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## UNC outreach gets massive HUD grant

The \$400,000 will fund a partnership with Duke to aid a Durham community.

BY WHITNEY MOORE  
STATE & NATIONAL EDITOR

UNC received hundreds of thousands of federal dollars Wednesday to create a community outreach center in Durham.

The \$399,985 grant, part of \$7.3 million handed out by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, will fund a unified effort between UNC and Duke University to help the southwest central area of Durham.

The grant comes after three years of attempts by UNC to win the award.

"This is our lucky year," said William Rohe, director of the Center for Urban & Regional Studies. "Last year we realized we needed to focus on one section of a city, instead of different areas of several cities."

"We chose southwest central Durham because neighborhood groups had already come together on their own," he said. "We asked how we could help."

Andrew Cuomo, secretary of HUD, said more than 100 universities applied for 16 grants worth approximately \$400,000 each.

"We looked for universities located in the center of distressed communities," he said. "The principle at work here (is) to build bridges between universities and communities."

Rohe said many factors contributed to UNC's successful pursuit of the grant. "One reason is because we are collaborating with Duke on it," he said. "That made a difference."

The support of UNC Chancellor Michael Hooker also helped secure the prize, as did faculty contributions.

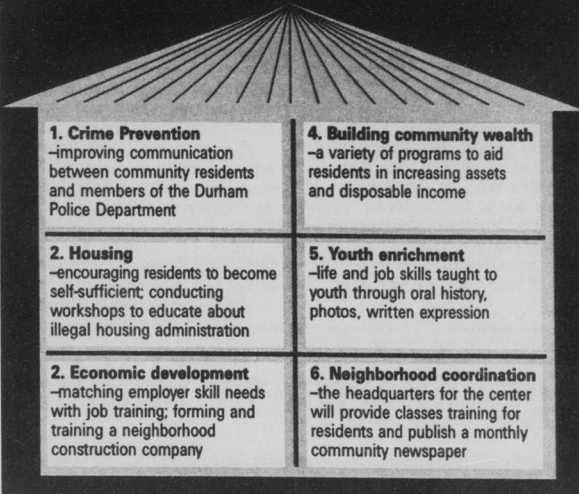
"(Hooker) wrote a tremendous letter on our behalf," Rohe said. "Plus, we had all of our faculty workers agree to donate half their time."

"(HUD) was very concerned that the ideas for the projects come from the community, not the university," Rohe said. "We did a lot of legwork to put together a proposal in which ideas really did come from the community."

Ronnie McKoy, executive director of the West End Community Center in southwest central Durham, said residents responded to the uniqueness of the UNC group.

### Reaching out, building up

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development awarded a \$400,000 grant to the Center for Urban and Regional Studies at UNC. The center will use the grant to build community relations in southwest central Durham.



SOURCE: UNC-CH CENTER FOR URBAN & REGIONAL STUDIES

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"This created a rapport between the university and the community," he said. "We tend to look at the university on one level and the people who live there on another. This gets rid of the myths and stereotypes so we build relationships."

Although faculty involved might benefit from research generated during the community outreach project, UNC city

and regional planning professor Emil Malizia said that isn't the focus.

"Our first priority is to do something positive for the community," he said.

"From the North Carolina perspective, the most important thing is that HUD has been funding these things for years," said Malizia.

"For the first time North Carolina has a seat at the table."

## Front-yard parking lots distressing to residents

BY AMY CAPPIELLO  
CITY EDITOR

Parking in Chapel Hill has been an issue for years as limited lots have forced students and commuters to search for other parking venues.

Some residents rent pieces of their yard as parking spaces.

But these "front-yard parking lots" bother residents in the Westside neighborhood. The neighborhood association proposed an ordinance to limit front-yard parking to the Chapel Hill Town Council earlier this year.

The council will hold a public hearing on the proposal Sept. 15.

Pauline Grimson, whose husband, Baird, is the president of the Westside Neighborhood Association, said the ordinance was proposed to protect the neighborhood's appearance. "The reason we felt that we

needed to do this is that the front yards are totally filled up with cars," she said. "Most other neighborhoods wouldn't allow this to happen."

The proposed ordinance does not call for eliminating front-yard parking but for limiting it to 40 percent of the yard.

Although many students utilize this type of parking, Grimson said the ordinance does not target students. "There are a lot of people who work for the University that also pay a fortune to park in front yards. An anti-student issue is not what we're proposing at all."

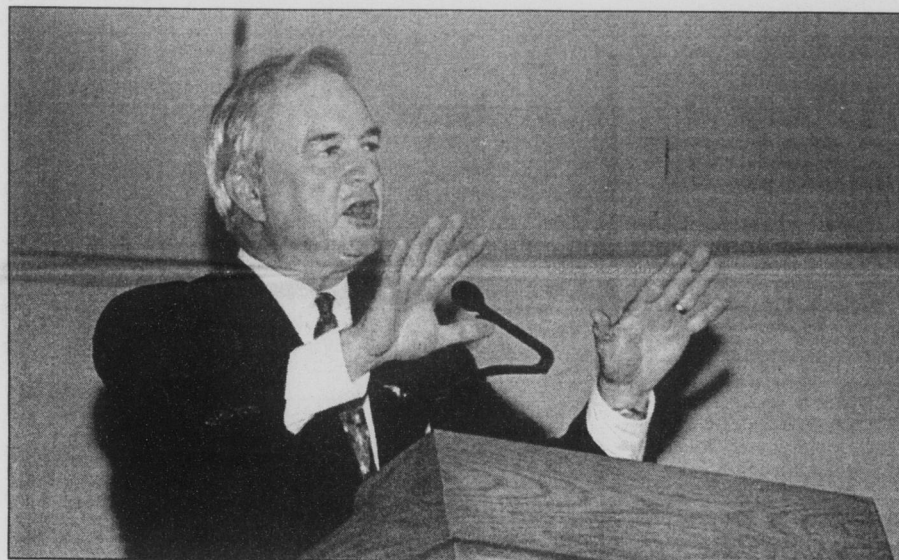
Nevertheless, Chapel Hill Mayor Rosemary Waldorf said she believed students, who face tremendous parking problems, would be very interested in next week's public hearing. But she said the proposed ordinance was needed.

"I sympathize with people's transportation problems, but if you get a neighborhood, and every front yard is turned into a parking lot for three, four, five or six cars, it really becomes a nuisance."

Student Body President Mo Nathan said he believed it was not up to the Town to limit front-yard parking. "It's not the Town's land," he said. "It's the students' property, the local residents' property. They should be able to determine what happens on their property."



Chapel Hill Mayor ROSEMARY WALDORF said she thought parking in front yards was an unsightly problem.



DTH/SEAN BUSHAR

Gov. Jim Hunt speaks to local health professionals about their accomplishments with the Area Health Education Centers (AHEC) Program on Wednesday night in Hill Hall. This year marks the 25th anniversary of AHEC.

## Hunt visits Chapel Hill to praise health care education endeavors

Area Health Education Centers celebrated its 25th anniversary Wednesday.

BY ANNE CORBETT  
STAFF WRITER

Gov. Jim Hunt praised the achievements of North Carolina's health care professionals at a ceremony on campus Wednesday night.

The 25th anniversary celebration for the Area Health Education Centers

Program offered Hunt the opportunity to honor AHEC's founders.

AHEC, established in 1972 to bring health care facilities to small communities around North Carolina, originated at the School of Medicine.

"It's good to be here to celebrate the 25th anniversary of AHEC," Hunt said. "In fact, we don't celebrate enough good things that they have done."

He said AHEC helped equalize health care across the country.

"The people of this state have had 25 years of good quality health care no matter who they are or where they live."

"Our AHEC is one of the largest in the country and one of the most successful," he said. "We like to be first in North Carolina."

Hunt said his admiration for the AHEC program stemmed from earlier experiences when quality health care was not available. As a child his hometown often did not have a doctor.

"When I was a little boy, we had a doctor but he got old and died, and we couldn't get another one," Hunt said. "I remember driving with my family to the

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## Service hours may increase during holidays

BY ELLIE MCGINNESS  
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Students stuck on campus for long weekends and extended holidays can't always find food.

Student Congress wants to continue extending campus service hours during those holidays to accommodate the students remaining on campus.

"Last year we started to extend the hours of the (South Campus) Mini Mart and other food services during all breaks so that students wouldn't go hungry during University holidays," said Scott Hammack, co-chairman of the student services committee.

Hammack said the only problems with extending the hours of services was finding funds to pay staff for the extra hours worked and finding staff to work during the holidays.

With fraternity and sorority rush and other student activities continuing during the Labor Day holiday,



Co-chairman of the student services committee SCOTT HAMMACK wants to extend service hours.

day, there were many students still on campus.

Ruth Justice, unit supervisor of Union Station, stressed the importance of extending hours of student services.

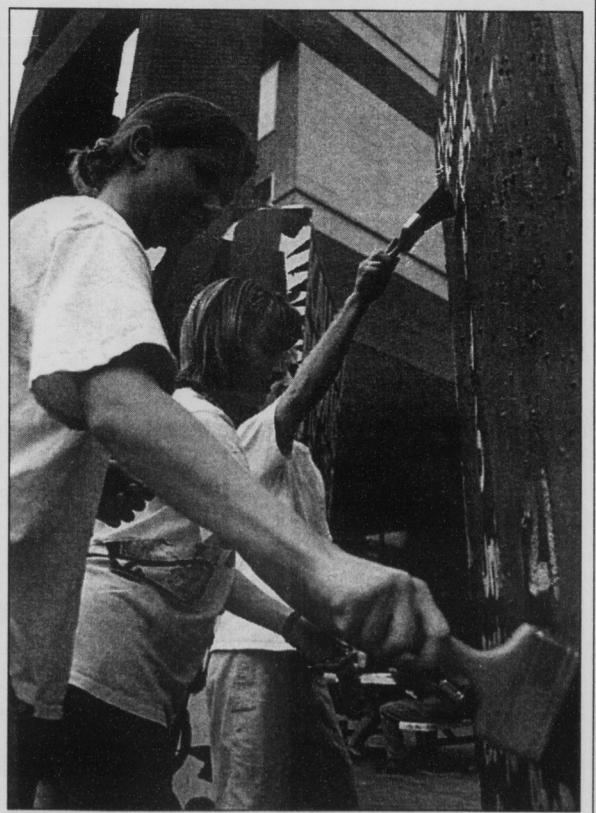
"It is very important for things to stay open for students during holidays because we do have so many exchange students and other students who stay on campus for these breaks," she said.

Justice also said she wouldn't have a problem finding staff to work during these holidays. She said plenty of people wanted to work Labor Day weekend.

"We were even over-staffed on

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### BRUSHING UP



DTH/JENNIFER GUTHRIE

Becky Slattery (left), Elizabeth Lowry and Scott Oliver, slap new paint onto the cube outside the Student Union on Wednesday.

## INSIDE Thursday

### Drama on campus

The dramatic arts live and breathe on campus with a multitude of theater groups. Their performances both educate and entertain. Page 5

### Who's who among colleges?

High school scholars request UNC sixth out of universities nationwide to be notified of Who's Who award winners. Page 2

### Congress: no 'fresh-women'

Student Congress passed a resolution against the proposed "first-year students" title. Jane Brown and other professors are upset about the vote. Page 4



### Today's weather

Sunny; low 70s  
Friday: Sunny; high 70s

One may have a blazing hearth in one's soul, and yet no one ever comes to sit by it.

Vincent van Gogh