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## BOT seeks town's input

URGES IMPROVED RELATIONS AS CAROLINA NORTH PLANS PRESS ON

BY EMILY STEEL  
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The University's governing board is drafting a letter to be sent to Chapel Hill officials next week, urging town leaders to bridge communication throughout the planning process for Carolina North.

Several members of the UNC Board of Trustees expressed interest at their Thursday meeting for increased input during a crucial planning period for the University's 50- to 70-year project to create a mixed-use research park.

"We have been pushing hard to get their input," said Trustee Roger Perry,

who serves on the Carolina North Executive Committee. "Hopefully efforts will be made by the town."

Town-gown relations have been strained since the University announced plans to develop 240 acres of the UNC-owned Horace Williams tract.

"We haven't been able to engage as much as we would have liked to," said Tony Waldrop, vice chancellor for research and economic development and one of the project's leaders. "We are eager to do so. We are ready to talk."

Town leaders have raised concerns regarding the transit and parking plans

for Carolina North, but University officials said they are looking to work with the town's traffic engineers and planners.

University officials said they want to present the revised plan to members of the Chapel Hill Town Council so that the planners can receive feedback regarding significant revisions made to proposals.

The changes, first presented March 18, include the addition of a school site and a reduction in parking spaces.

Chancellor James Moeser said the University has tried to work with the town but has been unsuccessful thus far.

Moeser sent two letters to Mayor Kevin Foy and members of town council in September and January requesting the inclusion of the town's planning staff throughout the development process.

In the second letter, Moeser stated that

prior requests for similar meetings with the town's technical staff were denied.

"We simply cannot advance our analysis on several of the most important aspects of the plan — transportation, parking and environmental matters — without the town's technical staff involvement," the letter states.

"However, if we are unable to work with the town, many of the questions being asked by the community cannot be addressed as part of the revised plan."

BOT Chairman Richard "Stick" Williams, stressed the importance of open dialogue with town officials. "We have been very understanding. ... We need to open lines of communication."

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ANALYSIS

## Mayor to introduce marriage legislation

Bill would nullify parts of marriage defense act

BY CHRIS GLAZNER  
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Carrboro Mayor Mike Nelson plans to introduce a proposal in April to the Board of Aldermen that would ask state legislators to draw up a bill that would nullify portions of the federal Defense of Marriage Act.

The proposal will come as the Chapel Hill Town Council takes action on similar petitions brought forward this week by council member Mark Kleinschmidt.

The petitions ask state legislators to pass legislation that would disregard portions of the federal act that allow states to ignore same-sex marriages performed in other areas.

Kleinschmidt said he was pleased with the response at a Wednesday public hearing on the petition.

"It was wonderfully encouraging," he said. "It probably reflects generally the sentiment of the people of Chapel Hill."

In particular, Kleinschmidt praised the diversity of the residents supporting his motion.

"It was a wonderful cross section," he said, noting that heterosexuals, gays, lesbians and members of the clergy spoke. "This isn't a town that wants to discriminate. This isn't a town that wouldn't recognize a legal marriage license."

The council will vote on the petition April 14. If it passes, it will modify the list of legislative priorities the town asks state representatives to consider.

"Our local delegation has been supportive," said Kleinschmidt, who specifically mentioned the support of N.C. Rep. Verla Insko, D-Orange.

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EN POINTE



DTH/LAURA MORTON

Members of the Carolina Style Dance Company perform to music from Tchaikovsky's "Swan Lake" during their annual Spring Showcase on Thursday night for a packed audience in Hill Hall Auditorium. Carolina Style is a student dance group made up of ballet, jazz and tap companies. Dancers in the group's

other companies also performed in the showcase, along with members of the UNC Dance Team and Pierrette Sadler Dancers from Raleigh. Modernextension, another campus dance company which focuses on modern dance, will hold its annual spring performance at 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday nights in the Women's Gym.

## Council for more local financing

BY EMMA BURGIN  
CITY EDITOR

The N.C. Senate passed a bill in July that would allow local communities to publicly finance municipal elections — and the Chapel Hill Town Council seems determined to join that fight.

The council has included public campaign finance in its legislative priorities that eventually will be sent to the N.C. General Assembly.

And, some locals say, not a moment too soon.

"I'm concerned about this trend of self-financing," said Will Raymond, a Chapel Hill resident and activist. "Are we going to price ourselves out of good candidates?"

Former N.C. Sen. Wib Gulley, D-Durham, introduced the legislation that passed the Senate and will head to the N.C. House of Representatives in May.

"The problem we've seen nationwide at the federal and state levels has begun to hit local elections hard in North Carolina," Gulley said. "The theory of democracy is that anyone can run, anyone can serve."

For the past five years, campaigns for Town Council have become increasingly reliant on self-financing.

A study conducted last April by Democracy North Carolina found that

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## Fleece unites past, present

BY CLAIRE DORRIER  
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After a century of service to UNC, members of the Order of the Golden Fleece both present and past maintain a shared vision for the University.

"The Fleece," as members call it, was founded in 1904 to unite student leaders with the common goal of advancing UNC.

Saturday's centennial celebration represents the culmination of 100 years of exemplary service from Golden Fleece members, called Argonauts.

Bound by their commitment to UNC, the Argonauts are a diverse group of leaders in fields ranging from community service to the honor court, and who hold positions from U.S. senator to two-time NCAA men's basketball all-American and national player of the year.

Prominent businessmen, journalists, authors and doctors all are represented in the list of 1,700 people tapped by the order since its inception.

Annual gatherings of Fleece members serve to connect present active members and leaders from the past, said senior Leia Kelly, who serves as Jason — the top executive for active order members.

The group derives its name and titles of officers from the Greek myth of Jason and the Argonauts and their quest for the Golden Fleece.

Each year the nomination process is opened to the University community. Students, faculty and alumni are selected

based on their contributions to the UNC and are then evaluated by the order.

At 6 p.m. today, the order will tap a new class of members, each given the number that corresponds with the order of their initiation.

To be "tapped," or chosen as an Argonaut, nominees must exhibit a strong commitment to service in the form of a long-lasting contribution to the University, Kelly said.

Usually present at the tapping ceremonies are several older members, said Student Attorney General Jonathan Slain, who was tapped as an Argonaut in 2003.

"When someone is there from the 400s and they are tapping number 1,700, that serves to keep the traditions alive," he said.

The tapping process is often deceptive to new members, said American studies Professor Rachel Willis, who was tapped as an honorary member in 1997 for her work with the Triangle Transit Authority. Honorary membership is awarded to people not currently enrolled at the University.

Willis said she was summoned to a meeting in the Student Union, but when she reached the Pit, she saw all the people with whom she was supposed to meet.

Willis said she was flabbergasted at being chosen. "I saw so many people I loved and respected," she said. "I was deeply honored because I know how difficult it is to be selected."

Renowned sportscaster Woody Durham had a similar experience when being tapped into the order.

"I had been asked to introduce Coach

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WRITTEN IN GOLD

The Golden Fleece has tapped more than 1,700 members, including these notable names

- **Erskine Bowles** (above)  
U.S. Senate candidate
- **Frank Porter Graham**  
Former UNC president
- **Terry Sanford**  
Former U.S. senator
- **Mia Hamm**  
Professional soccer player
- **Roy Cooper**  
N.C. attorney general
- **Marc Basnight**  
N.C. Senate speaker pro tem
- **Robert Hanes**  
President of Wachovia Bank
- **Paul Green**  
Playwright, actor
- **Michael Jordan**  
Basketball player
- **Dean Smith**  
Former UNC basketball coach
- **Charles Kuralt**  
Television news program host

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