



City of Cambridge

R-32.

IN CITY COUNCIL

July 26, 1999

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- WHEREAS: Michael will be sorely missed by all he touched and loved; now therefore be it
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- RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the Hooker family on behalf of the entire City Council.

In City Council July 26, 1999.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "D. Margaret Drury". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped "D" and "M".

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

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Michael Hooker, president for three years at UMass; 53

By Kate Zernike
GLOBE STAFF

Michael Hooker, who set a bold vision for reform as president of the University of Massachusetts but left the task early to head his beloved alma mater, the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, died yesterday of complications from non-Hodgkins lymphoma. He was 53.

Considered a rising star from his earliest days — the first in his family to go to college, a college president at age 37 — Mr. Hooker was diagnosed in January.

He took a two-month leave from his job as chancellor at Chapel Hill this spring to undergo experimental treatment at the National Institutes of Health. He had returned, working from home, earlier this month.

He chaired, by conference call, a meeting of his cabinet Monday morning, and worked into the evening before being admitted to the University Hospital, where he died just before 2 a.m. yesterday.

In three years as chancellor of the nation's oldest public university, Mr. Hooker had become both an agent of change and a beloved figure. One friend recalled Chapel Hill students hoisting him up and passing him through the crowds at a basketball game.

"He just radiated personal energy and intellectual energy. He drew people along in his wake," said Daniel Taylor, the former head of the UMass trustees, who led the search committee that chose Mr. Hooker unanimously as its president in 1992. He was a very important figure in the history of the university."

In three years at UMass, Mr. Hooker was credited with securing more state funding for the university and combining the five campuses into one system. He set an ambitious five-year plan to make the system "world class" by 2000, demanding that each campus compare itself to its peers nationwide, and strive to meet higher standards. Many of the things his plan called for — eliminating undersubscribed programs, raising admissions standards — set the foundation for the elevation of the university's reputation under its new leader, former Senate President William M. Bulger.

The son of a Virginia coal miner, Mr. Hooker was raised from a young age to appreciate the value of an education. His parents decided early they would have only one child, so they could afford to make him the family's first college graduate.

He earned his doctorate at UMass-Amherst. As a teacher of philosophy at Harvard in the mid-1970s, Mr. Hooker once said he used to watch President Derek Bok and dream of becoming a college president. He did so at 37, becoming president of Bennington College just in time to rescue it from financial disaster. Two years later, *Esquire* magazine featured him in a story on the "Best of the New Generation." Later, at the University of Maryland-Baltimore County, Mr. Hooker was credited with bringing more and better-qualified minority students on campus, and smoothing racial tensions.

Mr. Hooker believed in, and spoke eloquently about, the need to

ed, but serve the needs of the state.

"Universities have a reputation more deserved than we want to admit for being self-righteously arrogant and disdainful of the outside world," he told a *Globe* columnist in 1993, a year into his term. "But the world has changed. We have to wallow in the muck of human problems without the luxury of standing aside and smugly criticizing others for not solving problems."

Bulger said yesterday, "Michael Hooker recognized that the first responsibility of a university is that of education, and the community would be repaid for its investment through the service performed by individuals in their subsequent lives and careers. He served this community well and will be greatly missed by all of us who knew him personally."

Professors and administrators criticized Mr. Hooker for leaving UMass early, just three months after he announced his five-year improvement plan, and three years into his term. He had promised to stay 10 years. In a state where private colleges had long had a lock on academic prestige, Mr. Hooker admitted it had been harder than he realized to increase what he called "public affection" for UMass. It would take Bulger, with well-developed social, business, and political connections, to attract the money and support for the public university.

At the time, though, Mr. Hooker explained the move as a sort of homecoming. As a child, his parents had taken him on tours of campuses, with UNC one of their earliest stops.

An early believer of the importance of technology in higher education, Mr. Hooker developed a program, partly funded by private companies, that will ensure that each freshman has a laptop computer by this fall. Nationally, he served on several panels on technology in education, as well as one to enlist college students in the effort to get elementary school students reading by third grade.

"Years from now, when we look back, what will be routine for everybody, he thought of five years ago," said Mary Anne Marsh, a Democratic political consultant in Massachusetts who worked with Mr. Hooker here and in North Carolina.

"Michael Hooker brought a remarkable level of energy and a compelling vision to this campus over the past four years," said UNC-Chapel Hill Provost Dick Richardson.

Mr. Hooker met Carmen Buell, a state legislator from Greenfield, at a UMass basketball game in 1993, and married her in 1995 with a reception at the Mullins Center at Amherst.

In addition to his wife, he leaves his daughter, Alexandra, of Baltimore; his wife's daughters, Jennifer and Cyndi Buell, both of Charlotte, Va.; and his mother, Christine, of Roanoke, Va.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday in Memorial Hall on the Chapel Hill campus.

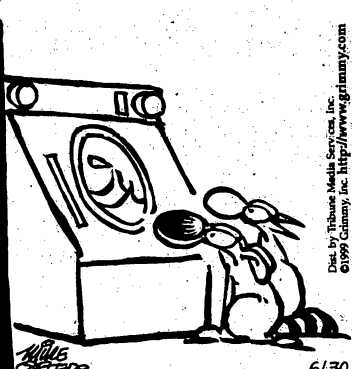
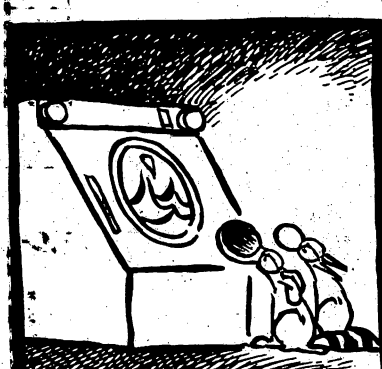
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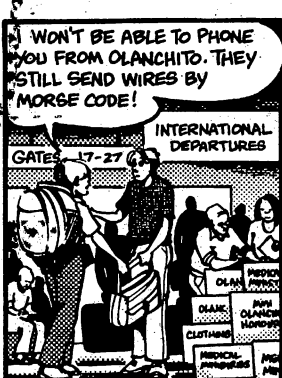


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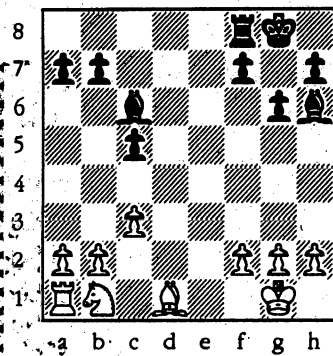
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- **ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Partnerships will make you feel like a million bucks. Your outgoing nature will bring you popularity at the events you attend.
- **TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Expect a co-worker or your boss to be a little underhanded. Keep your eyes open to avoid getting blamed for something you had no part of.
- **GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** You need an outlet for the tension that's been building. Problems at home have gotten out of control, but now is not the time to try to rectify them.
- **CANCER (June 21-July 22)** You need larger quarters, but you mustn't overextend yourself in the process. You won't get much help from your mate.
- **LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Don't count on correspondence to clear up major problems. You will have to face each issue separately and in person. Use your charm, but don't be a phony.

- **VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Don't go over budget on important projects. Someone is trying to make you look bad. Children aren't likely to tell you the truth about their whereabouts.
- **LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** You will be insecure and emotional if your partner doesn't bend to your whim. You may want to make some serious changes around your home.
- **SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** Do not do business with overindulgent individuals. You must avoid disclosing valuable information. Take care while in transport.
- **SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** Mingle with those in higher positions. Use this opportunity to present your ideas. If they show interest, get their approval in writing.
- **CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Business deals will not go the way you plan. Don't back yourself into a corner that will be costly to get

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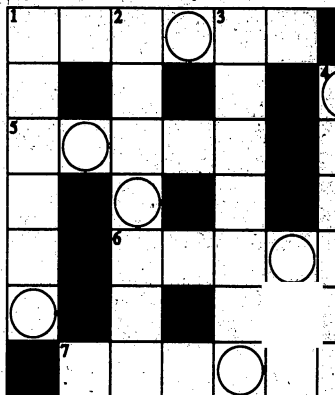
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