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Bond Proposal Handed to Voters

Gov. Jim Hunt will approve the bond proposal, which will be placed on the ballot in November.

By WORTH CIVILS
City/State & National Editor

The fate of the \$3.1 billion bond package for facility improvements and additions at state universities is now in the hands of N.C. voters.

The N.C. General Assembly unanimously voted last week for the bond referendum to be on the ballot in November. Gov. Jim Hunt will sign the bill today, titled the Michael K. Hooker Higher Education Facilities Financing Act, in a ceremony this morning on the Capitol grounds in Raleigh.

The bond package is the largest ever in the state, with \$2.5 billion marked for renovations and new construction at UNC schools and the remaining \$600 million benefiting community colleges.

Last summer, the House and Senate could not agree on the bond referendum. The Joint Select Committee on Higher Education Facilities Needs was formed to keep legislators informed of the UNC-system schools' needs. After touring all 16 schools over the past year, the committee made a recommendation for bond funding to the General Assembly.

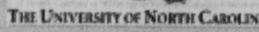
Sen. Tony Rand, R-Cumberland, said the House and Senate considered the committee's recommendation before

UNC must now lobby voters to get bond passed
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Michael K. Hooker Higher Education Facilities Financing Act



UNC System
\$2.5 Billion



NC Community Colleges
\$600 Million



North Carolina Community College System

compromising with the referendum. "The House insisted on a referendum being a part of the process," Rand said.

"It was the only way to get it done."
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\$3.1 Billion at Stake in Nov. Referendum

By CHRIS STEGALL
Staff Writer

A \$3.1 billion bond package could finance needed renovations at University of North Carolina system schools pending the approval of voters in the upcoming November referendum.

UNC-Chapel Hill would be the main beneficiary, receiving almost \$500 million to renovate old facilities and build new ones.

"I think it would be hard to overstate the importance of this bond and the referendum," said Chancellor William McCoy.

"We have tremendous needs for

repairs and renovations of laboratories and facilities," McCoy said. "We also have significant needs for new facilities."

Student Body President said the bond is crucial to the future of the entire UNC system.

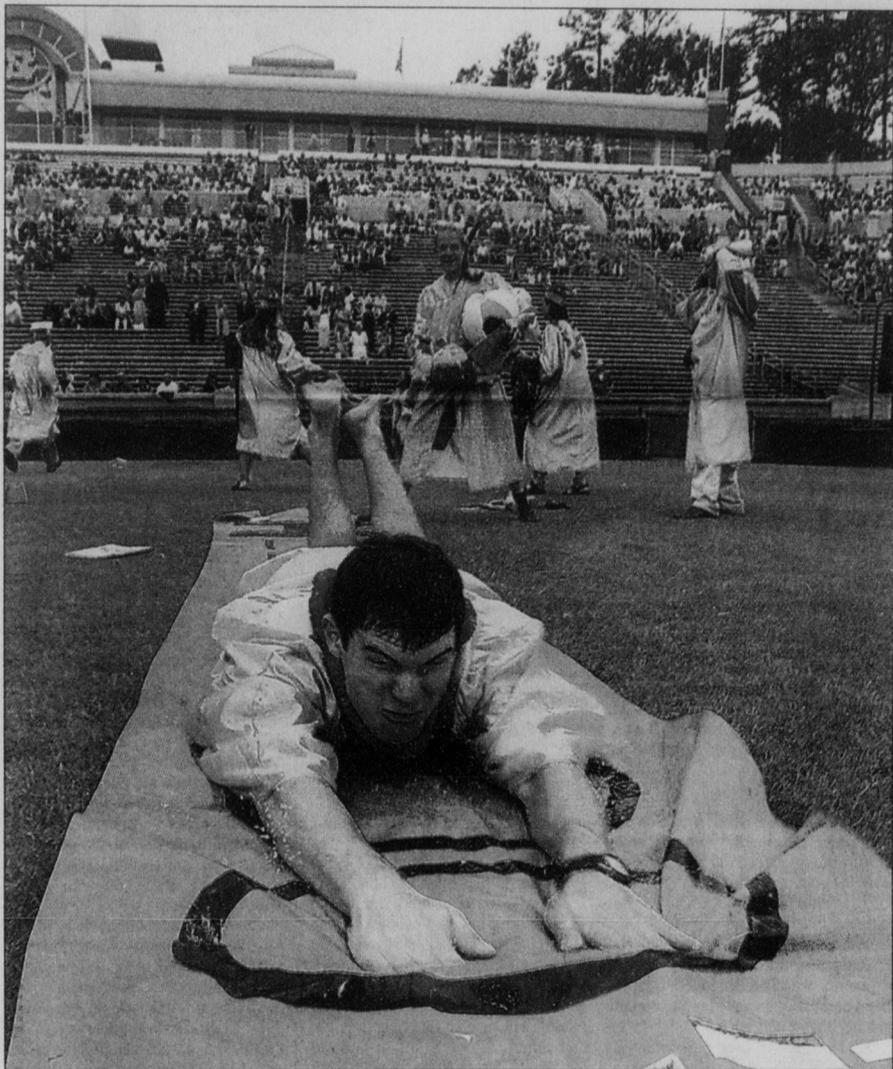
"It's our big chance," Matthews said. "This has to pass if we're going to move forward in the next century."

Jeff Niemann, a non-voting student member of the Board of Governors, described student support for the bond issue as a "no-brainer."

"I don't really see there being a significant amount of student opposition at all," Niemann said. "Now, I think it's

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SLIP SLIDIN' INTO THE FUTURE



DTH/ JEFF POULAND

A graduating UNC senior slides on a Crocodile Mile during the commencement festivities Sunday at Kenan Stadium. Many attendees got wet earlier in the morning due to rain that cleared up just before the ceremony began. See graduation story and more photos on page 4.

Speaker Urges Involvement

UNC Alumnus Eizenstat emphasized the importance of public service to grads in his commencement speech.

By JENNIFER BROWN
Staff Writer

Before a rain-soaked audience gathered in Kenan Stadium Sunday morning, Deputy Secretary of the Treasury and alumnus Stuart E. Eizenstat delivered a commencement speech with a focus on public service.

Eizenstat urged graduates to take what they have learned during their time at the University and give back to their communities.

"Along with teaching and research, public service is one of the three pillars upon which this great institution has been built," he said.

However, Eizenstat said he was concerned over the role of public service, citing a lack of participation during past years.

Eizenstat then called on graduates to become involved in public service through participation in government service or in private volunteerism.

"It is up to your generation to pick up our slack and to restore idealism and service to this nation's agenda," he said.

Eizenstat, a 1964 Phi Beta Kappa graduate in political science, said he came to the UNC as a freshman with few expectations. His presence in Chapel Hill during the early stages of the civil rights movement encouraged his future role in serving the public.

"Being at Chapel Hill at the dawn of the civil rights movement gave me a determination to help correct the injustices of the disadvantaged," he said.

"I watched sit-ins, started by students only a few miles from this stadium, set off very powerful emotions in Chapel Hill and across the South."

Eizenstat ended with a motivational message to the graduates.

"So I ask you to set an example not only for your generation but for my



DTH/ EMILY SCHNURE

UNC alum Stuart Eizenstat, Deputy Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, spoke at Commencement about public service.

generation and your parents' generation by making a lifetime commitment to public engagement," he said.

While some graduates agreed with Eizenstat's message, many said they would rather give back to their communities through involvement in religious or private organizations.

Rick Babaoff, a graduating senior in business, said the speech drove home a good point, but it's goal was far-fetched.

"What Eizenstat said seemed idealistic, as far as taking a part in government. I do not see myself participating," Babaoff said. "Public service is something I would rather pursue in private."

John Stonestreet, a graduating senior in communication studies, said he liked the focus of the speech but felt it was out of place.

"I don't know if the content was appropriate for a graduation speech," he

said. Tak Hirata, a graduating senior in chemistry, said he was uninspired and felt the speech fell on deaf ears due to the excitement of the seniors.

"An inspirational, congratulations-on-your-achievements, good luck speech would have been much more appreciated," he said.

"I felt as if I was being instructed to the very last minute."

"Traditionally, I think the graduates have been too excited to pay much attention to the graduation speaker. Our class

was no exception."

As Deputy Secretary, Eizenstat is the second-highest ranking official at the Treasury Department. He is also a representative to the president secretary of state on Holocaust issues.

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STUART EIZENSTAT
Commencement Speaker

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Edwards Becomes Interim Provost as Search Continues

By MARK THOMAS
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With Dick Richardson set to end his four-year tenure as provost on July 1, the search for his replacement continues.

The search for a new provost began in May 1999 at the behest of the late Chancellor Michael Hooker.

"After Chancellor Hooker's health turned, we suspended our search until a new chancellor was in place," said Jeffrey Houpt, chair of the Provost Search Committee and dean of the School of Medicine. Now that a new chancellor has been appointed, the search has resumed.

Richard Edwards, dean of the School of Social Work, is set to take over

Richardson's position in an interim capacity for the duration of the search.

Interim Chancellor Bill McCoy, who selected Edwards with the help of Chancellor-elect James Moeser, said he believed the position of provost will be in good hands.

"He will do a great job picking up where Provost Richardson left off," McCoy said.

Edwards noted that his new role will be quite different than his current role. "It's a new challenge. It's a very big job," he said.

Richardson said Edwards would be facing some serious issues upon taking his seat in the provost's office.

The impending bond package and faculty salaries will be challenges



Richard Edwards (left) will be stepping in as interim provost to fill the shoes of the departing Dick Richardson.

Edwards must face, Richardson said.

"My role as interim (provost) is to act as a bridge between Dick Richardson and whoever is appointed the position. I don't see myself making any major

changes," Edwards said.

The provost acts as chief academic officer and sets priorities for the school's academic programs - a job vital to the success of the University, Houpt said.

Houpt noted that the selection of the next provost will have major ramifications for students as an estimated one-third of University faculty are expected to retire within the next seven years.

"The provost has an enormous influence on who will be filling those faculty positions," Houpt said.

Student Body President Brad Matthews said the appointment of a new provost is an important student issue.

"The provost has enormous bearing on recruitment of faculty, and on how the school's budget is spent," Matthews

said. "These are issues that have significant impact on all students."

As with the search for the University's ninth chancellor, the search committee is tight-lipped about possible candidates.

"The reason for this silence is that we are talking to people seated at other institutions who don't want their current positions jeopardized," Houpt said. "We just don't want to lose our best candidates."

Houpt said the search for a Provost could go on for months.

"I can't predict how long it will go on," he said. "It could very well go on as long as the chancellor search."

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INSIDE Thursday

Weekend Diversions

Wanna get some new music or catch a movie this weekend? Read our reviews of the new CDs by Pearl Jam and Phish. And we'll tell you if you should shell out your hard-earned cash to see the new movies "Dinosaur" and "The Big Kahuna." See Page 9.

A Golden Opportunity

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I never let schooling interfere with my education.

Mark Twain