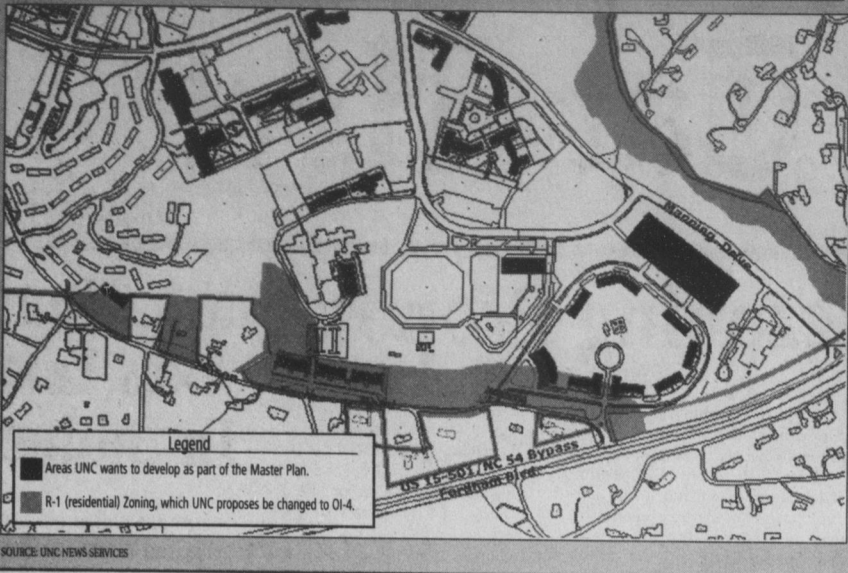


### Drawing Battle Lines

South Campus, where much of the University's expansion will occur, is also where most of the controversy lies. Under UNC's eight-year plan, this is what the campus could look like, with additional residence halls to house expected increases in enrollment.



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built near their driveway. "We knew they would be here eventually," Anita said. "But we didn't know it would be so soon." University officials had earlier met with residents to explain the plans for construction. "The dates given for the construction was way off," Anita said. "Five to 10 years - they were very vague. Definitely not immediately."

Monday that construction could begin along Mason Farm Road in Spring 2003 and would be completed in Spring 2005. "Our overall plan was to look at how to add housing for all new enrollment," Kitchen said. UNC has raised concerns that they want to be able to use the nearly \$500 million they have been granted from the \$3.1 billion higher education bond referendum. But many town citizens say it's not the bond projects they oppose, rather other projects, such as those by the Mason Farm Road neighborhood, that use money other than the funds granted to

the University through the bond package. "We have always supported the bond projects," said former Town Council member Joe Capowski. "We never stood in the way of those." What town residents are concerned about is the rapid growth of UNC and the quick rate at which they are trying to implement the plan. "This is the biggest development the town of Chapel Hill has ever seen," Capowski said. "It's ridiculous to rush it."

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## Project Revamps Downtown

By EMILY CANADAY  
Staff Writer

The whizzing and pounding of construction returns for the summer as Chapel Hill renovates its downtown area.

Amidst a sea of orange cones, fragmented concrete and a whirlwind of dust, the Public Works Department continues its current phase of the long term, multi-million dollar Streetscape project, which began nearly a decade ago and resumes each summer with a multitude of various projects.

June 4 kicked off this summer's \$700,000 project which centers on improvements on the east side of N. Columbia St. between E. Franklin St. and Rosemary St.

"As in the past, we're doing most of the disruptive work at night to minimize the inconvenience," said Streetscape Coordinator Emily Cameron, an engineer with the town. "Pedestrian traffic at times has to be redirected around the active construction area," she said.

The beautification project aims to

upgrade the deteriorating condition of 300 feet of sidewalks, curbs, gutters and surrounding infrastructure.

Streetlight and stoplight cables will be run through newly constructed pipes beneath the sidewalk and brick pavers will form a barrier between the sidewalk and the curb.

Streetscape will also introduce raised brick planters, new benches, bike racks, trash receptacles and kiosks.

Another improvement will involve the consolidation of the 30 newspaper racks lining N. Columbia Street, which were considered to be an eyesore to some residents and officials of the town.

"(The old newspaper racks) are detracting from the downtown area due to the litter, trash and the unsightliness and proliferation of them," said Town Council member Pat Evans.

The new racks will place free publications such as The Independent Weekly and Spectator in two town-installed modular racks along with 19 other papers.

The nine paid publications will maintain their own bins, but a planned ordinance will require the coin-operated

machines to comply with town design standards.

The Streetscape project also includes 100-foot move of the bus stop, currently located mid Franklin Street, closer to the intersection with Rosemary.

This allows for better accessibility, safety and comfort, Cameron said.

The expanded space will allow for a larger bus shelter, more benches and will eliminate the grade change between the curb and the street, which had forced many riders to step in the gutter.

Following the Aug. 6 completion of the Columbia Street project, a sidewalk renovation will take place along a 65-foot stretch in front of Caffe Trio and Linda's Bar and Grill. This section should be completed by the time the fall semester opens on Aug. 21.

"People are tolerating the construction very well," said Spanky's owner Tom Herzog. "We haven't lost any business and I don't think any other area businesses have either. Of course, we will be glad when it is finished."

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## DTH Unveils New, Improved Site

Staff Reports

A few weeks ago, you may have noticed that www.dailytarheel.com wasn't available online.

On June 13, The Daily Tar Heel changed service providers for the paper's online edition.

Though the new Web site may not appear significantly different than the old version, there are a few new features that are useful.

Photos and graphics are now clickable to show a bigger image of what appears in the story. The crosswords and cartoons are also clickable and can be printed from the Web site the same size as the appear in the print version.

Unfortunately, due to the new service provider, Heemail, the e-mail server featured on the previous DTH site, will no longer be available on dailytarheel.com. Gregg Stearns, Product Specialist for

Digital Partners and contact liaison for The Daily Tar Heel, said it is not yet known if users could obtain saved e-mail messages from USA Mail, the company that provided Heemail on the old site.

The DTH wants the transition to the new site to be as smooth as possible. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the site's changes, please e-mail Online Editor Jonathan Miller at jimiller@email.unc.edu.

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The Daily Tar Heel regrets the error.

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