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## UNC to Consider Research Center at Airport Site

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UNC officials are contemplating an idea that could turn a Chapel Hill tract of land into a life-science research park. The research park was one of the leading ideas suggested last week by a 17-member panel for the future of the Horace Williams tract located on Airport Road, said panel member and

Provost Richard Richardson.

The panel, appointed by Chancellor Michael Hooker, was created to brainstorm ideas for the 973-acre tract, which will be used as a satellite campus for the University in the future.

The panel will have its first meeting Thursday to discuss uses for the tract of land, said Pete Andrews, faculty council chairman and panel member.

Andrews said the project was in its

beginning stages, and nothing had been formally discussed yet.

But Richardson said the research park had been the leading idea so far.

"If the research park idea goes through, funding will come heavily from private industries," Richardson said.

UNC would then collaborate with the industries to create products, inventions and innovations, he said.

Panel member and Vice Chancellor

for Advancement Matthew Kupec said the first thing the panel planned to do was visit N.C. State University's Centennial Campus on Thursday.

Kupec said panel members thought the Centennial Campus might be used as a model for the research park.

Since the use of the land is just in its preliminary stages, the members plan to hold a public meeting to allow people to propose various uses for the tract,

Richardson said. He said there had been several other ideas on how to use the land. "Some of the ideas have been a freshman campus, low-priced modest housing for faculty and staff and the life-science research park," Richardson said.

Although the land's use has not yet been determined, Andrews said he was sure the land would be beneficial to the community, regardless of the decision. "There's 1,000 acres of land in the

heart of Chapel Hill that the University will put to great use," Andrews said.

Richardson said the tract's availability provided a good opportunity for UNC to use the land boldly. "Although we haven't decided what the land will be used for, it will definitely be a great asset to the University, city and state."

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## Fotopoulos Powers UF Past UNC

The NCAA's all-time leading scorer tallied the biggest goal of her career in the Gators' 1-0 win Sunday.

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GREENSBORO — Danielle Fotopoulos wasn't supposed to take Florida's free kick in the sixth minute of Sunday's NCAA Championship match against North Carolina.

Though Fotopoulos is the NCAA's all-time leading scorer, Florida coach Becky Burleigh usually prefers for senior Kerri Doran to take the Gators' free kicks because Doran has a better knack for converting them.

"Danielle tries those in practice, but she hasn't hit one in practice in the last month," Burleigh said of her star forward's inability to find the net on free kicks. "We said that if we have a shot like that, we want Kerri to take it."

Fotopoulos must have missed that announcement, because the senior All-American would not be denied after getting taken down by UNC defender Lindsay Stoecker on a controversial foul call just outside the Tar Heel goal box.

Fotopoulos approached the ball and drilled a shot with her left foot over UNC's six-player wall and goalkeeper Siri Mullinix into the net for what proved to be the final margin in Florida's 1-0 victory on Sunday at UNC-Greensboro Soccer Stadium.

The Fotopoulos blast from 20 yards out at the 5:23 mark of the match clipped the bottom of the crossbar before going in, leaving Mullinix — one of the nation's best keepers — no chance



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UNC midfielder Rebekah McDowell (6) hugs teammate Rakel Karvelsson following the Tar Heels' 1-0 loss in Sunday's NCAA championship game against Florida. The defeat ended UNC's 70-game unbeaten streak.

to make a save. The shot also helped Fotopoulos earn the offensive MVP award for the Tournament.

"The ball (Fotopoulos) struck was hit about as hard as you can hit a soccer ball," UNC coach Anson Dorrance said.

"Siri was just trying to get her hand above her head, so her hand was going from her waist level to above her head, and the ball was struck so hard that she couldn't get it up fast enough."

The goal was Fotopoulos' second shot

of the day. Mullinix made a sliding kick save on Fotopoulos' first offering, which occurred in the match's third minute.

With Fotopoulos out of the blocks

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## Gators Bite UNC, Claim 1st Crown

Florida defeated UNC 1-0 Sunday in Greensboro to claim a national title in just its fourth year as a team.

By MIKE SUNDHEIM  
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GREENSBORO — Two seasons in a row, the Florida women's soccer team's season ended with a loss to North Carolina.

In 1996, the Gators made it all the way to the NCAA quarterfinals in just their second year as a program, only to see their hopes smashed by the Tar Heels 9-0 at Fetzer Field.

Last season, Florida returned to Chapel Hill in the second round of the NCAA and had similar results, falling 5-0 at Fetzer.

On Sunday, Florida got its revenge. The Gators scored an early goal and hung on for a 1-0 upset of No. 1 North Carolina in the national championship game at UNC-G Soccer Stadium in front of 10,583 people.

"We knew going in that we wanted to play Carolina," Florida senior goalkeeper Meredith Flaherty said. "If you're going to win the national championship, you have to beat the national champions. This is sweet revenge for me."

The victory completes a meteoric rise by Florida (25-1) to the top of women's soccer, just four years after its program was formed by coach Becky Burleigh.

For North Carolina (25-1), the loss snapped a 70-game unbeaten streak and a 46-game win streak.

"For some new program to come in and not only become competitive, but win the whole thing — that achievement is huge," UNC coach Anson Dorrance said. "For them to win a championship in their fourth year is a truly amazing achievement."

Florida did it with an early score and 90 minutes of physical defense. The Gators beat up the Tar Heels, committing 31 fouls to North Carolina's four. But it was one of North Carolina's four fouls that swung the game's outcome.

Just more than five minutes into the match, Florida's Danielle Fotopoulos drove past UNC defender Lorrie Fair and was then challenged by Lindsay Stoecker. As Stoecker and Fotopoulos wrestled for position, both players fell to the ground and Stoecker was whistled for a foul.

Referee Meredith Vandenberg placed the ball just outside of the UNC goal box for a free kick.

Fotopoulos capitalized on the free kick from about 20 yards out. She scorched a left-footed blast that hit the bottom of the crossbar and went into the net, past the outstretched arm of UNC goalkeeper Siri Mullinix.

"She is a tremendous finisher," Dorrance said. "... That was a tremendously powerful strike by Danielle."

The score by Fotopoulos at 5:23 of the match put the Tar Heels behind in a game for just the third time this season.

The Gators then withstood nearly 85 minutes of constant pressure from UNC's offense to hold on for the victory. The Tar Heels outshot the Gators 21-6.

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## Rooms Reflect Christmas Cheer

Students deck their rooms in residence halls with lights, tinsel and trees to share the holiday spirit.

By MONICA MODI  
Staff Writer

Several UNC students are decking the halls in more ways than one this holiday season.

In residence halls across campus, Christmas lights line lofts, tinsel surrounds doors, and holiday banners welcome visitors to suites.

Sophomore Azadeh Rezvani of Chapel Hill pulled all the stops when creating a holiday decor for her room.

She has lights strung around the top of her room and stockings hung where people can see. She even has a tree that sings "Jingle Bells" and wishes people a Merry Christmas.

"I think decorations put everyone in the mood for the holidays, especially with final exams approaching," Rezvani said.

Freshman Melissa Taylor also expressed the need to get into the holiday spirit.

Standing amidst bunches of twin-

ling lights, Taylor said, "Although decorations make the room more festive and they put you in the holiday spirit, it's not exactly Christmas weather here."

Some students said the fun in decorating was to make residence hall rooms more like home.

"It makes my room cozy," said Crista Collazo, a freshman from Fayetteville whose decorations include a miniature Christmas tree.

Sophomore Gianna Miller of Fayetteville said her Christmas tree and candles gave her a similar feeling.

"Decorations remind you that Christmas is coming," Miller said. "You get excited because you go home to see your family and get presents."

In some cases, the holiday spirit has extended beyond tinsel and lights.

Freshmen Rebecca Andrews of Raleigh and Christy Canzonieri of Charlotte have a five-and-a-half-foot artificial Christmas tree in their room.

Their suite is also celebrating the holidays with a potluck dinner on Tuesday and by decorating the suite hallway.

"Christmas is just a special time of the year," Andrews said. "Seeing my room decorated gets me in the

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## Poarch: Relations Key Focus

Police Chief Derek Poarch interviewed every employee in the Department of Public Safety to get their input.

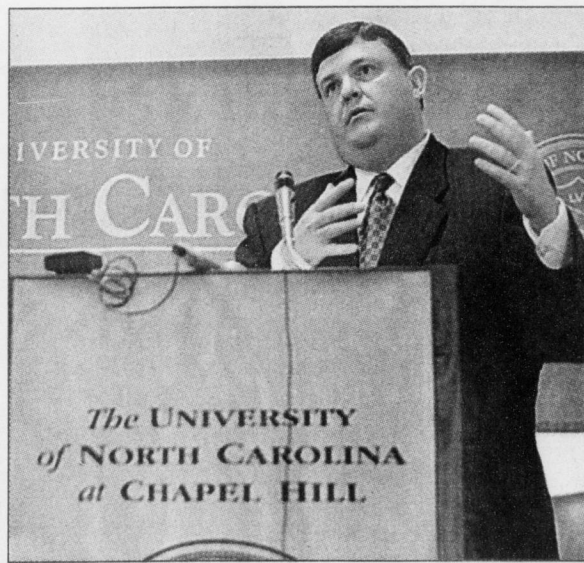
By CARRIE CALLAGHAN  
Staff Writer

When University Police Chief Derek Poarch took the helm of the police force in September, he knew he had to focus on communication within the department of public safety, among other objectives.

In his nearly three months as chief, Poarch has worked actively to improve departmental communication, he said.

Poarch's activities have included a review of the campus emergency committee and interviews with all of the department's 150 full-time employees. He has also created a committee with members of the different departmental divisions to improve communication within the entire department, he said.

Poarch said he had focused on the interviews to determine where the department needed to improve and what actions needed to be taken to



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Since University Police Chief Derek Poarch took office in September, he has worked to improve communication within his department.

achieve that goal. "That's almost six hours every day in interviews," he said. All the current employees have been interviewed, Poarch said. He will spend 30 to 60 days reviewing the results.

The interviews will help him respond to problems highlighted in the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators' report released in March, he said. Problems mentioned included a lack of

respect for officers and bickering within the department.

"I will see how the issues of the employees mirror the report," he said.

Poarch said the interviews allowed him to learn about his employees, an important part of his job. "There's a tremendous learning process for any new police chief," he said. "I don't think

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## INSIDE Monday

### Afterschool Special

Students at Chapel Hill High School began Hate Crime Awareness Week and a petition to amend the state's hate crime statute. See Page 5.



### Season of Giving

Eight inmates at Troy's Southern Correctional Institute are celebrating the holidays by making blankets to donate to area schools and the American Red Cross. See Page 7.

### Today's Weather

Mostly sunny;  
Low 80s.  
Tuesday: Partly sunny;  
High 60s.

### Peace

Today is the last day of classes and the last issue of The Daily Tar Heel for the semester. Look for the Year in Review issue on Jan. 5 and the first issue on Jan. 6 of next year.

Good luck on final exams and have a safe holiday season.

*He that is of a merry heart hath a continual feast.*

Proverbs 15:15