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## Council members' vote fails to fill vacant office

■ The council voted not to take a third vote to appoint the ninth council member.

BY NICOLE WHITE  
STAFF WRITER

The Chapel Hill Town Council failed to appoint a ninth council member Monday night after several weeks of consideration.

Council member Pat Evans said she felt the council should not have further delayed the appointment.

"No one but the seated council can make this decision," said Evans. "It's not a surprise to us we have to make this

decision. It's not a surprise who the candidates are."

A town ordinance states that the issue must be discussed at every council meeting until a ninth member is appointed.

The council will vote again at their retreat Saturday, so the new member, if appointed, can participate in the early stages of the budget process.



Council member EDITH WIGGINS said she didn't understand why the council's vote had to be delayed.

"I am sorry we have to hold six people hostage to this process when we could decide tonight," said council member Edith Wiggins. "I think the five votes are there. I don't understand the delay."

In the first of two votes, applicant Madeline Jefferson received votes from council members Julie Andresen, Joyce Brown and Kevin Foy. Fellow applicant Fred Schroeder received votes from members Lee Pavao and Wiggins, and applicant Jim Ward received votes from Evans and Mayor Rosemary Waldorf. Applicant Flicka Bateman received a vote from council member Joe Capowski.

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Chapel Hill Town Council members Lee Pavao and Pat Evans vote in the second ballot casting for the vacant seat on the Town Council.

## Complainants seek support of committee

■ Groundskeepers aired racism concerns to the Step III grievance committee.

BY SHARIF DURHAMS  
UNIVERSITY EDITOR

University employees who claim institutional racism has kept them from advancing in the Grounds Department related their complaints to a committee Monday and proposed ways to solve the problem.

The testimony should conclude this morning, after which the three-member Step III grievance committee will make a recommendation to Chancellor Michael Hooker, who will decide whether the complaints are valid.

Leo Watford, one of the 19 groundskeepers who filed complaints last summer, said he could not tell whether the three-member panel would support them.

"It was hard to tell," he said. "We can only hope. We know there's somebody with the authority to change this thing to make it work for all employees."

The complainants spent eight hours Tuesday recounting experiences they believe were racist.

The groundskeepers pushed their accusations of institutional racism against the department to the highest level handled at the University after a committee that studied their complaints released a report stating the department had showed favoritism to some employees, but not racism.

The committee suggested nine changes, ranging from providing training for other jobs to giving two groundskeepers seats on a committee that recommended a new Grounds Department superintendent in December.

The groundskeepers applauded the University for promptly responding to its complaints, and said they appreciated the changes that were suggested.

But the complainants still say that unannounced job requirements and an increase in the number of white supervisors leading mostly black workers reinforces the University's "white ceiling."

Watford said the department has hired supervisors that black employees later had to train to do their job properly.

"We had been told by the previous administration that when we have openings in the future, we will hire from within," Watford said.

"However, they immediately started hiring people from the outside. We want that changed."

"We want them to hire the most highly qualified people and not look at color."

The complaints by the groundskeepers are similar to those made by about 75 UNC housekeepers who petitioned the University through the grievance process and by a lawsuit for five years. The housekeepers settled their grievance with the University last year when Hooker agreed to provide more training programs and raises for many of the University's lowest-paid employees.

## Town Council accepts grant for local war on drugs

■ A police official said the town's drug problem was confined to certain areas.

BY STEVE MRAZ  
SENIOR WRITER

Chapel Hill is getting money from the federal government to push drugs — out of public housing, that is.

The town is receiving nearly \$100,000 to help eliminate drugs in area public housing developments.

The Chapel Hill Town Council

accepted Monday a \$99,992 Drug Elimination Grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The town learned of its approval Nov. 7, 1997.

Funds from the grant will be used for the prevention of drug use and assistance for people who are using drugs in Chapel Hill public housing developments, said Chapel Hill Town Manager Cal Horton.

"We received this because our application was consistent with the grant's requirements, not because there is an extreme drug problem in Chapel Hill

public housing," he said.

"All of the 336 units of public housing here in Chapel Hill and Carrboro will benefit from this."

Drug use is definitely a problem in Chapel Hill, said Jane Cousins, spokeswoman for the Chapel Hill Police Department.

But she said the problem was one that was confined to specific neighborhoods including public housing developments.

Thirteen public housing developments exist in the Chapel Hill-Carrboro area.

"We have focused efforts on Trinity Court and Lindsay Street," she said.

Monday's approval does not mark the first time Chapel Hill has received a grant from HUD.

In February 1992, the town first received funding through the Drug Elimination Grant.

With the \$99,992, Chapel Hill plans to continue the position of a resident services coordinator to implement the drug elimination plan, continue a police investigator position, purchase a vehicle for the resident services coordinator, purchase supplies for drug prevention programs and continue substance abuse treatment provided by Project Turnaround.

Project Turnaround is a deferred arrest program which offers counseling to eligible criminals.

"It began around 1993," said Chapel Hill Mayor Rosemary Waldorf. "It is a very innovative program."

Council member Lee Pavao said the grant money would be put to good use. "Federal spending has been reduced over the years," he said. "To get this money is good."

Council member Joyce Brown said she was pleased the town received the grant. "From what I understand, there is a (drug) problem," she said. "We need to deal with it."

### SAY IT WITH FLOWERS



Nelle McKenzie arranges roses at University Florist on Franklin Street on Monday afternoon. The arrangement is for an anniversary.

## Sex crime has students at law school dismayed

BY TONY MECIA  
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Law school classes resumed Monday, and returning law students talked about more than just their Winter Breaks: The campus buzzed with gossip of a law student charged with a sex crime.

On Dec. 23, Chapel Hill police arrested second-year law student David M. Kern and charged him with taking indecent liberties with a child. Kern, 36, lives at 122 N. Hamilton Road in Chapel Hill.

The incident is the latest bizarre crime allegedly committed by law students or faculty. In April 1997, second-year law student Barry Berman was arrested after witnesses said he smoked marijuana in

the middle of a constitutional law class.

In 1996, criminal law Professor Barry Nakell was arrested and later fired for making off with deli meat and a restaurant guide from a Chapel Hill store.

And now this latest arrest.

"Even if nothing comes of this case, it gets people saying there's something wrong with UNC law, when the vast majority of people here are normal," said Rebecca Rogers, a third-year law student from Raleigh. "They're cases that could happen anywhere, but why did they all have to happen at UNC?"

Kern was arrested after he turned in film to be developed at Kerr Drug in University Mall, police said. When the store's employees processed the roll on Dec. 20, they discovered seven or eight "suggestive" photos of a minor, said police spokeswoman Jane Cousins.

Police would give no additional information about the content of the photos.

A police report lists the victim as a 5-year-old girl who is related to Kern.

After spotting the photos, Kerr Drug employees contacted mall security, and

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Second-year law student DAVID M. KERN still is enrolled after being charged with taking indecent liberties with a minor.

## BOG anticipates student increase in future

■ The long-term plan calls for more efficient use of campus facilities.

BY MATT DEES  
STAFF WRITER

Ten years from now, the 16 schools in the UNC system could have to accommodate as many as 50,000 more students than it does today.

The Board of Governors plans to make some changes in the UNC system to maintain efficiency and prepare it for the 21st century, according to a report issued Friday.

The increase of college-age citizens comes as baby boomers begin to reach retirement age and see their children go to college.

And the BOG anticipates a greater

number of college-bound students due to an increase since 1990 in the percentage of N.C. high school graduates who enroll in the UNC system.

The long-term plan called for an expansion of off-campus and distance-education programs, more efficient use of available resources on campus and expanded enrollment in summer school.

"A lot of the plan calls for getting the most out of existing resources," said D. Wayne Peterson, chairman of the BOG committee on educational planning, policies and programs.

"But you don't always have to do things the same way to provide instruction effectively."

The growing population of students encouraged the BOG to look for alternative methods of education.

Perhaps the BOG's loftiest goal involves increasing the use of technology to offer classes to students who have

either time or distance restrictions.

The UNC system plans to utilize technology to provide both on- and off-campus students with a convenient and effective education.

According to the plan, the BOG hopes to "identify and implement the most promising applications of technology in support of delivery of instruction and academic and student-support services to place-bound and time-bound students, ready access to worldwide sources of information and more effective teaching, learning and research."

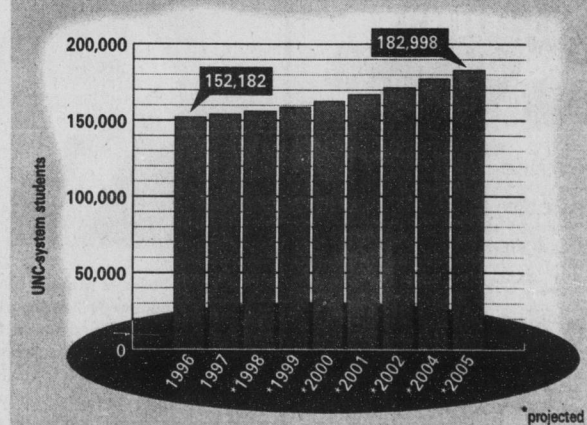
James Sadler, assistant vice president for the planning division of the UNC-system General Administration, said he would like computer courses and conventional courses eventually to become interchangeable.

"We're going to blur the distinction

SEE POPULATION, PAGE 2

## Enrollment on the rise

The UNC Board of Governors released system population information Friday in their long-term planning report. The population increase could lead to some changes for N.C. college students.



SOURCE: UNC-SYSTEM GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

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## INSIDE Tuesday

Win No. 499 and counting

The Tar Heels ran away from Duke for an 83-74 victory Monday night. Page 7

### Today's weather

Partly cloudy;  
low 60s  
Wednesday: showers;  
mid 40s

### Tick, tick, tick ...

Time is running out if you're interested in working for The Daily Tar Heel. Come to an interest meeting tonight at 6:30 in Union 226.

Every crowd has a silver lining.

P.T. Barnum