

'49 Alumnus Leaves \$28.6 Million to UNC

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SEPT. 24 — A UNC alumnus has donated \$28.6 million to the University, the largest single gift in the school's history, officials announced Thursday.

The bequest was given from the estate of David Benjamin Clayton, a member of the class of 1949.

Officials said the money would go toward funding more scholarships, restructuring the advising system, endowing the School of Law and building a freestanding black cultural center.

Clayton, who owned a number of H&R Block franchises, died in 1978. Before his death, he requested that the franchises be sold in 20 years and all proceeds given to the University.

Provost Dick Richardson said the late Chancellor Michael Hooker approved the plan to allocate the money before he died of lymphatic cancer in June. "Many of these initiatives were very dear to his heart," Richardson said.

Student Body President Nic Heinke said the beauty of the whole gift was that it would benefit the entire campus. "It's great to see politics step aside and really look at the needs of the University," he said.

A large portion of the money, \$11.8 million, will create a Chancellor's Discretionary Fund to benefit

University priorities.

Gene Nichol, dean of the law school, said the money was part of a package that would allow the school to hire a number of new faculty members, open more scholarships to graduate students and offer a broader curriculum.

Money from the endowment will be used to build a freestanding BCC building. The BCC, founded in 1989, has been pushing for its own building for eight years.

Twelve million dollars, the largest allocation from the Clayton gift, will be used to create 400 National Merit Scholarships. "This will enable us to attract extraordinary students from North Carolina and from around the country," said Jerome Lucido, director of admissions.

The undergraduate advising program will receive \$5 million from the donation.

"I think it's going to have a major impact on advising in the future," said Risa Palm, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Lee Conner, Graduate and Professional Student Federation president, said the gift and its initiatives would improve the intellectual life for everyone involved with the University.

"In terms of a one-time bombshell type of thing, this is it," Conner said. "This is an amazing amount of money."

McCoy Answers Protesters' Demands

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APRIL 26 — After nearly 72 hours of turning South Building into a communal residence hall, students cheered and hugged when acting Chancellor Bill McCoy agreed to their demands concerning sweatshop labor.

While facing pressure from student protests, UNC backed a proposal to require companies that produce UNC apparel to disclose the locations of their overseas factories.

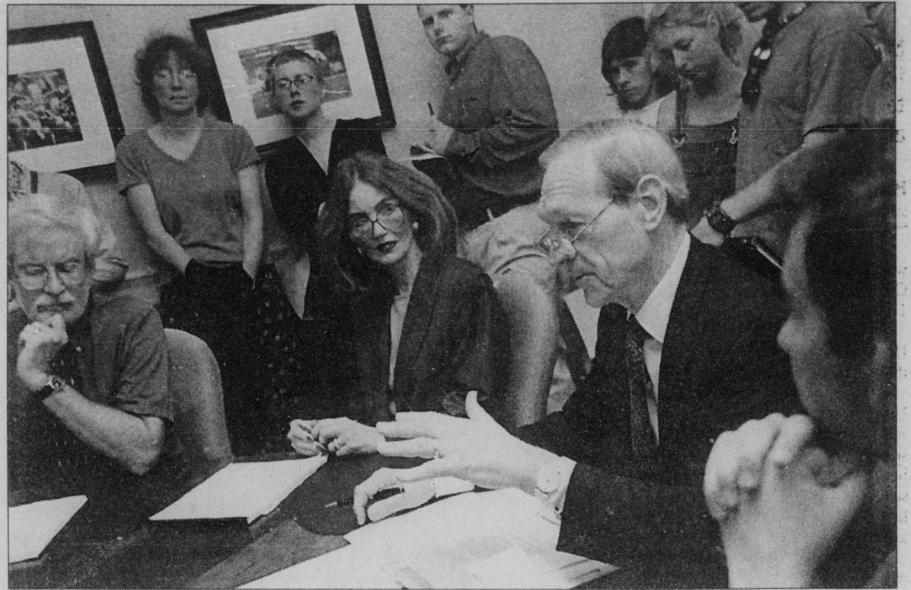
The University also agreed to compel apparel makers to adhere to a living wage agreement guaranteeing that workers will be paid enough to live above the poverty line. McCoy's OK also means UNC will participate in the independent monitoring of the factories, which requires an outside person to investigate its conditions.

The agreement comes after nearly two years of student protest since the University signed an agreement with Nike. UNC is one of the few universities in the nation that is paid to have its athletes wear Nike's corporate logo.

On Friday, about 60 people, composed of students, media and faculty, crowded into a South Building conference room in anticipation of McCoy's decision on protesters' three Initial Proposed Recommendations.

McCoy cut right to the chase and announced his decision three minutes into the 11:30 a.m. meeting.

"I've come to the conclusion that the recommendations proposed and agreed to are consistent with the way our University works," he said Friday as



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Following a three-day sit-in at South Building, interim Chancellor Bill McCoy announced that UNC would back a proposal to require companies that produce UNC apparel to disclose the locations of their factories.

smiles and sighs of relief broke out around the room.

Student protesters have described UNC's agreement as the most aggressive among several colleges that have recently adopted similar agreements. Duke University President Nan Koehane said in February she would

push for full disclosure of factory locations from apparel makers by the end of the year.

For protesters, McCoy's approval of the Recommendations brought an end to a three-day ordeal of missed classes, lost sleep and energized rallies.

Before the Friday meeting, junior

Trevor Presler said if students' demands were not met, he would continue to protest.

"If (McCoy) doesn't sign today, I'm going to go home and get my bed and mattress and put it right there," Presler said, pointing to the center of the South Building lobby.

Heinke Nabs Student Body Presidency

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FEB. 17 — Nic Heinke nabbed the most votes for student body president after a monthlong battle between seven candidates came down to a runoff sprinkled with partisan politics.

According to unofficial results Tuesday night, Heinke accumulated 1,505 votes, while candidate Brad Morrison got 1,380 votes.

"We had an amazing turnout, and it

was a good, fair race," Heinke said. "Everything is just beginning."

Heinke said he would work for everything he had outlined on his platform.

"It is all about making it real for students," he said. "I want to make these things matter."

Heinke's platform called for monthly State of the University addresses, free printing in computer labs and organization of a University Day of Action where students, faculty and staff devoted a day to service.

Morrison said the campaign had been a clean one until the last few days.

"I think things turned into a partisan attack," he said. "The office of (student body president) should be a nonpartisan one."

Though the runoff campaign lasted for less than a week, Morrison attributed partisan tendencies to the endorsements from several student groups.

Progressive groups like Bisexuals, Gay men, Lesbians and Allies for Diversity and the Black Student

Movement endorsed Heinke, while the conservative Carolina Review endorsed Morrison.

Confusion also arose last Thursday after rumors circulated that ex-student body president candidate Amanda Greene would support Morrison in the runoff race, but Greene denied the rumors.

Heinke said he chalked his victory up to the support he received from his campaign staff. "My first priority is to thank a lot of people."



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