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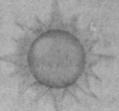
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BOG Loses Power to Trustees

BY ALEX KAPLUN
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Some state legislators have said three provisions of the state budget that shift responsibilities from the UNC-system Board of Governors to campus boards of trustees were needed to achieve more effective governance.

One provision repeals part of a BOG tuition-setting policy adopted three years ago, giving individual campuses more power to gain approval for

campus-initiated tuition increases.

A second provision gives individual campuses the authority to hire all top-ranking administrators except the chancellor without the previously required BOG approval.

The third measure gives the individual boards of trustees exclusive power to plan and implement all information technology on their campuses — a power that previously was shared between the BOG and campus trustee boards.

Although some legislators have said the provisions have decreased the BOG's power over individual campuses, some board members were supportive of the changes.

"What is in the statute at this point, we are

very supportive of," said BOG member Priscilla Taylor. "It still gives the Board of Governors the final authority to approve tuition increases and personnel. But it does give more flexibility to the individual campuses to make certain decisions."

But both University officials and state legislators insist that the policy changes will not significantly alter the way UNC-system officials treat tuition increases or personnel matters.

The tuition policy the BOG followed prior to the passage of the budget was adopted in November 1998 and allowed the board to grant two types of tuition increases.

The first was an annual systemwide tuition increase to offset rising costs. A second part of the policy allowed the BOG to grant tuition increase requests from individual campuses if the campus showed "extraordinary" circumstances. Since the BOG adopted the tuition-setting policy, the board has not denied any of the 11 campus-initiated tuition requests brought before it.

The provision the legislature passed two weeks ago as part of the state budget eliminates the need for campuses to demonstrate that an extraordinary situation exists.

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Bush Promises To Send Relief To 'Poor Souls'

The humanitarian aid will include airdrops of supplies over Afghanistan, according to U.S. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld.

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush committed \$320 million in humanitarian aid to the "poor souls" of Afghanistan on Thursday as he and allies from Mexico to Qatar moved ahead with plans against terrorists sheltered by Afghanistan's ruling Taliban. "In our anger, we must never forget we're a compassionate people," the president said.

But CNN reported Thursday night that a senior defense official said the United States is considering pre-emptive strikes against air defense sites in Afghanistan to ensure safe delivery of humanitarian aid.

Hundreds of foreign service personnel, integral to Bush's effort to build an international coalition against those responsible for the Sept. 11 attacks, cheered Bush's speech at the State Department.

Fear of a U.S.-led military strike on the Taliban has chased thousands of destitute Afghan civilians into neighboring Pakistan. As many as 1.5 million Afghans, already weakened by years of drought and civil war, could seek food and refuge in Pakistan and nearby Iran, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan in the coming months, the United Nations estimates.

Bush sought once more to assuage suspicion in the region that his is a campaign against Muslims in general.

"This is not a war between our world and their world," he said. "It is a war to save the world."

The new relief funds, which include \$25 million in emergency aid that Bush authorized during the weekend, will go to the United Nations, the Red Cross and other groups providing food and medicine to Afghans and refugees.

"We will fight evil, but in order to overcome evil, the great goodness of America must come forth and shine forth. And one way to do so is to help the poor souls in Afghanistan," Bush said.

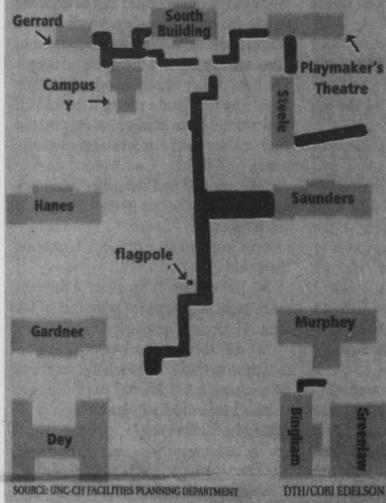
The humanitarian campaign also will include military airdrops of supplies, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld told reporters as he rounded up support in the Middle East and Central Asia.

At the White House, Mexican President Vicente Fox pledged his country's "commitment all the way."

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Letting Off Steam

The darkened areas represent the location of the underground piping systems to be upgraded in Polk Place this summer.



Improvement Of Steam Lines Set for Quad

Officials say the work will commence at the end of this school year and will be finished in time for the fall of 2002.

BY JEFF SILVER
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The sights and sounds of Polk Place — dogs barking, children playing and students chatting — soon will be replaced by the grind of backhoes and the pound of jackhammers.

Often considered the heart of UNC's campus, Polk Place will be home to a large-scale renovation project beginning in the summer of 2002.

As part of an effort to upgrade steam lines on North Campus, crews will dig up a portion of the historic quad to replace the steam pipes that serve South Building, Steele Building, the Campus Y, Saunders Hall, Gerrard Hall, Bynum Hall and Playmakers Theatre.

Project Manager John Masson said the work will begin after graduation in the spring and will be completed before students return in the fall. He said the piping under the quad was last renovated more than 50 years ago.

The Polk Place work is part of Phase II of the Hot Water Heating Upgrade Project, which began in March 2001. Phase I, which is expected to be complete in August 2002, concentrates on replacing the steam pipes for 18

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Keith Hughes works on the pipeline outside Mangum Residence Hall. The project is similar to the pipeline construction project scheduled to begin in Polk Place at the end of the academic year.

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Fla. Man Diagnosed With Anthrax After Spending 2 Weeks in N.C.

BY LUCAS FENSKE
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RALEIGH — N.C. health officials said Thursday night that the public is at little risk of contracting anthrax even though a man who recently spent two weeks in the state has been diagnosed with that disease.

Health officials said they are in contact with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and their counterparts in Florida, where the anthrax patient is hospitalized. At a press conference, they emphasized that the chances are "exceedingly small" that the

anthrax case is part of a terrorist attack.

State officials said the man, who is from south Florida, visited Charlotte, Chimney Rock and Duke University during the last half of September. They would not say if he will live.

The officials said the man, tentatively identified by The Associated Press as Robert Stevens of Palm Beach County, arrived in Charlotte by car Sept. 17. He left Duke on Sept. 30 to return home because he was feeling ill.

State officials said the man had come to North Carolina for "outdoor purposes" but would not elaborate. They added that they do not know why the man visited Duke.

State health officials said anthrax can be spread three ways: by eating contaminated meat, contact with the skin or hair of infected animals or through the air. Anthrax can not be passed from person to person.

Anthrax symptoms, which can include skin sores, vomiting and flu-like problems, vary based on how the disease was contracted. Officials said cases of anthrax are rare, but there are one or two cases nationwide each year.

Dr. Kelly McKee, N.C. Communicable Disease Section chief, said anthrax's incubation period can range from a day to weeks. "We can't say with any certainty where it was contracted."

Debbie Crane, N.C. Department of Health spokeswoman, said the agency has contacted hospitals, including Duke and UNC, and county health agencies to check for other cases of anthrax. "Nothing unusual has been reported so far," Crane said. "A single case does not constitute an outbreak." Crane said the surveillance process will continue for about two more weeks.

Dr. Steve Cline, N.C. Epidemiology Section chief, said teams from the CDC are looking for the source of infection in North Carolina and in Florida.

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Chapel Hill, UNC Officials Eager To Start New Era

Town Council member Joyce Brown voted against the UNC Development Plan and said the plan compromises some local residents.

BY AMANDA WILSON
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Officials from UNC and the town of Chapel Hill say they are looking forward to a new era of town-gown relations, ushered in by the Town Council's nearly unanimous approval of UNC's Development Plan on Wednesday.

The Development Plan proposes 41 new buildings during the course of eight years — the first installment of UNC's Master Plan. The town passed the plan after an almost three-month-long negotiation process with University officials.

The town passed the plan with 36 attached stipulations or slight alterations to the University proposal that would act to guard the interests of area residents.

Sen. Howard Lee, D-Orange, said that if the town had rejected the Development Plan then the N.C. General Assembly would have taken steps to address the matter. "We believe the town made a great decision," he said. "I'm delighted that we don't have to go down that road."

Mayor Rosemary Waldorf said the town and UNC were able to reach an agreement on several issues such as noise, light and stormwater drain-off. "I think we've gotten through a very challenging process," she said. "I feel very good today."

Waldorf said she respected the University's decision to promote dialogue with Mason Farm Road residents who might be affected by future construction in the area.

Although not outlined in the eight-year plan, University officials specifically have expressed interest in the Mason Farm area for the construction of a proposed road that would connect South Campus and Fordham Boulevard.

But council member Joyce Brown, the lone dissenter in Wednesday's vote, said she feels the plan compromises area residents. "The University has made it very clear that they

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The more power is divided, the more irresponsible it becomes.

Woodrow Wilson