

# Chapel Hill Town Council Discusses Transit System

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The Chapel Hill Town Council held a work session Wednesday to discuss possible transit systems that would link Chapel Hill and Durham along U.S. 15-501 and counteract possible traffic growth.

But after outlining potential solutions, including bus systems and railways, questions still lingered.

The consulting group HNTB Inc. started an evaluation of the area in 1995, at the council's request. The council ini-

tiated the study to look into the most viable solutions for eliminating congestion along the corridor between Chapel Hill and Durham.

David Bonk, Chapel Hill's transportation planner, presented the report to the council outlining the issue and possible solutions.

Bonk said the ridership on the Chapel Hill public transit system totaled 39,000 riders a day in 1995. He said that by 2025, this number is expected to be closer to 119,000.

Bonk said potential solutions include

improving the existing bus systems and creating a light railway system.

The new bus system would include a guideway system where buses would have their own roads, separate from the main flow of traffic.

There also is a possible system that would combine traffic and guideways for the public transit.

The second option Bonk presented for reducing traffic is using light rail transit in the corridor. The proposed light rail would use either electric or diesel power.

A key difference between the electric

and diesel trains is the cost of construction and operation, he said. The electric system costs between 20 and 30 percent more than the diesel trains, he said.

Several council members expressed reservations about the HNTB recommendations.

Council member Pat Evans said she was concerned the project would not leave the ground anytime soon. "I don't know if this will happen in my lifetime," she said.

Council member Joyce Brown pinpointed certain drawbacks with the light rail systems. "These trains are extremely

loud when they start up and can be heard from a good distance," Brown said.

Several members also were concerned with the environmental impacts the various systems would have on the community.

Bonk said the firm will conduct further studies to address these issues.

Another issue raised by council members dealt with how the transit corridor would be affected by a road proposed by UNC's Master Plan. The 50-year blueprint for campus growth proposes a link through Mason Farm Road in the

same area of the discussed corridor.

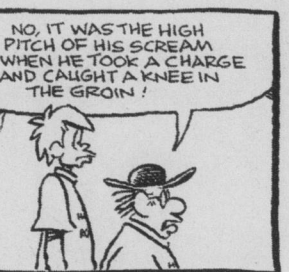
But Bonk told the council members that it was too early to get too specific because both the corridor and the road are still in the planning process.

"We will have to look at the effects the proposed road might have," he said.

Bonk said a HNTB representative would be attending next Wednesday's council meeting to explain the more technical sides of the proposed systems.

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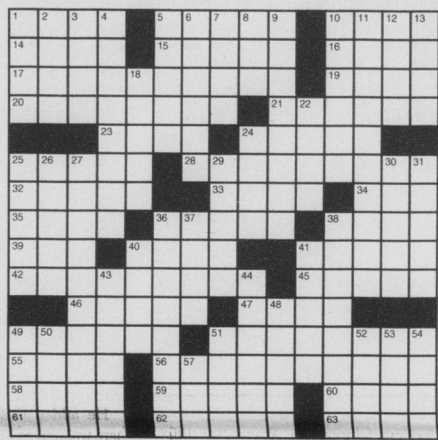
## THE Daily Crossword

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- ACROSS**
- Culture base
  - Burst of energy
  - Duct or lung starter?
  - Rational
  - Aconcagua, Argentina
  - "Scarface" star
  - Paul
  - Crop of the Confederacy
  - Semi-eternity?
  - Flight of steps
  - Most proficient
  - Telephone
  - Pool outlet
  - Cheech of "Nash Bridges"
  - "Your Show of Shows" co-star
  - Palace or castle, e.g.
  - Comic Mort
  - Singer Sayer
  - Actress Martha
  - "Henry V" and "Richard III"
  - Heat up
  - Mom-&-pop store grp.
  - Type of code
  - Excessive enthusiasm
  - Broadway musical producer
  - "As You Like It"

- DOWN**
- Inquires
  - Way of moving
  - forest
  - Feeble
  - Loamy fertilizer
  - Turkish cap
  - Jar loose
  - Jai
  - Chief Justice (1953-69)
  - Got up
  - Actress Braga
  - De Lauretis
  - Buzzati
  - German river
  - "Six O'clock" painter John
  - Bath and Ems
  - King
  - Crime in "Hamlet"
  - Angry frown
  - Flower parts
  - Pretextually creative
  - Full-house sign
  - Milkweed butterflies
  - Charlotte, V.I.
  - Brisbane's state
  - cuantos (a few)
  - "She Sweet"
  - Hart or Stephen



## CUTS

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ly alleviate a funding shortfall, Shelton said. The additional funds gathered from increased enrollment could be allocated to academic programs early next week, possibly combating the effects of cuts, he said.

The provost said he founded an enrollment policy advisory committee a few months ago, and the group is now assessing an admissions strategy for fall 2002 in light of the possible additional cuts.

Admissions Director Jerry Lucido, who heads the advisory committee, said admissions officials have room to lower target enrollment numbers for fall 2002 because this year's enrollment exceeded expectations. UNC officials were aiming for freshman enrollment of about 3,500 this year, but numbers actually totaled about 3,700, Shelton said.

As campus officials begin to plan for the cuts, other state officials are working

to ensure the cuts are minimal.

UNC-system President Molly Broad said the brunt of the budget reductions would be felt during the spring semester, since it would be difficult for individual campuses to cut funding for the fall semester that is already under way.

Easley's office could not be reached for comment Thursday.

But Shelton said the cuts will not affect spring course offerings at UNC-CH. More likely, the cuts would delay faculty recruitments and filling open positions, he said. Shelton said revenue accumulated from alternative sources, such as research grants and private fund raising, could help sustain integral academic resources and are reason to be optimistic.

But Broad indicated that unless there is an unprecedented economic rebound, the UNC system will sustain some cuts.

"The most optimistic scenario (for economic growth) is a 2 percent net, instead of a 4 percent net," Broad said.

If the state's revenue projection does

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The Capital Campaign Steering Committee will meet in the early morning, and the National Campaign Committee will have a meeting at 12:30 p.m.

Classes are suspended from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. to encourage attendance at the events, but Shelton says he worries about scheduling University Day on a Friday.

"The veterans here tell me it's problematic because you take a Friday and cancel afternoon classes, and the students are out of here," Shelton said.

Despite his concerns about student participation, Shelton said he is eagerly

awaiting the events that he helped plan — especially because this is his first University Day at UNC. "Color me new and naive, but I'm really excited about this," said Shelton, who became UNC's provost eight months ago.

Sue Estroff, chairwoman of the Faculty Council, said student involvement in University Day is especially crucial this year due to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

"Now, as always, University Day is about cherishing our past and imagining our future," Estroff said. "And I think we're all going to do our damndest to make sure that future is bright."

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## ATTACK

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ular, he called Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein an "evil man" and added, "we're watching him very carefully." While the current focus is on Afghanistan, he said "we're looking for al-Qaida cells around the world" — and if the United

States finds any, it will pursue them.

The news conference capped a national day of remembrance. There were memorial services around the nation to remember the more than 5,000 people killed when terrorists seized four commercial airliners and crashed them into the World Trade Center in New York, the Pentagon and the Pennsylvania countryside.

## UNIVERSITY DAY

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the opportunity to demonstrate what we mean, to take action to protect academic freedom and free speech," he said.

Another crucial priority for Moeser last year was the development of science and technology. Tony Waldrop, vice chancellor for research and graduate studies, said he has seen firm evidence of that commitment from Moeser in the last year.

He said he has been particularly impressed with Moeser's efforts to extend research through alliances with other universities. "I would definitely give us an A-plus in that category," he said. "It was a wonderful year in terms of research."

The Carolina Computing Initiative, a project Moeser inherited from late Chancellor Michael Hooker, also has progressed under Moeser's guidance, although officials say budget cuts have hurt UNC's ability to deploy technology.

Finally, Moeser said his single greatest goal was to increase the University's fund-raising efforts. The Carolina First campaign, a \$1.5 billion, three-year effort, was set to begin its public phase with an announcement today. But the public phase launch was delayed because of the political and economic state of the world.

Moeser said his commitment to fund raising is still strong, with \$621 million raised so far, putting the campaign ahead of schedule. "I still think it's the most important thing we will do this decade."

Speed Hallman, director of development communication, also said he has been impressed with the progress in the last year. "Our priorities haven't changed. We're still raising funds to support faculty, students and programs," he said.

Moeser said that by working toward these tasks, he hoped to see UNC reach the pinnacle of public universities. And Provost Robert Shelton said nothing in the last year has changed that pursuit.

"I don't think the terrorist attacks ... in any way detract from our goal of being the best public university and the way we pursue it," he said. "We're going to do things differently, but it doesn't force us to change our goals."

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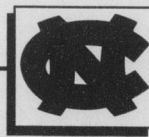
- A Helping Hand
- Alter-Winwood
- American Cancer Society
- Animal Protection Society
- APPLES Service Learning Program
- The ARC of Orange County
- Big Brothers Big Sisters
- Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce, Community Betterment Committee
- Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools
- Chapel Hill Museum
- Chapel Hill Parks and Recreation Department
- Community Cuisine
- Duke Volunteer Services
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- Family Violence Prevention Center of Orange County

- Interfaith Council-Community Services
- Internationalist Books
- New Hope United Methodist Church
- Orange County Rape Crisis Center
- Orange-Person-Chatham Area Program Cross Disability Services
- Playmakers Repertory Company
- P.T.A. Thrift Stores
- Rainbow Soccer
- Raleigh-Durham International Airport Residential Services, Inc.
- Ronald McDonald House
- Teens Climb High
- UNC Platelet Donation Program
- Village Charter School

Representatives from these 29 local agencies will recruit volunteers. In addition, the following graduate programs will provide information for students interested in a graduate degree focused on public service:

The Masters in Public Administration Program at the UNC School of Government  
The UNC School of Social Work

The Fair is sponsored by Volunteer Orange, the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce and the Carolina Center for Public Service (CCPS). For more information about how to get involved, contact CCPS at 919-843-7568 or [cps@unc.edu](mailto:cps@unc.edu) or subscribe to the public service listserv at [www.unc.edu/cps](http://www.unc.edu/cps).



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