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## Registration conversation

Martha Gwyn (left) and Charlotte Adams work front of the post office on Franklin Street. The Wednesday at a voter registration table set up in table was sponsored by two local groups.

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## BSM urges action on center location

By KRISTEN GARDNER  
University Editor

Black Student Movement leaders, concerned that the University has not made the Black Cultural Center (BCC) a priority, said Wednesday that they will try to force UNC administrators to set a date for establishing a permanent site for the BCC.

"It seems like the University is not committed to the project," said Warren Robinson, BSM special projects chairman. "It's been placed on a back burner."

BSM leaders have said they are dissatisfied with the center's offices on the first floor of the Student Union, and they want to relocate the center to a more spacious permanent site.

"There's no disappointment in the work and programming that goes in at the BCC," said BSM Vice President Tonya Blanks. "The only disappointment is the lack of space."

BSM President Kenneth Perry said the group will try at its Oct. 5 meeting to set a specific deadline for relocating

the BCC.

Perry outlined the group's concerns in a letter sent Wednesday to Donald Boulton, vice chancellor and dean of student affairs, and Chancellor Paul Hardin.

But a committee to explore possible sites and facilities for the center has not yet been formed, Perry said, and he blames Boulton for the delay.

"We can't keep letting Dean Boulton push this project aside," he said. Blanks agreed. "The project's just not a priority for him (Boulton)," she said. "We're looking forward to the time when the administration can give us a set date when the building can be built."

But Boulton said the administration is still committed to finding a permanent home for the center.

"I'm trying to do a job, get things done, make things happen," Boulton said. "I'm for what Kenny wants. We want the same things to happen."

In March, UNC Board of Trustees Chairman Robert Eubanks and Boulton discussed finding a permanent site for the center, after Eubanks

had met with the BSM.

"We talked about moving forward with finding a permanent site for the center," Eubanks said Wednesday.

Perry said Boulton has not moved forward fast enough since March.

But the delay in progress does not mean the University does not support the project, Eubanks said.

"The timetable for the project may have been slowed a little, but the commitment is still there," he said.

A facilities planning committee to investigate possible sites and make recommendations about the expanded facility will be formed by next week, BCC Director Margo Crawford said Wednesday.

Crawford said she would invite four people to form the core of the facilities planning committee: Boulton, Perry, Eubanks and Student Body President Kevin Martin.

"The facilities issue has been discussed for the last few months," Crawford said. "But we're not going anywhere until we crystallize this committee, give it a charge and come up with a site."

## Parking panel members await counterproposal

By JAMES BENTON  
Staff Writer

With one day left before the Chancellor's Parking and Traffic Services Committee meets, faculty members of the committee have not yet received copies of the counterproposal drafted by student leaders, committee members said Wednesday.

The student proposal was written after student leaders asked that action be delayed on the committee's seven-point proposal at the Sept. 8 meeting.

The counterproposal, submitted last Friday, makes 13 suggestions concerning campus parking and traffic conditions, which include test parking lots for faculty and staff, a two-mile radius parking restriction

for faculty, student control over the distribution of parking spaces allocated for students and reallocation of any transportation fees among students, faculty and staff.

The committee will meet Friday, and action is expected to be taken on campus parking policies. Any action made Friday will be reported to Wayne Jones, acting vice chancellor of business and finance.

Student Body President Kevin Martin said the student proposals were delivered Friday to Mary Clayton, director of Transportation and Parking Services. Martin said he was not sure how Clayton would distribute the student proposal among the committee members.

Committee member Tim Coggins

said he had not seen the proposal, but he wanted the committee to come up with an equitable parking proposal Thursday. He said he also hoped to see faculty, staff and students come up with a better plan concerning campus parking.

"We don't want them (everyone) fighting among the few spaces. That takes away from the issue, which is we don't have enough parking spaces," Coggins said.

A better proposal may force some faculty members to use public transportation, and although some faculty now use it, a proposal that calls for greater faculty use of public transportation could stir emotion among

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## Town, campus seek approval of homecoming plans

By LARRY STONE  
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The Downtown Chapel Hill Association and the Carolina Athletic Association have joined forces to plan a new and exciting celebration for homecoming week.

The groups sent a petition to Mayor Jonathan Howes and the town council on Sept. 13 asking for their assistance in making the event a success.

But it is not clear whether the event's theme, "Thank You Students

and Alumni," will be shared by Chapel Hill officials. Downtown Chapel Hill Association member Robert Humphreys said he expects a vote on the petition at tonight's Chapel Hill Town Council meeting.

Humphreys, manager of Chapel Hill Cleaners, said the plan calls for the celebration to be held the evening of Oct. 18. The 100 block of East Franklin Street would be closed to traffic between 6 p.m. and 11 p.m. to allow the celebration to stretch into the street.

"It's going to be a homecoming celebration where the students and the townspeople can enjoy downtown and enjoy themselves," Humphreys said. The events will appeal to many different people.

CAA President Carol Geer said she sees the event as being more than just a night for fun.

"I'm hoping the town council sees this as an honest effort between the town and University to do an event together," Geer said.

Although Geer said she does not

understand all the reasons for the strained ties between the town and the University, she said this event is definitely a start in helping a cooperative relationship grow.

"Working with the downtown association has been nothing but pleasant," Geer said. "They have been more than cooperative with us and I feel we have been the same for them."

If the town council approves, organizers want to set up a bandstand in the middle of the block to hold

a pep rally. The pep rally would include coach Mack Brown introducing the UNC football team, and head football coach Bill Hodgin of Chapel Hill High School introducing his team.

A big-screen television set up near Spanky's would show movies of old Carolina football games and other short subjects. A carnival would take place near the post office and would be similar to those held previously in the Pit, Humphreys said.

Music groups would stroll up and

downtown Franklin Street, and the area would be decorated to celebrate the 100th year of Carolina football, he said.

"The CAA is going to be asking merchants if they (the CAA) can decorate their stores," Humphreys said. "If they agree, the group will paint their windows with some kind of homecoming theme."

"We're also trying to get some blue Christmas lights to give a festive

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## Proposed bill would deny aid to student drug users, sellers

By PATRICIA BROWN  
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Students who have been convicted of using or selling illegal drugs will have their federal aid stripped if a U.S. House of Representatives bill passes the Senate.

The provision, one of 36 amendments to a comprehensive drug bill that would crack down on drug abuse, was passed last week 335-67. About \$2 million has been appropriated for the bill, said Richard Brake, staff assistant to Rep. E. Thomas Coleman, R-Mo.

According to the House bill, introduced by Bill McCollum, R-Fla., high school and college students convicted twice in 10 years of using illegal drugs would lose their federal grants and loans for five years. Students who were convicted of selling drugs once and who have served at least one year of their

sentence would lose aid for 10 years. However, the bill is not absolute. If a student successfully completes a drug rehabilitation program, the Education Department could reinstate the aid at its discretion.

"With this bill, we're trying to get to the heart of the supply and demand of drugs," Brake said. "The demand for drugs causes a huge cycle."

Bills in the past have concentrated specifically on the dealer, but this bill is being aimed at the casual user, he said.

Bill Smith, research director with the Republican leadership staff committee, said that although educational institutions have their own drug policies, the government should also have a voice in the allocation of taxpayers' money.

"Students must meet certain requirements to get the federal money. This will just add that they

must remain drug free," Smith said.

While proponents of the proposal say it would deter students' involvement with drugs, others see it as unnecessary and unfair.

"The bill hurts people that are trying to straighten up their lives," Bill Kamela, legislative director to Rep. Augustus Hawkins, D-Calif., said. "If they are convicted twice and try to better themselves by going to school, they don't have a chance."

Ten of the 11 N.C. representatives voted in favor of the bill. Rep. Walter Jones did not vote.

"This bill will make people think twice about getting involved with drugs," said Frank Hill, chief of staff for Rep. Alex McMillan, a Republican from Charlotte. "It gives everyone the ability to make a mistake once and only hurts the people who

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## High rent makes downtown ventures a tough business

By JEANNA BAXTER  
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Franklin Street's "golden block" is losing its glitter.

The preconceived notion that Franklin Street makes millionaires is disappearing, along with the small merchants.

Franklin Street merchants blame spiraling rent for the demise of traditional businesses and the birth of national chains.

Mark Fisher, owner of Small World Travel, said his rent had increased 300 percent in the past 15 years.

According to Wallace Kuralt, owner of Intimate Bookshop, rent now ranges from \$10 to \$20 a square foot, with the smaller stores costing the most per square foot.

"You can't run a business on nostalgia very long; it takes cus-

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tomers and sales," Kuralt said. "You have to do about \$150 to \$200 (in sales) per square foot a year to break even. That isn't easy to do in Chapel Hill anymore."

Kuralt said he had been lucky to have a long lease that kept his rent down to \$6 a square foot. But when his lease ran out, he purchased the building for \$667,000 because he could not afford a rent increase.

"Owning the building gives you the security of knowing you can be there and how much it will cost you, plus you have an investment that you hope will keep appreciat-

ing," he said.

He attributes much of the recent rent increase to Benetton, which had agreed to pay almost \$20 a square foot in rent.

"Since Benetton agreed to pay so much, people up and down the street thought they should be able to get that much, or at least more than they were getting," Kuralt said. "Rent prices went up, but the person who started the ball rolling is now out of business."

"You can't fault building owners for wanting to get what they can for their buildings, but it does cause the tenant mix to suffer, and business on the street as a whole suffers."

Charles House, who owns University Florist and has leased out

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Better sleep with a sober cannibal than a drunken Christian. — Herman Melville