

# Committee explores new ways to manage University's growth

■ The University system could grow by as many as 40,000 students by 2005.

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In an effort to address possible future needs, UNC's Enrollment Management Committee has been looking at strategies for dealing with large increases in student enrollment.

All 16 UNC-system schools expect high growth rates over the next nine years. Current projections suggest UNC-system student enrollment could increase by as much as 40,000 students between 1995 and 2005.

That number is 10,000 more than the increase from 1985 to 1995. "We are trying to figure out how to meet the state's needs, plus continue to provide

the same quality of education to the students," said Aaron Nelson, committee member and student body president. "Students want to keep the value of their degree from diminishing."

The mission of the committee is to come up with a plan to handle the University's growth and present it to the chancellor and provost by Aug. 30, Nelson said.

The general strategy followed by the UNC system, "A Plan to Expand Educational Opportunity," has been adopted by the Board of Governors this year.

The plan's long-range strategy employs four approaches to "give increased attention to serving students": expanding the number of off-campus courses and programs, increasing the use of educational technologies both on and off-campus, expanding the use of summer school for degree credit courses and improving the use of space on campus.

"One way of using space on campus more efficiently is to start holding night

classes and weekend classes," Nelson said.

Renovations planned for Lenoir Dining Hall, Chase Hall and the Student Union will also help UNC handle the added pressures of higher enrollment by being able to serve more students.

The committee has discussed increasing the enrollment of traditional and non-traditional students, but has not discussed increasing the enrollment of out-of-state students, Nelson said. "UNC has an obligation to take in their share of students in North Carolina," he said.

With increased enrollment there is the concern that UNC's campus will become less centralized, although Nelson said he did not think that the growth in students will fragment UNC's campus. "Even if we wanted to have satellite campuses, the University's land holdings are a long way from development," he said.

Tim Sanford, chairman and spokesman for the committee, could not be reached for comment.

# County considers district elections

■ County Commissioners debated the merits of at-large district elections.

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In an attempt to ensure equal representation across the county, the Orange County Board of Commissioners is considering plans to elect commissioners by districts.

Moses Carey, chairman of the Board of Commissioners, presented a plan to the board Tuesday night calling for at-large district elections.

Carey's proposal divided the county into five districts. Each district would then have a representative on the board that would be elected by a countywide vote.

Carey said at-large elections would allow each region of the county, whether it be urban or rural, an equal voice in county government.

Currently, the five commissioners on the board are elected in an at-large election with no consideration to their residence.

Because most of Orange County's population is concentrated in and around the Chapel Hill area, critics of the current system worry that Chapel Hill could have too much influence.

Also, critics fear the system has the potential to over-represent Chapel Hill.

Under the current system, the county is divided into five districts. Commissioners are elected by voters from only their district.

The board now has three members from Chapel Hill, while Carey and Stephen Halkiotis live outside Chapel Hill.

"I'm certainly not going to vote for five districts," said Commissioner Alice Gordon. "It just won't work."

Gordon said Carey's plan attempts to ensure that residents outside Chapel Hill have at least one commissioner on the board at any given time to protect them



Commissioner MOSES CAREY presented a plan for elections by district to the Board of Commissioners.

from being underrepresented. But according to a report Gordon presented to the board, she said only two and one-half years out of the past 42 years has every commissioner been from Chapel Hill.

"Historically, the system has not been out of whack," Gordon said. "Historically, townships outside of Chapel Hill township have been overrepresented."

Commissioner Don Wilhoit said representation should reflect the votes of the county.

"If the majority of people live in this part of the county, then they deserve the majority of representation," he said.

Wilhoit said that the plan to divide the county into districts is unnecessary for Orange County.

"It's not a high priority and won't satisfy the critics (of the current system)," Wilhoit said. "I don't see a compelling need to proceed."

The commissioners referred Carey's plan to the county staff for investigation of more options.

Gordon said it is not likely a decision would be made on the issue until next year.

Carey could not be reached for comment.

# Students have mixed reactions to new voice mail system

■ Modem calls are made more difficult by the tone indicating new messages.

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For the first time, the University is making its in-house voice mail available to students subscribing to the campus long-distance service.

The University, which provided voice mail to faculty and staff last year, added the feature to residence hall phone lines over the summer.

Many students are getting their first taste of the new service.

"I like it," junior Mike McGinley said. "It's easy to use. It's a lot cheaper than an answering machine."

The new system records messages for students if they are out of their rooms or on the telephone. Students can also forward messages directly to other voice mailboxes.

Campus residents have used the system so much that the University added 22 lines this week to make it easier for students to check their messages, said Steve Harward, telecommunications

manager. "We've found most students are glad to have the service," he said.

Harward said the phone system registered 4,400 connections between 3 and 4 p.m. Wednesday. The large volume causes students and faculty to receive busy signals more often than before the University provided the system to residence halls.

"That sort of number is not uncommon," he said.

Most feedback has been positive, Harward said, but some students are having problems using the system. The interrupted dial tone that indicates an unheard message may interfere with computer modems.

Joe Sams, a junior from Asheville said the interrupted dial tone makes using his modem difficult.


"(The service) is all right," he said "It can be a hassle, though."

Senior Richard Stilitino said he liked voice mail, but did not like having to dial his mailbox number and password to find out whether or not the messages are for him.

"You don't know right away whether the message is for you or your roommate," Stilitino said.

The problems should work themselves

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- First session summer school students were the first to have access to the service.
- Students can use the system with their touch-tone phone. Each student has his or her own password. The system answers if the phone is in use or if no one picks up.
- The service will be funded by student receipts from long-distance phone bills.

out as students become accustomed to the system, Harward said.

"The primary problem is just people are not aware of how the service works," he said.

Voice mail also provides the advantage of privacy. Blessing Okeiyi, a junior from Charlotte, said she preferred not having to depend on a friend's roommate to deliver timely messages.

"I can leave a message, and they al-

ways call me back," she said.

Even the infrequent problems with busy signals should decrease when students finish experimenting with the new system, Harward said.

Student Telephone Services is paying for the voice mail service with receipts from long-distance service. The answering service is only available to students who have long-distance accounts with STS.

# Boychuk still sits in jail, awaiting pretrial hearing

■ The former UNC masters student was charged with killing his wife in January.

FROM STAFF REPORTS

A former UNC master's student is still awaiting his fate nearly seven months after being arrested and charged with first-degree murder.

William Boychuk was charged in the New Year's Eve murder of his pregnant wife, Karen Boychuk, on Cary Parkway, since his arrest, William Boychuk has been held in Wake County Jail without bail being set.

Wake County District Attorney Thomas Ford has not scheduled a pretrial

hearing because Boychuk's lawyer, Brian Collins, has been tied up in federal court with a separate trial.

The pretrial hearing will determine whether Collins will have to be removed from the case.

"(Collins) made statements to the press of an evidentiary matter," Ford said.

If those statements are deemed admissible by a judge, Collins will have to step aside from the case, he said. "In order to use those statements, his lawyer would have to be removed because I couldn't call his lawyer to the stand," Ford said.

William Boychuk initially told police that he and his wife had been walking along a Cary Parkway bridge at about 7 p.m. when the couple was struck from behind by a hit-and-run driver.

William Boychuk told police that he had been knocked unconscious and, upon recovering, found his wife lying below the bridge without a pulse. He ran to his apartment complex to ask for help.

A preliminary autopsy on Karen Boychuk indicated that she died from blunt trauma to the head, a condition likely caused by being struck repeatedly.



WILLIAM BOYCHUK's lawyer might have to be replaced.

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