

# Campus Bond Construction Far From Finished

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Alternate routes to classrooms and early morning jackhammers will remain staples of life at UNC-Chapel Hill and the 15 other UNC-system campuses as projects begun under the \$3.1 billion higher education bond referendum continue as scheduled.

Seventy-four percent of anticipated projects are in the design phase, under construction or completed, said Kevin MacNaughton, UNC-system university property officer. "We're actually a little bit ahead of schedule," he said. "We've kept pace with the funding available."

The bond was approved in the 2000 election by a statewide referendum.

MacNaughton said projects at all 16 system campuses are making good progress and acting within budgetary

restraints, especially at Fayetteville State University and UNC-Pembroke. "We've had 137 projects bid (in the UNC system), and all but two have been in budget."

Fifty total construction projects are planned for UNC-CH, which received \$510 million from the bond — more than any other system school.

Bruce Runberg, UNC-CH associate vice chancellor for planning and construction, said there is still much progress to be made. About six of the projected 50 projects are under construction, and four are completed, Runberg said.

"Even though we're doing well, we've still got the largest part of the projects to contract in the next two years," he said.

The struggling economy has been beneficial to the timely completion of projects, as contracting can be less expensive with lower interest rates, MacNaughton said.

UNC-system officials also are work-

ing with the State Construction Office to ensure projects are contracted properly.

SCO Director Spero Fleggas said he is generally pleased with the progress of the bond projects. "It's been very, very exciting. It's very exciting to see the progress that's being made," he said. "You always hunt for improvement in anything you do. You'd like to do more for each project, but you just can't do it all."

Officials say that for the contracting process, an effort was made to hire more firms small in size and headed by minorities.

MacNaughton said the N.C. General Assembly allowed the system more leeway in the bidding process, which attracted more contractors from within the state.

"We're exceeding the state's goal by about 30 percent," he said. "We've tried very hard to be proactive. Because the General Assembly gave us more options,

we've got more contractors bidding."

The SCO has overseen much of the contracting, Fleggas said.

But some critics have complained about inconveniences to students and faculty as their campuses are filled with detours, dust and noise. "We've heard good and bad comments," Runberg said.

MacNaughton said the temporary disturbances are worth the final product. "Clearly the price you pay is well worth what you get," he said.

The expected completion date for the various projects is during the 2007-08 academic year, MacNaughton said.

But Runberg said a lot of work has to be accomplished before then. "We're really been turning and burning, but we've got a long way to go."

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# South Square Area To Be Rejuvenated

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In September 2001, the Durham shopping community was shocked when J.C. Penney and Hudson Belk announced their intentions to leave South Square Mall and join the new Streets at SouthPoint across town.

The following January, South Square shut its doors and left the 790,000-square-foot property vacant. SouthPoint opened its doors a short while later, and the former South Square property was abandoned for some time.

But Charlotte-based retail firm Faison and Associates has decided to reopen the property with open-air sale stores in spring 2004.

The new complex is still in preliminary development, but Target already has been signed to the property and will open in 2004.

Other stand-alone retailers such as Sam's Club, as well as smaller chain stores, might join Target to replace the property off U.S. 15-501.

But officials said no plans have been finalized for other retailers to complement Firestone, Office Depot and Chick-fil-A, which will remain in their original locations.

Although South Square was put out of business with SouthPoint's opening, officials say the new plans for the location will not compete with the mall across town.

"(The new complex) and SouthPoint will not compete because they are two

different products," said Jense Teague, senior managing director for Faison.

Durham City Council member and Mayor Pro Tem Lewis A. Cheek echoes this sentiment.

"It is not intended to compete with SouthPoint, which is the point," he said. "That was one of the problems with South Square. ... It offered similar stores to SouthPoint, and the new mall took all the business."

When the project was first brought before the Durham City Council, transit to and from the mall was the focal issue.

Cheek said the transit routes had to be redrawn for the new shopping center.

"There were issues of a transit corridor, a potential rail line through Chapel Hill into Durham," he said.

"It was initially agreed that the corridor would run through the South Square property, but this had to be realigned. As a City Council, we agreed to move the transit corridor to go around the property instead of through it."

Although 2004 is still a year away, there is still much for both Faison and the Durham City Council to accomplish.

The council might approve the final redevelopment plan at its meeting next month.

Faison and Associates feel confident that the plan will be approved and the new complex will thrive where South Square could not.

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# Judge Rules Sniper Suspect Can Be Tried as Adult

The Associated Press

FAIRFAX, Va. — Citing what he called strong circumstantial evidence, a judge said Wednesday that 17-year-old sniper suspect John Lee Malvo can be tried as an adult, making him eligible for the death penalty.

Juvenile Court Judge Charles Maxfield ruled after a hearing in which prosecutors said that Malvo tauntingly tried to extort \$10 million from authorities during the killing spree and that fingerprints on the murder weapon and other evidence tied the teenager to four attacks — three of them fatal.

"There is no eyewitness at any of the four crime scenes, but the circumstantial evidence is quite strong," the judge said.

Malvo, as well as John Allen Muhammad, 42, are accused of killing 13 people and wounding five others in

Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D.C., last year. They are being tried first in Virginia in separate trials.

The extortion allegation is a key element of a Virginia anti-terrorism law that allows the death penalty for killers convicted of trying to intimidate the public or coerce the government. Malvo also is charged under a statute allowing a death sentence for multiple murders.

"They wanted to negotiate for money," prosecutor Robert F. Horan said. "They said, 'If you want us to stop killing people, give us the money.' If that is not intent to intimidate government, I don't know what is."

Defense lawyers argued that the evidence was insufficient because no eyewitnesses placed Malvo at any of the crime scenes. They also said the demand for money does not qualify as

terrorism and questioned whether it should be interpreted as a motive for any alleged crime.

"This is not intimidation if you look at it. If you look at it in the broadest sense, it's blackmail," defense lawyer Michael Arif said.

After the hearing, he added, "The request for \$10 million sounds like something out of an Austin Powers movie."

Malvo is charged in Fairfax County with the Oct. 14 slaying of FBI analyst Linda Franklin outside a Home Depot store in Falls Church. But Horan said ballistics evidence, the notes and the phone calls link Malvo to two other fatal attacks and a shooting outside an Ashland restaurant that left a patron critically wounded.

A fingerprint expert also said the only identifiable prints found on the murder

weapon, a Bushmaster rifle, belonged to Malvo. The print was found on the rifle's pistol grip.

Earlier, a detective who interviewed Malvo for six hours after his arrest last fall identified his voice on tape recordings of two threatening phone calls made to authorities during the attacks. Both tapes were played in court.

"I talked to him long enough to know he's very smooth and well-spoken. I'd know that voice immediately," Fairfax County police Detective June Boyle testified. She described Malvo as calm, relaxed and even "jovial on occasion" during their interview last year.

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# U.S. to Use Spy Planes in Iraqi Weapons Inspections

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Iraq has complained to the United Nations about a plan to use American spy planes to aid inspectors' search for illicit weapons, the top U.S. military officer said Wednesday.

Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told a Pentagon news conference that the Bush administration had offered U-2s, which provide high-altitude surveillance, and Predator unmanned aircraft, which fly low and send live television images of surveillance targets to command posts on the ground.

So far, the U.N.'s inspection arm has accepted only the offer of U-2s, Myers said, although none have flown yet.

"We're ready to go whenever they're

ready to go," Myers said.

Myers said the Iraqi government has sent a letter to Hans Blix, the chief U.N. weapons inspector, complaining about the U-2 arrangement.

The Iraqis told Blix they "have a real problem with U-2s flying over central Iraq" because it would complicate the Iraqi air defense forces' mission of defending against U.S. and British fighter jets that periodically attack Iraqi military sites in the southern and northern no-fly zones, which do not include the Baghdad area.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld, appearing with Myers, said that was a poor argument because the U.N. Security Council resolution under which the weapons inspections are authorized says the Iraqis may not interfere with patrols over the no-fly zones.

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## THE Daily Crossword

By Josiah Breward

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