Council Downscales July 4 Festivities

By JOCELYN OBERDICK

At a budgetary work session Wednesday, the Chapel Hill Town Council voted against the complete elimination of the town's Fourth of July celebration for this year.

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Instead, the council members decided that the festivities would be a scaleddown version of the traditional celebra-tion, which typically involves a fireworks display at Kenan Stadium. This decision could save the town at least \$20,000.

The change is designed to save Chapel Hill money and help with this

year's unusually tight budget.
The state's \$900 million budget shortfall has greatly restricted town spending this year. Because of the dollar crunch, officials might withhold money

The popular ABC morning television show "Good Morning America" will film live in front of Carroll Hall on

The show will kick off its tour of all

50 states in North Carolina with a stu-dent-oriented show including partici-pants from UNC-Chapel Hill, Duke University and N.C. State University.

After hosts Diane Sawyer and Charlie Gibson spend Sunday night in the residence halls at Duke, they will

film their entire morning show, from 7

a.m. to 9 a.m., at UNC-CH.

UNC-CH-specific segments of the program will include a look at the Rare

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from numerous towns across the state.
"This budget has been the most diffi-

cult that we have ever worked on togeth-er," said Town Manager Cal Horton. For Chapel Hill, this would mean a

\$1.4 million loss, and council members are searching for all possible ways to cut corners and save money. The Fourth of July celebration is one way in which the town's money can be conserved, officials decided Wednesday.

Parks and Recreation Director Kathryn Spatz estimated that a scaleddown version of the Fourth of July celebration this year could save the town \$20,000 to \$25,000.

Costs for last year's celebration were about \$32,000. These projected savings mean that the reduced celebration would cost the town only \$7,000 to \$12,000.

Spatz said Wednesday that the elimi-

ABC Morning Show to Come to UNC

Book Collection in Wilson Library and live appearances at Polk Place, the Pit and the Bell Tower.

UNC-CH students participating include the cheerleading squad, the men's soccer team, school mascots and

University musical groups.

The show also will include a medical

For the Record

In the April 25 article "Committee Forwards 12 Commencement Speaker

Nominees," it was incorrectly reported that Bill Cosby was automatically added

All names on the chancellor's list are

The Daily Tar Heel regrets the error.

to the chancellor's list of candidates.

nation of the fireworks alone would reduce town costs by \$20,000 to \$22,000.

But council member Flicka Bateman said she doesn't think that the changes are

permanent or that the festivities will be the only thing the council tapers down. "I think down the road, we'll defi-nitely look to restore it," Bateman said.

Spatz said details about this reduced celebration have not yet been determined, but Robert Humphreys, executive director of the Chapel Hill Downtown Commission, stressed that the celebration will not have a carnival-like atmosphere

Humphreys said he expects the celebration to have music and entertain-ment for children but no carnival games or food vendors.

Although the Fourth of July celebration has not been completely eliminated
– as originally suggested by some coun-

report on Duke's anger management program and a forum among students at N.C. State about issues of college life.

Coverage of the event will begin at 5 a.m. on local ABC affiliates, and organizers suggest that students, faculty, staff and

community members arrive by 6:45 a.m.

"Good Morning America" last filmed at UNC-CH in fall 1998.

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not expect a large turnout this year.

Humphreys said he expects a drastic drop in attendance because the venue has been changed to UNC's McCorkle Place.

"The fireworks drew 15,000 to 20,000 people to Kenan Stadium," Humphreys said. "I would see this year drawing 20 (percent) to 25 percent of that. I'm not even sure if we could get 5,000 people to attend."

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Developments in the War on Terrorism

U.S. Troops to Hunt Terrorists in Pakistan

■ U.S. government personnel are searching for al-Qaida fighters in northwest Pakistan, and the American military is set to join the hunt, officials Thursday. The operations carry risk, both for the Americans and Pakistani President Pervez Mushai

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Afghanistan Begins Freeing Prisoners Who Fought For Taliban

Afghanistan's interim regime on Thursday freed the first of hundreds of Pakistani prisoners locked away for months in cramped, squalid cells because they came to help the deposed Taliban regime fight a "holy war" against America.

Nine Palestinians Leave Besieged Church of Nativity

■ Wearing white masks against the powerful stench, nine young Palestinians emerged from the Church of the Nativity on Thursday carrying makeshift wooden coffins with the decomposing corpses of two Palestinian policemen and surrendered to Israeli police.

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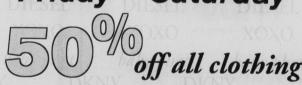
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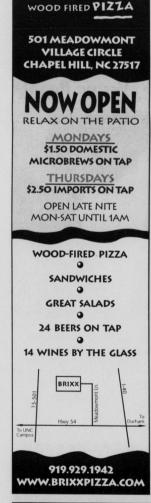
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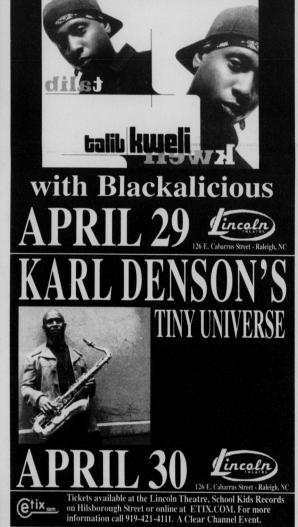
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