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## Legislators Get Glimpse of Capital Needs

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GREENVILLE - While onlookers stood in the back of a crowded room, two UNC-system chancellors painted a verbal picture to state legislators of decaying classroom buildings and a nursing school resembling a trailer park. Chancellors from Elizabeth City State and East Carolina universities voiced their separate concerns Monday to members of the Committee on Higher Education Facilities Needs.

The committee, which will travel to several other UNC campuses in coming weeks, formed last year to study the system's capital needs after the legislature did not approve a billion dollar bond request from UNC-system President Molly Broad to fund buildings. Capital needs have since been a controversial issue for the system, with state coffers running dry and students opposition to fee increases slated for building improvements. "We're here gathering information and having a refresher course in the system's needs," said committee Co-chairman George Miller, D-Johnston. In a crowded classroom that officials said accurately represented reality for

many ECU students, Elizabeth City State Chancellor Mickey Burnim showed pictures of dilapidated buildings on his campus. He also included a picture of the football field with the caption "Our Halftime Locker Room." Elizabeth City State does not have a field house, forcing football players to remain on the field during halftime. "Elizabeth City has been neglected far too long," Miller said. ECU Chancellor Richard Eakin emphasized the school's need for a modern science facilities, saying its chemistry lab was the state's second worst.

The committee also toured ECU's Flanagan Building, a chemistry facility. Members saw corroded pipes, leaky ceilings and hoods that recirculated the toxic air they were intended to remove. A small group of students also participated in the tour. They described labs where they wore winter coats due to a faulty heating system. Corissa Cheek, a senior chemistry major, said equipment forced her to struggle through labs. "Our last lab we couldn't even do because the machine broke," she said. Student BOG member Jeff Nieman also went on the tour. "I think that legislators can now relate firsthand what it

is like to be in an inadequate science lab," Nieman said. Lois Britt, BOG secretary and an ECU alumna, said it was shocking how little the labs had changed since she was a student. "It looks just like it did 30 years ago," she said. Sen. Tony Rand, D-Cumberland, the other committee co-chairman, said he was disappointed in the conditions. "It points out tremendous need," he said. "We've got to do a better job taking care of our schools."

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## UNC Police Get Tough On Tickets

Officials say the parking enforcement team is fully staffed for the first time in more than three years.

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Some students are finding their cash supply flowing to the Department of Public Safety with a recent crackdown on campus parking violations.

Because the parking enforcement division of the UNC Department of Public Safety is now fully staffed, there has been a 60 percent increase in citations from February 1999 to February 2000, said Deborah Hawkins, parking enforcement manager for the DPS.

"This is the first time we've had a full enforcement staff since November 1996," she said.

Hawkins said people had gotten the impression they could park illegally without consequences due to enforcement constraints.

Assistant Director of Parking Services Cheryl Stout said the increase in violations occurred all over campus.

"There's been a tremendous amount of violators," she said. "We've been getting complaints from permit-holders (about others in their spaces)."

Hawkins said the frequency of illegal parking had gone up during the past month but would come back down once people realized parking regulation was again at full force.

"I don't expect the March numbers (of citations) will look anything like the February numbers, and the April numbers will probably be even lower."

The parking enforcement's understaffing have been a result of turnovers and a low unemployment rate in the Chapel Hill area, Hawkins said.

But she said the enforcement had been more visible and consistent since fall.

Junior Brandi Coble, who doesn't have a parking permit, said she had noticed an increase in parking citations in the past few months. "Recently every time I park illegally, I get a ticket."

Coble said she had received two tickets in the past month. "Before it didn't happen as much, but I've not been able to get away with (parking illegally) lately."

Senior Loretta Bates said she had been forced to park illegally because she could not get a parking permit. "I've been on a waitlist for a year,"

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## Search Continues For Housing Head

By DERICK MATTERN  
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University officials are still seeking an enthusiastic housing director after none of the applicants left a rousing impression.

Although the three finalists were well-qualified for the technical aspects of the position, screening committee members said they lacked charisma.

"They didn't represent what we were looking for - out of all three, none stood out as a dynamic individual," said Murray Coleman, RHA President. Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Services Dean Bresciani, who has been filling the job's responsibilities since last semester, said the housing position had been vacant since last summer when former Director of University Housing Wayne Kuncl left the office.



RHA President Murray Coleman said none of the housing candidates stood out as long-term leaders.

He said the committee would find someone soon. "Our goal would certainly be before students arrive next fall." The committee has started over by placing more specific ads in the Chronicle of Higher Education.

Instead of simply calling for an "innovative, accomplishment-oriented individual," the committee has added "enthusiastic" to the description. "I'm looking for an individual who

has the charisma to get the department through the next 20 years," Coleman said. "Someone who has ideas and the spunk and tenacity to get things done."

Earlier this semester, committee members interviewed candidates over the phone to narrow down the list. Applications were solicited using advertisements in administrative journals.

During the last month, the committee has brought the top three competitors to campus for personal interviews.

Mary Hummel, assistant director of housing at the University of Michigan; Frankie Minor, director of resident life at the University of Missouri; and Gerard Kowalski, director of resident life at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, spoke with individual committee members.

"We had a pool that reflected the best of the field," Bresciani said. "But we weren't satisfied; we just didn't feel the chemistry."

Following the interviews, the committee members discussed the pros and cons of each applicant and came to the consensus that they needed to continue looking, Coleman said.

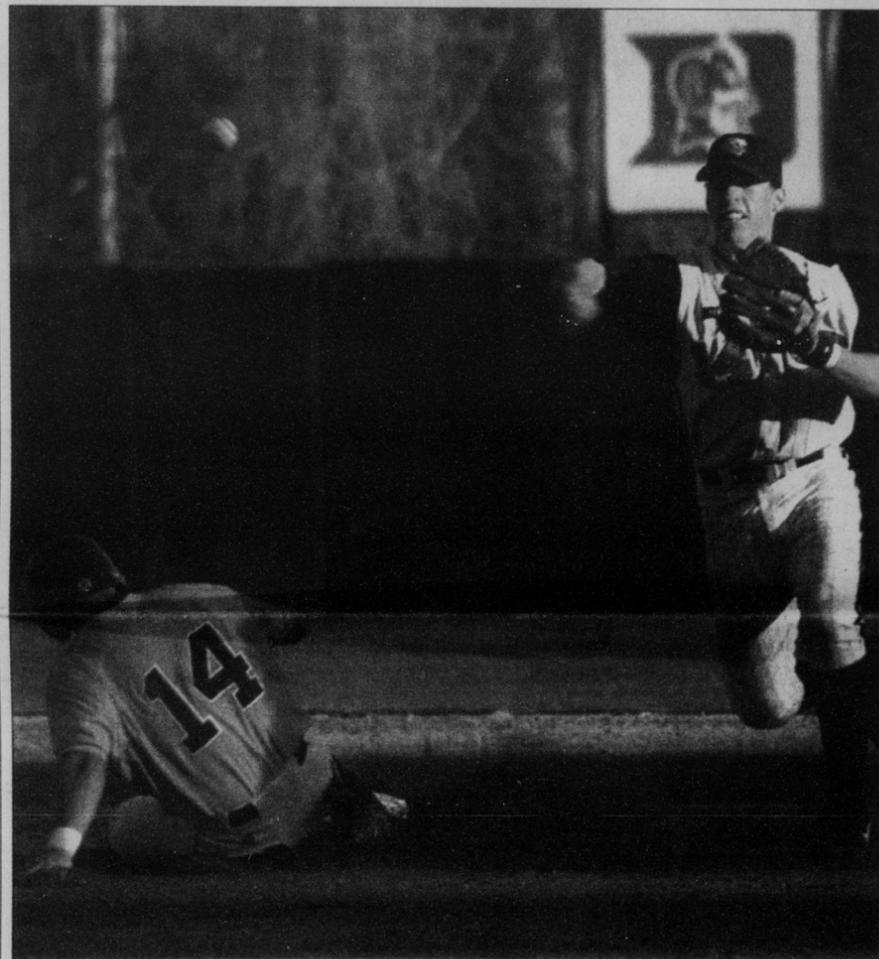
Finding qualified applicants had been easy because the job involved a department that was in sound financial shape and would be starting several building projects soon, said Sue Kitchen, vice chancellor for student affairs.

But she said the new director would also augment the senior leadership team of the University, so it was important that he or she mesh with the present administrators and student leaders.

She said, "I think we have a wonderful job and haven't found the right person yet."

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## TWIN KILLING



DTH/JEFF POULAND

UNC shortstop Clay Hooper forces out Western Carolina's Charlie Wands at second base en route to completing a 4-6-3 double play in the seventh inning Tuesday. The No. 2 Tar Heels improved their record to 17-0 after defeating the Catamounts 11-8 at Boshamer Stadium, setting a school record for wins to begin a season.

## GPA's Rise Throughout System

UNC officials say the rise in GPAs is the result of a higher quality of student, not grade inflation.

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Schools throughout the UNC system have seen their aggregate grade point averages increase in the past decade, but most administrators are not convinced that grade inflation is the cause.

GPA data from seven state universities showed that UNC-Chapel Hill, N.C. State University, UNC-Wilmington, Appalachian State University, East Carolina University and UNC-Pembroke all saw GPA increases in the last 10 years. UNC-Charlotte experienced a decrease.

Unlike officials at UNC-CH who are trying to combat grade inflation, administrators from several UNC schools said Scholastic Aptitude Test scores and high school GPAs showed that the quality of students was improving.

Bill Ward, ASU associate vice chancellor of academic affairs, said, "Like many institutions, our SATs are higher than 15 to 20 years ago and even five

### Grade Inflation Across the UNC System

As grade inflation becomes a hot topic at the University, other officials around the system say higher grades at their respective schools have not set off any panic buttons.

School	Past GPA	Present GPA	Change
UNC-CH	1990: 2.82	1999: 3.0	up 18%
UNC-C	1991: 2.76	1999: 2.72	down 4%
UNC-W	1990: 2.55	2000: 2.79	up 24%
N.C. State	1990: 2.646	1999: 2.817	up 17%
ECU	1992: 2.55	1999: 2.73	up 17%
ASU	1991: 2.70	1998: 2.86	up 16%
UNC-P	1994: 2.51	1999: 2.54	up 3%

SOURCE: UNC-SYSTEM SCHOOLS

years ago." UNC-CH faculty are discussing a plan that would lower the University's aggregate GPA from 3.0 to 2.7, the ideal average, according to a Faculty Council Committee report released Feb. 11.

Officials said the move would restore integrity to the University's grading system and heighten the educational value of a UNC-CH diploma.

Although UNC-CH and many other UNC-system schools are seeing a GPA increase, Gary Barnes, UNC vice president for planning, said grade inflation was an issue best dealt with on individual campuses. Administrators and faculty senate members at schools other than UNC-CH said they had not submitted

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## Students Start Up Internet Enterprises

Founders of StartEmUp.com are holding an interest meeting tonight to explain the rules of their contest.

By MEGAN BUTLER  
Staff Writer

In the age of communication technology, the Internet is a gold mine for business entrepreneurs. And for college students, what is the glorious part of the wealth?

It is that 20-somethings are heading up the Internet Revolution.

Four Duke University seniors are capitalizing on the riches of the dot.com craze to help other college students hoping to make their mark on the World Wide Web.

They have built their own Internet company based on the idea that the Internet epitomizes a new kind of business. And they are betting that college students are the best ones to harness its potential.

That's how StartEmUp.com came about. The four founders, Matthew Weiss, John Quintiliani, David Huang

and Brad Minsley, call it "the Web's first dorm-room incubator."

Their goal is to facilitate other college students' dreams for Internet-based companies.

But to get help, students must prove the worthiness of their ideas by submitting them in a contest.

There will be an interest meeting tonight at the Carolina Inn for prospective applicants to hear more about the contest and meet the founders.

The four have challenged teams of college students to make their own dot.com dreams come true despite academic demands and the shortage of funding by coming up with the best dot.com company.

The contest is open to student teams from N.C. State University, UNC-Chapel Hill and Duke. Students will enter their ideas online, and the winners will be chosen sometime in April.

The winning students will earn a prize that would be the envy of any entrepreneur.

StartEmUp will provide office space in Durham, complete with DSL connection speed and all the necessary

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## INSIDE Wednesday

### Wired Community

N.C. Community Colleges have established a program to offer online courses to working parents and other residents who do not have time to attend regular classes. See Page 4.

### Playing It Safe

Local school kids are getting valuable lessons in safety from a new group that encourages children to think about accidents before they happen. See Page 5.

### A Senator's Plea

Sen. Robert Cooper urged UNC, students and the community to fight against underage drinking at a Students Against Destructive Decisions forum on Tuesday. See Page 5.

### Today's Weather

Sunny;  
Low 80s.  
Thursday: Sunny;  
Low 80s.

It is not the great temptations that ruin us; it is the little ones.

John W. De Forest