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Edwards Chosen as Spring Commencement Speaker

Though they like the choice, some committee members say they wish the process was more collaborative.

By LIZZIE BREYER
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Officials announced Thursday that U.S. Sen. John Edwards, D-N.C., will speak at this year's May Commencement, marking the end of a prolonged selection process.

Members of the UNC community said they are thrilled with Edwards' selection because of his name recognition and ties to the University.

Edwards received a law degree with honors from UNC in 1977. He was elected senator in November 1998 and has fought for issues such as education, campaign finance reform and patients' rights.

"John Edwards will make an incredible Commencement speaker because of his political prominence and the things he's done for North Carolina as well as the nation," said Student Body President Justin Young.

Many students and faculty echoed Young's sentiments, citing Edwards' rumored intentions to run for president in 2004 as evidence of his strong qualifications as a speaker.

"I'm very excited - I think he will offer a very unique perspective to the class of 2002," said Senior Class President Ben Singer. "We all know he's probably the leading presidential candidate for the next election."

Although senior class officials said they are satisfied that Edwards was chosen, some students said they are not pleased with the selection process.

The committee suffered its first setback when entertainer Bill Cosby declined because of a scheduling conflict. Recently,

Chancellor James Moeser suggested that the committee consider choosing a faculty member such as journalism Professor Chuck Stone or English Professor Doris Betts because of time constraints.

Young said he is glad the committee was able to snag Edwards but that he wishes the final selection had been a more collective decision.

"As far as the process goes, we were kind of caught off guard," he said. "The speaker committee was under the impression that we would be meeting one more time before the decision was made. I think Senator Edwards is a good choice - I just wish we had been consulted more."

Singer also said he would have liked the process to go more smoothly, but he said the experience will allow important changes to be made for next year.

"It's been a constant thing that once the speaker is selected, we all feel like we dodged the bullet and can keep on moving," Singer said. "I think that's

where we can really improve - we can get started earlier."

Stone said he is glad to see the process come to an end and that he is not disappointed that the committee did not choose him. "The main thing is we got someone of national stature, and that's what I wanted all along," he said.

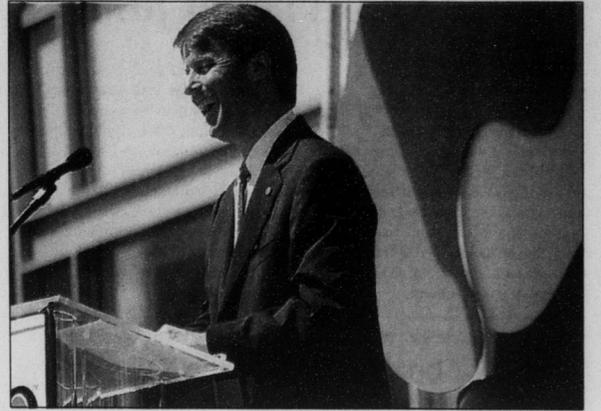
Edwards has spoken on campus twice in the last year - Sept. 10, at the dedication of a new facility at UNC Hospitals, and Feb. 21, as part of the "Tuesdays with Friday" lecture series.

But Singer said he expects the Commencement address to surpass all of Edwards' other appearances.

"The aura, the feel, everyone's out there - it's an amazing event, and he will prepare an amazing speech," he said.

"He's one of Chapel Hill's jewels - for him to come back is our privilege."

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Sen. John Edwards, D-N.C., who will be UNC's Commencement speaker, is considered a possible candidate for the 2004 presidential election.

Developers Explore Mixed-Use Plans

There are now at least three communities that could be considered mixed-use either planned or open for business in the Chapel Hill area.

By COLIN SUTKER
Staff Writer

Mixed-use developments that combine residential and commercial properties are growing in popularity with local developers and increasingly calling Carrboro and Chapel Hill home.

The towns are using mixed-use communities as a more viable option for development, and the idea is quickly becoming a way for towns to maintain their landscapes.

David Godschalk, a UNC professor in the Department of City and Regional Planning, said mixed-use communities are designed to open up the area for community development.

"You're trying to do the opposite of isolation," Godschalk said. "It's possible to have facilities like churches or day-care centers."

This idea is particularly appealing to towns like Carrboro and Chapel Hill that are known for their policies on regulating growth and the environment. Mixed-use developments are one way towns can maintain the amount of growth and still cater to an increase in the population, Godschalk said.

Meadowmont was one of the first local developments to incorporate the idea of letting people live and work in the same area without having to drive from place to place. Although the Chapel Hill development, a 435-acre mixed-use community located on the north side of N.C. 54, was started more than five years ago, it is still under construction.

Roger Perry, a representative of East-West Partners, the firm that developed Meadowmont, said the firm decided to develop the tract of land in this new urban style because it is a popular trend in the industry. He also said creating the perfect balance between both commercial and residential interests involves lengthy discussion and planning.

"(Developing the land at Meadowmont) was a combination of what the market could stand, what the town wanted (for civic use) and what the land could handle," Perry said. "We met with staff, the planning and council departments and with the public."

"The whole process took seven to eight years," he added.

But Meadowmont isn't the area's first mixed-use development.

Jim Earnhardt, developer of Southern Village, a 312-acre mixed-use development in Chapel Hill that was completed recently, said the decision about what goes into any mixed-use office space is chosen by residential demand in a particular community.

"(The residents) vote with their pocketbook and their feet," Earnhardt explained.

The development houses a movie theater, Mary Scroggs Elementary School, a church and 1,175 housing units. Earnhardt said this type of community catered to a family setting.

Carrboro is toying with its own potential mixed-use development, which would sit adjacent to the Horace Williams tract in north Carrboro and help the town maintain its policy on infill.

Winmore, like Meadowmont and Southern Village, plans to incorporate residential, civic and commercial-use buildings to create a communal atmosphere rather than a scattered residential area. Winmore developer Phil Szostak said the main focus of the commercial area will be 28 live/work units, which will feature office space on the first floor and residential space on the second.

Szostak said Winmore's facilities are intended to provide a walkable, more self-sufficient development. In addition to the live/work units, there are plans for a gardening store, a general store, recreation areas and a church with a preschool.

Szostak said the most important aspect of a mixed-use community is its ability to change. "It needs to be flexible," he said.

"It may start out non-commercial and then develop later. We're designing a plan that can change over the years."

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Meadowmont is an example of a mixed-use development. The communities combine residential and commercial units to concentrate development and minimize travel.

UNC, Developers Discuss Sale Of Plot of University Property

By CHRIS BLOW
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The potential sale of a 62-acre piece of UNC land north of Carrboro for use as UNC and town employee housing has spurred discussion between UNC officials and developers.

Interest in the sale of the land has been promoted by developers who are creating a mixed-use housing property known as Winmore on a site neighboring the Horace Williams tract.

Such a purchase would double the acreage of the Winmore development and make use of an otherwise inaccessible piece of UNC property, said

developer Phil Szostak.

Should UNC sell the land, it is anticipated that a percentage of the Winmore homes would be reserved for UNC employees, Szostak said.

But he cautioned that planning for use of the UNC land has so far been strictly noncommittal.

"It's just something that has been talked about as a win-win situation, especially as far as faculty/staff housing," he said.

Bob Knight, assistant vice chancellor for finance and administration, said the decision-making is mostly in the hands of the UNC Board of Trustees.

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Student Leaders Finalize Response To Tuition Plan

Student government representatives plan to sponsor an online survey to gauge student opinion about possible tuition hikes.

By NIKKI WERKING
Staff Writer

Student leaders held a closed meeting Wednesday to prepare most of the details for a list of concerns they plan to present at the Jan. 24 UNC-Chapel Hill Board of Trustees meeting.

The list contains about 15 points addressing student involvement in the University's tuition decisions.

"The list includes things we feel like students want from the BOT regarding the (proposed \$400) tuition increase and future increases," said sophomore Douglas Bynum, speaking on behalf of student government. No other member of student government was available for comment Thursday night.

In addition to the list of student concerns, the group also finalized plans for a student protest at the BOT meeting and distributed a student survey about the proposed tuition increase recommended by the Task Force on Tuition.

The survey will be released on Student Central and will provide background on the \$400, one-year proposal recommended by the task force. Members of student government could not be reached Thursday night to say when the survey would be

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School Board Officials Further Debate Issue Of Internet Filtering

The Child Internet Protection Act requires that local schools filter their Internet access to receive federal technology grants.

By ERIKA HEYDER
Staff Writer

Local school board officials spent Thursday night discussing whether to add further measures to a proposal that would filter students' Internet activity in Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools.

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro Board of Education held a public hearing Thursday that was followed by a work session where members debated the merits of a proposed Internet filtering system. The floor for the public hearing was closed 10 minutes after the meeting started because no one showed up.

Ray Reitz, chief technology officer for the school system, addressed the board following the public hearing. He told board members that the schools have a federal grant allotting them between \$75,000 to \$100,000 to be used for technological services. The grant, which the system received in 2001 as part of the Child Internet Protection Act, is given to schools that control students' access to material on the Internet.

But to receive the grant, the system must enforce content filters and provide a protected and secure Internet environment for students.

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