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## University to require computers for all students

BY WES WHITAKER  
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A new University proposal will require that every UNC student have a computer on their desk by 2004. The proposal, known as the Carolina Computing Initiative, will force entering freshmen to either bring or buy their own personal computers or laptops beginning in the year 2000. Students will have to buy the computers, but there will be no increase in tuition. Financial aid will be available for those students who qualify, Associate Provost Kate McGaughey said. Students who bring their own computers will have to meet the University's

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KATE MCGAUGHEY  
Associate provost

software and system requirements. Other students will be required to buy computers that already meets the requirements. Appropriate computers will be available at Student Stores. Chairman of the Faculty Pete Andrews said, "This proposal is neces-

sary because computers are an essential tool in a student's life."

According to the CCI interim report, the increasing knowledge base, benefits for the educators, competition with other universities and changing expectations of students are reasons why UNC should accept this proposal.

McGaughey said the CCI proposal was based on the fact that more than half the members of the student body already had their own computers.

"We are not issuing a requirement that (most students) are not already paying for," she said.

According to the report, 54 percent of the students in this year's freshman class own their own computer.

"By the year 2000, the percentage of

students owning computers is estimated to be 70 percent, and the numbers will continue to grow," McGaughey said.

The University will meet this growing demand for computers through the CCI.

University officials will choose a major company and develop a contract with it to provide the community with the computers, McGaughey said.

This package deal will drastically cut the cost of a computer to UNC students if they buy their computers from Student Stores.

In the past, most students bought their computers for about \$1,500, she said. "We will be able to sell computers to the students much cheaper,"

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## Officials face challenge of putting plan together

BY NAHAL TOOSI  
UNIVERSITY EDITOR

The concept — a technologically competent student body prepared for a world full of Internet-savvy positions — is sweeping higher education.

The logistics — which include requiring students to purchase a computer and preparing the campus infrastructure to handle the inflow of technological use

— are tougher to digest.

The Carolina Computer Initiative, which Chancellor Michael Hooker will introduce Thursday, is an idea many embrace, but one with many unresolved details.

The plan will require freshmen in the year 2000 to own a laptop computer. UNC expects to grant enough money to

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## Students vote yes on Union expansion

They also approved the creation of a permanent Freshman Focus Council.

BY BETH HATCHER  
STAFF WRITER

Students voted to renovate the Student Union and to create a permanent Freshman Focus Council in student government.

By 68.6 percent, students voted to renovate the Union. Union executives first presented the plan Nov. 24. Its estimated cost of \$13 million will be paid for with student fees.

"This is money we're giving to ourselves," said Amy Lawler, president of the Carolina Union Activities Board.

Union Director Don Luse predicted fees might increase by as much as \$20 to \$30 over a 20-year period.

Lawler said the benefit of having a larger and better Union would outweigh any inconvenience.

"We hope to give back as much as we've been given," Luse said.

Luse said he had been surprised by the support the referendum had received.

"We expected more questions, more concerns," Luse said.

Construction is slated to begin in fall 1999. Lawler said the Union would remain operational throughout the construction.

"The Union construction is not going to be as central as Lenoir (Dining Hall)," said Student Body Treasurer Marc McCollum.

McCollum said he voted for the referendum because he thought the renovation would be beneficial for the entire University.

"We'll wait for the other construction on campus to be cleaned up before we start on the Union," Luse said.

Although Student Body President Mo Nathan created the Freshman Focus Council by an executive order last year, the new referendum will create the council as a permanent part of student government, said Brad Matthews, co-coordinator of the current council.

The referendum was passed with a vote of 85 percent.

"We've encountered virtually no opposition," Matthews said.

"This is something that's going to be good for the whole University."

Matthews said the council would help freshmen get involved in student government.

"It's not that freshmen don't want to get involved; it's just that they don't know how or where," Matthews said.

This year the council has discussed adding freshmen seminar classes, improving C-TOPS and revising The Source, a University guide given to freshmen.

## Walters, Hawthorne to spar in SBP runoff

Reyna Walters had received the most SBP votes as of press time.

BY LAURA STOEHR  
STAFF WRITER

For the first time in UNC history, two women will compete for the student body presidency.

Tuesday night juniors Reyna Walters and Lacey Hawthorne received 1,501 and 1,034 votes to move on to the

Feb. 17 runoff election.

"I'm very happy," Walters said. "I couldn't have asked for more support than I received."

In the past, only three women have run for the presidency and of those, one, Patricia Wallace, won in 1985.

"I'm really excited," Hawthorne said. "We have a lot of work to do. We've got to make sure we keep students caring for this race."

Supporters cheered as the final results were announced naming the two women to face off in a runoff election.

But Hawthorne got close competition from junior Anne Neville, who received 814 votes.

Juniors Charlie Roederer and Danny

Siegle received 400 and 461 votes, respectively.

Last night's results marked a precedent for student elections and came the year the University will celebrate the 100th anniversary of women on campus.

Runoff elections have frequently occurred in past student body elections but did not occur in the past two student body presidential elections.

Walters' platform includes plans to schedule office hours in Lenoir Dining Hall and implement the Student Organizations Council to improve campus communication.

Hawthorne's platform includes plans

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Student body president candidate Reyna Walters (left) celebrates with a supporter after learning she is one of the candidates in next Tuesday's runoffs. For the first time, two women will face off for student body president.



Student body president candidate Lacey Hawthorne waits for election results Tuesday night in Peabody Hall.

## Long-term relationships

BY ALEC MORRISON  
SENIOR WRITER

Mike Roberts and Anson Dorrance hold very different places in the coaching spectrum.

Roberts, North Carolina's baseball coach for the past 20 seasons, will resign his position at the end of this season. He does not want to talk about why he is leaving the job he calls "a thrill every day" and defers comment on his resignation to UNC's Director of Athletics, Dick Baddour.

Dorrance, who has coached UNC's women's soccer program since its inception 19 years ago, is coming off his program's second consecutive NCAA title. He talks of coaching until he's 65 years old and lends his services to athletics department fund-raising efforts, speaking to alumni five or six times a year.

Yet Roberts and Dorrance have plenty in common. Both are former UNC athletes, both love the school that employs them, and both express no surprise that they have spent 40 years combined as coaches in UNC's athletics department.

"I still would want to finish my career here in some capacity," Roberts says. "That's my goal at this

time." That kind of loyalty is a rich vein that flows through UNC's coaching ranks, and it has never been more valuable than at present, when the athletics department appears in a state of flux.

Baddour assumed his duties last summer. Men's basketball coach Dean Smith retired just days before the start of his 37th season, and football coach Carl Torbush replaced Mack Brown when he bolted for Texas just before UNC played in the 1998 Gator Bowl.

Yet UNC's coaches seem more content than ever with the direction the athletics department is taking.

"I think we're all very happy to be here," field hockey coach Karen Shelton says. "It's a wonderful place. Our budget may not be as big, I think I could make more money at another institution, but I do believe that I have the best field hockey job in America. I wouldn't want to go anywhere else."

The vast majority of UNC's coaches feel the same way. The average tenure of the University's head coaches is 12.9 years — even though three coaches at UNC are in their first year

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## Two decades and counting ...

North Carolina's coaching ranks include six coaches who have been at the University for at least 20 years, more than any other ACC school.



DEVON BROUSE  
21 years  
Men's Golf



FRANK COMFORT  
21 years  
Men's Swimming  
Women's Swimming  
Men's Diving  
Women's Diving



KITTY HARRISON  
21 years  
Women's Tennis



BILL LAM  
25 years  
Wrestling



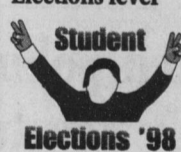
RON MILLER  
31 years  
Men's Fencing  
Women's Fencing



MIKE ROBERTS  
21 years  
Baseball

## INSIDE

Elections fever



See more elections coverage, including stories on voter turnout and on who won the Carolina Athletic Association race, the senior class race, the Graduate and Professional Student Federation race and the Residence Hall Association race. Page 2

Coverage of Student Congress final results will be available Thursday, after the Elections Board finalizes the results.

Today's weather

Afternoon rain;  
High 50s  
Thursday: Partly cloudy,  
High 50s

Everyone lives by selling something.

Robert Louis Stevenson