

Grant Management Software Set to Operate in 2002

By JESSICA SLEEP
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The implementation of a new software program at UNC will soon make managing and applying for grants a mouse click away for many researchers on campus. The program, called Coeus, was first developed and licensed by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. UNC bought the license from MIT in 1998, and in 1999 the University created a management team to customize

and implement the program on campus. UNC is one of 80 universities to have licenses to develop Coeus. UNC has not yet fully integrated the software, but officials hope to have it fully functional in spring 2002, said Barbara Page, Coeus project manager. Page said the software program has three main components: the proposal development module, the proposal module and the awards module. She said in the proposal development module, researchers will be able to use

Coeus to create grants and submit proposals. The second component of Coeus, the proposal module, will contain information for every grant proposal that has been submitted to agencies for funding. Tony Waldrop, vice chancellor for research and graduate studies, said the proposal module also will allow researchers to view their proposal's status. "Researchers can check that all approvals for their grants have been done, and they can see if they are missing a signature or anything else they need to get."

Page said the third part of Coeus, the awards module, will contain information about funds that have been awarded. She said the awards module will be beneficial because agencies often attach restrictions to awards, and Coeus will allow users to check whether they are compliant. The Office of Contracts and Grants logs all proposals it receives into Coeus on a daily basis, and the program management team recently entered all award data from the 2001 fiscal year. Page said more than 200 users, main-

ly grant administrators from academic departments, are using Coeus to track the grant approval process at UNC. She also said the management team is working on the Coeus Web site and is designing brochures to market the program. Page said UNC is one of the few universities with Coeus licenses that is using the most recent version of the program, Coeus 3.7. "We are probably one of the most advanced users of Coeus that MIT has," she said. "We're on the cutting edge." Waldrop said Coeus will benefit

researchers at UNC because it will make the grant process run more efficiently. He said implementing the software program will advance UNC's reputation as a leading research university. "UNC is the top public university in the South and one of the top 25 universities in the nation (in terms of grant research money awarded), and (Coeus) will help the University tremendously in this area."

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Work Group to Decide Fate of Area Land Tract

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The Chapel Hill Town Council passed a resolution Monday night about potential public uses for the 109-acre Greene tract.

The council also proposed that the ideas planned for the Greene tract be applied to adjacent properties within Orange County.

According to the resolution, the tract, located in north Chapel Hill, could be used for public purposes, such as open spaces, recreation and the future construction of affordable housing projects. The tract is jointly owned and divided by the towns of Chapel Hill and Carrboro.

But council members also decided they want other publicly owned and adjacent lands — such as the town's landfills, the Neville tract and recently purchased county land — to be considered for the same uses as the Greene tract.

Council member Pat Evans said the Greene tract is not the only land available for public works. "The larger the area, the more integrated the uses and options," she said.

Chapel Hill Mayor-elect and council member Kevin Foy said that because the properties are contiguous and publicly owned, they should all be viewed

together. "We recognize the need for housing and recreation space," Foy said. "But since the Greene tract is such a unique area, we would like to see the land that has already been clear cut considered first."

Foy said that by including these other land segments, the area under consideration would expand from about 100 acres to 300 or 350 acres.

Council member Joyce Brown said she hopes a majority of the Greene tract can be preserved in its natural state. "The point is to open up some other areas to fulfill the same purposes that are being discussed for the Greene tract," she said.

"If it is possible, we would only like to see a modest amount of the Greene tract used for housing and recreation."

The Greene Tract Work Group — made up of two delegates each from Chapel Hill, Carrboro and Orange County — will receive the recommendation from the Town Council and others from the Carrboro Board of Aldermen and county officials.

Once the Greene Tract Work Group reviews these recommendations, it will submit its own proposal for the tract's use and give it to the boards to consider.

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Senior Class Plans Nursing Home Visits

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With the holidays rapidly approaching, students will get the opportunity to make the season a little brighter for local senior citizens.

The senior class has organized a project, Seniors for Seniors, that will link UNC students and local children with area nursing homes. Involved nursing homes include the Shepherd House, Alterra Clare Bridge of Chapel Hill and the Chapel Hill Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center.

Senior Class President Ben Singer said the ultimate goal of the program is to do something positive for senior citizens in the community.

Singer said he hopes to get as many

seniors as possible involved in the project because it is a good opportunity to let senior citizens interact with younger people in the community.

"It's a chance to connect with these people," Singer said. "There is a lot to be learned from older people."

Singer said Big Buddy, a youth mentoring program run through the Campus Y, has already partnered up with the senior class for the project. He said the senior class also plans to get other student groups involved.

"We want to challenge organizations on campus to visit the living homes," Singer said. "We hope to get as many organizations (involved) as possible."

Singer said he considers visiting nursing homes to be a civic responsibility. He said it was important for the senior

class to be proactive in bettering the lives of senior citizens.

"It was important for us to go to them," Singer said. "It's hard for (senior citizens) to go out and go to other places."

Service Committee Senior Marshal Emily Lemons said Big Buddy is also an important part of the project. Lemons said the residents of nursing homes enjoy seeing children, but they rarely get to do so.

Lemons said no other student organizations besides Big Buddy are involved in the project yet. She said the senior class plans to attend meetings of student organizations to advertise the project. Senior class officials also hope to get other students on campus involved as well, Lemons said.

"I would like to reach students who aren't involved to give them something to contribute to," Lemons said.

Lemons said this is the first year the senior class has participated in the project, which will last through the spring 2002 semester. She said the senior class also hopes to get underclassmen involved in the planning process.

Scarlett McKnight, the life enrichment coordinator at Alterra Clare Bridge, said the residents enjoy student visits.

"We're looking forward to participating in their activities," McKnight said.

"The residents get a lot out of working with young people."

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Democrats Fight Secret Trial Plan

Critics say the court system and due-process protections should be made available to the suspected terrorists.

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Democrats began making plans Tuesday to fight President Bush's decision to prosecute suspected terrorists before secret military tribunals.

New York Sen. Charles Schumer announced hearings next week on whether the president has the authority to call for tribunals without congressional approval. Ohio Rep. Dennis Kucinich said he would offer legislation this week banning the use of government money to set up the secret trials.

"To come up with the best way to do this, Congress ought to be involved," said Schumer, chairman of the Senate Judiciary courts subcommittee.

Bush signed an order earlier this month allowing the Pentagon to form military courts to try non-U.S. citizens suspected of terrorism. White House lawyers say military tribunals could be

conducted in secret outside the United States to protect against retaliation and the exposure of intelligence sources.

The idea has been criticized by members of Congress and civil libertarians, who say the civilian court system and due-process protections should be made available to terrorism suspects.

The government is detaining 603 people in its terrorism investigation, including some alleged members of Osama bin Laden's network. Federal agents have cited concerns about nuclear power plants, guns and box cutters in seeking the detentions, according to documents reviewed by The Associated Press.

Faced with growing congressional concern about the secrecy and scope of his investigation, Attorney General John Ashcroft announced Tuesday that 104 people have been charged with federal crimes in the probe.

In his most detailed public account yet, Ashcroft released the names of those facing federal charges. But he refused to provide names for the hundreds held on immigration violations, saying he didn't want to aid bin Laden's al-Qaida network.

"The Department of Justice is waging

a deliberate campaign of arrest and detention to protect American lives," Ashcroft said. "We are removing suspected terrorists who violate the law from our streets to prevent further terrorist attacks."

In a letter released Tuesday, Kucinich and 38 other House members wrote, "We oppose the creation of military tribunals, which would permit secret arrests, secret charges using secret evidence, secret prosecutions, secret witnesses, secret trials, secret convictions, secret sentencing and even secret executions."

The only two non-Democrats who signed the letter were GOP Rep. Bob Barr of Georgia and independent Rep. Bernie Sanders of Vermont.

Kucinich said he plans to put an amendment on the Defense Department spending bill this week that would keep the government from spending public money to create and operate the military tribunals.

Schumer said he was not as opposed to the idea of military tribunals as Kucinich is, but thought that Bush should have consulted Congress before unilaterally deciding to have tribunals as an option.

Calendar Today

noon — The Sonja H. Stone Black Cultural Center is sponsoring an around the circle discussion titled "This Land is Your Land." It will examine the treatment of Native Americans in the United States.

5 p.m. — Campus Y is hosting a Student Global AIDS Dinner Discussion in the Toy Lounge. The founders of World Camp for Kids will talk about their experiences with African AIDS orphans as part of AIDS Benefit Week.

6 p.m. — Students United for a Responsible Global Environment are hosting a public teach-in on Qatar and UNC in the upstairs lobby of the Campus Y building.


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For the Record

The Nov. 26 graphic "Latino Population on the Rise" incorrectly reported a 1,036% increase in Chapel Hill's Latino population.

The Latino population actually grew from 607 in 1990 to 1,564 in 2000, which was a 103.6% increase.

The Daily Tar Heel regrets the error.



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