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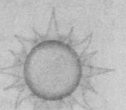
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# ACT Plans for 3,030 More Spaces by 2010

## ACT's Long Term Assessment

The final Advisory Committee on Transportation proposal intends to better all aspects of transportation on campus by implementing a variety of improvements and policies. The plan hopes to:

- Help traffic flow on campus by improving key intersections and roadways, the pedestrian-vehicle environment and access along Columbia Street and from Fordham Boulevard
- Improve on-campus parking conditions for UNC Hospitals and Health Affairs workers, employees and students by adding a total of 2,030 new spaces at Ramshead, Venable, McCauley, Swain, Belltower, ACC, Gravelly, and Manning lots, with the possibility of adding 1,000 spaces at Cobb and Jackson Place
- Create a committee composed of members from the University, Chapel Hill Transit and the Triangle Transit Authority, as well as develop additional park-and-ride facilities; amend routes and frequencies; improve headways, route coverage, hours of operation and express service serving the University; and working with the town to better bicycle facilities
- Implement policies that will establish sliding-scale permit prices, assess visitor parking fees and on-campus pay facilities, extend hours for Swain and Morehead lots, restrict Caldwell and Steele lots in the evening to faculty and teaching assistants with evening teaching assignments, examine permit allocation procedures and allocate permits by department size

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## Suggests sliding scale for permits

By JOHN LIPPS  
Staff Writer

UNC's Advisory Committee on Transportation finalized Wednesday its recommendations for a long-term parking and transportation plan that includes construction of several new parking decks and a salary-based sliding scale for permit pricing.

The proposal will be sent to the vice chancellor's advisory committee Tuesday before the final recommendations are sent to the UNC Board of

Trustees within the next few months.

The plan includes suggestions to address parking demands until 2010 by constructing several parking decks, resulting in an additional 3,030 parking spaces.

ACT's proposal is divided into issues relating to traffic, parking, alternative transportation and management practices. The draft being sent to the vice chancellor's committee includes five recommended intersection improvements and modest roadway improvements at congested areas around campus.

The committee primarily is focusing on the intersections of Manning Drive and Fordham Boulevard, South Road and Country Club Road, South Road and Columbia Street, Mason Farm

Road and Columbia Street, and Cameron Avenue and Columbia Street.

At these intersections, ACT recommends the addition of turning lanes and the re-timing of traffic signals. But more drastic improvements, such as the widening of Columbia Street, will be put off for further review.

ACT's proposal also departs from the Development Plan, the University's eight-year plan for growth, in its recommendation for new parking decks. The most significant suggestion was that UNC defer construction of the Manning parking deck, where, the proposal states, the new parking spaces would be underused because the site is undesirable to commuters.

Instead, ACT recommended the construction of parking decks at Cobb and Jackson Place, which it believes would offer more appealing parking locations.

Another change includes controlling the use of the Dogwood deck to open spaces exclusively to visitors and patients at UNC Hospitals.

ACT's proposal also looks to improve alternative campus transportation by establishing a committee composed of representatives from the University, Chapel Hill Transit and the Triangle Transit Authority. In addition, the proposal looks to improve transit route coverage and hours of operation.

The committee also suggests the establishment of 400 new park-and-ride

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## 21 Die as Plane Hits Hangar in Charlotte

The Associated Press

CHARLOTTE — A commuter plane taking off in clear weather Wednesday veered sharply back toward the airport, hit a hangar and crashed in flames, killing all 21 people aboard.

The cause of the nation's first deadly airline accident in more than a year was not immediately clear. Aviation officials said the pilot reported an unspecified emergency to the tower just before the crash.

US Airways Express Flight 5481 hit the corner of the hangar at full throttle moments after leaving Charlotte/Douglas International Airport for Greer, S.C., officials said. No one on the ground was injured.

Dee Addison, who works at an airport business 500 yards away, ran outside after hearing a boom.

"It was like a frenzy. People were running out of the (hangar)," she said. "At the time we didn't know a plane had actually crashed. It didn't even look like a plane. It was totally demolished."

Heavy smoke poured from the wreckage for hours, so thick "you could taste it in your mouth," Addison said.

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## State Could Finish Year With Surplus

By MATT HANSON  
Assistant State & National Editor

Now halfway through the 2002-03 fiscal year, North Carolina is on schedule in tax revenue collections for the first time in three years.

As of Dec. 30, the state had collected nearly \$60 million more than it had expected, said Deputy State Budget Officer Charles Perusse.

"We're hoping that things will continue positively," he said.

But the extra sum is not as significant when compared to a \$14 billion budget, said Linda Millsaps, a fiscal analyst for the N.C. General Assembly.

Still, the state is in a better position this year than at the same point in the past few years, Perusse said. He said that

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DTH/BRIAN CASSELLA

Trinity Properties employees Kevin Davis (left) and Larry Crumpler pack up Wednesday after work at the former Phi Lambda Phi fraternity house, which is being converted into apartments.

## FRATERNITY COURT GETS NEW NEIGHBORS

By KATHRYN GRIM  
Staff Writer

It's all that is Fraternity Court with none of the rushing.

In a twist on off-campus housing, the new private owner of the former Pi Lambda Phi house in Fraternity Court will open its doors to students — Greek or not — as another apartment-style option.

The lofted beds and community bathrooms have been replaced with spacious suites and more privacy in ongoing renovations. Starting in February, owner Guy Solie will begin offering yearlong leases that run from May to May for \$500 a month per bedroom, plus electricity.

But students can begin renting rooms for this semester at a prorated cost as soon as next week. Two students already have taken out a lease on the spacious top-floor suite Solie calls "the penthouse."

The house is divided into six suites, each with two or three bedrooms, a living room area, a full kitchen and one to three bathrooms. The suites will have hardwood floors, and heating and air-conditioning units are being installed Friday.

Other amenities include a washer and dryer, cable television and Time Warner's Road Runner high-speed Internet services.

Each house on Fraternity Court is allotted 11 parking spots, and Solie expects to use those and the driveway to ensure a space for each tenant in the 13-bedroom house.

A sprinkler system and security alarm will be installed in each suite, and one of the suites is wheelchair-equipped.

Although he originally expected his tenants to be displaced fraternity brothers, Solie said he will not discriminate as to who rents his rooms. "We'll probably find people who don't want to live in a frat house but want to live with their frat brothers," he said. "But I'm happy to have it coed. Whoever wants to live there works for me."

The house, once owned by Phi Kappa Sigma, was rented by Pi Lambda Phi for three years after the former's UNC chapter closed, said Jay Anhorn, director of Greek affairs. In 2001, Pi Lambda Phi gave up the lease and the house went on the market.

UNC used to own all the land in Fraternity Court but sold everything except the parking lot to the fraternities. The University decided repurchasing the house would be too large a strain on its budget, and Solie bought the house in the spring.

Renovations on the house began in midsummer, said maintenance supervisor Roger Green, who moved from West Virginia with members of his family to form the house maintenance team.

On Wednesday, sawdust, tools and ladders still littered the floors, but Green expects to finish renovations by next Friday, only slightly behind schedule.

Green said construction was set back for

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## ROOMS FOR RENT IN FRAT COURT

The former Pi Lambda Phi house is being converted into apartments.

WHERE  
Big Fraternity Court

SPECS  
• 6 suites  
Each suite has:  
• 2-3 bedrooms  
• 1-3 bathrooms  
• Living room area  
• Kitchen with sink, refrigerator, and dishwasher  
• Washer, dryer

AVAILABLE  
This semester (starting January 17), then by the year from May to May.

COST  
\$500 per bedroom

## Panel Initiates Scrutiny of BOG Structure, Size

Experts cite other governance boards

By GILLIAN BOLSOVER  
Staff Writer

A legislative commission charged with examining the size of the UNC-system Board of Governors began its work Wednesday by listening to experts present different examples of efficient university governance boards.

"Our goal is to see if there are any problems with the terms or number of members (of the BOG) and suggest legislation to correct any problems," said commission Co-chairman Rep. Joe Hackney, D-Orange.

Several high-ranking members pushed for the commission's creation in 2001 because they said the BOG's structure might limit the effectiveness of the UNC system's two flagship institutions — UNC-Chapel Hill and N.C. State University.

When the commission first was proposed, all 16 UNC-system chancellors, as well as former UNC-system presidents Bill Friday and C.D. Spangler, voiced their opposition to its creation, saying that state and UNC-system officials had more important issues to contend with.

The commission has yet to come to any conclusions. Commission members said they put off their initial meeting because of lengthy state budget negotiations that caused session to run to within a month of the Nov. 5 elections. "We stayed in session for a very long time, then there was the matter of the election; after the election it was Thanksgiving, then Christmas," said Senate Majority Leader Tony Rand, D-Cumberland.

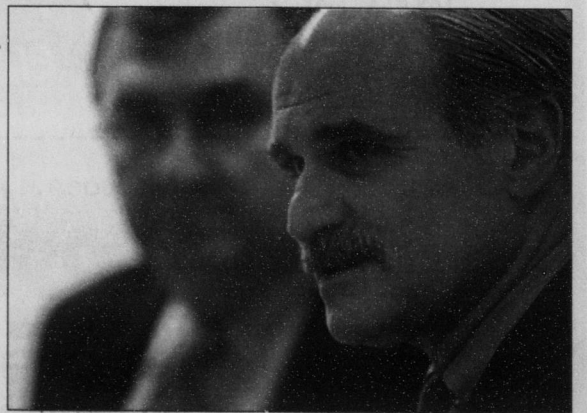
Because of the delays, the study commission will not submit its report on potential remodeling of the UNC system's administrative structure by the original due date of Jan. 29.

Rand, the commission's co-chairman, said the delay was not a concerted attempt to undermine plans for change but simply an expression of the fact that the N.C. General Assembly had more important issues to consider.

No new deadline for the commission's report has been set, Rand said. "We do not have the findings yet. When it is completed, we will issue a report."

But given the delay, some have expressed doubts about the potential influence of the commission's proposals. "The commission was not convened until (Wednesday). It has a very short time to do what it is going to do," said former

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DTH/BRIAN CASSELLA

Richard Novak talks Wednesday to a legislative commission charged with studying the structure of the UNC-system Board of Governors.

Any place worth its salt has a parking problem.

James Castle