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BOT Nixes Night Permit Plan, Asks Administration to Revise

By LIZZIE BREYER
University Editor

Members of the UNC Board of Trustees voted Thursday to send a parking proposal back to the administration for a new version to be drafted – without a night parking permit system.

After more than an hour of discussion focusing on reservations about a night parking proposal, Trustee Richard Stevens moved to send the parking plan back to the chancellor and vice chancellors who had created the proposal March 19.

The motion passed 6-5, with two trustees absent.

"I felt the administration needed another crack," Stevens said. "I hope they can come

back with (a new proposal) very quickly."

Nancy Sutenfield, vice chancellor for finance and administration, began the discussion Thursday by summarizing many of the concerns the trustees had raised at a work session Wednesday, when the board spent about an hour and a half discussing the issue of night parking.

She said that the Department of Public Safety is facing a budget crisis as the campus loses available parking to development and that the best solution to address both problems is the administration's night parking plan.

Under that proposal, night parking permits, which would allow the user to park in any campus lot after 5 p.m., would have been issued, although day permits also would have been valid at night.

Students also would have been able to park for free at night in the Bell Tower Lot or the Bowles Lot on South Campus.

An alternative plan, proposed by students on the Transportation and Parking Advisory Committee, would have levied an across-the-board \$5 student fee increase to garner the revenue that would have been raised by the permits.

Williams said he thought the complex new system proposed by the administration would restrict students' freedom and might put them at a safety risk.

"I've just got a sense that we are closing the campus," Williams said.

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Trustees Tim Burnett (left) and Stick Williams discuss the night parking issue at Thursday's Board of Trustees meeting. Burnett voted for the plan, and Williams voted against it.

Students Negotiate, Not Rally

Student leaders try a new strategy of discussion instead of confrontation with the Board of Trustees.

By JOHN FRANK
Assistant University Editor

The UNC Board of Trustees has long been at odds with bullhorn-toting, actively protesting student leaders when it comes to campus issues.

But at Thursday's meeting, a new, less confrontational strategy paid off for student leaders as the BOT voted 6-5 to send the administration's proposal for a parking plan back for revision.

The decision to send the parking plan back to South Building was the first time in recent memory that the board has rejected an administrative recommendation.

But Trustee Richard Stevens, who moved to reject the night parking portion of the plan, downplayed the significance of the decision.

"The decision was issue-specific," Stevens said. "The board is generally supportive of the administration, but on this issue, we just disagreed."

This time, it was easier for trustees to agree with the students, Stevens said, because of better communication tactics used by students.

Stevens said he noticed a difference in how students handled the tuition and parking cases, saying the board was more responsive to discussion than protests.

"I think when you have a deliberative body like the BOT ... it is better to have meaningful dialogue than rhetoric," he said.

Student Body President Justin Young said the new strategy that student leaders used to lobby the board for a specific outcome is more important than the decision itself.

In the past, student leaders have focused on amassing a student presence at BOT meetings to demonstrate students' disapproval for various proposals.

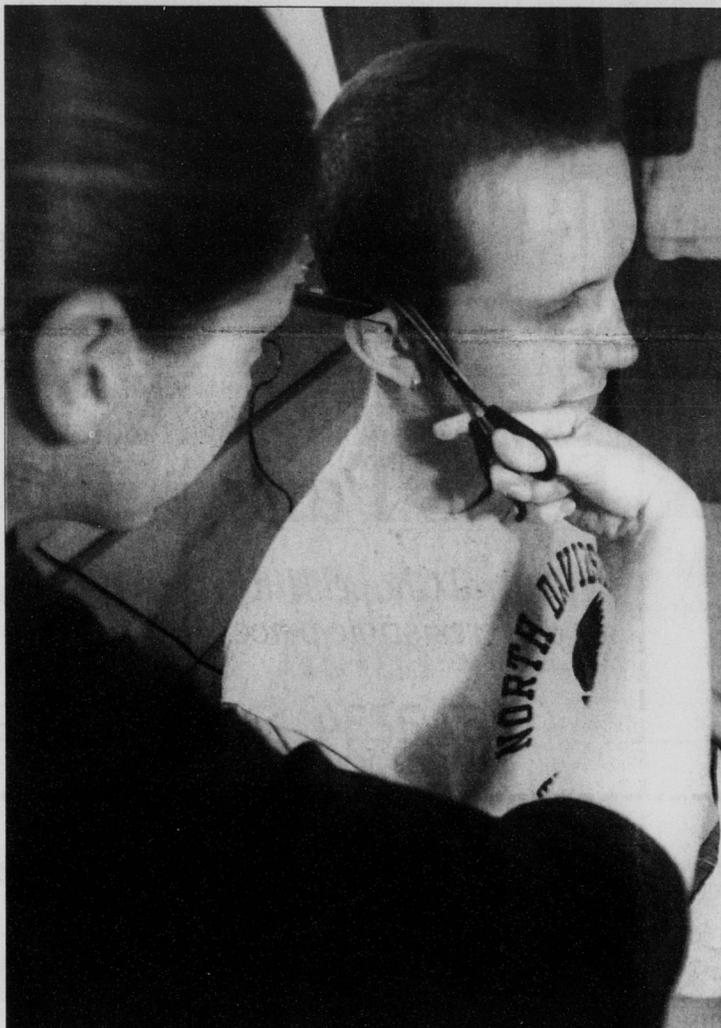
In January, student leaders tried to organize a more traditional protest against a proposed tuition increase, bringing about 40 students into the BOT meeting room to draw the attention of many of the trustees. But Young said that this time they tried a less intrusive approach.

"This time around, the efforts were focused on communication and bringing (information) to each of the trustees," he said.

Both Young and Student Body President-elect Jen Daum talked individually with trustees the week before Thursday's meeting about the issues

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SHAVE AND A HAIRCUT ... TWO BITS



DTH/BRIAN CASSELLA

Kelsey Scott finishes cutting Lucas Hammonds' hair on Sunday afternoon. The two freshmen used Scott's room in Hinton James Residence Hall as a hair cutters after returning from Easter weekend in Winston-Salem.

Officials Fight Increases For Professional Students

By DANIEL THIGPEN
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A tuition hike proposal passed by the UNC-system Board of Governors last month will go before the N.C. General Assembly in May, but University officials hope some of the plan can first be modified for professional schools.

Provost Robert Shelton said Sunday that he is in discussions with the system's general administration, concerned that the BOG's proposal – to increase tuition 12 percent across the board for out-of-state students – could harm UNC-Chapel Hill's professional programs.

"I'm not sure this is something the BOG was expected to consider," Shelton said. "We're going to take a micro look right now." The talks center on the fact that UNC-CH's professional schools – namely the schools of medicine, business, dentistry and pharmacy – could face crippling effects if their nonresident tuitions increased by 12 percent. Shelton said.

The board also approved an 8 percent system-wide increase for in-state students. The two increases were passed with the justification that they

would be a solution for funding projected enrollment growth for the UNC system. These funds normally come from the state legislature, but BOG members said they were searching for a short-term solution in light of the state's projected billion-dollar shortfall.

If the 12 percent increase is approved, some schools could incur hikes of more than \$2,000, jeopardizing their national competitiveness and ability to attract quality students, officials say. UNC-CH administrators want to downsize the increase to offset these results. "Basically the concern is that, for certain programs, we'd be pricing ourselves out of the market," Shelton said.

This academic year, nonresident students in the medical school's M.D. program pay up to \$32,394.38 in tuition for the first two years, and nonresident dental school D.D.S. students pay \$12,793.46 per year. Business school nonresidents in the two-year MBA program pay \$12,762.46 per year, and pharmacy school nonresidents in the Pharm. D. program pay \$9,985.71 per year.

Pharmacy School Dean William Campbell –

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Budget Cuts Might Affect Future Department Hiring

By PHILISSA CRAMER
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Some department chairmen have been asked by University officials to think carefully about future hiring in preparation for the possibility of budget cuts.

Provost Robert Shelton said specific department chairmen are drawing up budgets incorporating 5 percent and 10 percent reductions in anticipation of sweeping cuts to the University's appropriations by the state legislature.

Both Gov. Mike Easley and state legislators have

begun work on the state budget for the 2002-03 fiscal year. Legislators have said about \$1.2 billion might need to be cut from the state budget, including close to \$700 million from education.

Faculty Council Chairwoman Sue Estroff said one of the main changes being made by department chairmen in their revised budgets is to put a hold on future hiring, although Shelton said this is not a required element of the rebudgeting procedure. "We have asked deans to look at budgets and tell us how to handle cuts, but we didn't say you have to impose a hiring freeze as part of that strategy," Shelton said.

But Estroff said although no official hiring freeze

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Trustees Approve Sale of Satellite Tract to Winmore

The 62-acre Horace Williams tract will join with a 66-acre tract to create affordable housing for the University.

By LIZZIE BREYER
University Editor

A piece of University-owned land might soon become part of the area's newest affordable housing project.

After more than an hour of debate, the UNC Board of Trustees voted to

approve sale of the 62-acre Horace Williams satellite tract to Winmore Land Management LLC, for use as part of a mixed-use development in Carrboro.

Winmore developers Phil Szostak and Bob Chapman already are planning to develop an adjacent 66-acre parcel of land but approached UNC with the idea of combining the two pieces of land into a large joint-development project.

Doug Furstenberg, a consultant for Stonebridge Associates Inc., a Maryland-based firm that UNC has hired to help plan for the future of the Horace Williams tract, presented a detailed plan for the satellite tract at Thursday's BOT meeting.

The proposal would include 96 affordable apartment units that would be owned and managed by the University, as well as

50 to 60 houses priced under \$175,000 that would be sold to employees of the University, UNC Hospitals or the town of Carrboro. "In terms of affordable housing, this project is a start, not a finish, but it's a great way to see how people respond to the idea," Furstenberg said.

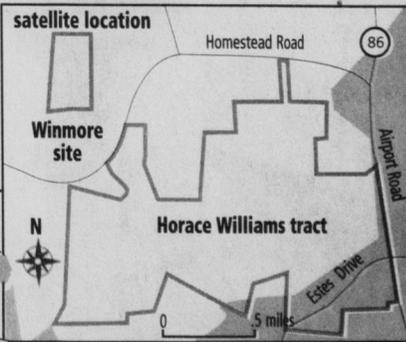
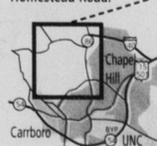
The motion approved by the trustees stated that in return for the land, the University would receive \$1.25 million plus 30 percent of future revenue totaling more than \$15 million from the entire development.

But some trustees expressed concern about the idea of selling the land, which they said was a valuable University asset that could be needed in the future.

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Adding More to Winmore

On Thursday, the BOT approved the sale of the satellite Horace Williams tract, a 62-acre area of land in Carrboro. The tract will become part of the Winmore mixed-use development, which opens up on to Homestead Road.



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I was taught that the way of progress is neither swift nor easy.

Marie Curie