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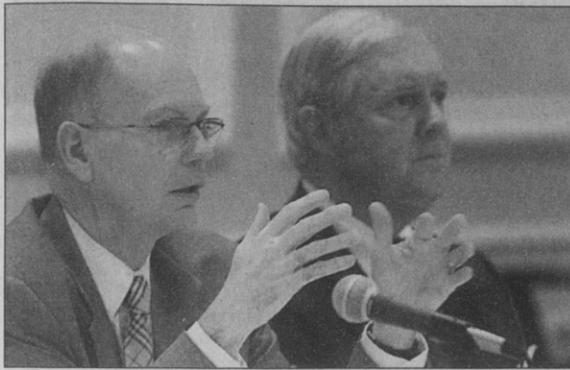


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## Trustees Defend Salary Decision



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Chancellor James Moeser (left), shown at Thursday's Board of Trustees meeting, has guaranteed Susan Ehringhaus' salary for two years.

By DANIEL THIGPEN  
University Editor

Through its chairman's admonishment of a recently skeptical public, the UNC Board of Trustees on Thursday staunchly defended Chancellor James Moeser's controversial salary agreement for an outgoing University administrator.

Moeser has been the target of widespread criticism after it was reported that he guaranteed a two-year, \$376,000 full salary for Vice-Chancellor and General Counsel Susan Ehringhaus, who will leave her post in January for an eight-month work assignment in Washington, D.C. She will return to teach in the UNC School of Law next fall.

Although the news has upset many at UNC and in the public, BOT Chairman Tim Burnett went on the record Thursday defending Moeser's decision. "One, the actions the chancellor took ... in our opinion are extremely appropriate," he said. "It is not appropriate for the board to comment beyond that."

Burnett also addressed the many recent newspaper reports and editorials. "Those matters are the chancellor's responsibility," he said. "All the facts don't make it into the news stories. ... We understand what the chancellor did, and we support him."

Faculty and staff leaders have expressed publicly their dismay over the pay deal in the past week, and Employee Forum Chairman Tommy Griffin, who was present during Burnett's remarks Thursday, has been just one UNC representative to scrutinize Moeser's decision.

But after hearing Burnett's comments, Griffin didn't seem to harbor any ill will toward the BOT and even said the board, which is designed to oversee all of UNC's administrative happenings, was justified in defending the salary deal.

"I felt it was the duty of the board to support the chancellor's decision," Griffin said. "They're sending the right message that they support the chancellor."

If anything, Moeser's deal with Ehringhaus seemed to come at an inappropriate time, one when faculty and staff at UNC are receiving little or no pay increases, Griffin said. "I think it has a lot to do with timing."

But Griffin maintained that although he might not agree with Moeser's actions, it will not keep him and others from

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## Crosswalk To Be Put At Site of Accident

### Man was killed crossing Franklin St.

By SHANNAN BOWEN  
Staff Writer

Safety concerns stemming from a pedestrian death on Franklin Street last month have caused the N.C. Department of Transportation to again take up a recommendation to install a controlled crosswalk near the site of the accident.

James Elijah Ellis, 77, was struck and killed by a motorist as he was crossing Franklin Street near where it intersects Church Street.

Mike Stout, assistant division traffic engineer for NCDOT, said the pedestrian accident was not the reason for the crosswalk recommendation by the Chapel Hill Town Council.

"It's been a place where a signal had been requested before, and it's just a coincidence the accident happened at the same time," Stout said.

He said that the NCDOT studied the area in 2000 but did not think a crosswalk was needed. The NCDOT blocked the recommendation in May 2000.

"At the time, we didn't think it was necessary for a crosswalk," Stout said.

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## BOT Approves Revitalization Of Arts Corner

### Arts, music and communications buildings to get revamped in '04

By BRANDON WHITESIDE  
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The UNC Board of Trustees voted unanimously Wednesday for the creation of an Arts Common that would reshape dramatically the northwest corner of campus.

As planned, the Arts Common will entail new and renovated buildings for the departments of arts, music and communication studies, as well as a landscaped outdoor area over an underground parking deck with a capacity of 300. It will encompass the area between South Columbia Street and McCorkle Place, and Franklin Street and Cameron Avenue.

Consisting of UNC faculty, Town Council members, Mayor Kevin Foy and Franklin Street business owners, the 30-member University Arts Common Committee has been planning the project since October 2001.

The first phase of the project, slated to begin in 2004 after fund raising, necessitates the demolition of Abernethy Hall, Evergreen House, the Hill Hall Annex, West House and the back of Swain Hall.

After the demolition will be the construction of new classroom space, a new music building and the digging of the underground parking deck. This first phase will be completed in 2008 at the earliest and is the largest phase of the Arts Common undertaking.

"(The first phase) will dramatically change that end of campus, even if that was the only thing we did," said Steve Allred, chairman of the Arts Common Committee.

UNC's fine arts departments said they welcome the improved facilities in store.

"The music building is a disaster ... acoustically," said music Professor Jon Finson about Hill Hall. "(It's) certainly the worst of any art department."

Despite the nationally reputed contents of the Music Library in Hill Hall, Finson said faculty members fear a possible steam pipe break that would ruin the entire collection. Hill Hall's basement has been condemned, and water leaks and temperature extremes plague the building's auditorium.

Finson hopes the Arts Common will remedy the structural degradation and general lack of space that characterizes several

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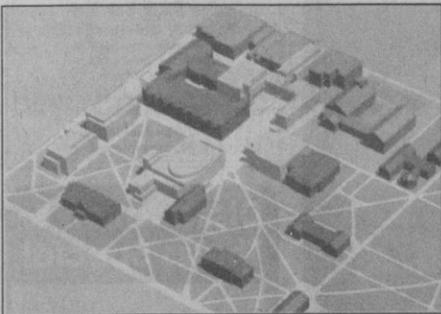


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As part of the Arts Common plan, several building additions will be made (in yellow), including a new music department building, extensions to the Ackland Art Museum and extra classroom spaces.

## CLASS GIFTS



DTH/JONATHAN SAAS

Above: Stone columns at the corner of Cameron Avenue and Columbia Street are the gift of the class of 1999.  
Below: The class of 1989's gift was a UNC seal in front of South Building on a sidewalk in Polk Place.

## Class Gifts Leave Mark, Legacy for UNC History

By ELIZABETH SAPUTO  
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No rule requires seniors to give back to the University, yet class gifts have continued to foster a philanthropic spirit at UNC since 1868.

Each year, class officers seek out a lasting way for their class to be immortalized in UNC's history. This year's senior class voted this month to give an endowment to the Undergraduate Library.

Emily Stevens, director of the Young Alumni Program, works with seniors to identify areas where gift money could be used best.

"Every year is different," Stevens said. "Each gift is uniquely beneficial, worthwhile and affects many different people."

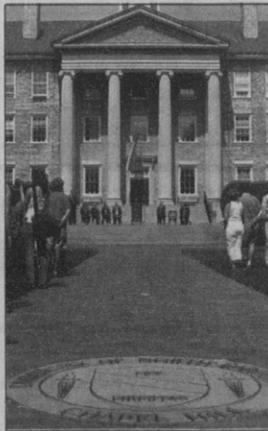
Stevens also said that from idea to final implementation, the process for choosing a gift is not easy.

First, senior class officers and marshals decide on three possible choices. Next, members of the senior class vote for the gift of their choice. Once the gift is chosen, a fund-raising campaign is planned and marketing materials are designed.

These materials are distributed in January, and a phone campaign also is launched at the end of the month. The class has a one-year period to meet fund-raising goals.

Jeff Terry is the assistant director of the Annual Fund, which includes the Phonathon, Young Alumni Program and senior class gift.

Terry said that even after funds have been raised for the class



DTH/BRIAN CASSELLA

gift, the work still might not be over. Many gifts take years of work before they are finally completed.

He said the class of 1999 raised money to build columns at the intersection of Columbia Street and Cameron Avenue with the University seal on them. They were completed just this year.

"The columns are a very welcoming way to acknowledge someone's entrance into the campus," Terry said.

Don Luse, director of the Student Union, said the gift from the class of 2000 is 80 percent complete.

It is a furnished lounge on the top floor of the new Student Union with a plaque containing contributors' names and honoring the class of 2000. "It shows that past students are concerned with future students' needs," Luse said.

He said that four library tables arrived damaged and that the new ones have not been shipped. He also said a few lamps probably will be added.

Luse said construction is scheduled to begin in January on the gift from the class of 2001, a freshwater aquarium that will be located in the renovated Union. It is projected to be a 10-month project.

"We want it to be viewed as a public work of art, not a bigger version of what you've got sitting on a bookshelf at home," Luse said.

Luse said each of the two projects cost about \$32,000.

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## UNC Discusses Joint Venture With ECSU

By STEPHANIE POOLE  
Staff Writer

A committee of the UNC-Chapel Hill Board of Trustees discussed Wednesday plans to create a joint pharmacy program with Elizabeth City State University, though no definitive action on the proposal was taken.

The program, considered by the BOT's University Affairs Committee, would be a joint venture between the two UNC-system schools, said UNC-CH executive associate provost Bernadette Gray-Little.

Once the program was established, Elizabeth City State undergraduate pharmacy majors would attend Elizabeth City State through their first or second years. Then students would begin taking courses at UNC-CH either online or on campus, Gray-Little said.

UNC-CH Provost Robert Shelton, who has been involved with the program since its inception, said videoconferencing also would be an option for classes.

Students in the program also could receive a joint degree, said Gerald McCants, assistant to the Elizabeth City State chancellor. "I think both university names would be on the diploma," he said.

Officials from both schools say the joint program will benefit northeastern North Carolina, where Elizabeth City State is located, because graduating pharmacy students eventually might seek jobs in the area, which has a much lower number of pharmacists than other

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History never looks like history when you're living through it.

John Gardner