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Proposed Facility Would Double Day-Care Space Offered by UNC

■ The BOT Finance Committee will consider funding the \$1.2 million facility on Thursday.

BY MOLLY FELMET
STAFF WRITER

Thursday, the Board of Trustees' Business and Finance Committee will consider a proposal for the University and UNC Hospitals to jointly finance a \$1.2 million day-care center.

The proposed center would be located on N.C. 54, west of the William and Ida Friday Continuing Education Center and would support twice as many children as the University's present day-care program.

Chancellor Michael Hooker and the University's Building and Grounds Committee have both approved the proposal.

"Finding excellent day care at a reasonable price is one of the biggest challenges facing working parents in our community," Hooker stated in a news release. "The University wants to do all it can as an employer to provide such an essential service and make it convenient."

The UNC Hospitals Board of Directors ap-

proved the plan Monday. If the BOT committee approves the proposal, it will go before the entire board at Friday's meeting.

The proposal, initiated by a joint University-UNC Hospitals committee, calls for the hospital to finance the project and the University to reimburse the hospital for half of the building expenses over a period of time, said Laurie Charest, associate vice chancellor for human resources and a member of the joint committee.

The new day-care center would replace the Victory Village Day Care Center located in Odum Village. The center now provides day care for 64 children of hospital employees, faculty members and students.

Under the plan, Victory Village would continue to operate the new day-care center, said Leigh Zaleon, director of Victory Village.

Dave Worster, co-chairman of the Board of Directors of Victory Village, said he did not expect the cost of day-care services to rise with the change in location.

"We have always done the best we could to assist students and other lower income folks with child care," Worster said.

"We will continue to offer assistance to parents who need it."

The new center would have a 120-child capac-

ity, Worster said. Of those 120 children, 60 spaces would be for children of hospital employees and 60 spaces would be for children of University faculty and students.

However, Zaleon said she did not think the expanded services would be enough to serve the whole community.

"We get a dozen calls a week that we can't handle," Zaleon said.

"We're not going to fill the need for the entire community."

The children enrolled in the present program and their siblings will have priority at the new center, Charest said.

Charest said that when plans were finalized, Victory Village's Board of Directors would make a policy for decisions concerning the remaining spaces for children of employees and students.

Victory Village is a nonprofit student organization funded by tuition revenue, the University, Student Congress and the United Way.

The organization holds the highest state child-care license possible and is currently seeking accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

Worster said Victory Village would get its response from the national association by the end of the year.

You Can Call Me Al



Vice President Al Gore criticizes Sen. Bob Dole and House Speaker Newt Gingrich for their part in the government shutdown. Gore spoke in RTP on Monday. See story on page 5.

Budget 'Shenanigan' Could Lead to Hiatus

BY MARK SWEET
STAFF WRITER

While President Clinton and congressional Republicans refused to back down over budget proposals, as of press time a government shutdown today appeared imminent. An estimated 800,000 civilian employees could go home with no pay indefinitely, but this may be just another federal holiday, some economic analysts said.

Professor James Smith of Kenan-Flagler Business School took a lighter approach to the hype over the effects of the government shutdown, noting that this is the fifth government shutdown to send federal employees home in the past 15 years.

"I think it's wonderful if the government shuts down. We'll see if anyone actually notices," he said. "The shutdown is just a technical shenanigan. Totally irresponsible, that's Uncle Sam."

Not so, said Jeff Clark, director of policy analysis and communication for the Environmental Protection Agency at Research Triangle Park. The EPA is among the list of nonessential agencies that will shut down.

"The shutdown would create a ripple effect that goes beyond the federal level to state and local governments, and even the public," he said. "Even a shutdown for just a few days would delay our regulatory process for several weeks."

"Everything gets pushed back. Essentially, we're off until further notice," Clark said.

Professor James Wilde, who teaches public finance in UNC's Department of

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What If the Government Shuts Down?



Government Workers — About 800,000 non-essential civilian employees would be sent home without pay. Most would eventually receive backpay. Estimated compensation would be about \$1 billion.



Mail — The U.S. Postal Service, which is self-supporting, would continue services as normal.



Transportation — Air traffic controllers, the Coast Guard, railway inspectors and other essential safety personnel would work. Amtrak would continue to run, but passports would not be issued.



Military — All active-duty military would report to work, along with more than half of the Department of Defense's civilian employees, but pay will be given retroactively.



Courts — Federal courts would remain open, but most civil cases would be postponed.



Benefits — Food stamps, welfare checks, social security checks, Medicare and Medicaid payments, and veterans' compensation would be issued, but no applications would be processed.



Tourism — National parks and monuments would be closed. All Smithsonian museums would be closed. Campers at national parks would be asked to leave.



Law Enforcement — Federal agencies such as the FBI, border patrol and prisons would operate as normal.

SOURCE: MARK SWEET

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Clinton Vetoes Bill; Prepares For Shutdown

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON, D.C. — With the clock ticking toward a midnight shutdown, President Clinton vetoed a temporary borrowing bill Monday and prepared to close most government operations in a jolting political fight with Congress.

House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., meantime, called once more for Clinton to sit down with Republican congressional leaders to find an agreement.

"We hope at some point the president will decide to talk with us and have a discussion about how to get this solved," Gingrich told reporters. "I think it's very unfortunate that he is hiding and refusing to discuss with us what would keep the government open."

Speaking from his Oval Office desk, Clinton accused Republicans of engineering a budget crisis to further their spending priorities. "This is not the time or the place for them to backdoor their budget proposals," he said.

The bill that Clinton vetoed would have extended the government's ability to borrow money beyond the current debt limit, which will be reached sometime this week. Clinton noted Republican amendments

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U-Bus, Code Changes on Ballot in Special Election

BY MARVA HINTON
STAFF WRITER

Students will have a chance to fill six vacant Student Congress seats and vote on several referenda in a special election held today.

Undergraduate students will be able to vote on five referenda, while graduate students will vote on only four.

All students will be able to vote on:

- a \$2.50 per semester increase in student fees to continue the free U-bus route.
- a change in the Student Code to allow congress to fund religious and politically partisan groups.

- a measure to mandate that a minimum of 5 percent of student activities fees collected each year be appropriated to Student Television.

- a measure to authorize using \$1.2 million left over from the construction of the Student Recreation Center to improve student recreational facilities.

Only undergraduates can vote on a referendum that would raise student fees by 45 cents per semester to fund the undergraduate a.p.p.e.s program.

Regardless of the votes for or against the referenda, about 600 students must vote in today's election to make the referenda results valid.

Students can vote at any of the poll sites; however, only law students may cast their ballots at the law school.

In addition, congress seats are open in Districts 2, 5, 8, 10, 18 and 23.

Students in Districts 2, 5 and 8 must

Special Election Pollsites

Union 212	10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Chase Hall	10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Granville Cafeteria	10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Morehead Building	10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Law School	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Health Sciences Library	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

write in their choices for representatives in those districts because no one is running for the graduate student seats. Districts 2 and 8 have two seats open, while District 5 has only one open seat.

Districts 10 and 23 have only one candidate on the ballot. John Joseph Young is running for the District 10 seat, and Hugh Michael Ball is running for the District 23 seat. The District 18 race is the most competitive, with five candidates running for two seats. Laney Adele Hawthorne, Kendle Carmer Bryan, Lamont Antonio Grissom, Harper Gordek and Terrance Shawn McGill are the candidates.

Anne Shuart, chairwoman of the elections board, said her staff has been working hard to prepare for today's elections. "We had to make sure the poll sites were approved by congress and (by) the (locations housing the) sites, and we had to get all the equipment, including computers," she said.

Sean Behr, a member of the student government executive branch, said the main goal was getting students to vote. "We're endorsing voting and not any specific referenda," Behr said. "Our main goal is getting 600 people to the polls."

Seeking to replenish lost funds and strengthen research programs, many public universities are becoming Partners with Industry

BY COLBY SCHWARTZ
STAFF WRITER

UNC students are not the only ones feeling the crunch of decreased funding for public universities.

This decade has been unkind to the nation's state-supported universities — increasingly limited budgets have led many states, including North Carolina, to cut back on funds allocated to higher education.

Losing faith in state support and fearing damage to academic standards,

many public universities have started to explore partnerships with industry as alternative revenue sources.

Funding Woes: Impetus for Change

While the recession of the early 1990s presented a problem for state-supported institutions across the country, some have been more successful than UNC in remaining competitive in both graduate and undergraduate rankings.

The National Research Council's ranking of graduate programs, released in September, found that some public universities, such as the universities of

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N.C. State University's planned Centennial Campus will provide space for research ventures by industries and the university.



UNC Obtains Michie Property After Four Decades of Waiting

BY JAMES LEWIS
UNIVERSITY EDITOR

With the swift stroke of a pen, an Orange County judge ignored an old woman's last wish and made UNC and two historical societies better for it.

In an eminent domain order signed Nov. 7, Orange County Superior Court Judge Gordon Battle granted the University's request to take the South Columbia Street property of the late Sallie Markham Michie.

When the 96-year-old Michie died in 1992, she left her house and the proceeds from the auction of a 113-acre estate on Parker Road to the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the National Society of the Dames of the Magna Carta. Michie had fought since the 1950s to keep her home out of the hands of the University.

"I know that Mrs. Michie would be very disappointed and probably enraged after all the years she fought the University," said Betty Ibrahim, secretary of the local DAR chapter.

But Ibrahim said the agreement reached among the two parties and the University would work out for the best.

In her will, Michie had intended for the money from the sale of her farm to be used to maintain her house on South Columbia Street. The house was to be renovated and maintained as a gathering place for the two

societies.

But in accordance with Battle's order, the two societies will split the \$550,000 the state deposited with the court in September as compensation for the South Columbia Street property.

The two groups also will act as trustees of the farm money and use the trust to fund scholarships and academic awards for area students.

"That's a wonderful tribute to Mrs. Michie," Ibrahim said. "Her name will be carried on, and that's one of the things she wanted."

Meanwhile, University officials said they planned to go ahead with development plans for the property, which was the last private residence on the UNC campus.

Gordon Rutherford, associate vice chancellor for facilities planning and design, said the house would be demolished and the property would be used as a parking lot until a master development plan had been developed for the northwest corner of campus.

"I would hope it's down within 30 days," Rutherford said. "It's just in terrible shape."

Weather

TODAY: Rain; high of 50.
WEDNESDAY: Partly cloudy; high lower 50s.

I distinctly remember forgetting that.

Clara Barton