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## Opening Statements Begin Today in Williamson Trial

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**HILLSBOROUGH** - Attorneys in double-murder suspect Wendell Williamson's trial will issue opening statements beginning at 2 p.m. in the Orange County Superior Court House today.

A submission hearing for evidence in the case will begin at 9:30 a.m., and the six jurors and two alternates selected Tuesday will join the six chosen Monday in returning to the courtroom in the afternoon for opening statements.

As the day progressed, with attorneys planning opposing strategies for selecting the jury, Williamson - who was seated next to his attorney - stared blankly towards the jury box.

Defense attorneys James Williams and Kirk Osborn continued along the same line of questioning they had begun Monday in the selection of the first group of jurors.

The defense questioned potential jurors regarding their ability to understand the difference between the prosecution's burden of proof and the burden of proof for the defense.

"Our burden of proof under the law is a lower standard," Osborn told the jury.

Osborn said he was concerned that the jury might have the idea that the defense had to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that Williamson was insane.

Williams also told the potential jurors during questioning that it was not the responsibility of the defense to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that the defendant was insane. Williams told the jury that while the defense conceded that Williamson had shot and killed two men, the defense contended it was a "result of severe mental illness."

"It will be our burden to prove simply to your satisfaction that Mr. Williamson was insane at the time of these actions," Williams told prospective jurors.

The defense continued to question potential jurors as to whether or not they would be able to put aside preconceived notions of the insanity defense. "The law does not require that Mr. Williamson be insane in all aspects of his life," Williams said.

The defense hinted to the potential jurors during questioning that their client would not take the stand to defend himself. Both members of the defense team asked the potential jurors if their impartiality would be affected should Williamson

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## Hooker to Help Housekeepers

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Marsha Tinnen, a UNC housekeeper, expresses her opinion on newly-announced initiatives to improve conditions for housekeepers as Chancellor Michael Hooker listens at a press conference held in South Building Tuesday.

Chancellor Michael Hooker announced Tuesday at a press conference in South Building initiatives to improve working conditions, training opportunities and management for University housekeepers within six months.

Although Hooker said UNC could do nothing to increase housekeepers' salaries because they are employees of the state, leaders in the housekeepers movement said they were pleased with the Hooker's plans.

The initiatives come from focus groups that Hooker and Chief of Staff Elson Floyd conducted for the past three months. The groups, made up of housekeepers and administrators, targeted the three main concerns of University housekeepers: training, management and working conditions.

"We're not dealing with short term horizons here," Hooker said. "We are committed to making it work. It will be a process of fine tuning the initiatives we've undertaken and adding new ones as we go along."

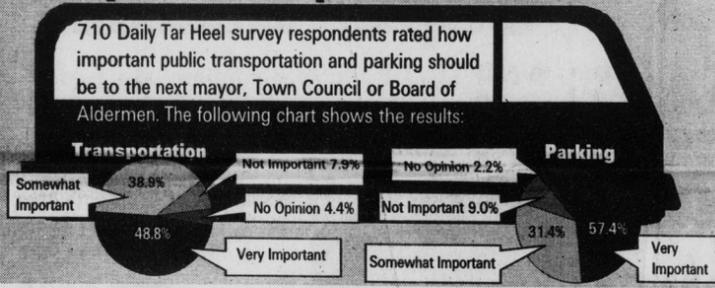
"We're going to keep coming back to the front-line workers in housekeeping to make sure management is getting better," Hooker said. "We're going to see significant results in six months."

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Limited parking spaces and impending cuts in federal funding for public transportation mean area residents may have a harder time

## Getting Around Town

Transportation Important to UNC



The Daily Tar Heel polled members of the University community to find out what they considered the five most important issues facing Chapel Hill and Carrboro. The DTH is running a series of articles examining these topics and the proposals for addressing them suggested by candidates running in the Nov. 7 town elections. Today we examine the No. 2 and No. 3 issues: parking and public transportation.

BY KARI COHEN  
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An increasing lack of space in the Chapel Hill and Carrboro downtown areas and transit system funding woes have the many community members who commute to work and school concerned about the future of parking and public transportation.

Eighty-nine percent of Daily Tar Heel survey respondents said parking should be a somewhat or very important issue for the next mayor, Town Council and Board of Aldermen. Eighty-eight percent said public transportation was an important issue.

Chapel Hill Town Council member and candidate Jim Protzman said there was a strong connection between the two issues. "The best way to improve parking is to improve mass transit. We need to make public transportation convenient as an alternative to the convenience of cars."

But the future of mass transit in Chapel Hill and Carrboro as an alternative to endless asphalt construction is up in the air. With a Republican Congress slashing funding and reducing federal investment in a variety of programs, cuts loom in federal operating assistance that could affect the daily lives of Chapel Hill and Carrboro residents.

David King, deputy secretary for Transit, Rail and Aviation for the North Carolina Department of Transportation, said the expected cuts from Congress will have a strong impact on the local system. "Congress is yet to act. The Senate and House differ on how much they want to cut. It's going to be somewhere on the order of 25 to 30 percent, and it will be felt in the Chapel Hill/Carrboro transit system this fiscal year."

Federal operating assistance currently makes up approximately 30 percent of the transportation budget.

With the approaching Nov. 7 town elections, candidates for office in both towns are considering their positions on the issues of public transportation and parking in Chapel Hill and Carrboro.

### Congressional Cuts

Despite great potential impact on the area transit system, the district's congressional representative stands be-

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## Meadowmont's Approval Gets Mixed Reactions

BY ALEX PODLOGAR  
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The Chapel Hill Town Council voted 6-3 in favor of the controversial Meadowmont development Monday night. Council members Joyce Brown, Mark Chilton and Joe Capovilla voted against the plan, citing the lack of guarantees that the plan would be beneficial to the town of Chapel Hill.

"My main concerns surrounding the fact that there were not sufficient guarantees in the master land-use plan, that what was built would look like what Roger (Perry, the developer of Meadowmont) had presented to us," Chilton said. "Everything can look good on paper, but what is actually put on the ground could be remarkably different than the 'substantially similar' that Roger presented to us."

Joyce Brown was more concerned that the Meadowmont project did not fit in the town's original plans.

"I think that the Town Council passed goals this past spring regarding the east entranceway," she said. "We had language that the developed neighborhood should have a variety of housing types, and I didn't feel that this plan followed what the town had decided was fit for the town's Comprehensive Plan."

Chilton was not so upset with what was in the plan, but with what was left out.

"It is possible that something well designed could be built in this area, there just weren't any guarantees," he said.

Brown was also upset with the type of development that was planned for the area.

"To have large-scale office and retail development comparable with the size of South Square Mall, it's not in keeping to having office and retail development with that kind of neighborhood," she said. "We had specified not to have large separate zones of housing types, but over half of the acreage in the development is for upper-class housing. The commercial and retail development should be developed to serve the neighborhood."

The plan was presented with a revision concerning the number of acres allotted to the town for the construction of a new school. Perry, of East West Partners, had planned to donate 10 acres at the last council meeting. However, council member Rosemary Waldorf added a stipulation calling for the donation of 18 acres for the school development. Perry returned with an offer of 16 acres when the plan passed Monday. The revision had no influence on

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Sophomores Leslie Matthews and Sara Armstrong get off the P-bus Tuesday in the PR lot off Estes Drive, Chapel Hill. Transit buses run in and between Chapel Hill and Carrboro, helping to alleviate the need for parking in the area.

## U.N. Still Important After 50 Years

Although the U.N. is too big and in debt, it does a job no other organization could do, local experts say.

BY ERICA BESHEARS  
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Local United Nations experts defended the U.N. against accusations of inefficiency and incompetence, saying that the organization, now celebrating its 50th anniversary, needed reform but that it performed essential duties.

The U.N. has faced accusations of being bloated and disorganized. Julia Henderson, a Chapel Hill resident who was a member of the committee that organized the United Nations, and who was at one point the highest-ranking woman in the U.N. Secretariat, said the excess was a result of growth over the last 50 years. "Every bureaucracy grows," she said. "It started with 51 nations; now there are 185."

Eric Mlyn, assistant professor of political science, said he agreed. "Every large institution needs reform, and the U.N. probably needs reform," he said. "The member states should do that."

"It's incredibly inefficient. There's offices in Geneva, and the people in New York are doing. Let's fix those inefficiencies."

The United Nations is working on reform. Helaine Plaut, a Ferrington Village resident who worked with United Nations Children's Fund, said the U.N. had hired an inspector general, who would work to cut out inefficiencies. "No question, the U.N. needs to be reformed, needs to be made leaner, restructured," Plaut said.

Henderson suggested that smaller countries and other nations that had gained power since the United Nations was created should have more representation. "Changes need to be made," she said. "More representation is needed in the Security Council. Japan and Germany need to be there and more African countries." Henderson said the United Nations did not always run smoothly because it was an

organization of sovereign nations that would ultimately do what they wanted. Critics have charged that a main inefficiency within the United Nations is an overlap in the services performed by various commissions and agencies of the alliance.

Henderson agreed that there was overlap in many of the commissions created by individual countries. "There are a lot of commissions that could be consolidated," she said. Henderson explained that member nations wanted to have something they had created, comparing it to congressmen who wanted to pass bills they had introduced.

Henderson denied there was overlap between agencies like the World Health Organization and UNICEF, while asserting that there was a team effort. She said she worked closely with these agencies when she was director of the Bureau for Social Development.

"You have a great family of agencies doing specific tasks - I don't think there's

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## CAA Funds Frozen by Treasurer Because Of Unexplained Money in SAFO Accounts

BY NANCY FONTI  
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The student body treasurer Tuesday, acting on a recommendation from the Student Congress Finance Committee, froze the Carolina Athletic Association's funds pending an explanation for more than \$27,000 in the group's account.

On Monday, Finance Committee Chairwoman Julie Gasperini and Student Body Treasurer Nathan Darling requested the CAA's financial records from the Student Activities Fund Office because members of the committee had questioned the CAA's financial status.

In October, CAA President Anthony Reid told congress and the finance committee that unless congress allocated \$4,000 to the CAA, there would be no Homecoming or ticket distribution.

SAFO's financial reports stated that throughout September and October, CAA's balance of generated funds fluctuated be-

tween \$27,000 and \$28,000.

"The members of the finance committee had real problems with this because they felt they were misguided with the information presented by the CAA in October," Gasperini said. "They said they had no money, and Homecoming would not happen if they did not get these funds."

Reid, CAA Treasurer Ian Walsh and CAA Vice President Brian Whitley could not be reached for comment Monday night.

The finance committee will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday to discuss the financial report with Reid and other CAA officers. Gasperini said she did not know where the committee would meet. The freeze is in effect until Monday evening, meaning that the CAA will be unable to spend any funds in SAFO until after the meeting.

Congress requested in the bill allocating \$4,000 for Homecoming activities that the money be channeled through the executive branch of student government because the CAA had handled the \$19,000 allo-

cated by congress last spring irresponsibly. At the time the bill passed, the CAA had other funds in their account, such as \$2,000 allocated to speakers' fees and \$500 allocated to computer supplies, according to the CAA's budget of student fees allocations presented to congress. Congress allocated more money to the CAA, rather than transferring money in the budget.

Additionally, no member of congress requested that the CAA's SAFO financial report be checked before congress passed the bill channeling \$4,000 to the CAA through the executive branch, Darling said.

"This does point to a problem, and we will try to be more careful in the future," Darling said. "There are ways for things to fall through the cracks."

### Weather

TODAY: Partly sunny; high 70.  
THURSDAY: Partly cloudy; high 70.

*Status quo. Latin for the mess we're in.*

Jeve Moorman