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BOG Approves \$5 Billion Proposal

A plan approved by the BOG should provide \$283 million for renovation and modernization at UNC.

By **MIKE ISKANDAR**
Staff Writer

The Board of Governors voted unanimously last week to approve a five-year, \$5 billion proposal that would change

the face of the UNC-Chapel Hill campus and the entire UNC system.

According to the proposal, the total needs for the Chapel Hill campus amount to \$1.14 billion over the next five years. Of that total, \$283 million would go to the renovation, modernization and replacement of classrooms, offices and lab space.

Jeff Davies, associate vice president for finance in UNC-system General Administration, said the total for UNC-CH was so high because of the campus

age.

"On an older campus such as UNC-Chapel Hill, there have been many needs that have been identified," Davies said.

Jeff Nieman, UNC Association of Student Governments president and stu-



UNC-system President **Molly Broad**

dent member of the BOG, said renovations for the UNC campus would focus on adding new residence halls and improving some of the aging buildings on campus.

All 28 voting members of the board showed full support Friday for a study done by Eva Klein & Associates Consulting Firm.

The study came in response to a request by the N.C. General Assembly to put together a comprehensive review of the present and future needs that the

university system might face in the coming years.

Nieman said the proposed renovations were determined through an evaluation of all the buildings on each campus within the UNC system.

UNC-system President Molly Broad said the proposal included a review of over 800 classrooms and buildings.

"The budget clearly recognizes the role that the UNC system will have in

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Alcohol Program Launched

A past study on alcohol consumption showed most UNC students had a blood-alcohol level of zero.

By **JASON SUGAR**
Staff Writer

The University will target incoming freshmen with a new alcohol program this fall, hoping to present a more realistic picture about campus drinking that will reduce alcohol consumption.

"People think there's a lot more drinking going on than there really is," Rob Foss, manager of alcohol studies at the University Highway Safety Research Center, said.

Matt Sullivan, coordinator of the substance abuse program at the University, said perceptions of college stereotypes promoted drinking through social norms. According to the social norm theory, people conform to what they perceive is normal social behavior.

The new program shows students an objective look at drinking on campus, Foss said.

"It's not preachy," he said. "It's not encouraging drinking, and it's not discouraging drinking."

The program will use statistics from a 1997 University Highway Safety Research Center study where researchers stopped 1,846 students on typical party nights as they returned home to dorms, fraternities, sororities and apartments.

Students were asked how much they had to drink and given a breathalyzer test to determine their blood-alcohol level. Results showed two out of three

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Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs **Susan Kitchen** said she was surprised by the study's results.

Olympics To Alter Parking

Stadium Drive will be closed to traffic except for Special Olympics business and town buses.

By **KAREN JOYCE**
University Editor

The arrival of the Special Olympics World Games means less parking for University staff and students.

A few of the key changes being made on campus include parking relocation and the closing of the Student Union beginning June 24.

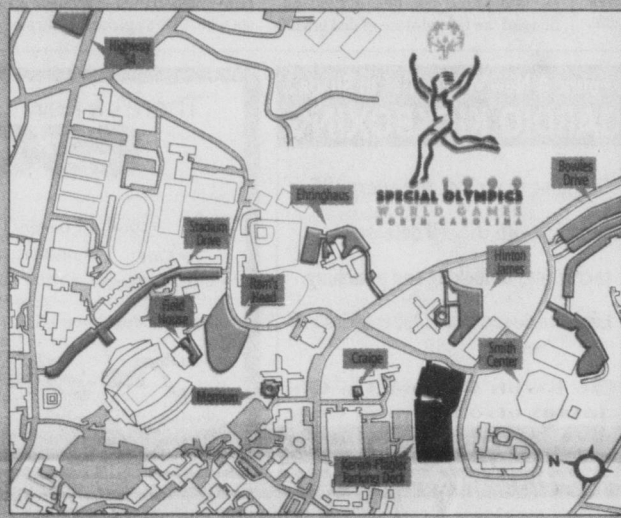
The parking changes include the closing of Stadium Drive to all traffic except Special Olympics business and Chapel Hill Transit Authority buses.

The Hinton James Residence Hall parking lot, the Kenan-Flagler Business School parking deck, F lot and the lot behind the Dean Smith Center will also be closed to University students and faculty. Extra parking monitors will be stationed at the lots in order to ensure cooperation from University staff and students as well as visitors to the Special Olympics, said Aaron Nelson, coordinator of local and University relations.

Student Body President Nic Heinke said an advantage to having the Special

Campus Parking Changes for Special Olympics

With the upcoming Special Olympics World Games, UNC is reworking student and faculty parking to make room for the athletes, coaches, volunteers, families and spectators who will arrive on campus starting June 22. The events begin June 26, and move-in day for coaches and athletes is June 24.



SOURCE: UNC-CH PUBLIC SAFETY WEB PAGE

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What is Going to Be Affected

- Spectator/Permit Parking
 - Highway 54 parking lot
 - Ram's Head parking lot
 - F lot off Bowles Drive
- Reserved: Olympics Operations
 - Stadium Drive
 - Field House parking lot
 - Morrison Residence Hall parking lot
 - Ehringhaus Residence Hall parking lot
 - Craige Residence Hall parking lot
 - Hinton James Residence Hall parking lot
 - The parking lots behind the Smith Center.
- Volunteer Parking
 - The Kenan-Flagler Business School parking deck

Students and faculty with parking permits for these parking lots will be asked to park elsewhere on campus. People with permits for the business school, Hinton James, Ehringhaus, Morrison and the lots behind the Smith Center will be asked to park at Craige Parking Deck. Those with permits for Stadium Drive will be able to park in the Bell Tower parking lot.

Olympics now was that it occurred between summer school sessions.

"There won't be a large demand for parking between the sessions," Heinke said. "Students have lived through worse parking at Saturday football games."

The Student Union will also be closed to students for the duration of the Special Olympics. While all athletic events will be open to the public, the Union will not be open even to families of the athletes, Nelson said.

The 1999 Special Olympics World Games will include five sporting events held at UNC, including basketball, tennis, table tennis, volleyball and aquatics.

The residence halls south of South Road will house the more than 3,500 athletes and coaches, while families of the athletes will stay in hotels throughout the area.

"I think for us as a University this is a tremendous opportunity to showcase ourselves to the world," Nelson said.

"This is the biggest sporting event in 1999."

He also said the University was not worried about potential problems with spectators heckling the athletes at the olympic events.

"The University has made a concerted effort to educate the campus about what's going on," Nelson said.

He said there would be security at all of the Special Olympics events to protect the safety of the athletes. He also

said the ratio of coaches to athletes was very high, and the athletes should be traveling with one or more coaches or volunteers at all times.

Heinke said he hoped students would attend the events on campus.

"(The Special Olympics) is really such a neat event that I think it will even out all the inconveniences."

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Hooker: Cancer in Remission

By **JASON SUGAR**
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Chancellor Michael Hooker declared Wednesday that the cancer he has lived with and battled most of the year was now in remission.

"If you looked at me and you looked at anybody else in the population you wouldn't see any difference in our blood or our bone marrow or our spinal fluid. And that's really very, very positive."

While chemotherapy has weakened his body, the disease has strengthened his resolve and love of the University, Hooker said in a telephone interview.

"One of the nice things, if it can be said to be a nice thing, about having gotten sick is that it has made me intimately associated with and aware of our students. And I think I'll be a better chancellor for that I'm sure," he said.

Hooker said he could not walk without the use of crutches, and said a physical therapist came to his house seven days a week. "Learning to walk again is pretty taxing," he said.

Although he said he felt weaker than when he left in April, Hooker said the cancer, at least for now, had been vanquished from his body. However, that does not rule out the possibility of a relapse later, he said.

"When it's cancer you never want to proclaim complete, total victory," he said.

Before his remission, Hooker said he struggled to survive. "I think I was within inches of losing it," he said.

Hooker credited his recovery to the

doctors at the National Institute of Health and the aggressive use of a new experimental drug. Three chemotherapy sessions, two at UNC Hospitals and one at the National Institutes of Health in Maryland, still remain.

"I have three 'mopping up' sessions to make sure they caught everything. And if I survive those three sessions of chemotherapy, then I can look forward to a very long period of not worrying about cancer."

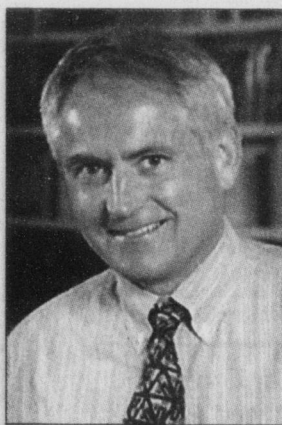
Hooker said frequent conversations with cabinet members kept him apprised of what he was missing while he recovered from the treatments.

While he kept in especially close contact with William McCoy, who assumed Hooker's duties as chancellor, Hooker said he imparted suggestions, not orders. "I didn't try to elbow my way in and run the show on a daily basis. I wanted to give him the space to be the acting Chancellor."

Although still ravaged by the effects of chemotherapy, Hooker said he received assurance from his doctors that he had enough energy to resume his duties. Hooker said returning as chancellor has been a panacea in itself. "It's much better to have a sense of being responsible, being in charge," he said.

The chancellor also discussed campus priorities for the remainder of the summer, including the finalization of the University's budget.

However before finishing the budget, the University needs to find out how much funding it will get from the state, Hooker said.



Chancellor Michael Hooker returned to his position June 1.

Ultimately, after the N.C. House and Senate finish their fiscal tug-of-war, the University will reap an unprecedented amount of funding, Hooker said.

"I think that before the summer's over we'll have a capital budget bill that will give us, in effect, \$500 million," he said.

Though dedicated to his duties as UNC's chancellor, Hooker said his health was more important.

"The immediate priority is to get well, and that almost consumes me."

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Town Approves Rise In General Tax Rate

By **AMY ANDERSON**
Staff Writer

The Chapel Hill Town Council passed the 1999-2000 fiscal budget, which includes a 2.6-cent property tax increase, higher parking fines and 12 new jobs.

Mayor Rosemary Waldorf said approval of the budget was the most important issue that faced the council at Monday night's meeting.

"Adopting the budget is the most important aspect of the meeting," she said.

"Approving plans for a new middle school and transferring management of the solid waste program is important as well, but the budget is extremely important."

The new budget for Chapel Hill property owners changes the existing tax rate of 49.8 cents to 52.4 cents. In addition, the budget raises the fine for parking violations from \$10 to \$15.

The budget was passed quickly Monday due to work done by council members prior to the meeting, council member Flicka Bateman said.

"Monday night was almost a rubber stamping of the resolutions we had already voted for and decided on," Bateman said.

"We started the process in February or March and devoted many meetings and public hearings to just that," she said.

Bateman also said the open commu-

nication between the council members and everyone involved in the budget process made the task easy.

"This was, overall, a very smooth process," she said.

All 11 resolutions and ordinances were passed unanimously with little to no discussion or questions and took less than 10 minutes despite the fact that two council members, Pat Evans and Julie McClintock were not present.

One aspect of the new budget was the implementation of a 4.75% pay increase for Chapel Hill's full- and part-time employees as well as 12 new positions including six new firefighters.

Another change in Chapel Hill's budget involved the increase of capital improvements such as a new fire station, a new fire truck, better sidewalks, landscaping and bike paths.

Council member Joe Capowski said he was not pleased with the tax hike.

"I am very unhappy about the tax increase," he said.

"But, we do recognize these services are labor intensive and we have to keep good people working for the town."

Town Manager Cal Horton said the council members had worked very hard for more than five months in order to make Monday night's session look easy.

Horton said, "The most important part of the budget changes is the continuation of the present levels of services."

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INSIDE

Blue Heaven on Earth



After you finish the crossword, be sure to check out our B section, chock full of informative tidbits about the University and Chapel Hill. Freshmen, this guide contains all you ever wanted to know about downtown restaurants, coffee shops and the UNC experience. See Section B.

Mass Exodus Home

Serbian soldiers and civilians began filling roads, rail stations and bus stations in an attempt to escape Kosovo, fearing retribution from refugees. They return to their homes after NATO and Serb officials signed a peace agreement last week.

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Welcome to the Jungle

The Daily Tar Heel is looking for writers, photographers, designers and copy editors for the second summer session. Come by our office in the Student Union or call 962-0245.

I'd rather have an inch of dog than miles of pedigree.

Dana Burnet