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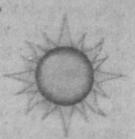
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Development Plan Passes 8-1

By MATT VISER
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University officials breathed a sigh of relief Wednesday night after UNC's Development Plan was approved by the Chapel Hill Town Council in an 8-1 vote.

Less than 30 minutes after the approval, another burden was lifted from UNC's shoulders. In a separate 8-1 vote, the council abandoned the Smith Center special-use permit, which required UNC to set aside a 200-foot vegetative buffer between the Smith Center and Mason Farm Road.

The two measures will allow UNC to implement the first phase of its Master Plan, a 50-year blueprint for campus growth.

But with the council's approval of the Development Plan came 36 stipulations aimed at protecting residents. The additions were modified from the Chapel Hill Planning Board's recommendations. "We're pleased to see it approved with the stipulations that were added," said Bruce Runberg, associate vice chancellor for facilities planning. "We felt the staff in particular came up with a viable solution."

Council member Joyce Brown cast the lone dissenting vote in both decisions. "I think we let down the neighborhoods we've pledged to protect," she said. "This sets a bad precedent."

Several other council members expressed regret over their affirmative votes. "I don't think anyone is jumping up and happy about this," council member Edith Wiggins said. "We're doing this because it's practical and we don't want to risk any regulatory relations with the University."

The Development Plan, which was unveiled in July, details campus growth over the next eight years and explains how this expansion will affect the town. The plan proposes 41 new buildings and an addition of nearly 6 million square feet to the

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Bruce Runberg, associate vice chancellor for facilities services, explains UNC's stance on the Development Plan to town officials Cal Horton, Ralph Karpinos, Bill Strom and Flicka Bateman before Wednesday night's vote.

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Bush Pushes Congressional Relief Package

President Bush also is considering proposals to raise the minimum wage and provide tax breaks for businesses to boost the economy.

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - President Bush urged Congress on Wednesday to pass an economic stimulus package of up to \$75 billion driven by a new round of tax cuts. Democrats agreed the ailing economy needs a jolt, and Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan also gave the green light. "I know people are hurting," Bush told business leaders in New York.

Bush wants a plan of between \$60 billion and \$75 billion that would accelerate income tax cuts currently set to take effect in 2004 and give tax rebates to millions of lower-income workers who didn't qualify for this summer's checks. The president also is pushing an extension of unemployment benefits.

In addition, Bush wants several tax breaks for businesses - some retroactive to Sept. 11, the date of the terrorist attacks - and has an open mind about a Democratic proposal to raise the \$5.15-an-hour minimum wage, Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill said.

The terrorist attacks, Bush said, "shocked our economy just like it shocked the conscience of our nation." Congress and the administration, he said, must "provide a kick start to give people reason to be confident, and we will do that."

The stock market responded in robust fashion, with Dow Jones industrials rising 170 points to close above 9,000 for the first time since the terrorist attacks.

At the size Bush is proposing, the action would bring the total economic stimulus since the terrorist attacks to well over \$100 billion. Congress already has passed a \$40 billion emergency spending package and a \$15 billion airline aid plan.

Secretary of State Colin Powell said a prospective military strike in Afghanistan against the al-Qaida terrorism network would be only the first step in the U.S. campaign against terrorism. At the same time, the Bush administration was preparing to substantially boost its humanitarian aid to Afghanistan.

Bush was preparing to announce expanded humanitarian aid to Afghanistan in a visit to the State Department on Thursday, two administration officials said. The new money will approach \$100 million, one aide said.

During the weekend, Bush dipped into an emergency fund and authorized an additional \$25 million in relief aid to Afghan refugees. This brought U.S. assistance to more than \$205 million, including \$32.8 million in assistance during the last few weeks.

Powell received unqualified support Wednesday from Qatar, a Persian Gulf emirate. "This is the first phase of this operation," Powell said. "I obviously cannot comment on what might happen in the future."

As Powell left open the possibility of taking the U.S. fight beyond Afghanistan, he offered assurances that "we are not looking for conflict with other nations."

Officials said Wednesday the CIA had developed general information a month before the attacks that heightened concerns that bin Laden and his followers were increasingly determined to strike on U.S. soil after several strikes overseas.

The information indicated bin Laden and his supporters "were trying to bring the fight to America" but details were lacking, a U.S. official told The Associated Press.

"There was something specific in early August that said to us that he was determined in striking on U.S. soil," the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity. "But there was nothing about who, when, where or how."

Moester's Approach Frustrates Some Residents

By MATT VISER
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When he was chosen to serve as UNC's ninth chancellor, James Moester's reputation for being a tenacious leader had already earned him both praise and criticism as chancellor of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

During his first year at UNC, Moester's tenacity again has drawn mixed reviews.

And like at UN-L, his tenacity has played an integral role in shaping town-gown relations during his time at UNC, particularly in regards to UNC's Development Plan.

The Development Plan, an eight-year strat-

egy for managing campus growth, has been the source of considerable tension between residents and University officials.

The Chapel Hill Town Council approved the plan Wednesday night - a victory for University officials, including Moester, who has stressed the importance of campus expansion. But the victory has come at the expense of some residents, who think the University is prepared to disregard their concerns. And some residents have attributed what they see as an increase in the University's aggressiveness in part to the fact that Moester had taken the helm.

"University relationships with the community and with the neighbors have gotten worse,"

said UNC professor and former Chapel Hill Mayor Ken Broun. "(Moester) and his staff have not handled things in a way that would improve relations, either. I'm not assessing blame, but things have gotten worse in the past year."

When Moester arrived at UNC in August 2000, campus plans for massive expansion already were under way. In May 1998, the UNC Board of Trustees began drafting UNC's Master Plan, a 50-year blueprint for campus growth.

In October 2000, Moester helped start a discussion of how the University could collaborate with the town on campus expansion. "He should be credited with working with

the mayor in devising the process that allowed the town to consider the University's Development Plan," said Jonathan Howes, special assistant to the chancellor.

Despite the fact that both University and town officials moved forward with the approval of campus expansion, some residents began to feel alienated by the process.

Residents' discontent with Moester was apparent in May when a bill that would have exempted UNC from Chapel Hill zoning laws was drafted into the state budget by Sen. Tony Rand, D-Cumberland. Although it is

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A Work in Progress: Charting UNC's Proposed Expansion

The University's Master Plan, a 50-year blueprint for growth, and its Development Plan, an eight-year development guide, have been the source of lengthy negotiations between UNC and Chapel Hill officials.

September 2000

■ UNC officials unveil revised edition of UNC's Master Plan.

July 2, 2001

■ Town approves UNC rezoning request, putting UNC in new Office/Institutional-4 zoning district and lifting its floor cap of 14 million square feet. UNC now occupies 13.6 million square feet.

July 5, 2001

■ UNC submits its Development Plan. Town has 90 days to review the proposal.

Aug. 21, 2001

■ UNC officials meet with the Chapel Hill Planning Board and answer questions raised by the town about the plan.

Sept. 4, 2001

■ Chapel Hill Planning Board tells the town that it should only support the plan if 33 changes are made to it.

■ The board also recommends that the Chapel Hill Town Council further discuss three additional changes to the Development Plan, including removing a four-lane access road along the southern border of campus.

Sept. 5, 2001

■ University officials promise to submit an addendum to UNC's Development Plan to the town in hopes of clearing up a discrepancy between the University's Development and Master plans.

■ In the Master Plan, a 50-year blueprint for internal campus growth, the University indicates that a four-lane road and a 60-foot transit corridor eventually will

be built on the southern perimeter of campus.

Sept. 10, 2001

■ UNC's Development Plan is presented to students, faculty and residents at a forum sponsored by the Faculty Council, Employee Forum and student government.

■ The forum addressed UNC's plans for housing expansion and renovation in addition to explaining how the University will absorb increased traffic from additional construction - a strategy outlined in the Development Plan.

Sept. 19, 2001

■ A standing room only crowd shows up at the Chapel Hill Town Hall to voice its support - or its concern - for UNC's Development Plan.

Sept. 26, 2001

■ UNC officials hold meetings with residents to discuss their concerns with the Development Plan. At the meetings, residents voice concern about the access road and new construction on the whole.

■ The meetings last one week and at the end, some residents say they still feel ignored.

Oct. 3, 2001

■ The Chapel Hill Town Council passes the Development Plan with an 8-1 vote.

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Only 1,000 Tickets Left to Be Distributed Senate Committee Set To Hear BOG Quota Bill

By JOHN FRANK
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When UNC students line up two hours before sunrise outside the Smith Center, usually their goal is to score basketball tickets.

But Wednesday morning, students began to gather as early as 5 a.m. for a different sport - football.

Twelve hours later, distribution officials had to cut off the line with 200 people still waiting for tickets to Saturday's football game against East Carolina University, said Carolina Athletic Association President Reid Chaney.

By the time the dust settled, only 1,000 student tickets remained - more than 11,000 were distributed Wednesday.

"This is probably a first, to give out 11,000 tickets in one day," Chaney said.

When the box office opened at 8 a.m.

more than 500 students lined the side walks. Many students waited in line for more than three hours to get tickets.

"That was insane," said sophomore James Baley, who said he waited for three hours and 18 minutes for tickets. "It was worse than basketball ticket distribution."

Ticket office and CAA officials said they were prepared for the rush but did not expect the 12,000-plus tickets to sell out until Friday, the last distribution day.

Chaney said the ticket line moved more slowly than it does for basketball because students are allowed to bring four UNC ONE Cards instead of the two allowed for basketball distributions.

The general admission tickets to the ECU football game sold out months ago, Chaney said. "We have never really played ECU in any sports before, and

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Tucker Brown, a third-year pharmacy student, makes his way through a long ticket distribution line Wednesday with his dog, Brant.

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By CLEVE WOOTSON
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The N.C. Senate's education committee will consider today a piece of legislation that would eliminate the quota system in place for appointing members to the UNC-system Board of Governors.

A lawsuit filed May 30 by former BOG member Walter Davis and other plaintiffs seeks to eliminate mandatory quotas for board seats.

According to the lawsuit, the quotas violate the state constitution's equal protection guarantee. The constitution states that four members of the BOG must be women, four have to be members of a minority race and four have to be members of the largest minority

party in the General Assembly.

The BOG makes policy recommendations to the state legislature concerning the 16 UNC-system schools and several other entities, including UNC-TV.

But the board decided not to fight the legal battle and in May asked its attorneys to request that the General Assembly drop the portion of the statute mandating reserved seats.

"The Board of Governors consulted with experienced legal opinions and then consulted amongst itself and then decided whether to litigate or continue trying to educate young people," said BOG Chairman Ben Ruffin.

In May the BOG and its lawyers said

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Good fences make good neighbors.

Robert Frost