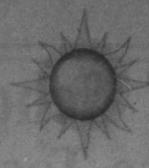


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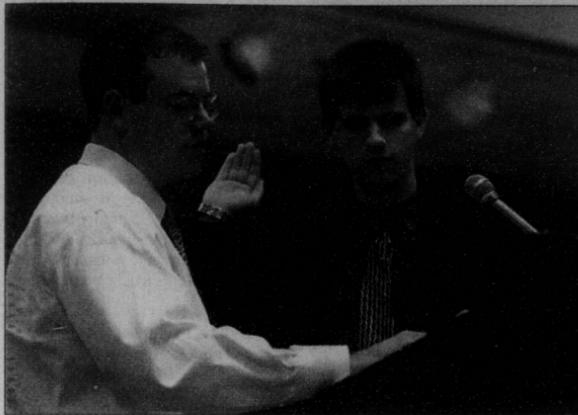
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Andrew Payne is sworn in as president of the UNC Association of Student Governments by former President Cliff Webster.

## N.C. State Student Wins ASG Post

By KATHLEEN HUNTER  
State & National Editor

RALEIGH – Members of the UNC Association of Student Governments selected N.C. State University's Andrew Payne as their president Thursday night, hoping to put a second scandal in two years behind them.

Payne, who won 20-18 in a runoff vote against UNC-Chapel Hill's Liz Gardner, will now assume the ASG president's student seat on the Board of Governors today at the board's September meeting. "I think this is sort of a new day for ASG," Payne said shortly after he was sworn into office. "We have some exciting things to come."

Initiating a massive fund-raising campaign to increase ASG's budget, ensuring that the state's historically black colleges and universities are funded fairly and increasing the association's internal efficiency were all major planks of Payne's platform.

He also stressed the importance of formulating a contingency plan to help the ASG respond if a \$3.1 billion bond referendum to fund capital improvements at the state's universities and community colleges fails Nov. 7.

Three other candidates – James Bryant of UNC-Greensboro, David Chesley of Western Carolina University and Richard Wheelahan of Appalachian State University also ran

for the post, but did not attain enough votes to participate in the runoff.

Thursday's special election was called when Cliff Webster, who was elected ASG president in April, decided to resign after reports surfaced that he was arrested on two counts of larceny this summer. Last September, the ASG also held a special election to replace former President Nick Mirisis, who stepped down after admitting to plagiarizing a paper at UNC-Charlotte.

Webster began the meeting with his official resignation, consisting of a brief speech in which he thanked delegates for attending the meeting on short notice, and then he slammed unnamed student body presidents for calling for

his resignation. "The politics I hate so dearly ran rampant through much of the general body," he said. "If I represented the students of this university (system), I would not have had to think twice about this decision. I would not be resigning."

The role of ASG president has become too centered around what BOG members think, as opposed to actually serving students, Webster said.

With a parting word of advice to his association, Webster then moved on to the election of his successor. "If you touch one heart, one life or one education, you have done your job."

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## Officials Release Final Master Plan

UNC leaders premiered a new, comprehensive plan for campus growth but have not yet secured funding.

By KIM MINUGH  
University Editor

The University's nebulous yet widely discussed Master Plan is one step closer to being a clearly defined reality.

Top UNC officials met Thursday to witness the unveiling of the Final Comprehensive Plan, which was completed after environmental firms Andropogon Associates and Cahill Associates spent the summer assessing UNC's ecological features.

Late Chancellor Michael Hooker conceived the Master Plan in 1998 as a blueprint for future University growth.

The main goal for the plan is to allow for the campus' physical growth, while still serving UNC's threefold mission of teaching, research and public service.

"It's going to be a fluid plan that can change," said Adam Gross from Ayers Saint Gross, the firm hired to begin the plan's first projects.

The plan maps out construction projects that will use existing free space on campus and demolish some structures to establish recreational space.

It focuses on bringing the trademark essence of North Campus to South Campus, an area that is dominated by isolated buildings and roads that inhibit student interaction.

But no definite timeline exists for the plan, as construction only will continue as funds become available through private funding or endowments.

Linda Convisor, project director for campus planning and facilities services, said no priority list exists to guide construction as officials obtain money.

But officials continue to forge ahead

with the creation of the Master Plan.

Odum Village, the University's housing for married students, is targeted to be demolished and relocated to an area that will be determined later.

And new residence halls will add 3,000 beds across campus.

Nearly 1.2 million gross square footage is scheduled for condemnation, including Venable Hall, while 6.8 million gross square feet are earmarked for residence halls, buildings or parking decks.

The entire package entails 7.4 million gross square feet of construction. It also calls for the destruction of South Campus parking, freeing up 27 acres of land.

The parking will be replaced by parking decks that will be topped by a grassy quad to beautify the structure.

The proposed grassy quads are just one example of how the committee hopes to increase environmental presence on campus. "This process is not only about protecting what we have, but restoring what we've destroyed," said Michelle Cahill of Cahill Associates.

Although no additional land has yet been purchased, Master Plan officials are considering tracts of land south of South Campus.

But residents in that area, namely the Mason Farm neighborhood, are concerned that the University has not included them in Master Plan decisions.

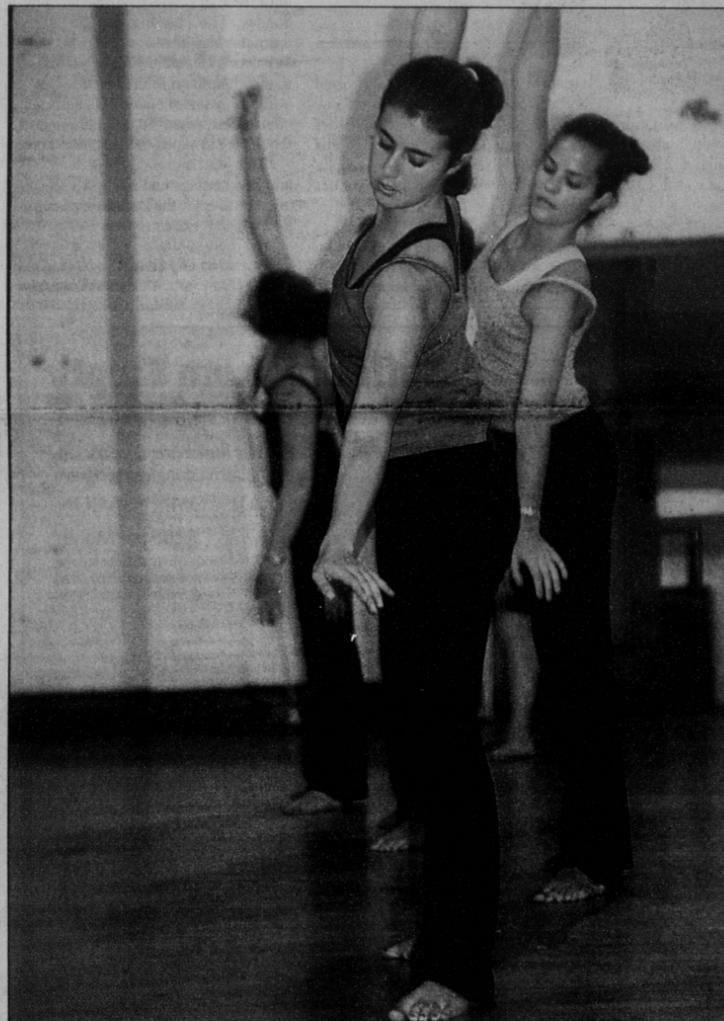
Diana Steele, a Mason Farm resident and owner of Willow Hill School, said the plan worries her. "It is very unpleasant to have this hanging over our head for an indefinite amount of time."

A forum will be held Sept. 27 to allow students, faculty, staff and Chapel Hill residents to air concerns and ask questions.

Convisor said she thought Thursday's meeting was the most successful to date. "Communication will go on from here to see if we can move forward."

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## MODERN AUDITIONS



DTH/EMILY SCHNUR

Women point and bend Thursday night in competition for nearly 10 spots in the UNC modern dance company, ModernExtension. The 12 returning members and new dancers will perform at various benefits and shows throughout the year.

## Eastgate Shops Announce Plans For Relocation

While most merchants in the retail center clean up, some are leaving, raising concerns that remaining stores could lose customers.

By SARAH BRIER  
Staff Writer

After water rushed into Eastgate Shopping Center during summer flooding, some stores have finalized the decision to rush out of the complex.

Food Lion, spanning 25,000 square feet, was badly damaged when the waters of Boiin Creek surged through Eastgate in July, forcing it to close.

Now other tenants at Eastgate are concerned that the loss of the shopping center's largest store will deplete business.

Wendy Melton, a spokeswoman for Food Lion, said the question of whether to rebuild the entire store or start anew had plagued the corporation. "We decided to close the store for several reasons," she said. "The flood damage was very bad, and the shopping center was an older model of store and a lot smaller than (the recently built) stores."

Melton said the repairs would be too costly and Eastgate could not supply Food Lion the space it wanted to expand. Although the Eastgate store is closing, a new store will reopen at Ram's Plaza, located off Fordham Boulevard. Construction on the 33,000- to 38,000-square-foot store is scheduled to begin in February. "The store will take the place of an A&P supermarket," Melton said. "We will be tearing that building completely down and rebuilding it."

Joel Harper, president of the Chapel Hill Chamber of Commerce, said he hopes the loss of the Food Lion store will only affect the business of neighboring stores in the short run. "There will be a huge vacant space there that is not going to generate business," Harper said. "It will hurt somewhat, but it will not be detrimental."

Harper said he does not think the threat of floods will deter many prospective tenants. "They will ask themselves if they can handle the threat of a flood once every three years," he said.

Michael Williams, the manager of the Eastgate Eckerd Drugs, said he is a little worried about losing customers due to the Food Lion closing. "Our sales are down a little bit, but I hope it will pick back up," he said.

But other venues, including the Steinway Art Gallery, also

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## Institute Gives Faculty Room to Relax, Learn

By KAREY WUTKOWSKI  
Assistant University Editor

The Institute of Arts and Humanities, a program University leaders say is critical for recruiting and retaining faculty, will soon see its new home begin to rise on McCorkle Place.

The institute, which offers fellowships and semesterlong sabbaticals for faculty members, is currently housed in the cramped hallways and tiny offices of the West House, a 1,100-square-foot brick building behind Swain Hall.

"We just have no room," said Ruel Tyson, director of the institute.

Two weeks ago, preparation began

for constructing the new building, which will be expected to be completed in fall 2001.

The institute's new building will be a two-story, 15,000-square-foot structure featuring a Faculty Fellows Room for weekly meetings, a University Room that will host lectures and film screenings and a kitchen common room designed to create a social atmosphere.

Tyson said private donations will cover the building's total construction cost of \$3.4 million. "These donors really understand the value of having good faculty at UNC," he said.

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## Cultural Fiesta Returns to Carrboro

By KATHRYN McLAMB  
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An array of artists, dancers, entertainers and organizations is throwing a party all weekend – or a fiesta, to be exact.

La Fiesta del Pueblo returns to Carrboro on Saturday, bringing residents a unique opportunity to experience and enjoy Latino culture.

The festival originated seven years ago when a small group of residents from the Latino community decided to hold a party. Attendance at the first fiesta reached 3,000, and the event has exploded over the years. "The intent of the fiesta is still the same," said Robin Moon, board member of El Pueblo, the organization coordinating the event. "We want to showcase and celebrate the Latino cul-

ture, but we've added other things."

One of those additions has been the El Pueblo organization, which grew out of a network of fiesta participants.

"Three years into the fiesta, they had developed quite a network of Latino people and organizations," said Mary Lindsley, El Pueblo's cultural program coordinator. "It became more than just a fiesta, so the group applied for non-profit status."

El Pueblo, now in its fifth year, dedicates itself to strengthening the Triangle's Latino community through advocacy, public policy and various initiatives.

In addition to launching a new organization, the fiesta has also grown by including community groups and ser-

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DTH FILE PHOTO

Last year's fiesta drew 35,000 partygoers. Organizers for this year's celebration say they expect at least 40,000 people to attend.

How beautiful it is to do nothing and then rest afterward.

Spanish proverb