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\$245 Million to Fund Genomics Work at UNC

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Chancellor James Moeser announced the University's commitment to a campuswide genome science initiative Thursday, a move backed up by \$245 million in public and private donations. A standing-room-only crowd of medical researchers and University officials gathered at the Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center to hear Moeser announce that UNC is assuming a prominent role in the genomics field. "We must be a leader," Moeser said. "Only a handful of truly good centers for genome research will exist in this country, and this will be one."

Genomics, the study of the DNA sequence, might lead to valuable information about diseases such as cancer, including who might be predisposed and how the disease can be treated. Donations for the initiative came from various sources, ranging from an anonymous donor to Uncle Sam. The anonymous \$25 million donation to the School of Medicine is being used to establish the Michael Hooker Center for Proteomics, which will be devoted to studying the proteins that genes produce. "The donor came to us because of our strong reputation in this area, and it was his idea we honor, (the late Chancellor) Michael Hooker," Moeser said. In addition to the donation, UNC received \$2.25 million in federal appropriations that will be used to support

infrastructure and program costs such as lab equipment. Rep. David Price, D-N.C., one of the congressmen responsible for securing the federal funds, said that while the funding did not come easily, it was highly important. "This funding exemplifies the need for the federal government to continue a partnership with the research universities of this nation," he said.



UNC Chancellor James Moeser said he hopes the University will become a leader in genomics research.

The \$3.1 billion higher education bond referendum passed by N.C. voters in November provided an additional \$137 million for four new facilities affiliated with genomics research. Bond money will fund about one-third of the total cost of the Medical Biomolecular Research Building, the Bioinformatics Building, the Science Complex and the Research and Teaching Building. "First and foremost we have to recognize the people of North Carolina who gave our genome project a shot in the arm when they voted for the bond referendum," Moeser said. A "Genomics 101" session followed the announcement and explained how genomics would aid in the research of cancer, cystic fibrosis and plant biology.

UNC first established a genetics department in the School of Medicine in July 2000, hiring Dr. Terry Magnuson as chairman. But the initiative will include faculty from all five health sciences schools, the College of Arts and Sciences, the School of Information and Library Science and the School of Law. School of Medicine Dean Jeffrey Houpt, who spearheaded the initiative, marveled at the realization of their efforts after just a few short years. "Three years ago we had not one dollar, and we stand here today announcing we have \$245 million," he said. "It's a remarkable story. A remarkable Carolina story."

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Re-election Certain in CAA Race

Reid Chaney decided not to appeal the election board's decision calling for a CAA re-election on Tuesday.

By **KIM MINUGH**
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The re-election for Carolina Athletic Association president remains slated for Tuesday after candidate Reid Chaney filed a motion to withdraw his request for more time to appeal the re-election. Chaney's counsels submitted a motion to the Student Supreme Court on Wednesday, asking for an extension of the deadline to file an appeal of the Board of Elections' call for a re-election.

According to the Student Code, an appeal must be filed within 72 hours of the Board of Elections' decision — a deadline that expired at midnight Wednesday.

"We think that this could draw out longer than the re-election," Chaney said. "We're going to do this the fair way."

But the race and the viability of a re-election on Tuesday could further be affected by investigations currently being conducted by the Board of Elections about testimonies and evidence brought forth in a hearing last week.

"We are conducting an investigation in connection with the CAA hearing and evidence that was presented there," said Fred Hill, vice chairman of the Board of Elections. Chaney was declared the winner of the race last Wednesday when invalid write-in votes were eliminated from vote totals, giving him the majority.

But the board held a hearing last Thursday when candidate Michael Songer and his campaign staff requested Chaney's disqualification from the race. Chris Brook, Songer's representative, argued that Chaney's campaign libeled Songer and tainted the results of the race through a mass e-mail sent by UNC alumnus and former Carolina Fever President Davin McGinnis.

Songer's camp attempted to link McGinnis to Chaney's campaign with an e-mail allegedly sent by McGinnis to Carolina Fever Co-Chairman Eric Ellis, CAA President Tee Pruitt and Bryan Hart, who resigned as vice president of CAA to work on Chaney's campaign. Although the Board of Elections found the e-mail to be falsified, board members

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BOT Hears Developers' UNC Plans

The UNC Board of Trustees is slated to vote on the University's Master Plan at its March 22 meeting.

By **LEE SPEARS**
Staff Writer

The UNC Board of Trustees heard a presentation from consultants Thursday on developments in the proposed campus Master Plan.

Chancellor James Moeser said at the Master Plan Committee meeting that the University's plan for long-term growth is "under major timing deadlines," due to a housing squeeze on South Campus.

Moeser also said new family housing needs to be built soon to replace Odum Village before it surpasses its life expectancy. Odum Village also is needed for interim housing while existing South Campus residence halls are renovated in the near future, he said.

Adam Gross, an architect for Ayers Saint Gross, a Baltimore consulting firm hired to develop the Master Plan, said the plan will affect South Campus the most. While North Campus was originally laid out in an organized grid pattern, the region of campus south of South Road that includes UNC Hospitals, Odum Village and the four South Campus residence halls can be improved both for students and employees, Gross said.

If the BOT votes to approve the Master Plan on March 22, the plan will determine the growth of the campus over the next 50 years and will be paid for with the \$3.1 billion from the UNC-system bond package passed in November.

The plan presented to the BOT included small changes to North Campus, including the replacement of Venable

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System Schools Wrestle for Funds

The five historically black universities in the UNC system have worked hard to receive fair funding.

By **SALLY FRANCIS**
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There are five of them. Five universities that form part of the UNC system — yet are different from the rest.

They have been part of the UNC system for 30 years, yet have struggled to attract funding while schools like UNC-Chapel Hill and N.C. State University have thrived.

They are Elizabeth City State University, Fayetteville State University, N.C. Agricultural & Technical University, N.C. Central University and Winston-Salem State University.

Although there is no official designation, these five schools have continuing patterns of attendance that designate them as historically black colleges and universities.

This spring marks the 30th birthday of the UNC system, which was restructured under the Higher Education Reorganization Act of 1971 to bring the five HBCUs into the UNC-system along with five other institutions.

Since the restructuring, HBCUs in the UNC system have not been on even playing fields with predominantly white schools. But officials say that in recent years, the schools' needs have been more adequately met.

A November 2000 Board of Governors report acknowledged that students might continue to prefer attending schools where their racial groups are the majority and concluded that this was an explanation for the "perpetuating institutional enrollment patterns that are either predominantly black or predominantly white."

HBCUs are characteristically



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smaller institutions with low-income students and often lack alumni funding and other significant resources that historically white schools have.

These challenges have, in the past, inhibited HBCUs from admitting the quality of students that schools with better resources can attract.

"Fayetteville and other HBCUs obviously serve more students who have a greater need for enrichment services once they arrive on campus because they are not always the best and brightest high school graduates," Fayetteville State Chancellor Willis McLeod said.

But McLeod said UNC-system President Molly Broad, the Board of Governors and the N.C. General Assembly have worked to acknowledge the differences between the two types of schools and remedy the problems by supplying HBCUs with the resources needed for improvement.

Increased funding, building improvements, program support and the recent bond initiative have enabled HBCUs to better compete with historically white schools in the system.

But fair funding for the HBCUs did not come quickly during their first decade in the UNC system, as their needs were overlooked in favor of the predominantly white institutions.

Former UNC-system President Bill Friday oversaw three major initiatives in 1971 as part of the restructuring act that brought HBCUs into the system.

First, an architecture firm was commissioned to evaluate the schools' facilities, and \$40 million was appropriated to correct structural problems.

Second, the curricula for the schools, except N.C. A&T, was redesigned to make them Arts and Sciences colleges.

Finally, a proposal prohibited building other law schools in the UNC system, and N.C. Central's operational budget was expanded to create one of the top law schools in the system — which now boasts such graduates as Gov. Mike Easley.

Friday said monthly meetings with the 16 chancellors and open communication helped with the early administration of the system.

"We pushed as far as we thought we could," Friday said.

But it was not until the 1981 Consent Decree that funding for HBCUs was actually made comparable to other institutions in the system.

The Consent Decree, issued by a U.S. District Court, tried to provide black North Carolinians with an equal opportunity for higher education, required by the 14th Amendment.

The decree's objective was to create equality among historically white and black schools in faculty salaries, library holdings and facilities.

It included two main initiatives — increase minority enrollment and employment and further develop predominantly black institutions.

"Before the Consent Decree funding for facilities was not fair or equitable — that's the reason buildings at A&T and Central deteriorated," said Elizabeth City State Chancellor Mickey Burnim.

HBCUs have received proportionate state funds and have produced the quality of students their facilities are suited for since 1981, but historically black institutions are still forced to rely heavily upon state funding because they do not have the resources of schools such as UNC-Chapel Hill.

"Historically white colleges and universities have the advantage of large foundations and alumni with deep pockets," McLeod said. "When they have special and unique needs they call on special friends to a larger extent than Fayetteville can."

McLeod cited UNC-Chapel Hill's new indoor track and the Eddie Smith Field House as examples of special needs that require alumni

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Members from Students for Economic Justice light candles in South Building on Thursday to protest UNC's contract with Nike.

Students Gather, Light Candles to Protest Nike

By **PAIGE AMMONS**
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The snow and freezing rain did not stop the students who walked out of their classes Thursday to protest alleged poor labor conditions in a Nike Corp. contracted factory in Mexico.

Members of the Students for Economic Justice, as well as other labor-conscious students, gathered at noon at South Building in the latest of their continued efforts against Nike.

"Nike has not been responsible for any positive action in this situation," said senior SEJ member Kea Parker.

SEJ is specifically angry with the situation in the Kukdong factory in Puebla,

Mexico. The factory's management has been accused of unfair and abusive labor practices. In January, 800 workers at the Kukdong factory staged a strike against the poor conditions, and now SEJ is concentrating its efforts on ensuring a safe return for workers who went on strike and pressuring Nike to allow the workers to form an independent union.

Recent negotiations between Nike and the Kukdong management have resulted in the corporation offering provisions for rehired workers to receive the wages, positions and vacation time they had prior to the strike.

Despite Nike's new promises, students said it was necessary to protest. The students entered South Building with candles

and placed them in the shape of the Nike emblem on a table outside Chancellor James Moeser's office. One protester held a poster asking for Moeser's help: "Chancellor Moeser: Call Nike Now."

Group members said they were frustrated with Moeser's absence. They acknowledged the letters he has sent to Nike in the last month but also noted he has failed to set up a meeting with SEJ.

"We have been requesting meetings with him through e-mails for the past month and a half, but he has never organized a meeting with SEJ," Parker said.

Although Moeser was not present for this protest, Provost Robert Shelton stumbled upon the walkout. "I was walking into the building, and I noticed a group of

young people gathered on the stairs," he said. Shelton took the opportunity to hear SEJ's position in the Nike issue.

"For the University to have any influence on the situation, there must be a long, complex discussion because there are several factors involved — a major corporation, a major university and a new foreign government," he said.

The staff in the South Building seemed a little surprised by the group of students, but Parker assured them that it was a peaceful protest. "We don't want to torch things," she said. "We just want to draw attention to this issue."

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Every great advance in science has issued from a new audacity of imagination.

John Dewey