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## Carrboro Votes to Annex 2 Tracts

Town to acquire 365 acres of land

By JAMIE DOUGHER AND JOHN RUSSELL  
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The Carrboro Board of Alderman approved Tuesday the voluntary annexation of parts of the Horace Williams tract and its satellite.

The board voted 6-0 in favor of the annexation despite opposition voiced by many residents at last Tuesday's board meeting. Alderman John Herrera abstained from the vote.

Mayor Mike Nelson said he supports the annexation of the 365 acres of UNC-owned land because it acts in the best interests of the residents he was elected to represent. "While my heart is with them, my head leads me to a different conclusion," he said.

Nelson read a June memo from Orange County attorney Geoffrey Gledhill about an annexation. Gledhill wrote, "Chapel Hill and Carrboro have the power to annex into the transition area without the approval of Orange County."

Nelson asked his fellow board members to think of what is best for the community and not what is popular.

"I ask you to choose between what's easy and what's hard," Nelson said. "I ask you to do a difficult thing — put the needs of our citizens above popularity."

Nelson stressed the importance of annexation to combat development by the University and Winmore planners, which he said will occur whether or not Carrboro annexes the land.

"The University's bigger than we are, they're stronger than we are, and they have more powerful friends than we do," he said. "We have to make sure our citizens are in a strong position."

Nelson said Carrboro will have to assert its power in deciding what occurs in the area, especially the preservation of Bolin Creek Trail.

Alderman Jacquelyn Gist, formerly an opponent of annexation, said she voted in favor of it because she trusts the work the community has done for the last 15 years. "I think that we can prolong the process of what's going to happen to this land or we can get to it," she said. "So I will shock my colleagues and vote for annexation."

Carrboro resident Donald McDonald said he is opposed to the annexation because it will harm the quality of life in Carrboro. "An affirmative vote tonight sets in motion the destruction of everything I love about this environment," he said.

McDuffee said residents should not fear development in the land in question after annexation because Carrboro will be involved in whatever progress is made. "We have a reputation for being hard on developers."

Alderman Joal Brown said a vote against annexation would have repudiated the hard work of the last 10 years leading up to the potential development of the area. "In 20 years, people will look at Carrboro as the beacon, and they will follow us."

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Playmakers Theatre, completed in 1851, was added to the National Register of Historic Places for its architectural significance. Three buildings on UNC's campus are recognized on the list.

## Honoring History

Residence hall, theater, inn on register of historic places

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As the oldest public university in the United States, UNC is home to several historically significant buildings.

Three buildings on campus are listed in the National Register of Historic Places — Old East Residence Hall, The Carolina Inn and Playmakers Theatre.

Being listed in the register is the highest honor that can be placed on a historic building.

Paul Kapp, UNC campus historic preservation manager, said the architecture and conditions of buildings are visible reminders of the campus's history.

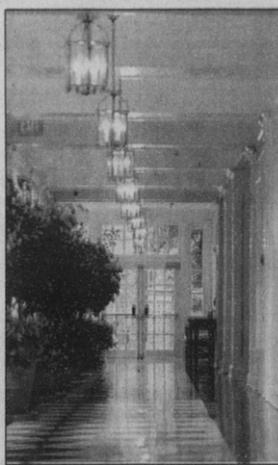
"You're in a certain time when you walk through campus," Kapp said. The Carolina Inn, completed in 1924, was added to the register in 1999 because of its architectural and social significance to the history of the University. "Back in 1924, there was no other hotel," said Margaret Skinner, marketing director for The Carolina Inn. "The Carolina Inn) was where many of the important meetings took place."

Significant for its age and architecture, Old East was completed in 1795, during the first stage of building on campus.

Playmakers Theatre is also on the register for architecture. The building, completed in 1851, is used primarily for theater and other performances. Other buildings and areas on UNC's campus might soon join the list of historic places.

The Future Naval Officers Association is trying to get a nomination for

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The Carolina Inn was added to the register for its architectural and social significance.

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## Congress Fills Most Seats With Special Election

By DAVE SZWEDO  
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A special election held online Tuesday produced winners for seven of the nine empty seats in Student Congress.

Two students tied for the eighth seat, and neither has expressed interest in taking the position. A candidate who received votes for the ninth vacancy will be unable to fill the seat because she does not live in that district.

At press time, it was unclear if those elected officially accepted their seats.

The vacancies, resulting from recent congressional resignations and expulsions, extended across seven off-campus districts. The online election was called by Student Body President Jen Daum as mandated by the Student Code, which requires student elections to be held until all seats in Congress are filled.

The official ballot featured only two candidates — graduate students Michael Spinks and John Surface, who both ran for District 5. The remaining seats were made available to write-in candidates.

To obtain a seat in Congress, candidates need only receive more votes than their opponents. No minimum percentage of the votes is required.

District 5's three seats are designated for graduate students, and the lone vacancies in Districts 2 and 3 also must be filled by graduate students.

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## Election Results

Below are the unofficial results from the online election Tuesday to fill Student Congress seats. All candidates besides Michael Spinks and John Surface were write-in candidates. No winners had officially accepted their nominations as of late Tuesday night.

### District 2

Stephanie Hunter 24 votes

### District 3

Megan Shepherd 12 votes

### District 5

Michael Spinks 9 votes

John Surface 8 votes

John Holmes/Marc Nelson 3 votes each

### District 14

Doug Leconte 52 votes

### District 17

Piper Monk 12 votes

### District 20

Amy Brooks 1 vote

### District 21

Rob Godfrey 1 vote

SOURCE: UNC BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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## Officials Link Granville, Avery Crimes

Description, video of suspects are similar

By ROB LEICHER  
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THE SUSPECTS

Chapel Hill Police Department officials say they are working with University police to investigate a possible connection between the Thursday night robbery at Avery Residence Hall and a breaking and entering and larceny at Granville Towers East the same night.

Photographs of the suspects from Granville security videotapes match the description given by the victim of the Avery crime, officials said. Originally, a second man was thought to be a witness, but now he is listed as a suspect on the Department of Public Safety Web site because of the possible link to the Granville crime.

At 6:10 p.m. Thursday, a suspect knocked on the Granville victim's door and said he was in the wrong room, said Jane Cousins, spokeswoman for the Chapel Hill Police Department.

The resident said that he left his room without locking the door at 6:30 p.m. and that when he came back at 6:45 p.m., his laptop computer and cellular phone were gone, Cousins said.

At 6:51 p.m. Thursday, an Avery resident reported that he was robbed at gunpoint of his laptop computer, cell phone, gold chain and \$4 while in his room. The burglar knocked on the door and asked where another resident's room was, closed the door and re-entered the room without knocking, police reports state.

University police Maj. Jeff McCracken would not connect the two crimes but said police are investigating a link between the Avery robbery and another crime.

The physical descriptions of the suspect given by the Avery and Granville victims prompted police to link the two crimes, Cousins said. "The (Granville) victim said that the man who poked his head in matched the description of the Avery suspect."

Pictures from Granville security videotapes have been forwarded to University police because of a possible connection between the crimes, Cousins said.

"We received a videotape from Granville Towers which showed the two suspects entering the hall where the victim's room is located," Cousins said.

McCracken said the connection could

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PHOTOS COURTESY OF DPS WEB SITE

Police are searching for the two suspects shown in surveillance photos above in connection to two Thursday robberies.

## Legislature Approves 1/2-Cent Tax Increase

By STEPHANIE POOLE  
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The N.C. House approved a measure Tuesday that allows counties to raise sales taxes by a half cent.

The legislation also received preliminary approval from the N.C. Senate Tuesday and will go before the chamber today for a final vote.

The additional revenue will be used to repay state municipalities some of the \$333 million that Gov. Mike Easley withheld in local funding last spring, said Rep. Joe Hackney, D-Orange.

Under a previous bill, local municipalities would receive a larger percent-

age of sales tax revenue starting in July 2003.

But the bill approved Tuesday gives counties the option to collect additional revenue from consumers starting Dec. 1 and continuing until June 30, 2003.

Legislators say the state's budget deficit will push most local governments to adopt the increase so they can meet individual budget needs.

Local officials marched around the legislative building Monday when the House first took up the legislation and came back Tuesday to encourage senators to enact it.

Hackney said counties would need additional forms of revenue to survive the fiscal year without having to cut important programs.

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Only a life lived for others is the life worth while.

Albert Einstein