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lion benefitting community colleges. Nieman said the board members could campaign for the bond by speaking and lobbying around the state. But he said UNC employees cannot legally campaign for the bond since the state paid their salaries.

The BOG also named co-chairs for the different steering committees of the campaign. According to N.C. Citizens for Business and Industry, the group organizing the campaign, co-chairs include Jim Broyhill, former U.S. senator; Dr. Leroy Walker, former N.C. Central University chancellor; William J. Armfield IV, president of Spotswood Capital, LLC and Hugh McColl, chairman and CEO of Bank of America.

Last week, NCCBI also named four honorary co-chairs: Gov. Jim Hunt and former governors Jim Martin, Jim Holshouser and Bob Scott.

"The bond proposal is critical to help our community colleges and universities prepare for the future," NCCBI President Phil Kirk said in a press release. "We couldn't be more pleased that these great citizens have agreed to lead our efforts on behalf of higher education in North Carolina."

Before the bond campaign, Nieman said he and the other BOG members spent much of their time this past year examining the tuition hike, which they passed in February as a 2.1 percent system-wide hike, and individual increases for five UNC schools, including \$600 at UNC-CH and N.C. State University.

Cecil said that even though the BOG passed the tuition hike, "(Nieman) did a good job of expressing his viewpoints (on tuition)."

Nieman said he saw the tuition battle as both a high and low point during his time on the BOG.

He said the proposal was initially for

a \$2,000 boost for UNC-CH. "I'm happy it was decreased, but it's still a substantial amount," Nieman said. "It opened the flood gates to tuition (hikes) across the state. There's no way money should make the decision of where to go to school when it's a state school."

As a positive from the tuition battle, Nieman said, "It was a victory in that we've seen a mobilization of students."

Nieman said the final highlight from his past year on the BOG was helping the victims from Hurricane Floyd's flooding. He said the BOG raised \$10,000 for ECU students affected by the flooding, encouraging another donation of \$100,000 by Walter Davis.

Other than his work with flood relief, tuition and the bond, Nieman said his BOG experience has taught him how to relate and communicate with people.

Nieman, who grew up in a trailer park in rural Orange County, said relating to the BOG members took some time. "I was a poor kid thrust in with rich, older people," he said. "I began to relate to them - a lot of them were once poor kids. Once I could relate to them on a personal level, it made working with them professionally easier."

Cecil said Nieman had many qualities that made him an asset to the BOG and allowed him to serve as the liaison between students and the board.

"He was personal, bright and easy to talk to," Cecil said. "He raised some good issues from the student and university perspective. He could see all sides of the equation."

Nieman said his communication and public relation skills allowed him to land his current marketing job with GoTo Auctions, a search engine for auction sites on the Internet. He said, "I was given a chance because I had communication skills and do a good job of relating to the outside world."

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Census on Schedule Despite Problems

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The quest to count every man, woman and child in Chapel Hill, Durham and surrounding areas is drawing to a close, despite employment difficulties.

With 19 percent of the households left to count in its eight-county area, the Durham office of the U.S. Census Bureau continues to seek employees to finish the final leg of the door-to-door phase of the census.

Jerry Stahl, media director of the Charlotte regional census office in charge of five states, said this final phase was called the "non-response operation." Stahl said that if any household turned in their mail-home census past the April 18 deadline, did not mail their form at all or experienced mailing errors, a census enumerator went to those houses.

Conducted every ten years, the national census collects population statistics for redistributing seats in the U.S.

House of Representative and apportioning some federal funding.

Since April 1, Census 2000 offices around the country are working to finish their count by July 7. At the beginning of June, 92% of American households had been accounted for.

In North Carolina, Durham's census office has faced the most adversity completing the census, falling short of the national average by 11%, Stahl said. Currently, Durham's count is 81% complete. "By no means is Durham behind schedule," he said. "They are still on track."

Employment problems is one reason for Durham's slower pace. Stahl said metropolitan areas are problematic to census enumerators. Because of low unemployment, census offices have more part time than full time employees, which creates a shortage of available hours in which employees can work.

To finish the workload, Durham is still in the process of hiring new enumerators. But Stahl said this is not an unusual occurrence.

"A challenge for any (census) office is employment," he said. "All offices are currently recruiting and still coming up against some problems to do the work."

Despite these complications, Chestnut said the Durham office plans to complete the count one week ahead of the deadline.

"June 28 is the target date for the door to door census operation to finish, although we have until the first week of July," he said.

Although some areas of the state are ahead of the Durham region, most plan to finish their count at the same time.

The Raleigh census office has only 7% of Franklin and Wake counties' households left to collect. The Wilmington office is the closest to completion out of the 13 districts in the state responsible for collecting census data.

Jeanne McCurley, partnership specialist for the Wilmington census office, said that out of nine counties, the census office had only 400 more households left to record.

"We're hoping to be done in a few

days," she said.

Although North Carolina's population increase will not garner an additional representative in the House, Stahl said, this year's census will help government officials distribute federal funds totaling \$185 billion. He said this money is distributed toward road, water and sewer construction and school funding.

Statistics provided by the census also help businesses such as Wal-Mart and McDonald's determine where to locate franchises and help local governments determine city planning, Chestnut said.

Stahl said the public should not fear retribution if they do not participate in the census, although an accurate count is ultimately in the public's best interests.

"If there is a 'punishment' for not being counted, it's the loss of money in your community," he said. "If a household is missed, you're losing tax money from the government - either your tax revenue goes up, or services are lost."

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be reviewed during its fourth year of implementation.

Officials from both universities said they expect the scholarship program to be an exciting recruitment tool.

"Everyone will benefit, not just the Robertson scholars," McCoy said. "(The donation) will enable us to make sure that this program develops and matures in the right way."

Keohane added that the program will help to facilitate better communication between the schools through technological advances.

"One of the things we hope this program will do is to link technology more imaginatively," she said.

Discussion concerning the fund's

development began about three years ago, with the help of late UNC Chancellor Michael Hooker. The program will be managed by a committee consisting of four faculty and administrators from each institution and will be chaired in alternating two-year terms by the deans of the arts and sciences programs at both universities.

Program operations will be based at UNC, with the director reporting to the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Risa Palm, dean of Arts and Sciences at UNC, said officials will begin a search for the program's director in the hopes of finding one before the start of the fall semester.

At press time, an interim director for the scholarship program had not yet been named.

"Until we had the gift, we couldn't

start (the search)" Palm said.

Robertson, who grew up in Salisbury, graduated from UNC in 1955 with a degree in Business Administration. He is the founder and chairman of Tiger Management LLC, the world's largest hedge fund group. Josie Robertson is a member of UNC's Board of Visitors.

Robertson said he hoped the gift fulfills its intended purpose.

"Scholarships to attend the best public university in the nation and the best private university should attract the best

scholars in the nation," he said.

Each university has nothing to lose by participating in the program, he said.

"Win Carolina, win Duke," he said.

McCoy and Keohane praised Robertson for his contribution to the state and to higher education.

"In Chapel Hill, we are particularly proud of Julian," McCoy said. "He's not forgotten his roots."

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rooms in Greenlaw Hall and two in Davie Hall will gain wireless capability.

Moore said plans were also being made for network access in the Pit and Lenoir Dining Hall.

Wireless connectivity is made possible by small transmitters attached to a wall on a building. These access points are connected to the campus network. Laptops pick up radio signals sent by transmitters from a wireless adapter attached to the computer.

Once the signal is connected, students can use any network application, like email or the Web.

The wireless connection is faster than a standard "copper wire" Ethernet connection, which is 10 megabits.

The bandwidth of the transmitter boxes is currently at 11 megabits. Officials said an updated version that transmits at 22 megabits will be available in coming months.

Moore said the current 11 megabit

laptop cards will work with the future 22 megabit access points. But as technology develops, the next speed leap to 54 megabits will render the old cards unusable with newer access points.

Officials said one plan to address this problem is to make adapter cards available for check out in campus libraries.

The new wireless connectivity is also comparatively inexpensive compared to the cost of furnishing network outlets for every student in a classroom, Moore said. The transmitters cost about \$2,000 each, while the cards cost a little more than \$100.

The cost of wiring old buildings would be raised by the need to remove asbestos. Along with this cost would also come extensive building renovations needed to allow for the installation of wall jacks.

Wake Forest University went wireless in on-campus dormitories several years ago. Most classrooms at WFU provide Internet connection points via jacks.

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