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## BOG approves radioactive waste site

University officials agree that the site will store low-level waste and therefore will not pose a threat to community residents.

BY ANNE CORBETT  
STAFF WRITER

Radioactive waste disposal has become a hot topic in recent years as storage space has decreased and production has increased.

UNC is currently taking steps to provide space for the radioactive waste it generates.

The Board of Governors approved UNC's request to build a radioactive waste storage facility in Chapel Hill Friday.

"We have to face reality," said Rich Miller, the environmental manager at UNC's Health and Safety Office. "In the long run it appears that it will be a long time before North Carolina will have a facility to dispose of hazardous waste."

Disposal in North Carolina is a particularly thorny problem. The state was barred from using the regional storage facility in Barnhill, S.C., in 1995 because it agreed to build a regional site for future radioactive waste but backed out.

Because a central storage site does not exist, many institutions will have to build their own. Rather than the state of

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## Waste facility news to local officials

BY MICHAEL KANAREK  
ASSISTANT CITY EDITOR

The Board of Governors' approval of a radioactive waste storage facility on Airport Road came as a complete surprise to many town officials.

"I'd certainly like to know a lot more about it," Chapel Hill Town Council member Joyce Brown said.

The location of the site, in addition to what material would be stored there, were major concerns, she said, adding that the council would likely refer the matter to the town staff for further study.

Council member Joe Capowski also said the decision by the BOG was news to him.

"We did not know about a new site that would be built to temporarily store radioactive waste," he said.

Council member Julie Andresen said she also knew nothing about the approval of the waste storage facility.

She said she wanted to know whether a state permit would be granted for the site and if so, whether the town would be permitted to comment on it.

"I can't believe that they would not have to go through the state's department of the environment," she said.

Andresen also questioned the University's decision to

locate the facility near the Horace Williams Airport.

"Is semi-hazardous waste compatible with the airport?" she said.

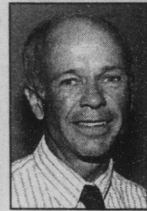
Mark Marcoplos, a member of the local environmental group Orange County Greens, also expressed surprise at the decision.

"I think it's kind of interesting that once again the University has popped something on the town."

Marcoplos said he thought it was good that agencies were taking care of their waste but that he wished for some way to cut down on the amount of waste generated.

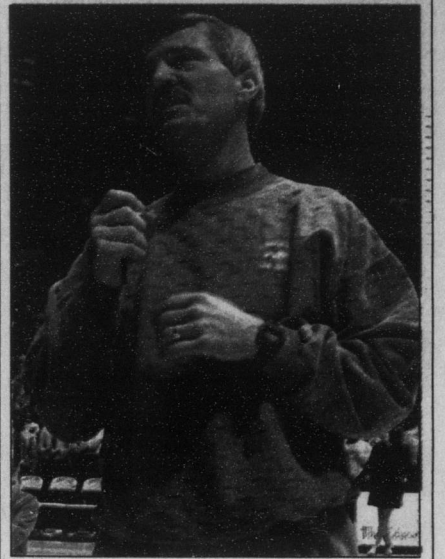
The University is currently cleaning two sites where contaminants had been previously buried — chemical waste on the Horace Williams property and low-level radioactive waste on the Mason Farm tract.

Andresen said the decision by the BOG coincided with its past actions. "The University track record ... was not real good with disposing hazardous waste."



Chapel Hill Town Council Member **JOE CAPOWSKI** said he had no knowledge of the BOG's decision on the facility.

WE'RE NO. 1



UNC football coach Carl Torbush and the Tar Heels were honored at Saturday's men's basketball game.

## Business school left in limbo about potential tuition hike

The Board of Governors delayed decision on the issue until Feb. 13.

BY JONATHAN COX  
STATE & NATIONAL EDITOR

Tuition increases usually embroil students in debate, but on Friday administrators took their turn at the controversial subject.

Following an hour-long debate, the Board of Governors decided to postpone its decision on the Kenan-Flagler Business School's request for a tuition increase.

**President Holly Broad announces restructuring**  
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Known for settling issues in committees and presenting a unanimous front at meetings, the open debate was a break from the norm.

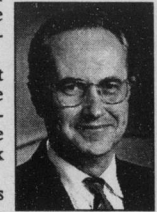
"I don't think there was any division," said Benjamin Ruffin, vice chairman of the BOG.

"It's a board of diverse people with a lot of experience."

"I think it's just a complex issue and people wanted a little more time to think about it."

The issue is rooted in a number of bureaucratic pitfalls.

Last summer, former business school dean Paul Fulton bypassed the BOG and asked the General Assembly for a tuition increase. The General Assembly passed the issue back to the disgruntled BOG members and allowed the board to make the decision about the increase. It also asked the BOG to conduct a study of all graduate



Kenan-Flagler Business School Dean **ROBERT SULLIVAN** said delaying the decision to grant the tuition increase left a period of uncertainty.

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BOG vice chairman

programs across the system and establish policy based on it.

"We walked into the board meeting on Friday, and there was a recommendation from the Finance Committee that the business school's tuition be raised," said BOG Member James Wilson. "Our question was 'Where's the study?'"

"We wondered why this particular recommendation was coming at this time outside of the study."

The recommendation, presented by the Finance Committee, called for an increase of up to \$5,000 a year for students in the Masters of Business Administration and Masters of Accounting programs.

But BOG Member and former business school Dean Paul Rizzo said the proposed increase had research supporting it.

"The business school has studied its problems for a decade," he said.

This increase is designed to improve the infrastructure of the school and faculty salaries, said Kenan-Flagler Business School Dean Robert Sullivan.

"It's something that has been on the drawing boards for a number of years," he said.

Wilson, who said he supported the tuition increase, said he suggested the decision be postponed until Feb. 13, so board members could better understand the issue.

But Sullivan said the delay left the school in a time of uncertainty.

"We need to plan for the coming year," he said. "In terms of recruitment, we have to find a straightforward way to tell students what to expect if they come here."

## Parking proposal threatens student spaces

Faculty and students will probably have to pay more to park on campus.

BY SHARIF DURHAMS  
UNIVERSITY EDITOR

Students could lose as many as half of their parking permits to faculty next year.

But no matter how the debate turns out, students and faculty will have to pay more to park in campus lots.

A lot more. In fact, rates would need to increase by about 40 percent to cover the Department of Transportation and Parking's \$2 million debt, accrued from unbalanced budgets.

The committee is dealing with the

usual problems — students who must park on sidewalks to make a quick trip to their residence hall rooms, limited parking for students who take night classes and faculty who cannot park anywhere near where they work.

But the University cannot put off dealing with parking problems any longer. Nor does it have a good enough park and ride system to keep more cars off campus, committee members said.



Student Body President **MO NATHAN** said students needed to keep their allotment of spaces to remain active on campus.

The University's Transportation and Parking Committee will vote on Feb. 26 on proposals for cutting the number of student parking spaces in half and doubling the cost for student parking permits.

Faculty might take a hit in the pocketbook as well if the committee increases the transit fee taken out of their paychecks.

No matter what plan the committee recommends to the Board of Trustees, members are convinced that costs will have to increase next year to keep up with its debt.

"We are going down the tubes by doing nothing," said Willie Scroggs, assistant athletic director of operations, in a committee meeting last week.

The fight for spaces became a battle between student and faculty leaders last week when some faculty members pro-

posed cutting the number of student spaces.

"It's incomprehensible we could be thinking about reducing student parking," said Katherine Kraft, president of the Graduate and Professional Student Federation.

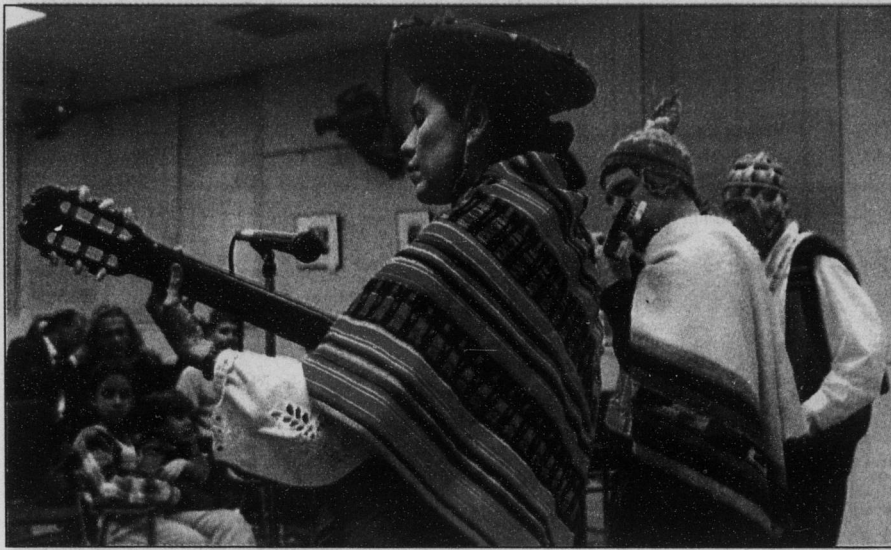
"Of employees, 80 percent get parking. Twenty percent of students get parking."

Although it increased the charge for most parking violations at the beginning of the school year, the University is not making the money it needs to keep up with its debt, Kraft said.

Recommendations to expand the U bus route, combine the Point-to-Point shuttle program with the program at UNC Hospitals and improve other programs might also come from the board.

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### THE BEAT GOES ON



Roxana Hadden and folk group El Viento Canta sing Peruvian songs for the attendees of the Bahá'í informational meeting in Carrboro Town Hall on Friday night. Hadden and her husband, David, are Bahá'ís. See story page 4.

## Lawsuit spawns questions about bank actions, society's status

BY NAHAL TOOSI  
UNIVERSITY EDITOR

NationsBank's recent lawsuit against a UNC honorary society has led to questions about the bank's actions and fears about the safety of society members' wallets.

At the heart of the multimillion-dollar lawsuit, filed in November against the Order of the Grail-Valkyries, are allegations against the society's former president, Vann Donaldson.

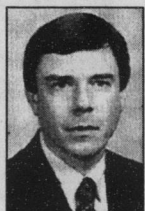
Donaldson, a UNC student since the 1970s, is said to have falsified documents and forged signatures to obtain loans from NationsBank.

NationsBank is asking for a total of about \$1.2 million, of which the society

is responsible for about \$253,000.

Two other organizations headed by Donaldson are responsible for the rest: Carrboro's Center for Stress Management and Loderstar Gold Foundation.

Under state law, NationsBank could collect three times that amount, along with interest accrued and attor-



UNC student **VANN DONALDSON** and the Order of the Grail-Valkyries are being sued by NationsBank.

ney's fees from each defendant if Donaldson is determined to have used "unfair business practices."

In the suit, NationsBank states that Donaldson borrowed \$250,000 as president of the society in August and that he showed evidence the society owned 39,275 shares of Bethlehem Steel securities in a brokerage account, along with other papers, to receive the loan.

Donaldson, whose address is listed as in Carrboro, did not return several telephone calls, nor has he filed an answer to the NationsBank lawsuit or cross-claims filed by the society.

But several law and banking experts said they were puzzled that NationsBank would loan Donaldson the money in the first place. In fact, one of

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**LISSA BROOME**  
Professor of law

the society's legal defenses is that NationsBank was negligent in the transaction.

The society also claims Donaldson had no explicit or implied authority to use the society name to borrow money.

"I was very surprised that the bank

made the loan," said professor Lissa Broome, who teaches about banking law in the School of Law.

"If I were the bank, I would be asking a lot of questions."

NationsBank representatives have declined comment. However, the lawsuit states that NationsBank loaned the money based on Donaldson's delivery of a promissory note for the loan's repayment, an agreement pledging as collateral a securities account and a Federal Reserve form certifying that no part of the money would be used to purchase or carry margin stock.

Also, NationsBank stated that it

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## INSIDE Monday

**UNC's latest investment**  
Mark Yusko has been named UNC's chief investment officer of the Investment Office. Yusko comes to UNC from the University of Notre Dame, where he was the senior investment director. Page 2

**Let the race begin**  
Longtime Orange County Commissioner Moses Carey plans to announce his candidacy for a seat in the N.C. House of Representatives in Hillsborough this morning. He will compete for one of two seats. Page 3

**Spread the word**  
Defense Secretary William Cohen began a 12-day tour of Asia Sunday to show that America remains an ally in tough times. Page 4

### Today's weather

Mostly cloudy;  
low 50s  
Tuesday: Showers;  
high 50s

### We want you!

To learn more about becoming a staff member for The Daily Tar Heel, please attend one of two interest meetings. One will be held today at 5 p.m. in Union 226, and the other will be held Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in Union 226. Applications are available at the DTH front desk in Suite 104 and are due Friday.

When a subject becomes totally obsolete, we make it a required course.

Peter Drucker