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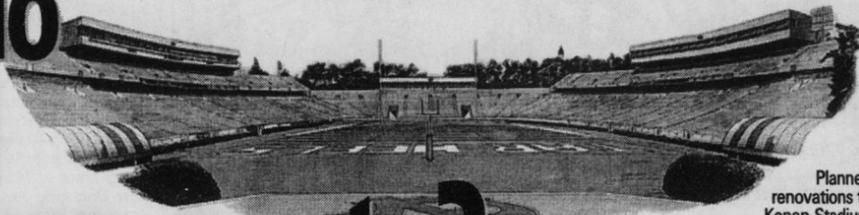
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Why do we need more seats?

\$35 million Kenan Stadium Expansion



Planned renovations to Kenan Stadium include expanded seating, a new field house and renovations to facilities in the current field house.

BY MARISSA JONES
SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS EDITOR

The state of Kenan Stadium might not be your biggest problem, but the Athletic Department is set to solve it. If the Board of Trustees approves a proposal Friday to renovate and expand Kenan Stadium, students might be able to attend football games with more friends and greater assurance of obtaining a seat, and student athletes would enjoy improved training and academic facilities. Many of the improvements would be ready by fall 1997.

Yet some wonder if such an expenditure is inappropriate as the University considers tightening students' belts with a tuition hike to fund academic needs.

The proposed \$35 million expansion, which would be funded with private donations to the athletic department's Educational Foundation, has inspired discussion in the University community and beyond about the necessity of the expenditure.

Don Follmer, spokesman for the N.C. House, said some state legislators have questioned the wisdom of the proposal.

"The General Assembly is mainly concerned with taxpayer money, but if (legislators) feel like the University can raise \$35 million for a football stadium, they're going to ask, 'Why can't they raise \$100 million for teacher salaries, or books in the libraries, or to prevent tuition increases?'"

"It always seems that athletics come first," Follmer said. "When you have huge expenditures of money on Dean Domes and stadiums, it gets people's attention."

The plan includes proposals to add 7,000 seats to the stadium's current 52,000 by replacing west end bleachers with permanent seats; to build a new field house underneath and behind the west end zone; to add a preferred seating area for 1,000 mirroring the existing press box; and to renovate the east end field house to include women's dressing facilities downstairs and an expanded academic support program upstairs. Restroom renovations have already been approved and are scheduled to be completed by the 1996

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Chancellor

football season.

Chancellor Michael Hooker said the proposed expansion would be a necessary part of a long-term project to improve UNC's standing among public universities.

"In some number of years we want to be the No. 1 public university in the country," he said. "Most of the indices will be academic, but some will be subjective — one of those is football."

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Jane Brown, chairwoman of the Faculty Council, said she was unsure whether or not she supported the proposal. "It does set up a question of, 'If we spend that much money on football, why can't we raise more money for academics?'" she said.

Brown said she hoped the expansion, if approved, would benefit UNC's academic programs by inspiring more alumni contributions.

"I know often that our athletics contribute to the well-being of the University as a whole," she said. "Alums enjoy coming to the games, and they are the ones who give to support academics."

Brian Davidson, a senior from Asheville, said the expansion was not in the best interest of students.

"It'll be nice, but is it really important with the other needs on campus?" he asked. "It's just like everything else here. They're not really doing it for the students — they're doing it to make more money in ticket sales."

BOT member Annette Fairless Wood said the proposed expansion had been needed for years. "In general, I believe there is support (for the proposal by BOT members)," she said.

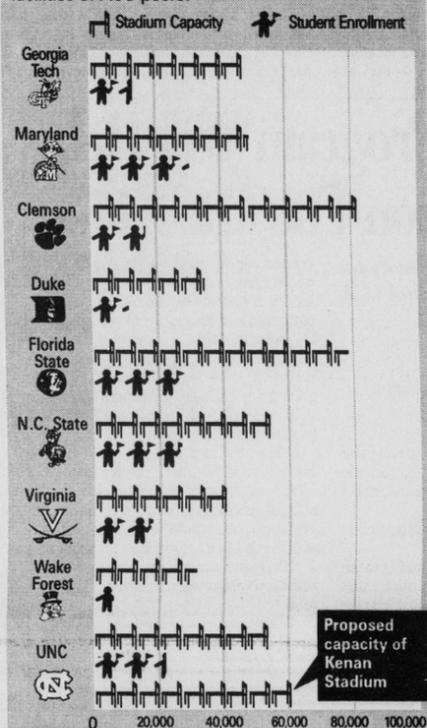
William Armfield, chairman of the BOT, said that he was strongly in favor of the proposal, and he had heard no opposition to it.

"As beautiful as our facilities are, others have improved theirs in the last five years to the point where we're going to

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Stadium Line-Up

How Kenan Stadium measures up to the football facilities of ACC peers.



SOURCE: PETERSON'S ANNUAL GUIDES TO GRADUATE STUDIES, ATLANTIC COAST CONFERENCE STAFF
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Campus Y Takes Lead in Tuition Protest

BY MOLLY FELMET
STAFF WRITER

The Campus Y is opening its doors and its phone lines to students wishing to voice opposition to the proposed tuition hike with forums, phone banks and petitions.

"Students don't know what to do to oppose the hike," Campus Y Executive Assistant Katie Rossini said. "They are feeling powerless because the student leadership is supporting the hike."

The Campus Y will hold an open forum for students today at 7 p.m. in the Union Film Auditorium. Another will be held Wednesday at 7 p.m. in Chase Hall's Upendo Lounge.

Two students, one arguing for the hike and another against it, are scheduled to speak at both forums. Student activist John Dervin will speak in opposition to the hike, but Campus Y representatives said they did not know who would speak in favor of it.

Eleanor Morris, director of financial aid, Kim Miller, president of the Graduate and Professional Student Federation, and a speaker on the philosophy of public education have been invited to speak. A question-and-answer session will follow.

"We'd like to extend an invitation for not only students but also faculty and staff," said Emily Roth, Campus Y co-chairwoman.

She also said the forum was designed to give an outlet to student opinions on the proposed hike and especially to help undecided students reach an informed decision on the matter.

Petitions opposing the hike, which the Campus Y began circulating last week, will be available at both forums, at the Campus Y and from volunteers circulating petitions door-to-door throughout residence halls.

"A lot of students have signed the petition against the hike, but for many of them it was such a surprise," Campus Y Freshman Representative Kristy Huffman said.

Huffman said she was concerned that the trustees were voting on the issue before undergraduates really know the facts.

The Campus Y will fax completed petitions to the Board of Trustees on Wednesday. Students wishing to speak to BOT members personally can do so from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. this week at the Campus Y. Phone lines and phone numbers are available.

With the recent approval of the Business and Finance Committee, chances of the hike passing appear to be good. Nevertheless, Campus Y volunteers feel it is important board members hear student opposition. "We hope that students will see the Campus Y as representing the best interests of the students even if other student leaders aren't," Rossini said.

The Campus Y Executive Board is still discussing the possibility of a Friday rally, but no plans have been finalized. King said members of the Campus Y would not make any definite plans for action until after the forums.

Campus Y
Tuition Forums

Union Auditorium,
Today, 7 p.m.

Chase Dining Hall
Wednesday,
Sept. 20, 7 p.m.

Meadowmont Plan Gets Mixed Reviews

BY LAURA GODWIN
ASSISTANT CITY EDITOR
AND MEGAN DRISCOLL
STAFF WRITER

Town residents had the opportunity to voice their opinions in a heated discussion on the proposed Meadowmont development Monday night at the Chapel Hill Town Council meeting. The public hearing was a continuation of an Aug. 9 meeting regarding the citizens' views on the highly controversial development.

Roger Perry, developer with East West Partners, the firm in charge of the development of the 435-acre property, presented paintings of how Meadowmont would look if the council approved the rezoning request.

"This town has become a bedroom rather than a home with a dining room and a living room," he said. Perry said that present developments, which exclude diverse and affordable housing, limit socioeconomic progress within the community.

Perry said the residents of Chapel Hill have a fear of change. "We've heard from the naysayers and those who prefer permanent paralysis," he said.

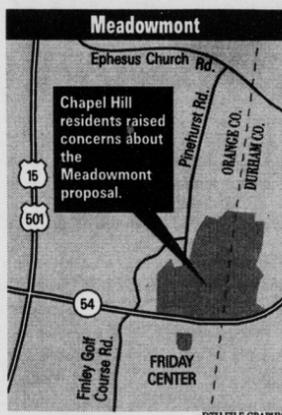
"After five years of work and three-and-a-half years of public participation, we feel it is now time to embark on the next phase of Meadowmont."

Eric Munson, executive director of UNC Hospitals, presented the concept of a Wellness Center located in the center of the development.

Munson said the 10- to 12-acre Wellness Center would house a cardiovascular center, spine clinic, organ transplant center, outpatient center, sports medicine center and a health education center. A gym with a lap pool and outdoor track would be included in the Wellness Center plans.

"It's time to turn Chapel Hill from the city of medicine into the village of health," he said.

After comments were received from various town boards, the floor was open for public comment. Long-time Chapel Hill resident Robert Leopold spoke against the Meadowmont plan.



Chapel Hill residents raised concerns about the Meadowmont proposal.

"Chapel Hill is not unique in wanting to have a developed city," he said. "If small town living is not important, then Meadowmont should be built. I just question the worth of such a dramatic thing that will affect our children."

Thirty-year Chapel Hill resident and incoming Chamber of Commerce Chairman Johnny Morris approved of the diverse development Meadowmont could bring. "It (the plan) would establish a greater balance for Chapel Hill's future," he said.

Chapel Hill resident Madeline Jefferson encouraged the council to delay their vote until after the Nov. 7 elections.

"You have the legislative power to use zoning to control our town's rate of growth," she said.

Chapel Hill resident commercial lender Karen Raleigh urged the council to vote in favor of the development plan because existing neighborhoods are underserved by the commercial and retail industry.

Another resident with reservations as to how Meadowmont will affect the flow of traffic into the town was Victor Friedman. The council will deliver their final vote in October. Friedman cautioned the council by saying, "The voters are watching."

Tool Time



George "Bo" Sanford, a machinist in the physics instrument shop, makes a sensitive piece of equipment for the physics department Monday in Phillips Hall. Much of the research equipment used by the University is produced in this shop.

Williams Prepares to Take GSU Post

■ But officials at the college could not say if the professor had signed a contract yet.

BY JAMES LEWIS
UNIVERSITY EDITOR

Former UNC English Professor Jim Williams was poised to take on a new job at a small public college in Illinois on Monday, but a university official could not confirm that Williams had been officially hired.

Williams, who resigned in July after Chancellor Michael Hooker began dismissal procedures against him, was set to begin his new job at Governor's State University in University Park, Ill.

Connie Zonka, public relations director at GSU, said she could not verify Monday night whether the university's president, Paula Wolff, had decided to make the commitment to sign the official one-year contract.

"I cannot verify whether or not the contract was signed," she said. "The provost thought she probably had, but I cannot verify it."

Although GSU officials said they were aware of Williams' past during the interview process, they were looking into Williams' background late last week after they learned of the controversy surrounding him.

At the time of the inquiry, GSU had already made an oral agreement to hire him. Williams was tentatively hired to design the school's Writing Across the Curriculum program.

Zonka said Monday night Williams' contract was only good for one year and was in a purely consulting capacity.

"I want to emphasize this is a one-year consulting contract for him to design a Writing Across the Curriculum program," she said.

Williams, the former director of UNC's composition program within the English department, drew criticism from across North Carolina in the spring after a lengthy divorce and custody battle revealed his affair with journalism student Ako Shimada and charges of sexual misconduct.

Williams' resignation from UNC takes effect on Nov. 1. Until then, he will continue to draw his \$64,000 salary from the University.

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Police Still Searching for Murder Motive

BY SUZANNE WOOD
ASSISTANT CITY EDITOR

The Orange County Sheriff's Department is still looking for a motive behind the murder-suicide that took place two miles outside of Carboro on Thursday night, Sheriff Lindy Pendergrass said.

Detectives in Orange County have questioned friends and family members of Joseph Malcolm McLeod, the Orange County man who fatally shot his ex-girlfriend, Jennifer Lee Noell. McLeod shot Noell outside her family's home in Calvander before shooting himself, Pendergrass said.

However, detectives have not found any reason why McLeod killed Noell and then himself. "We've spoken to a lot of friends and relatives and so forth," Pendergrass said. "None of them know of any reason why he did it."

The description of McLeod's visit to Noell that night is as confusing as the question of McLeod's unknown motive, Pendergrass said. "When he arrived at the residence about 45 minutes before the incident, everything appeared to be tranquil, fine," he said. "When he arrived, there were some family members there and a small child. He played with the child during the visit."

The visit did not become dangerous until after Noell followed McLeod out of her house around 8 p.m., Pendergrass said. "Then he just flew off," he said. "There was no hostility whatsoever before the incident."

McLeod's friends and family members have no leads as to why the night turned violent. "There is not a lot we can do unless we can find someone who had talked to him (McLeod) and heard he was going to do something," Pendergrass said.

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Weather

TODAY: Partly sunny; high mid-70s.
WEDNESDAY: Partly sunny; high mid-70s.

The reason some people are stingy is also the reason they are rich.

American proverb