



BRIEFS

Stories from the University and Chapel Hill

UNC Study Finds School Construction Disparity

Counties across the state differ widely in their methods of spending state funds allocated by the General Assembly for school construction, according to a study conducted by the University.

Many school districts used state aid to construct new buildings or to renovate inadequate ones, the study says.

However, some used the construction funds to pay off other debts or just saved the money.

These results raise the question of why school buildings have not been renovated or replaced in every county in North Carolina.

Surprisingly, many of the state's poorer counties have been very successful in their construction efforts while others have not, said Charles Liner of the University's Institute of Government.

School Publishes Guide to Health-Related Careers

The N.C. Area Health Education Centers program, based at UNC's School of Medicine, has published a career guide exploring trends and listing information on health-related occupations.

"North Carolina Health Careers 1994-95" profiles many jobs, from traditional health care jobs such as doctors and nurses to others like athletic trainers and veterinarians.

"We feel it's an excellent resource for people who are influencing others in career choices as well as the people making the career choices themselves," said Frank DiMauro, guide editor and AHEC's information and publications coordinator.

Journalism School Founds Medical Reporting Award

The UNC School of Journalism and Mass Communication has created the Peter Lars Jacobson Award in medical journalism.

The award honors Jacobson's achievements in establishing the study of medical journalism at the University.

Jacobson, a neurologist, began teaching medical journalism in 1989, and it soon became one of the most popular classes in the journalism school, said Richard Cole, dean of the school.

The first Jacobson Award will be presented in April 1995 to the journalism and mass communication major who writes the best story on a medical issue.

New Employees Join UNC Staff Over Semester Break

The University added several new employees to its staff during the semester break.

Walter Bollenbacher, associate professor of biology, has been named associate vice chancellor for research development, a new position.

Bollenbacher said he intended to focus on developing a portfolio of partnerships between the University and corporations to respond to competition for grants.

Donna Monti Young, a graduate of the Kenan-Flagler Business School, has returned to her alma mater as assistant director for student services, also a newly created post.

The Division of Business and Finance added two new administrators.

Roger Patterson is associate vice chancellor for finance, and Ann Dodd is director for quality improvement and assistant to the vice chancellor for business and finance.

Quaker Oats Grant to Be Used for Nutrition Classes

UNC's Department of Nutrition has received a \$75,000 grant from the Quaker Oats Foundation for its Nutrition in Medicine curriculum, which requires nutrition courses for first-year medical students.

Many physicians across the nation attended medical schools that did not require them to take classes in nutrition, said Steven Zeisel, chairman of the nutrition department.

Author to Read From New Work at Local Bookstore

Bertram Wyatt-Brown will be at McIntyre's Fine Books and Bookends reading from his latest book, "The House of Percy: Honor, Melancholy and Imagination in a Southern Family," at 11 a.m. Saturday.

Wyatt-Brown is a professor of Southern history at the University of Florida. His latest book discusses the 200-year history of the Percy family, one of the South's most influential families.

Volunteers Needed for Women's Center Projects

The Women's Center of Chapel Hill is looking for volunteers to help with several upcoming events and on-going activities.

The center is recruiting volunteers to help in the office as well as volunteers to prepare for their annual art show, which will run from Feb. 23 to March 3.

The center is also looking for people with trucks who can pick up furniture for the Trash and Treasures Sale.

Anyone who wishes to volunteer can call 968-4610.

The Women's Center is located at 210 Henderson St. in Chapel Hill.

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Revenues From Sun Bowl Won't Meet Costs

BY KARI COHEN
STAFF WRITER

The University athletic department spent an unprecedented amount of money for the trip to the Sun Bowl in El Paso, Texas, but the outlay was deemed necessary and expected by athletic department officials.

Associate Athletic Director Jeff Elliott said Monday that the University's bowl expenditures would probably exceed the \$900,000 allotted by the Atlantic Coast Conference to pay for the University's bowl expenses.

According to Brian Morrison, director of media relations for the ACC, the money that UNC was allocated for bowl expenses was predetermined in the bylaws of the 1994 ACC Manual. The Sun Bowl paid \$1.1 million to the University, \$200,000 of which went to the ACC coalition fund.

The remaining \$900,000 went to the athletic department.

"It's the team's business to deal with the money in whatever way they see fit," Morrison said.

Elliott cited a variety of reasons for the net loss, including the Sun Bowl's ticket policy, which states that each participating team must sell 8,000 bowl tickets to its fans.

Elliott said the University was not able to reach that mark and would have to pay the Sun Bowl for the unsold tickets.

"Because of the mandatory tickets we had to sell, we were not able to make our expected profit," Elliott said. "If we did not have the ticket restrictions, we would have made a sizable amount of money."

The athletic department had anticipated a profit of approximately \$130,000 from the bowl game before covering the cost of the unsold tickets. Elliott did not know

how many tickets the University had sold.

He also said the distance to El Paso and the team's large traveling party were reasons for increased expenditures.

In 1993, the University spent \$595,000 on the Peach Bowl.

Last year, \$578,000 was spent on the Gator Bowl.

This year's largest expense was the airfare costs for the team and the band.

"The chancellor (Paul Hardin) was informed of how expensive the trip was going to be, and he agreed that the band should go to the bowl," Elliott said.

"The band has performed well all year and practiced hard. We felt like they deserved the opportunity to go."

UNC Faculty Council Chairwoman Jane Brown, who spoke out against bowl expenditures in previous years, said Monday that she had spoken with athletic department officials and that she was satisfi-

ed with their explanations for the net loss.

"They are doing their best to keep costs down and make it a worthwhile trip for the players," Brown said.

"It would be hard to say to the band and the cheerleaders and other members of the team that they cannot go."

Brown said she had not heard any complaints from other faculty members.

Elliott said that the net loss would be covered with the money the University would receive from the ACC bowl fund and that the bowl season would turn out to be a success.

"We receive \$400,000 plus from the conference coalition, and we may have to dip into those funds," he said.

Elliott said Director of Athletics John Swofford would probably make a recommendation to the conference that it consider travel distance to the bowl when allocating expense money.

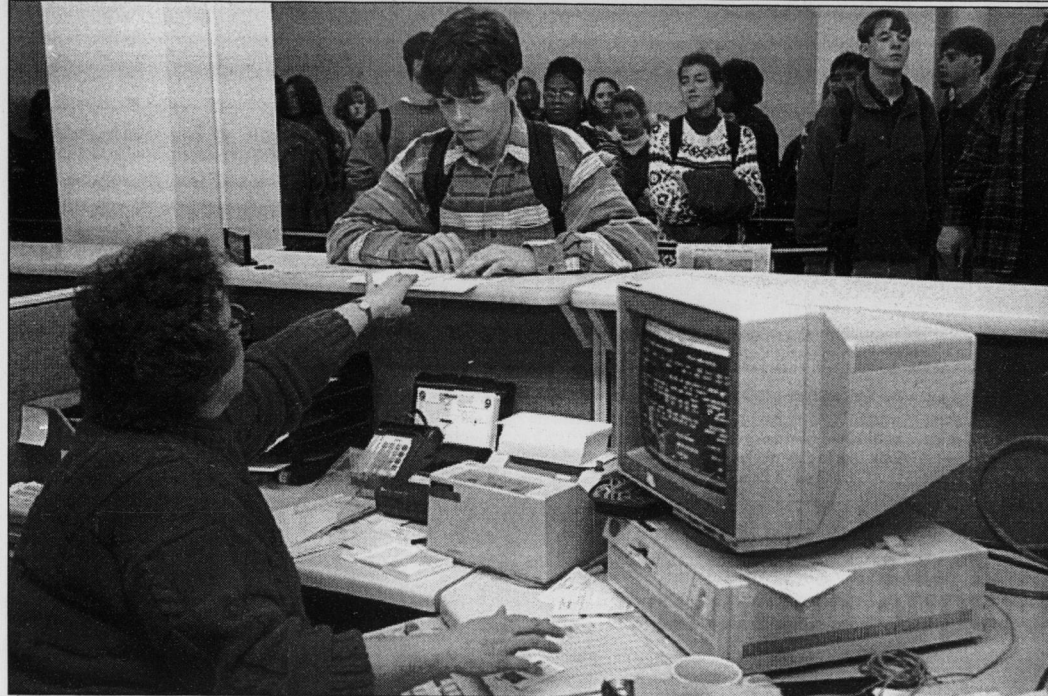
Sun Bowl Expenses

The UNC Athletic department spent a record amount on the Dec. 30 Sun Bowl in El Paso.

1995: Sun Bowl — \$772,000*
1994: Gator Bowl — \$578,000
1993: Peach Bowl — \$595,000

*Not including cost of unsold tickets.

DTH/MATT LECLERQ



Linda Love helps Zach Atkins with some paperwork at the University cashier's office Monday afternoon. Students have had to wait in long lines to deal with their financial business.

New System Makes Financial Aid One Stop

BY JILL DUNCAN
STAFF WRITER

Students who receive loans or scholarships now wait in one line instead of two to receive their checks and pay their tuition, thanks to a new financial aid system.

The new system automatically sends the money to their accounts once they have signed the appropriate forms.

Students who receive aid that covers books and other expenses can pick up their checks from the cashier's office, located in the basement of Bynum Hall.

In the past, students waited in line at Pettigrew Hall to receive checks for their grants and loans and then waited again at Bynum Hall to pay their tuition.

The cashier's office updated its computer system in October so as to become part of the student

information system, which links the registrar's office, the cashier's office and the Office of Scholarships and Student Aid. As a result, students no longer have to jump from building to building in receiving financial aid to pay for their tuition.

The system benefits students who receive aid covering only costs of tuition and housing because they do not have to stand in line at all.

Those receiving Stafford loans need only go to the cashier's office to endorse their checks and receive any credit balance.

Julie Vulture, a junior receiving financial aid, said she thought the new system made more sense.

"Instead of waiting in two lines, I only had to wait in one," Vulture said.

However, she added that waiting in the one line at Bynum Hall had taken as much time as waiting in two lines last semester had.

Tracie Hanner, a sophomore from Bearcreek, and Dwan Covington, a sophomore from Robbins,

expressed similar sentiments. After waiting in line for more than an hour, they both said that waiting in one line had taken the same amount of time as waiting in two.

Dionne Piggott, a freshman from Winston-Salem, said she had waited in line for an hour and a half. As a Morehead scholarship recipient, Piggott said she had never had to go to Pettigrew Hall under the old system. She said she had only had to go to Bynum Hall to receive her check.

"I didn't have to wait in line last time," Piggott said. "Maybe it's more convenient for other people, but it isn't for me."

Eleanor Morris, director of the Office of Scholarships and Student Aid, said in November that she expected a few glitches with the new system, but she also said that student aid officers would be stationed at the cashier's office to help the process run smoothly. She said other schools had had automated systems for years.

Forum Slated on Plans For UNC Land Usage

Chancellor Hardin, Trustee Chairman Plan to Attend Tonight's Public Meeting

BY RYAN THORNBURG
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The Public-Private Partnership of Chapel Hill will be sponsoring a community forum tonight to discuss UNC's plans to develop more than 2,200 acres of University land in Chapel Hill.

The meeting to discuss the future of the 970-acre Horace Williams tract and the 1,300-acre Mason Farm tract will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the Friday Center.

Joe Hakan, president of the Public-Private Partnership, said the meeting had been suggested by Chancellor Paul Hardin to gather ideas from the community about

the future of the land.

"Anybody that wants to speak their mind before the chancellor will be able to," Hakan said.

In addition to Chancellor Hardin, Hakan said that UNC Board of Trustees Chairman David Whichard would also be at the forum.

Hakan said the partnership did not want to shape the discussion in any way.

"The Public-Private Partnership is there only as a conduit," he said. "We're only there to help the town-gown relationship."

Wayne Jones, the University's vice chancellor for business and finance, who said he planned to be at the meeting, said the forum would give UNC administrators additional input they might not receive at a Town Council meeting.

"I think it was just to get input from the

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Town May Build a Home for Skaters

BY LAURA GODWIN
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Local skaters, as well as those who would like to put the brakes on a possible skateboarding park in Chapel Hill, will have a chance to voice their opinions today at a special Parks and Recreation Department meeting at 7 p.m. in the Chapel Hill Community Center off Estes Drive.

The meeting is designed to give the department an idea as to what kind of park would be best for the users so that they can present the idea at the Feb. 13 Town Council meeting, said Mike Loveman, director of the Parks and Recreation Department.

Currently, the Chapel Hill town ordinance regarding skating in public areas says a person cannot ride a bike, roller skates, in-line skates or a skateboard on Franklin Street or Rosemary Street from Carboro to Spring Lane, said Jane Cousins, spokeswoman for the Chapel Hill Police Department. Spring Lane is just east of downtown next to the University Presbyterian Church.

"I feel skateboarders shouldn't be ostracized. I respect the police and other people, and I don't want to be a bother."

MATT PETERSON
Skateboarder

There are also size restrictions on skateboard ramps located on private property because of the noise they can create, Cousins added.

"The first offense, we ask them (skaters) to stop. We can write a citation for violation of a city ordinance," Cousins said. "Rarely do we write citations."

Matt Peterson, a 17-year-old skater, has been circulating petitions in support of a park designed for skateboarders. "I feel skateboarders shouldn't be ostracized. I respect the police and other people, and I don't want to be a bother," Peterson said.

There are two potential locations for a

possible skateboarding park: the existing Cedar Falls park and Northern Community Park, a site to be completed in three years.

Peterson said he and his fellow skaters could not wait three years. "We need a place now, in the next couple of months," he said.

However, Loveman believes that there are some advantages to waiting on the Northern Community Park construction. "One advantage to the Northern Community Park would be the skateboarding park would be designed into the park," he said.

The Cedar Falls Park, considered because of its distance from houses, is the only existing park being considered at this stage, Loveman said.

Peterson believes this park could not only provide a place for skaters but also be a point of interest in Chapel Hill. "It could attract people from all over and draw positive attention to Chapel Hill," Peterson said. "This park could pave new roads for

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Council Alters Draft Priority List for Transportation Improvements

Vague Wording of Plan, New School Prompt Revision of Proposal

BY GRETCHEN HOFFMAN
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The draft of the 1996-2002 Regional Transportation Project Priority List was approved by the Chapel Hill Town Council on Monday night after a few minor adjustments in wording and ranking were made.

Council members Joe Capowski and Barbara Powell voted against the approval, but the other six members in attendance were in agreement that the list should be returned to the Transportation Advisory Committee with the changes.

Mayor Ken Broun was absent from the meeting.

Some council members said they were confused about the wording of the U.S. 15-501 improvements on the regional list.

"This council needs to set a time to talk about the 15-501 corridor study," council member Rosemary Waldorf said.

She said she wanted a clearer indication of the council's feelings on the subject and what the majority opinion was.

Pat Evans said she agreed that the council had not had adequate opportunity to discuss the plans for the corridor.

"I think that if we're going to make improvements then we need to discuss them first."

Council member Mark Chilton said he thought the language regarding the U.S. 15-501 improvements was vague. He suggested the deletion of the references to a

freeway conversion and references to the Corridor Plan.

"I'm not ready to endorse a freeway conversion," Chilton said. "My observation is that it is just not that bad; it is just not that crowded."

The council also recommended to the Transportation Advisory Committee that priorities four and five on the preliminary plan be switched. Members of the council approved ranking the widening of Hillsborough Road higher than improvements to South Co-



Chapel Hill Town Council member BARBARA POWELL did not vote in favor of the revisions to the proposal.

lumbia Street.

The change was made in response to concerns about increased traffic that will be created by the new elementary school when it opens in 1996. The new school will connect to the McDougle Middle School in Carboro.

This switch will do little to lessen the chance of the improvements on Columbia Street, Chilton said. "The chances that we will get to number four are remote." The chances that either project will be begun in the next year are slim, he said.

The draft 1996-2002 Regional Transportation Project Priority List is a composite ranking of roadway, transit, bicycle and pedestrian projects desired by governments within Orange, Durham and Chatham counties. The Town Council approved Chapel Hill's priority list Oct. 24, and the list was combined with those from other

governments to compose the regional list.

Town Manager Cal Horton emphasized that the council's concerns would be taken into consideration but did not guarantee any changes in either the wording or order of the priority list. "It is a political process," he said. "It is also a voting process."

Capowski said he was happy that the list included improvements for pedestrians and bicyclists. "I think we're turning a corner toward mass transit, away from roads solely for automobiles."

The Town Council had placed the item on its agenda as a public forum for the purpose of receiving public comment on the issue. However, no residents came forward to speak on the issue.

The Transportation Advisory Committee will review the comments of the Chapel Hill Town Council during its public hearing Wednesday.