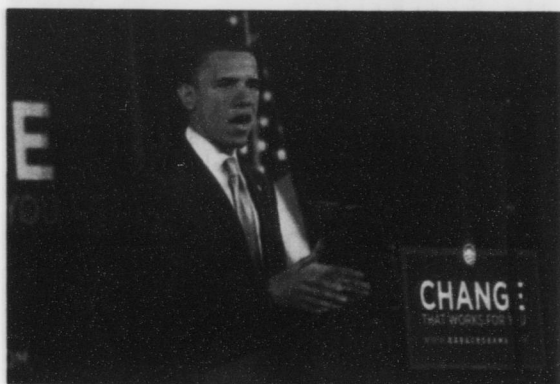


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Newly-announced Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama spoke on the national economy Monday at the N.C. Fairgrounds in Raleigh.

Obama stumps in Raleigh

Troubled economy highlights speech

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RALEIGH — As he took the stage on Monday at the N.C. State Fairgrounds, Barack Obama was met with an explosion of applause and standing ovations.

It was Obama's first appearance in North Carolina since the primary, and he took the opportunity to focus specifically on the issues, a tactic which many experts expect

to continue in his campaign against presumptive Republican nominee John McCain.

His speech marked the beginning of a two-week national tour titled "Change That Works for You."

Although Gov. Mike Easley originally endorsed Hillary Clinton, when he introduced Obama, he said, "I know I'm late, but I am on the train."

"I'd rather be a bum in the box-

car on the Obama train than on the front of the bus with John McCain," he said.

Easley pointed out that milk and gasoline are roughly the same price per gallon, setting the stage for Obama's speech on America's economic concerns.

The event was only open to campaign staff, advocacy groups and the press, and 1,500 were present.

Luke Lanier, a student at Emory and Henry College in Virginia, stood outside selling political buttons hoping to get a chance to go inside.

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The race for North Carolina governor is heating up.

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As a summer job, Lanier works for a memorabilia Web site trailing the Democratic debates across the country.

"Hillary is brilliant and articulates her message well. She is more precise and descriptive than Obama," he said. "But, Obama is a better orator. He knows how to get the crowd excited."

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Moeser looks at job's potential

Evaluates term and looks toward future

BY BRIAN AUSTIN
UNIVERSITY EDITOR

As Chancellor James Moeser's term winds to a close, he is afforded the luxury of hindsight, and the benefit of experience as Chancellor-elect Holden Thorp prepares to step into the office.

Though Thorp was unavailable for comment, Moeser discussed his position and the opportunities and the most pressing challenges that could lie ahead for Thorp.

A strong team in place

When he first arrived on campus, Moeser was met with a world of problems. Campus buildings were in disrepair and there was a legislative battle over the N.C. Higher Education Bond. But these problems paled in comparison to the dozen or so administrative vacancies that left holes to be filled.

"I think there were something like 10 vacant deans' offices," Moeser said, further noting more vacant positions at the offices of provost and vice chancellor for finance. "There was a lot of work to be done to build a leadership team, so that was huge."

Thorp's administration looks to be remaining in place for the most



James Moeser will step down from his post as UNC's ninth chancellor on June 30.

part, though Moeser was quick to point out the value in having administrators that are attractive, even to competing institutions.

"That's just the natural rhythm of an institution," he said. "When our highest level people get promotions and go to be presidents or senior officers at other places, that's actually a compliment."

Furthermore, Thorp had been holding meetings with upper-level administrators before leaving for a family vacation Wednesday.

Globalization and sciences

Moeser also worked to move the University beyond the confines of Chapel Hill and of North Carolina, focusing instead on expanding UNC's mission to include global recognition and perspective.

One of the challenges for Thorp will be to capitalize on UNC's strengths.

"Right now UNC is not really a well-recognized global brand, as some other American universities

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TRIPLE THREATS



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With the win against Coastal Carolina in the super regionals in Cary, the Tar Heels became only the second school in ACC history to reach three straight College World Series, along with Florida State. UNC routed Coastal 14-4 Sunday to bring its super regional record to 4-1 since 2006.

Tar Heels headed to CWS for third straight year

BY MIKE EHRLICH
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Whoever coined the term "there's no crying in baseball" would have hated the ninth inning of North Carolina's super regional clincher Sunday.

There were curtain calls and standing O's, on-field hugs and dogpiles. Chad Flack even admitted nearly shedding a tear.

The Tar Heels had beaten (read: whupped) Coastal Carolina twice in a row to advance to their third straight College World Series.

The emotion spilled over to the postgame news conference, as the Tar Heels brimmed with enthusiasm about getting back to the mid-

dle of America, the homeland of juicy steaks and college baseball's biggest stage.

"It's a special day for our program, especially our six seniors," UNC coach Mike Fox said.

"It never gets old," Rob Wooten added. "It's a great feeling," Tim Federowicz said. Insert generic "happy to be here" quote here.

Yawn. The first two rounds are ancient history, and simply getting back to Omaha isn't enough for this team. What lies ahead is the good stuff.

Coastal Carolina was a good ballclub, but you can't get to Omaha with the lack of starting pitching and the inability to play defense that the inexperienced Chanticleers demonstrated

DTH ONLINE:

Watch footage from the super regionals and hear The DTH's take on UNC's chances.

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More baseball coverage from the super regional series against Coastal Carolina.

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this weekend. But UNC won't face any more Coastal Carolinas.

And there is no detracting from the kind of seasons that Mount St. Mary's, UNC-Wilmington and Elon had, either. But the Cary regional was little more than a speed bump on North Carolina's

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Negligence suit filed in fire death

BY ANDREW CUMMINGS
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An Orange County man is suing the property owners and manager of the Carrboro apartment where his mother died in a fire Sept. 30. He claims in the lawsuit that his mother's death "was a direct and proximate result of the negligence" of the landlord.

Juan Arango is the administrator of the estate of his mother, Gloria Inez Suarez. She died when her apartment complex caught fire and spread quickly, killing her and injuring two other residents who jumped from the building.

Arango claims in the lawsuit that if the building had been maintained properly by Colonial Properties Trust and its property manager, Renee Schumacher, the fire would not have spread as rapidly, allowing residents more time to escape safely. The lawsuit also said that if the smoke detectors had been working properly, they would have alerted the residents more quickly.

His attorney, Mark McGrath, said that the building failed inspection by the Carrboro Fire Department on Jan. 4, 2007, and

"You can only ask for \$10,000. ... It is hard to put a value on a life, though."

MARK MCGRATH, ATTORNEY

that the landlord failed to correct the problems.

More importantly, he said, the smoke alarms didn't go off and residents weren't alerted until it was too late.

"The smoke alarms didn't function," McGrath said. "We talked to a bunch of the residents over there and none of them recall hearing anything."

But Deputy Fire Chief Trey Mayo of the Carrboro Fire Department said fire alarms were heard by some.

"Some of the residents reported hearing their smoke alarms go off," he said. "I don't know for sure how many went off, but some did report hearing them."

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Draft deadline looming for UNC hoopsters

BY RACHEL ULLRICH
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With only two days before the entrance deadline for the NBA Draft, the Tar Heel trio "testing the waters" still haven't jumped in.

Ty Lawson, Wayne Ellington and Danny Green all attended the NBA pre-draft camp in Orlando and have worked out with numerous NBA teams in the past several weeks.

But none has been guaranteed a pick yet, and the question still remains in Chapel Hill: Will they, or won't they?

"All three could — conceivably — go in the first round," said Marty Blake, director of scouting for the

NBA. "They are all very impressive candidates. But there is a big difference between the NBA and college basketball."

Lawson, thought to be the top candidate from Tar Heel stock, worked out this week with the Washington Wizards and the Denver Nuggets, the latter of which is expected by many to draft the point guard.

But Lawson's future was left unclear following a now-infamous police report filed Friday morning.

Lawson was charged with drinking and driving — he reportedly blew a .03 but is underage — a noise violation and driving with a suspended or revoked license.

"There is a big difference between the NBA and college basketball."

MARTY BLAKE, NBA DIRECTOR OF SCOUTING

"I talked to a number of people last week and told them that I didn't think Lawson's arrest would hurt him," Blake said. "But I didn't know he was driving without a license. That might change things."

Lawson is convinced his arrest won't hurt his chances, and, though he could not be reached for comment by The Daily Tar Heel, he was quoted in Denver as reporting the arrest to be "unjustified" because of

the noise violation claims.

Lawson worked out in Denver on June 10, said Nuggets media relations assistant Tim Gelt, along with the likes of Xavier graduate Stanley Burrell, another point guard and last year's Atlantic-10 Defensive Player of the Year.

And there, at least, Lawson tried to keep his focus on basketball.

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announcement

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RUNNING THE BOARD

The UNC Board of Governors will meet Thursday to hear a report on UNC Tomorrow and will elect a new chairman at a meeting Friday.



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ROYAL OIL

Many University workers are asking the Employee Forum for help in finding solutions for high commuting costs due to the rising price of gas.

this day in history

JUNE 12, 1994

Nicole Brown Simpson, O.J. Simpson's ex-wife, and her friend Ron Goldman are brutally stabbed to death. Car chases and trials with gloves and bloody shoes to follow.

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