

# Town Council continues search for future library site

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Chapel Hill will have a new public library by 1989, but the Town Council is still trying to decide where to locate it.

Councilman David Godschalk said the council is considering several possible sites: one on Airport Road near the YMCA, one on E. Franklin Street near Kroger Plaza, one at the W. Franklin Street parking lot number five across from University Square, and one at the site of the old police building on the corner of Rosemary Street and Airport Road. Several other sites are also possible.

The council will assign a seven-member committee to study the plans for the new library, said Joseph Herzenberg, a trustee of the Chapel Hill Public Library. The group will consist of two Town Council members, two Library Board

members, two members of the Friends of the Library and one member from the Community Appearance Commission.

Two committee positions have already been filled by Herzenberg and Lisa Price, chairwoman of the Library Board of Trustees. Herzenberg said other committee members have not been selected.

Kathleen Thompson, director of the Chapel Hill Public Library, said it would be important to choose a location with enough property to accommodate a large parking lot.

Town manager David Taylor has recommended that the new library be between 30,000 and 40,000 square feet, Thompson said. The building

should also be designed for future expansion to 50,000 to 60,000 square feet, he said.

Most town government officials will not announce their preferences for the sites until they have heard the results of the committee study.

Taylor wants to investigate all possible sites and meet with the committee before he makes a decision, said Sanna Lowenthal, assistant town manager.

Councilwoman Julie Andresen said she thinks it would be important for the council to choose a site accessible to town residents.

"It's important that wherever it is located, it's easy to get to and there's a lot of parking," she said.

Herzenberg said the downtown location on W. Franklin Street has an advantage because public transportation makes it easy to reach for people without cars.

"It should be in a site where it's accessible to the most people," he said. "That includes poor people and people who don't have cars."

Robert Joesting, a Chapel Hill resident, agreed. He said a downtown site would be more accessible than the other possible locations.

"I think it is pretty important that the library be as near to the center of the population as possible," he said.

Excluding the University, the library is the major focus of cultural

activities and it should be near the center of the population, Joesting said.

But Councilman Godschalk said he preferred a library site that is not directly downtown.

"I just believe it will be more accessible to more of the people who use it if it's not directly in the downtown area," he said.

The new library will have a computerized card catalog and reference sources, as well as overhead projectors, slides and cassettes, Thompson said. There might also be a public computer room with various software programs.

The town passed a \$4 million bond referendum for the library, but

Thompson said she could not estimate the building costs of the library because they will change over the next few years.

Because the Chapel Hill Public Library is now the busiest library per capita in North Carolina, improvements and better services in the new library might increase circulation by 5 percent to 20 percent, she said.

With plans for the new library underway, the council has not decided the future of the old downtown library.

Andresen said she thought the town should continue to operate the old library, but the council has not made a recommendation to keep both buildings.

## Arts Festival committee turns to Student Congress for funds

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The Southern Accents Fine Arts Festival committee may be forced to cancel some of its scheduled events if Student Congress does not allocate more funds to the festival at a regular congress meeting Wednesday.

The committee needs more funds from the congress because its major sponsor, the Raleigh News and Observer, withdrew a \$20,000 pledge of support for the festival.

"We found out about two weeks ago (that the newspaper would no longer sponsor the festival)," said

Jennifer Keller, a member of the fund-raising committee for the event. "This leaves us less than a month to raise \$15,000."

The congress allotted the festival \$6,500 last spring, but the festival organizers asked the congress' finance committee Wednesday for an additional \$10,000.

The finance committee approved a bill providing an extra \$7,999 for the festival. The bill will be voted on by the full congress Wednesday.

"We hadn't planned to come back to Student Congress," Keller said. But now the congress may be the

festival's only hope, she said.

Jenkins said the festival started in 1944 and has been a biennial UNC event since 1965. This year's theme of Southern art should increase local interest in the festival, she said.

The congress allocated more funds to the festival in past years than this year, Jenkins said. For example, in 1983 the congress gave organizers \$18,390 for the festival, she said.

But in 1985 the congress lost \$100,000 on the Chapel Thrill concert after rain hurt ticket sales, Jenkins said. To make up for the

loss, she said, the congress allocated less money to other events — that year the festival received only \$5,500.

The festival, slated for March 22 to April 4, will feature the talents of artists from a broad spectrum of the fine arts, Jenkins said.

If the committee fails to recover the \$20,000 loss, the festival's biggest expense — the \$12,500 performance of gospel singer Al Green — will be canceled, Jenkins said.

Green's performance is imperative for the publicity and success of the entire festival, she said.

Both Jenkins and Keller attended

the finance committee meeting Wednesday to express their concerns about getting more funds.

Jenkins said the committee decided to send the bill to the full congress because they were tired of debating it. "I felt like the final vote was a resignation by the committee members because it will come before a full congress later," she said. "There was a strong movement to amend the bill down to zero dollars."

If the festival is to take place, it must receive at least \$6,000 from the congress, Jenkins said.

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board moved up its scheduled February meeting to January, McKinley said.

After members of AAA went through University records, they discovered that the Board of Trustees had lied to students about UNC's investments in South Africa, McKinley said. He distributed a list of seven additional companies with South African connections in which he said the University had investments.

The additional money the University had invested in those companies is \$1,819,200, according to the AAA handout, increasing the total to \$6,644,300. The discrepancy has been caused in part by not including companies' investments in Namibia, a South African-occupied country, McKinley said.

"We're calling for an immediate meeting of the Board of Endowment right now," McKinley said, "because you're going to go back to your businesses and forget about this."

But Bobo Tanner, chairman of the Board of Trustees, said the Endowment Board's scheduled February meeting had been moved up for investment reasons, and that the trustees had no power to call an Endowment Board meeting before its scheduled date.

Darity said the divestment issue would come up at the next Board of Trustees meeting.

Robert Reid-Pharr, chairman of the Anti-Apartheid Support Group, said after the meeting that the board's decision indicated its refusal to deal with racism.

"The . . . group believes that the motivations of South African racists are ultimately the same as American racists, and ultimately the same as the Board of Trustees," Reid-Pharr read in a prepared statement. "To them money is more important than people."

Staff writer Dan Morrison contributed to this story.

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the problem, Friedman said. "We need to keep the issue alive so students don't forget about it," he said.

Students should also continue to voice their dissatisfaction with the ordinance, Friedman said. "Success depends on how sympathetic the town council is and how vocal students are," he said.

Friedman said that the town council meeting was not adequately publicized. "For an issue that affects students this much, the whole campus should have known about it, not just fraternities," he said.

Frederic W. Schroeder, dean of students, said that the problem posed by the change in the noise ordinance may not be as serious as some have predicted.

"Probably the most effective way to deal with that, given the change in the ordinance has already been effected, is to give it a try; make the best of it," he said.

Schroeder said students should try creative programming of social events, with more indoor functions and less all-campus activities.

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maintaining that a congress is in session until it finishes its business is not logical.

"The logical extension of that is that it (the congress) can last forever, and that's ludicrous," he said. "I think anyone with any kind of sense would agree that when you're inaugurated, you are in office."

Baxter said a statement from the court about Lucas' suit would be released later this week.

Jody Beasley, a 68th congress member who co-authored one of the bills Lucas wants to nullify, said he agreed that the issue of interpretation needed to be resolved. But he said he felt that the bills passed by the old congress should still stand.

"It's obvious that some discrepancies will occur, but the meeting will not be nullified," Beasley said.

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