## Satellite tract plans released BOG declines

BY BROOK CORWIN

DEC. 2 - UNC officials say the University is running out of space.

And they say that in a few months, the University's final plan for a satellite campus will be run-

ning out of time.

University officials formally unveiled the draft plan for Carolina North on Tuesday, along with a timeline planning for the Board of Trustees to approve the entire half-

century project in March.
Officials cautiously predicted that the plan, which will develop

240 acres of the University-owned, 963-acre Horace Willams tract, will break ground in 2005.

Such a rapid timeline is needed, officials said Tuesday, because of a growing demand among faculty and staff for additional space to conduct research.

"Even with all the growth on campus, we don't have the space to meet the needs of students and faculty," said Tony Waldrop, vice chan-cellor for research and economic

development.
The draft presented Tuesday was a more polished version of a

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preliminary draft proposal presented to the media last month.

While little in the plans changed, the newest draft specifies which buildings will be used for institu-tional purposes, which will be used for housing and which will contain retail space on the ground levels.

The presentation also pinpoints space for community-use centers and parks sprinkled throughout

the development.

The full development includes 6 million square feet of office space, 2 million square feet of residential space and 300,000 square feet of

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retail space. The plan also calls for the construction of 13,750 deck parking spaces, 1,250 surface parking spaces and 4,125 on-street

In a media briefing Tuesday afternoon, officials stressed their openness to revising the plans based on community input.

The number of parking spaces, for instance, could be reduced significantly if multimodel transportation alternatives such as new bus routes or a light rail line were developed in conjunction with the

"This is very much a draft plan," Waldrop said. "We will be revising

Douglas Firstenberg of Stonebridge Associates, a real state advisory firm assisting UNC with the project, estimated infra-structure costs for the plan at \$100 million. He added that he is working with UNC's Division of Finance and Administration to develop a business plan that will make many of the projects self-liquidating.
Waldrop said funds for develop-

ment costs could come from donations to the University's Carolina First fund-raising campaign, federal funds for the overhead costs of research, or partnerships with out-side corporations conducting

research on the campus.

But officials reiterated that such partnerships will not turn Carolina North into a research park. The executive committee will consider only corporations with proposals that will promote the University's mission of research, teaching and public service

With the draft now unveiled, Waldrop said he is anxious to solicit feedback from the community. The University has pledged to meet with any community mem-ber concerned about the project, he said.

That input, Waldrop said, will be used to design a final draft to be approved by the Carolina North executive committee and the BOT.

Construction on Carolina North cannot begin until the closing of Horace Williams Airport, which the N.C. General Assembly has mandated must remain open until at least Jan. 1, 2005.

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Schools pushed for raise to 22 percent said the board has gotten a lot of

vote to increase

out-of-state cap

**BY EMMA BURGIN** 

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NOV. 12 — Debate about the

UNC system's out-of-state enroll-

ment cap has become increasingly complex and mired in public opin-

cap from 18 percent to 22 percent. "We want to do it right, not fast," he

said. "(The concerns) are real and

residents from the 18 percent cap. In the months since, BOG mem-

recent weeks differ substantively ... it seems appropriate to delay any action by the full board and to ask (the Educational Planning, Policies

engage in further review and delib-eration," Wilson wrote in a memo to

board members.

The planning committee meets at 1 p.m. today and is expected to

strike the original plan off the full board's agenda. All proposals then

would return to the committee.

Wilson, who said he rarely

eceives e-mails regarding board

policies, has received as many as 50 e-mails about the proposal,

mostly opposing any increase in the cap. The public's main concern

s the displacement of N.C. resi-

dents from state schools.

BOG member Leroy Lail, secre

tary of the planning committee,

and Programs Committee)

responses from across the state.
Board member Jim Phillips said he thinks the delay is the right course of action. "With all the dif-ferent ideas on the table and no reason to rush headlong into this, it makes sense to take a step back."

complex and mired in public opin-ion, prompting a top system offi-cial to sweep the issue off the board's agenda Wednesday. Brad Wilson, chairman of the UNC-system Board of Governors, asked the board to delay its vote on a proposal to raise the nonresident UNC-system President Molly Broad said Wednesday that the delay will give the board time to consider each campus's needs through the alternate proposals. "I think the proposal that was

advanced was a responsible pro-posal," she said. "(But) I'm not sure we have yet completely evaluated what's best for the aspirations of

cannot be taken lightly or ignored."
The request effectively tables the months-old proposal spearheaded by UNC-Chapel Hill Chancellor James Moeser. each campus."

Legislators also have weighed in on the cap increase — some praising the cap, others considering action to reverse it if it passed. At the board's September meeting, Moeser introduced a plan that would allow system schools to

"We have heard from legislators, and appropriately so," Wilson said. "The legislature funds the University. All of the legislators I have heard from, their point of exempt as many as 4 percent of their academically superior nonviews have been well-stated and have not been threatening." bers have floated at least three alter-natives to the proposal. "Because the alternate drafts advanced in

But, Wilson said, the main causes for the delay are the three alternative proposals circling board members' desks.

One would establish cap exemptions only at the request of indi-vidual campuses, while another would increase enrollment for certain campus-specific programs, such as teaching schools. The last would raise the cap by 4 percent only if out-of-state tuition were increased by as much as \$2,000.

Moeser released a statement Mednesday in response to Wilson's proposal to delay action on the cap. "We advanced the discussions in good faith, and in the context of our goal to be the best that (the University) can be for the state of

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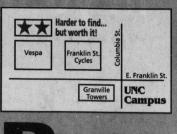
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