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Bills Pass to Fund Student Groups

By RACHEL CLARKE
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Despite a marked shortage of remaining funds, Student Congress managed to allocate a portion of its shrinking coffers to campus groups with little disagreement Monday night.

Congress began the session with \$9,567.15 in student group funding for the rest of the semester. They passed bills allotting more than \$3,000 to such organizations as Carolina Production Guild, Masala, Carolina Athletic Association and the Self-Knowledge Symposium.

Due to a shortage of funds this year, Congress members have been forced to dole out money with additional scrutiny.

But during Monday night's meeting, Student Body Treasurer Patrick Frye warned Congress members not to be overly cautious.

"A better scenario would be for you to be broke after fairly treating every group."

The main benefactor was the Carolina Production Guild, which received \$1,845 to fund 39 independent student films this semester.

The meeting was largely noncontroversial until the discussion about a bill to fund the Fellowship of Christian Asian Students.

FOCAS members asked for \$77.20 to fund a weekly newsletter for its members. Several members of Congress argued that the newsletter needed to be posted publicly to receive funding.

"Having public access to it shows that we've made the attempt to bring this to the community," said Rep. David Seymour, Dist. 17.

Some Congress members disagreed, saying FOCAS members have the right to distribute their own newsletter however they wish.

The bill finally passed by a narrow margin, with only 14 out of 22 representatives voting in favor.

Speaker Pro Tem Sandi Chapman warned Congress members against letting sympathy influence their decision.

"It's very difficult to make decisions that we feel like make people feel bad," Chapman said. "But we really have to work on precedent."

Two bills were postponed, one for an appropriation to the Hellenic Student Association and the other for the Association of English Majors.

Several bills also were passed that did not allocate money. One changed the manner in which Student Television gets its funding approved, and another strengthened the wording of the Student Code which prevents Congress from making donations.

Masala, a group that received money last night, plans to use the funds to put on a fashion show for UNC students.

Despite only receiving partial funding, the group is pleased, said Co-President Azadeh Rezvani. She said that without the funding, Masala would have still been able to have the show, but it would not have been up to the standard of last year's.

"This should be sufficient," said Rezvani, a senior sociology and psychology major. "I mean, we wish we could get more, but we're happy with the amount we got tonight."

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VOTERS



"I'm a senior here, and I've gone to classrooms and see they need renovating. It was an easy choice."

AL HOOD
SENIOR
POLITICAL SCIENCE
MAJOR



"I am skeptical whether the amount of money (proposed) might be overestimated."

JOSHUA ARTHUR
SENIOR CHEMISTRY MAJOR



"I'm a medical student. The med school definitely needs improvement."

JASON BUNDY
MEDICAL STUDENT



"I'm in favor of increasing anything for education."

CAROL WHITEHILL
CHAPEL HILL RESIDENT

How Will N.C. Cope if They Don't Pass the Bond?

By KATHLEEN HUNTER
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University advocates who have spoken at length about the \$3.1 billion higher education bond referendum are relatively speechless about what the state should do if the bond fails a week from today.

Voters will decide the fate of the largest bond proposal in state history on Nov. 7. If it passes, the bond will fund capital improvements on the state's public university and community college campuses.

Shortly after the N.C. General Assembly unanimously approved the bond referendum in May, university advocates launched a large-scale campaign, aimed at ensuring the bond's passage.

And polls suggest that campaign is working. Poll data released last week by WRAL and The News & Observer indicates that 58 percent of likely voters favor the bond. The Daily Tar Heel also conducted informal exit polls last week at Morehead Planetarium, Orange County's new satellite polling site. Of those polled at Morehead, 454 said they voted for the bond. Only 30 said they voted against it.

Campaigners cite the promising poll data as evidence that the bond is likely to pass. But few can name suitable alternatives for funding the university system's capital needs in the event that the bond fails.

"There isn't any good alternative," said Board of Governors member John Sanders.

If the bond does not pass, Sanders said the state would only have three possible sources of funding for the system's capital needs - tax revenue, private gifts and tuition.

But Sanders expressed little faith in the feasibility of all three.

He said current tax revenue would be inadequate

to fund a multibillion-dollar capital improvements project and increasing tuition would conflict with the state's constitutional responsibility to ensure access to public higher education.

Sanders also expressed concern with relying upon private gifts to fund capital needs because he said donations are usually given for specific purposes, which might not necessarily coincide with the system's areas of greatest need.

"Not many people are going to give large amounts of money to rehabilitate Murphey Hall," Sanders said.

UNC Association of Student Governments President Andrew Payne said he would encourage the N.C. General Assembly to begin researching innovative funding sources if the bond fails, rather than turning to students to pick up the tab.

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Mastering Both Sides of the Story

The DTH continues its three-part examination of UNC's Master Plan.

■ Today: *The Faces Behind the Plan*
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Flesh, Blood and Talent Lie Behind Intangible Plan

By ELIZABETH BREYER
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All that currently exists of the Master Plan are sterile, technical blueprints mapping out future growth at the University.

But behind each of those sketches is a person - a visionary architect, dedicated planner or creative consultant.

Here are some of their stories.

Jonathan Howes

Being hand-picked for jobs by the governor of North Carolina and the chancellor of UNC is an honor most people would love to receive.

Jonathan Howes, director of the Master Plan, is one of few people who holds those bragging rights.

Howes is a native of Knoxville, Tenn., who did his graduate work in city and regional planning at UNC and public administration at Harvard University. After 20 years of faculty and administrative work at UNC, he was asked in 1993 to join Gov. Jim Hunt's team as secretary of the Department of Environmental Health and Natural Resources. He came back to the University in 1997 to be the

late Chancellor Michael Hooker's special assistant for local relations.

"From the beginning, it was Michael Hooker's intention that I would chair the plan," Howes said. "I also served three terms on the Chapel Hill Town Council and two as mayor, and all these things seemed to kind of fit together."

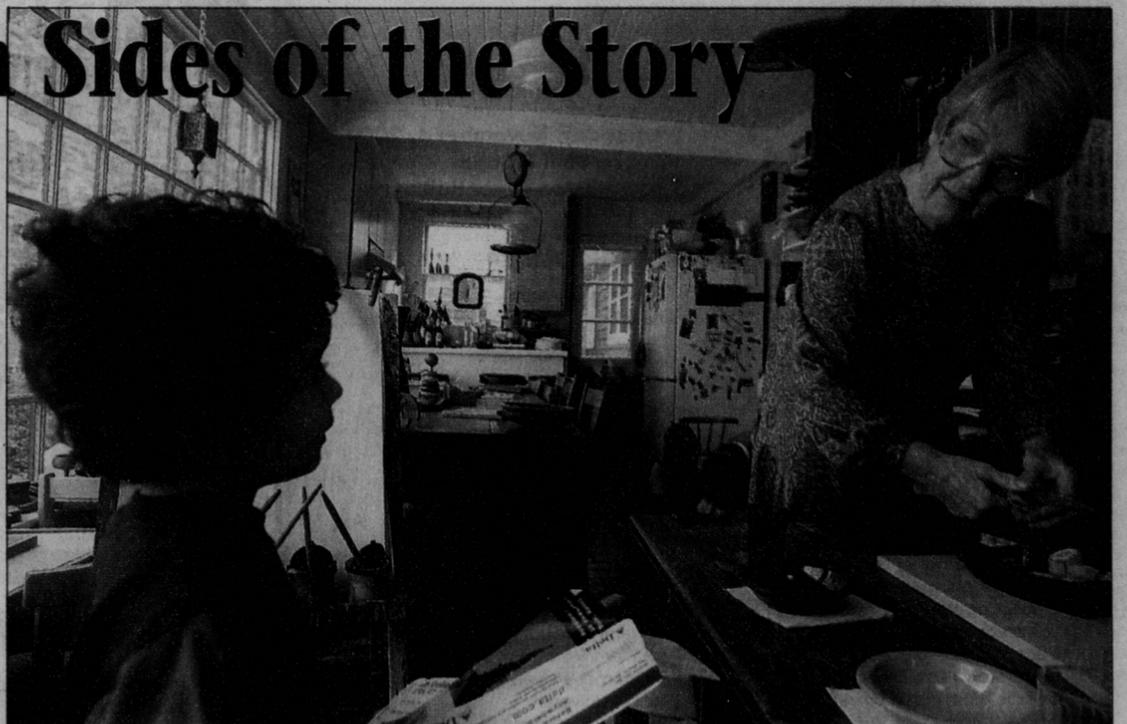
And he uses his experience to create a project that he thinks will work well for UNC and the Chapel Hill community.

"In a way, it fell naturally into my duties - the chancellor wanted me to undertake it because the Master Plan tended to crystallize issues with Chapel Hill and Carrboro," he said.

Howes oversees all the committees that make up the plan, and said he tries to bring the process to a coherent vision.

"The campus of UNC was planned from the very beginning ... to accommodate the educational mission of the University," he said. "I place the opportunity in that context - our historical opportunity is to look at how we reuse some spaces that are not used well and reuse that space so it serves the educa-

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Diana Steele, owner of Willow Hill Preschool, has a conversation with Benjamin Mouly of Chapel Hill as she cuts kiwi for a preschool student's lunch. Steele's preschool is in danger of being torn down to complete a possible Master Plan option.

Nameless, Faceless No More: Residents Share Their Concerns

By AMANDA WILSON
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Clinging to the identity that defines Chapel Hill as home, many residents have growing concerns about development that will come with UNC's Master Plan.

A blueprint for development, the Master Plan eventually will impact the

historic neighborhoods surrounding campus. The proposed transit corridor, designed to alleviate traffic to UNC Hospitals and the Smith Center, would cut through the homes and, inevitably, the lives of several residents.

A Day in the Life ...

Today is a barefoot day. A little girl's feet splash through

the stream that trickles down into the woods below Willow Hill Preschool. Diana Steele's small blue duplex on Mason Farm Road, home to the school, faces an uncertain future.

Located on residential land off the southern end of campus, the house lies in the path of the proposed transit corridor, which could cut across this land within the next decade.

"This is us. This is me," said Diana Steele, owner of the 30-year-old school for 3- to 5-year-olds, speaking of the children, the woods, the stream and their uncertain fate.

Parents say their children love the school and want to stay forever.

"When I come to pick Henry up,

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Double, double, toil and trouble, fire burn and cauldron bubble.

William Shakespeare