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## New administration takes official oath

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The soft, sentimental music of St. Elmo's Fire paved the way for a night of thank-yous as the torch was passed from one student body administration to the next Tuesday night in the Great Hall.

But the choked voices of invited students and fellow officers quickly changed to cheers as the crowd leapt to its feet when Student Body President Reyna Walters stood to take her oath. Walters and her executive branch officers were sworn in to replace outgoing Student Body President Mo Nathan.

"It's a day of excitement, most definitely one of the few days I've been able to get my family and friends together," Walters said. "I'm taking on a whole lot of responsibility."

Walters, UNC's first black female student body president, said her election this year was not a coincidence.

She cited the University's celebration of its 100th anniversary of women on campus this year, the Black Student Movement's celebration of its 30th anniversary and UNC system's decision to hire Molly Broad as its president as indications of a changing campus.

Walters said preparing for lobbying the N.C. General Assembly would be her first goal as student body president.

She said she would like to continue Nathan's efforts to lobby the state legislature about giving students one year's notice before passing tuition hikes.

"I have big shoes to fill, most definitely," she said. "I admire him so much."

During his speech, Nathan described his administration as one that took down walls between students and faculty,

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Mo Nathan speaks with Reyna Walters in the Great Hall of the Student Union after her inauguration Tuesday.



Reyna Walters gets a congratulatory hug from a friend following her swearing into office Tuesday evening. Walters and other student officers were inaugurated during the ceremony.

## Student leaders look to use old SRC funds for new renovations

■ The University still has \$450,000 left over from building the Student Recreation Center, which was completed in 1993.

BY BETH HATCHER  
STAFF WRITER

Students might not have to reach as deeply into their pockets as first expected to help finance the Student Union renovation.

Student Body Treasurer Marc McCollum made a formal request Monday for the University to use leftover funds to help finance the Union's renovation.

The funds are left over from the construction of the Student Recreation Center, which opened in 1993. The funds add up to \$450,000, said University Treasurer Wayne Jones.

"We very seldom see extra money laying around, so when we do, we jump," McCollum said.

McCollum said the \$13 million Union renovation, slated to begin Fall 1999, required an increase in student fees.

"This extra money will help offset the increase a little."

The University gained the extra money through interest made on invested funds.

He said he supported student government's proposal that the money be used for the Union renovation.

Although he had no exact figures yet, Jones said funds used for the renovation would only reduce the increase in student fees by a few dollars.

"This won't cut the fees in half, but it will reduce them."

He said he still thought the funds would help. "I've had the idea in the back of my mind for a couple of years," Jones said.

Two years ago the Board of Governors passed a bill that would allow the University to use the leftover SRC money towards any project being built for students, Jones said.

McCollum said the Union renovation required the money because it was such a big project and its completion would benefit all students.

Union Director Don Luse said he and his staff had been looking for extra funds to help reduce the student fees required since the initial stages of the renovation project.

He said he was very excited about the possible use of the SRC money.

"We are looking for anything that helps reduce the projected fees for students," Luse said.

Jones said he would make a formal proposal to use the SRC funds for the Union renovation to the Board of Directors.

Luse said any reduction was good, and he and his staff would continue to try to raise money so that students would not have to pay a big increase in fees.



Outgoing Student Body Treasurer MARC MCCOLLUM requested Monday to use leftover SRC money for the Student Union renovation.

## Most of UNC's major building projects to finish by fall

■ But problems with law school's construction have delayed its completion.

BY PAUL HOBSON  
STAFF WRITER

For months, yellow tape and orange construction cones have saturated the campus as telling reminders that officials have a bright future in store for the University.

But officials from South Building to the power plant expect to wrap up most of the major ongoing projects before students return next fall.

Construction is under way at Kenan Stadium, the Law School and Aycock and Graham residence halls, but the most visible facelift in central campus belongs to Lenoir Dining Hall.

Associate Vice Chancellor for Facilities Management Bruce Runberg said Lenoir renovations were on schedule but there wasn't much extra time to allow for setbacks.

"We feel (contractors) will make it, but it will be tight," he said. "There's always the chance for a snag."

Lenoir Hall should be finished by July 27, but if workers fall behind, they might have to work in two shifts, Runberg said.

The first shift would have regular morning-to-evening hours. The second would run from evening until midnight.

The revamping of Aycock and Graham residence halls is another critical project slated to be finished by fall.

Director of University Housing Wayne

Kuncl said repairs were on schedule.

Assistant Director of Facilities Management Larry Herringdine said the residence halls were approximately one day behind schedule.

He said the contractor was on schedule with little cause for worry.

He also said fire code and safety tests in June and July could cause problems if the work did not meet safety standards.

Should this happen, the University has a backup plan.

"In case Aycock and Graham don't open on time, we'll then use Spencer

(Residence Hall) until they're ready for occupants," Herringdine said.

University housing would postpone planned major renovations to Spencer.

The department felt a housing crunch last fall after closing Aycock and Graham for renovations, forcing many students to live in residence hall lobbies.

Sports venues will also bear new faces next fall if renovations go smoothly.

Kenan Stadium could soon support a full horseshoe of blue-and-white fans.

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## Housing considers banning older model halogen lamps

BY WES WHITAKER  
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The Department of University Housing is considering a ban on older halogen lamps in residence hall rooms to promote the use of safer, less powerful lamps.

A housing department proposal, released last month, stated the lamps and smoking on residence hall balconies were potential fire hazards.

The housing department, which has already banned smoking on balconies, considered banning the use of all halogen lamps.

"We are still reviewing the issue of the halogen lamps," Director of University Housing Wayne Kuncl said.

University Housing had compared safety features of older and newer halogen lamps, he said. Kuncl said the new

lamps were much safer.

"The older, high-heat bulbs offer no protection and are extremely dangerous," Kuncl said. "The new ones have a lower halogen bulb with a protective shield over the top."

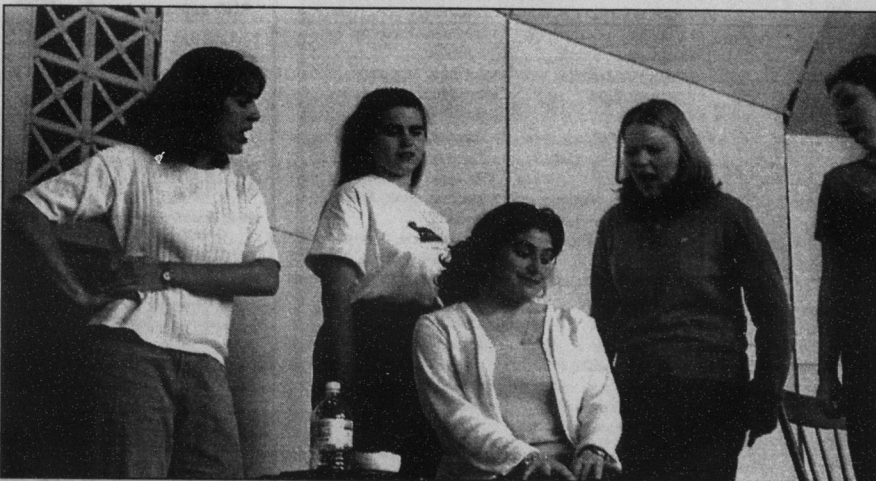
The new lamps will be less dangerous because the shields will prevent dust from getting in the bulbs and causing fires, Student Body Vice President Emily Williamson said. She added that the ban was highly unlikely.

The smoking policy will benefit students, Residence Hall Association President David Jernigan said.

"The number one reason for (the policy) was for safety, and number two for appearance," he said. "Students normally throw their (cigarette) butts on the ground."

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## THE POWER OF XINGU



The women of the Hillsbridge Society Lunch Club chastise junior Laura Criscione's (center) character in a rehearsal of James Legg's opera 'The Power of Xingu.' The production will be performed April 14 and 15 at 8 p.m.

## INSIDE

### Behind the mike



Senior of the week Craig Kocher gives WCHL's play-by-play for UNC baseball and women's basketball. Page 2

### Harrison plans to retire

North Carolina women's tennis coach Kitty Harrison, the ACC's winningest tennis coach, announced that she would retire following the 1998 season, her 22nd in Chapel Hill. Page 9



### Today's weather

Cloudy, late showers; High 70s  
Thursday: Showers clearing; mid 70s.

### Get a job

The Daily Tar Heel needs you to serve as editor for the paper's summer weekly edition or to apply for a fall desk editing position. Jobs in the fall include a Web editor to direct content for the paper's Internet edition. The applications are due Tuesday, and the Editor-select Sharif Durhams will make decisions by April 17. Call Durhams at 962-0245 for more information.

To lead people, walk behind them.

Lao Tzu