we feel very comfortable with a June time frame."

The search committee held its last meeting April 16, and Schwab said he doesn't have any plans for more meetings, though he did say there might be a need for another interview or two with the candidates.

Because the committee has held its final scheduled meeting, it's likely members have decided on three names they will submit to UNC-system President Erskine Bowles.

Once Bowles receives the names, he can hold interviews with each candidate and then begin a negotiation with the person he wants to take the position. That conversation will include details about the salary — in which UNC falls below its peers.

That name must be approved by the Board of Governors, which could happen at the May meeting.

"Ultimately, though, the Board of Governors would have to approve who President Bowles brings to them," Schwab said.

In keeping with past chancellor searches, this search has been one of supreme secrecy.

Although the committee had a few public forums last semester to solicit input, the majority of the search has been behind closed doors.

The committee decided on an official position description for the next chancellor at the end of last semester. It includes someone who is a proven fundraiser, has a dedication to public education and a vision for international leadership.

But in addition to the character-

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Chancellor James Moeser announced in September that he will step down June 30. The search for his replacement is expected to conclude soon. DTH FILE/TRACI WHITE

A look back at Moeser's term

October 2000: James Moeser officially becomes UNC's ninth chancellor during the University Day ceremony.

October 2002: The Carolina First Campaign sets a goal of raising \$1.8 billion to help make UNC the top public university.

October 2003: The Carolina Covenant program launches to provide a debt-free education to qualified low-income students.

May 2004: The Carolina Connects tour begins to increase UNC's involvement in the state.

February 2007: The Carolina First Campaign meets its \$2 billion goal 10 months ahead of schedule.

September 2007: Moeser announces his resignation, effective June 30.

CAMPUS UNITES



Thousands came out to the Pit on March 6 for a candlelight vigil to remember Eve Carson. The event featured a cappella performances and a slideshow. Since then, two benefit concerts have been held in honor of Carson, and more than \$170,000 has been donated to her memorial fund. DTH FILE/ANTHONY HARRIS

Comes together to remember Carson

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In the days after the death of Student Body President Eve Carson, tragedy brought a sense of unity to the grieving UNC campus.

Carson's legacy of energy and cooperation touched the student body and surrounding community, who turned out by the thousands to remember her.

"The numbers show what a compassionate campus that we are," said Melinda Manning, assistant dean of students. "They also show how many people Eve touched when she was here with us."

The Eve Carson Memorial Fund, which hopes to provide the funding for a junior-year merit scholarship next year, also has the numbers to show how the community is honoring her legacy.

As of Tuesday, \$170,022 had been donated to the memorial fund, which has been supported by many benefit concerts this month.

But before commemorating

Carson with concerts, the community came to mourn together.

On March 6, more than 5,000 gathered on a sunny spring day to hear Chancellor James Moeser speak about Carson's life. Thousands gathered that night in the Pit for a candlelit vigil that included a photo slideshow, speeches from friends and music.

The campus united again March 18 for a memorial service that was held in the Smith Center. More than 10,000 people attended.

"I think these events helped foster a sense of solidarity among students," said Katie Sue Zellner, Carson's chief of staff, who helped plan the memorial service.

The Campus Y also set up memorial cubes outside its building, and cloth squares spelling "EVE" hang in the Student Union. More students have remembered Carson in a collection of concerts in her honor.

The first memorial benefit concert was April 13 in the Great Hall of the Student Union. The con-

cert was free but raised more than \$1,400 in donations the fund.

Three bands performed Tuesday in a concert at Cat's Cradle in Carson's honor. The proceeds also went toward the fund.

A third concert with six bands is set for May 18 at the Lincoln Theater in Raleigh. Tickets are \$10.

Keeping up with all of the events for Carson became an overwhelming task for Zellner, so she approached Manning, who created a Web site to aggregate all the events.

"We know there are a lot of events students are wanting to plan, and so we needed some central way to organize and plan them," Manning said. "We plan to keep the site up as long as events are going on."

A number of students have also suggested naming a place on campus after Carson.

Christie Cunningham, senior adviser to Carson's administration, said that she wants to continue "an enduring memory of Eve" and that dedicating a place in Carson's honor is one way to do that.

"It's important that students are

Memorial Events

March 6: Announcement of Eve Carson's death by Chancellor James Moeser on Polk Place in the afternoon.

> Candlelight vigil in the Pit with slideshow and a cappella performances.

March 18: Memorial in the Smith Center with speeches from friends and administrators.

April 13: Memorial benefit concert in the Great Hall.

April 22: Second benefit concert at Cat's Cradle.

May 18: A benefit concert will be held at Lincoln Center in Raleigh featuring six bands.

able to connect with Eve and with her legacy 10, 20, 50 years from now," she said. "She was an incredible leader... not just as a student but as our student body president."

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Water levels inching back

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Children in Chapel Hill and Carrboro can look forward to long days at the pool this summer because of loosened water restrictions.

The Orange Water and Sewer Authority lowered water restrictions from Stage 3 to Stage 1 on April 10, so now pools can be filled and topped off.

When the drought was at its worst, water restrictions were

ONLINE Communities throughout the state also have been plagued with drought.

tightened in stages, limiting activities like gardening and car washing. But Thursday, reservoirs were 72.4 percent full, compared to the low of 40.05 percent on Feb. 26.

Parks and Recreation Director Butch Kisiah said now the department can finish topping off pools like the A.D. Clark outdoor pool at the Hargraves Center.

Kisiah said it is only a matter of weeks before completion of the Homestead Park Aquatic Center pool. It will be filled with 400,000 gallons of OWASA water.

OWASA Board Member Braxton Foushee said he was in favor of lowering restrictions so people could return to their normal lifestyles.

"We had to get to Stage 1 before we could fill any of the pools for the kids this summer and the University could water their fields



Flowers in Coker Arboretum took a beating in the fall because of the drought. Reservoirs now stand at more than 70 percent full. DTH FILE PHOTO

and play baseball," Foushee said. Field-watering restrictions concerned Kisiah, especially because of the new 6.1-acre sod field at Southern Village. Now the sod can be laid and watered with OWASA water.

But Kisiah said he is still concerned about a lack of rain.

"The question mark we have is if the rain quits and we have to go to higher restrictions, we have to stop irrigation," Kisiah said. "If we can't irrigate, we're going to look into other ways to get water or we're

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On the May 6 primary ballot

Early voting for the May 6 primary started April 17. Voters will pick candidates in local, state and national races.

Early voting is available at four locations, including the Morehead Planetarium and Science Center, through May 3:

- Robert and Pearl Seymour Senior Center: Monday through Thursday, noon to 8 p.m. until May 1 and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on May 3;
- Carrboro Town Hall: weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. until May 2 and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on May 3;
- Orange County Public Library conference room: weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. until May 2 and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on May 3.

On May 6 all of Orange County's precincts will be open. Visit www.co.orange.nc.us/elect/precincts.asp to find out what precinct you're in.

President John McCain stands alone as the presumptive Republican nominee, but the race between Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton remains close. See pg. 10 for the full story.

U.S. Senate Four candidates, including frontrunners N.C. State Sen. Kay Hagan, D-Guilford, and Chapel Hill businessman Jim Neal are vying to take on Republican incumbent U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Dole.

N.C. Governor In addition to the Democratic frontrunners Lt. Gov. Beverly Perdue and State Treasurer Richard Moore, four major Republican candidates are in the race, led by

One-stop voting

- ✓ What: Register and vote for May 6 N.C. primary
- ✓ Where: Faculty lounge, second floor of the Morehead Planetarium
- ✓ When: Weekdays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Today until May 3



Carolina North plans moving ahead

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Carolina North has yet to form solid design plans, but it continues to grow and has continued through important approvals.

Most of the sprawling campus, set to occupy about 250 acres of a 963-acre tract of land north of UNC's main campus, is still largely unplanned.

"It's going to constantly change over the next five years and next 50 years," Roger Perry, chairman of the Board of Trustees, said of Carolina North's master plan.

"You come up with a road system and an infrastructure ...

and then you design the community around those things as it evolves."

To help review these constant changes, this spring the town and the University formed a committee to work through development commitments — marking one of the first concrete steps to allow faster approval of projects.

Council member Matt Czajkowski said this committee will set a definition of the development plan that will in turn allow faster proceedings.

"I think that we've made great progress," Perry said. "It's not perhaps as tangible as it will be in the

next 12 months."

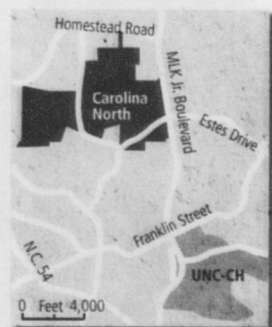
Town Manager Roger Stancil, members of the town staff and UNC staff members are all included in the discussions.

"We spent a lot of time trying to ensure that we have a common understanding of information and definitions of important words," Stancil said.

They have worked on a development agreement and shared observations, he said.

And there are more concrete steps in the works that will address some of the concerns citizens have

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A review of criminal cases still making their way through the Orange County courts. The county kicked off its 10-Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness this fall. Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools prepare for the district's 10th elementary school.

STATE A preview of some issues up for debate in the N.C. General Assembly. **FEATURES** The DTH remembers community members who passed away. **SPORTS** UNC's football team looks to improve on a 4-8 record from 2007.