

# UNC, CHCCS to Get New Resource

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After five years of planning and waiting, the UNC School of Education by the end of the month finally will hold a groundbreaking ceremony for the multipurpose off-site teaching facility it is building at Smith Middle School.

The ceremony will be held Monday, but William Veal, professor of education, said actual construction should begin by early March. He added that the project should be finished by December.

The new wing will be the home of the education school's Carolina Teaching Network, a program designed for teachers with three or more years of experience who are seeking advanced degrees.

"It's a way of getting involved in the community and a way of understanding what public education is all about," Veal said.

Steve Scroggs, assistant superintendent

for support services for Chapel Hill-Carboro City Schools, said the new wing is an example of the cooperative effort between the school system and UNC.

"I think this is a small step in trying to build a relationship with the University."

But he added that careful consideration must be taken during the building process to ensure that construction does not "disrupt educational flow."

"It all comes down to working together and collaboration," he said. "That's the bottom line."

The wing will be used primarily for distance-learning programs by experienced teachers in UNC's master's of education program.

Cheryl Mason-Bolick, professor of education, said the new wing will provide a location for teachers to hold courses in an actual school and for videoconferencing between Smith Middle School and MED teachers.

Mason-Bolick also said the parties involved want to expand the program so videoconferencing can reach other school systems across the state, such as Hoke County.

Because the distance-learning program also involves teaching courses via the Internet, the wing will be equipped with high-speed Web access.

Other features of the new wing include a counseling and observation room for psychologists and a state-of-the-art math and science education room where future math and science teachers will be trained. The room will be funded by a \$350,000 grant from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Veal said he hopes the wing will "reach other students at UNC besides just education students."

He added that the wing could be a useful facility for undergraduates majoring in math, science, psychology and

Spanish as well.

Betsy Faulkner, administrative manager of the School of Education, said Smith was chosen as the location for the wing because it is part of a K-12 campus that includes Seawell Elementary and Chapel Hill High schools.

Veal said that the wing "will provide an extra resource" for the students and faculty of Smith and that it can be used for meetings and programs at night.

The education school presented its plans for the approximately 10,000 square-foot addition to Smith Middle School at a school board meeting in November.

Veal said the exact cost for the building of the entire wing is unknown, but most of the funding will come from a state bond referendum that was passed two years ago.

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# Study: More Domestic Violence Laws Needed

Report emphasizes protection of children

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To address domestic violence in North Carolina and its effects on children, various policy-makers, law enforcement personnel and prevention advocates came together on The Child Well-Being and Domestic Violence Task Force to discuss solutions.

In January, the task force issued its final report, the result of a yearlong study, that called for uniform policies and practices on domestic violence and child maltreatment, ongoing education and training for care-giving professionals, a K-12 education program that promotes anti-violence and conflict resolution, and a statute that would criminalize seriously assaulting an adult in the presence of a child.

The report emphasized the importance of protecting children in violent homes. Often children are affected as if they were the primary victim, said Amy Holloway, executive director of the Family Violence Prevention Center in Orange County.

The immediate effects often include academic problems, drug abuse, withdrawal and depression.

Domestic violence, which affects women of all ages, is an issue that historically has not received the attention it deserves because often it is seen as a private matter that people shouldn't talk about, Holloway said.

As a result, children are not taught the signs of domestic abuse or that intense jealousy and possessiveness are forms of abuse, she said.

In fact, domestic violence is not just an issue for adults. According to a study conducted by the Harvard School of Public Health, the Boston University School of Public Health and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, about one in five girls in grades nine through 12 will experience sexual or physical violence in their dating relationships.

Girls raised in violent homes are more likely to get involved in violent relationships, while boys raised in a violent home are more likely to become

abusers themselves, Holloway said.

The report also recognized the need for reforms in training. There is a need for more training in all professional fields, she said. Most doctors, lawyers, law enforcement officers and employers only receive a few hours of training.

Because almost one in five relationships will experience violence at some point, all professionals should receive ongoing training because they likely will encounter the effects of domestic violence eventually, Holloway said.

The Family Violence Prevention Center in Orange County offers a voluntary 40-hour training program. The only requirement is a nine-month commitment, she said.

There are no training standards for those who care for domestic violence victims, said Pam Fone, victims service coordinator for the Orange County Sheriff's Office Crisis Unit. There is a certification available - but not required - for caregivers, she said.

There also is a need for legal changes that increase accountability for offenders. More jail time for first- and second-time offenders would help, Fone said.

Many first-time offenders now do not receive active jail sentences. Often they are given probationary sentences and are required to attend a counseling program such as The Change Program, said Kayley Taber, Orange-Chatham counties assistant district attorney.

The Change Program, based in Durham, is a highly structured 26-week program aimed at treating domestic violence perpetrators through counseling.

Domestic violence can also lead to the death of the victim. According to the North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence Web site, between Jan. 13, 2002, and Oct. 15, 2002, there were 53 domestic-violence-related homicides in the state that the coalition was aware of.

Although "we've got some really good laws on the books" the issue of domestic violence "needs to be an open dialogue," Taber said.

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# Cleanup Longer Due to Ice

Most recent storm shouldn't add costs

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Since December, UNC has been working hard to clean up the destruction left in the wake of that month's ice storm.

But Mother Nature has not been cooperating, as repetitive snowstorms and low temperatures have hindered the University's attempts to return the campus to its normal state.

"We lose valuable time restoring the campus every time it snows," said Grounds Director Kirk Pelland. "There is still a massive amount of cleaning to do. There are areas next year that we will still be working on. It is going to be a challenge."

Pelland said one of the tasks that remains to be completed is corrective pruning to trees. "It is going to be an ongoing process," he said.

But not all repair projects have been hindered by recent weather conditions. Exterior repairs to Davie Hall have been completed, leaving only internal renovations to be done, said Carolyn Elfland, associate vice chancellor for campus services. The building suffered water damage in December when a water coil on the roof burst during the ice storm.

In January, Elfland said the price tag for the damage from the December ice storm could reach almost \$350,000.

She said part of the University's budget is allotted for storm cleanup, but only \$127,000 was set aside this fiscal year.

Elfland said Monday that facilities services will look to cut other programs to gain additional funding for the cleanup.

"If we don't have it in the budget, we could look at other funds," she said. "If we exhaust all the budget, we would be in a position to ask for additional funds from the University budget."

But Elfland said she does not anticipate the need to ask for additional funds. UNC officials have applied for Federal Emergency Management Agency funds, which the University qualified for after the state was declared a disaster area in December.

"We just recently finalized and submitted the entire University's claim, and FEMA has approved our figures," said Steve Kenny, director of insurance and risk management. "We should be receiving payment within the next four weeks."

Even though recent cold weather has slowed the cleanup effort, officials said, Sunday's storm has had little effect on the cost and has not reversed their progress. "Luckily, there was no additional damage during this recent ice storm," Pelland said.

Elfland said freezing rain in December's ice storm caused more damage because it stuck to trees and to power lines rather than falling to the ground. "(Sunday) night was mostly a road problem," Elfland said. "It was sleet, which just falls."

Elfland said the damage also was minimized because several employees stayed this weekend to monitor the campus. Elfland said between four and 10 grounds workers stayed Saturday and Sunday night to monitor critical roads and to spread salt and sand.

She also said the snowstorms in January had not resulted in costly damage because officials at the facilities services office had learned lessons from the December ice storm.

"We had people spend the night," she said. "We would send them out to check on areas that we knew were problem areas from the (December) storm."

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# Residents Asked for Renovation Input

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A survey distributed Wednesday to residents of Morrison and Hinton James residence halls asks for their ideas for the upcoming renovation of the halls.

Work is scheduled to begin in 2005 on Morrison and 2007 on Hinton James.

The main reason for the renovations is to reduce the risk of fire, but other renovations also will be done as the budget allows, said Christopher Payne, director of housing and residential education.

"The primary reason we renovate any of our campus housing now is to update the fire safety system," Payne said.

"That means we install sprinklers in them."

The sprinklers will work on a system separate from the fire alarms and only will be activated by extreme heat or fire, he said.

He added that all four new South Campus residence halls are equipped with sprinklers.

Student input will play a major role in deciding how to renovate the halls, said Rick Bradley, the communications and information manager for the Department of Housing and Residential Education.

Workshops, biweekly meetings with students and the survey have all been conducted to allow students to contribute.

"We are still in the early design phase, so we can consider student opinions," Bradley said.

"Most of the questions in the survey are geared toward gaining student input into what common space they will have and what the new suites will look like."

Students have varying opinions on how the residence halls can best be improved.

Ashley Echeverria, a freshman in Hinton James, said she likes the suite system but thinks there should be a common area.

"I would recommend that they keep that because you know who's using your bathroom and stuff," Echeverria said.

Another major improvement would be installing air conditioning in all

rooms, she said.

Morrison resident Trav Grannis said that has been "the main thing on their minds" in the residence hall.

Other than the heat, Grannis said he likes living in Morrison.

The only change he would make is to build a stall in each bathroom, he said.

"Anything new would be a nice novelty, but I don't see anything that is a major flaw," Grannis said.

"The suite system is nice because you have your little group there."

But senior Allison Beck, a former Hinton James resident, said the suite system keeps people from meeting each other.

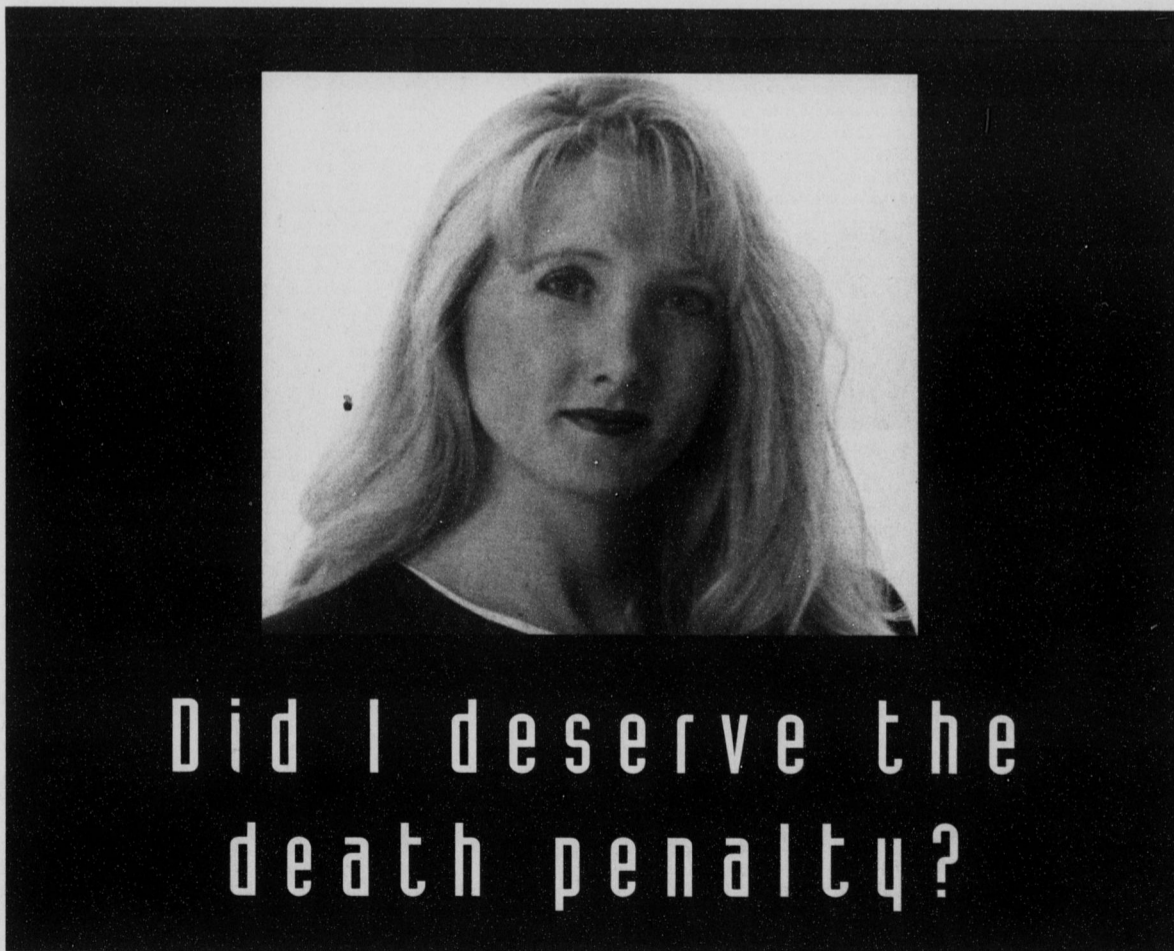
She said she favors a hall system, especially because her suitemates often fought over bathroom use.

Beck said the atmosphere in Hinton James also contributed to her dislike for the building.

"You feel like you're in a jail cell," she said.

"What shouldn't be changed about it is the better question."

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