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Trustees to ask for apartment complex funds

By Susan Mauney

The UNC Board of Trustees Saturday approved a request to seek up to \$4 million in federal money to help fund a proposed student apartment complex off East Franklin Street.

The \$12 million, 768-bed complex would be located on a 14-acre site near University Mall. In early planning, Frank Kenan, a local developer, agreed to usua the complex.

But Kenan pulled out of the project several weeks ago because of high interest rates affecting builders.

Also durning the meeting, Hargrove "Skipper" Bowles of Greensboro was elected chairman of the trustee board. Bowles, 60, was elected unanimously to succeed Ralph N. Strayhorn of Winston-Salem.

Newman A. "Nat" Townsend of Raleigh was elected vice chairman to succeed Bowles. Margaret T. Harper of Southport was reelected secretary, and Sarah Virginia Dunlap was named assistant secretary.

Bowles is chairman of the board of Bowles, Hollowell, Connor, Inc., a Greensboro financial consulting firm.

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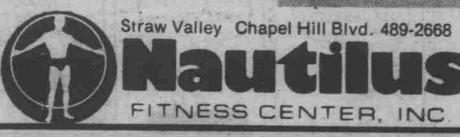
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Public safety officers are trained as firefighters, policemen and emergency medical technicians. That combining of duties is designed to reduce the town's public safety costs. The program has been in operation for five years.

Qualifications for the job include "state standards for law enforcement officers and emergency Medical technicians, and local standards to become a trained firefighter," said Ben Callahan, administrative assistant for the Chapel Hill Police Department.

"Candidates go through a background check. They may not have been convicted of certain criminal offenses, and must pass a written test given by the state and a physical," Callaham said. "The applicant must also be at least 20 years of age, and successfully pass a psychiatric test, which we pay for.

"September through December they (prospective officers) will be in the classroom, and December through March they will go through field training, where they're what we call 'an officer on the

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