

## Briefly...

### Master of Public Administration degree approved

UNC Wilmington students will be able to enroll in the master of public administration program this fall. The Board of Governors of the University of North Carolina recently approved the degree.

The program is targeted for students interested in management or policy positions in government and nonprofit agencies. The degree features core courses in public management, policy analysis, computer applications, leadership and an internship in a local government or nonprofit agency. For more information, contact Dr. Tom Barth at 962-3385.

### CROSSROADS seeks Peer Facilitators

CROSSROADS CO-OP is hiring Peer Facilitators to educate, train and mentor high school students about alcohol, tobacco and other drug prevention. For more information call 962-4136 or visit Westside Hall (2nd floor) to fill out application. Interviews begin Monday.

### University Police Bike Round Up

The 2001 Bicycle Round Up will be conducted Saturday, May 12 through Tuesday May 15. All bicycles, including those secured to bike racks, will be collected and impounded. This service is conducted annually to prevent larcenies and in preparation for the fall semester. To prevent your work from being cut and/or your bike from being impounded and donated to a charitable organization, contact University Police at 962-3184.

### BUDGET, FROM PAGE 1

The potential budget reduction plans would completely eliminate for credit distance education and public service programs. The university would also have to cut 2.6 percent of the faculty budget, totaling more than \$830,000.

"There is no way that we could meet the size reduction that we are being asked to do without looking at reducing the size of the faculty," Cavanaugh said. "This is a very difficult and painful decision for us to make because it will have direct, very consequential effects." Students could face larger class sizes, less availability of elective courses and a longer course cycle.

"These cuts will also have some very serious consequences on the measures that the university can use to gauge success," Cavanaugh said. "Things like retention and graduation rates. If courses aren't readily available, it may take students longer to graduate."

Other areas facing budget cuts are student support (8.4 percent), technology programs (11.25 percent), University Police (18 percent) maintenance and operation of physical plant (9.45 percent), summer school support (25.6 per-

cent) and library materials (12.35 percent).

"We will have to limit some of the services that we provide to students outside the classroom," Leutze said. "We will not be able to buy as many books and journals."

Leutze expressed concerns about how the potential budget cuts effect the morale of faculty and staff.

"We are already facing the possibility of an increase in health insurance costs. (The budget cuts) would virtually eat up any proposed salary increase. Consequently I know that several of the faculty are looking at the possibility of going elsewhere—either the private sector or other universities in other states," Leutze said.

Tim Jordan, vice chancellor of business affairs agrees that the university has already been affected.

"Regardless of whether these cuts materialize or not, the damage has been done at this university," Jordan said. "I know that some people are already damaged by this process."

Leutze said that the state is sending a mixed message to the people of North Carolina.

## Building sites and renovation approved

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Speculation of where several new buildings will be located on campus ended last week when the UNCWB Board of Trustees approved building sites made possible by last November's bond issue.

Among the building sites approved are the Watson School of Education, the visual performance center, the general classroom building, the expansion of Union Union, an advanced computer lab, the expansion of Westside Hall and a three-level parking deck.

Jefferys and Partners Associates, a local architecture and planning firm, has assisted the university in master planning since the 1980s. This planning session is the sixth update to the master plan.

"I really don't have any concerns as to whether this is the right direction [in terms of proceeding with university planning]. We certainly looked at a number of sites before the decision was made. Options were weighed carefully," said Roman Koldovskij, university architect.

However, several BOT members voiced concern due to the placement of the visual performance center deeper into the center of campus, than drawing additional public traffic road from the entrances along South College Road.

Currently, Reynolds Drive sustains 200 cars more than the number typically preferred on a two-lane road, according to a traffic survey being completed for the university by Kimley-Horne and Associates Inc., a local engineering and planning firm.

Several members of the board said that they believed traffic problems might be complicated

further with the placement of the visual arts center. The building will consist of two segments. The bond funds the academic section, however, the performance center, that is expected to be joined to the academic building, is not funded yet, and is slated for construction several years in the future. When members of the public are finally able to attend performances at the center, some members of the BOT said they think the increase in traffic congestion could be detrimental.

The BOT plans to monitor further traffic developments and possible implications of the building placement.

"The traffic patterns on campus are changing somewhat and the whole idea is to plan out into the future as far as we can with all these systems [such as traffic, drainage, infrastructure] because in some ways they are interconnected," said Timothy Jordan, vice chancellor for business affairs.

The survey is currently examining traffic patterns from 16 localities throughout campus. Conclusions thus far show that despite growth in the university, traffic is being controlled more closely. This control is attributed to the use of the shuttle and the policy of disallowing students within the mile-radius of the university to drive to campus.

"Traffic as a whole did not increase substantially in four years," said Andy Owens, a representative of Kimley-Horne and Associates Inc.

Instead the areas of higher congestion in years past have shifted, according to the report compiled by the agency in 1996.

Enrollment has increased by 2.1 percent and the number of students obtaining parking permits has increased by 1.6 percent, according to Owens.

Suggestions generated from survey to combat future traffic congestion include additional parking resources along the periphery of the campus,

"The state has a goal increasing the number of people that can go to college and graduate in four years. Now we are, indirectly at least, renegeing on that. We're saying to the people who voted for this bond issue, who wanted their sons and daughters to have a place in the university, 'we'll build you a building, but you can't come.'" Leutze said.

According to Leutze, the state should be more far-sighted in terms of revenue and needs to plan for the economically difficult times.

"I don't care where the state gets it, but this is not the way to get it in my opinion," Leutze said. "I don't care whether that means a lottery, I don't care whether that means raising taxes and I don't care if that means closing tax loopholes."

UNCW SGA President Katie Russell said that she was shocked to hear about the order to prepare budget cut proposals.

"I was very surprised and alarmed that the budget they had planned had come to a point where they need (to take) money from the schools," Russell said. "I was not aware that we were that bad off in the general assembly."

shuttle service from the periphery of campus to the interior, expanding Reynolds Drive, alternative traffic routes in conjunction with Randall Drive and providing secure, covered bicycle parking areas in the new parking facilities.

The university is also conducting bicycle, drainage and infrastructure studies, as well as traffic, in coordination with overall university planning, according to Jordan. "The master plan updated and so we will continue to incorporate other studies that are on specific issues that impact on the master plan," said Mark Lanier, special assistant to the chancellor.

The placement of the buildings is in accordance with previous layouts of the master plan. The meeting approved the siting of the particular building in each position, according to Koldovskij.

"The whole idea of master planning is that we're going just beyond siting buildings and we're trying to look at total infrastructure, including our electrical distribution system, our storm water drainage systems, gas distribution system, sewer distribution systems with the idea of providing a road map not only for the siting of buildings but for the entire infrastructure of the campus," Jordan said.

The recent budget cuts are not expected to drastically affect building construction because the funding was drawn from the bond issue. The state will finance the funding for faculty salary and the cost of maintaining and operating the academic programs through an expansion fund upon completion on the projects, according to Jordan.

"We aren't planning to make any changes [due] to the budget crunch. I think it's possible that these buildings in the bond issue may not be built as

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