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## Bill could alter conflict policy

### CONGRESS TO DECIDE IF MEMBERS CAN VOTE ON OWN STUDENT GROUPS

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Student Congress likely will vote on a bill Thursday that, if approved, would alter its conflict of interest policy so that representatives would be able to vote on funding allocations to student organizations of which they also are members.

Congress representatives are not allowed to vote on legislation concerning any student organization they have been a member of in the last 12 months. But, if passed, the proposed bill will allow representatives to vote

on all legislation affecting organizations in which they participate.

Rep. Kris Wampler had the idea for the bill and will propose it at the meeting.

"I came to the conclusion that there needed to be a change in the system," he said.

Wampler said the current conflict of interest policy does not fairly include student groups in the discussion of fund allocations. "I feel like we are supposed to be fair with other organizations," he said. "Bias can be for, but also against."

He said that the change, if implemented, will create fairness in Congress.

But some Congress members disagree and said they do not support such a move.

Congress member Sarah Dees said she is already frustrated with bias votes in Congress and feared this would increase with the bill's possible approval.

"As Congress members, we represent the best interest of everybody, not just our own," Dees said. "If this bill was passed, we could make decisions that might not represent the best interest of the whole student body."

Rep. Jennifer Orr agreed with Dees and said her first impression was to vote against this bill. "In order to vote fairly, we need to keep a certain distance from the issues at hand," she said.

Although she is against the bill, Orr said, she wants to hear other opinions before making a decision.

"I'm interested to see what goes on during the debate regarding this issue," Orr said. "I'm sure there was good reason to prompt the idea of this change."

When asked for comment Tuesday, Student Body President Matt Tepper had not reviewed the legislation and was not aware of its details.

Abby Youngken, chairwoman of Congress' Rules and Judiciary Committee, where the bill already has been reviewed, said she thinks this bill should be considered carefully by the full Congress.

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## Money serves to push leaders

### Congress justifies new payments

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By the time members voted on a bill to give stipends to nine officials in student government, Student Congress had dwindled to 16 members in attendance.

After six hours of debate and several weeks of discussing the issue, many members already had made up their minds.

"The debate was initially brought up in Congress meetings about seven times since it came up with the referendum Feb. 4," said Charles Anderson, Congress speaker pro tem. "Everyone had made up their mind. It was going to pass."

But because so few members were present, the bill almost was sent back to committee before being overwhelmingly approved.

The bill allows for student government funds to be used for stipends for the student body president, student body vice president, student body treasurer, student body secretary, Congress speaker, Congress speaker pro tem, student attorney general, student Honor Court chairman and student honor outreach coordinator.

The highest stipend is \$300 per month for the student body president, with the other stipends being either \$200 or \$125 per month during the upcoming school year and the summer.

While members of Congress say many of the stipends were supported from the beginning, the \$125 stipend for the honor outreach coordinator encountered opposition before its eventual approval.

Several representatives were concerned about whether the position deserves to receive money because it was created just last year.

"I originally was against it, but now I feel (the position) serves a vital purpose to the University," Anderson said. "\$125 is reasonable. They can devote themselves more to the job."

Several representatives said they don't believe the bill will lead to more positions receiving stipends. "I don't see any other positions that are vital for the University's functioning," Anderson said.

Despite prior discussions, Congress debated the stipends' merit and the process for altering them long enough to prompt the departure of several members.

"The reason it was so controversial is because it was a change," Congress Finance Committee Chairwoman Natalie Russell said. "Anytime Student Congress decides to do something we've never done before, it's contested."

In the end, the bill was approved because most Congress members felt the stipends were needed to ensure accountability. "The general consensus is that stipends are the way we can hold

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## UNC to present changes to plan

### University, town, to meet Thursday

BY ERIN GIBSON  
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University officials will meet face-to-face with the Chapel Hill Town Council and local residents Thursday to present proposed amendments to the UNC Development Plan.

There are six major modifications to the original plan that need town approval before the University can continue development of several structures.

"We will provide an overview of the changes and reasons for these changes," said Bruce Runberg, UNC associate vice chancellor of planning and construction.

The University submitted its proposal to the town March 16 despite an earlier letter from Chapel Hill Mayor Kevin Foy and the council asking UNC to halt all applications for changes to the plan.

The council has had a chance to review the University's proposal, but the meeting will open dialogue between the council, the University and residents.

"We will finally hear firsthand what we've heard second- and thirdhand through the media and from people," council member Jim Ward said.

He said members of the town staff also will present their opinions on the University's proposal at the meeting. "The town's presentation will let us know where the (staff) stands on the issue of changes," Ward said.

Runberg said the tentative changes were made for several reasons, including financial benefits and the impact on future projects.

He said he doesn't anticipate much resistance from the council or residents because most of the major changes are in the middle of campus.

One proposal includes removing the 600-car parking deck originally planned for the Science Complex Phase II and adding 600 spaces to the Bell Tower parking lot.

A 10,000-ton chiller plant to be located at the Science Complex Phase II also has been removed. Instead, there will be a 25,000-ton chiller plant in the Bell Tower area.

Under the proposed changes, Fetzer Gym will see an addition of 28,000 square feet, which will house office and clinical space for a sports medicine complex.

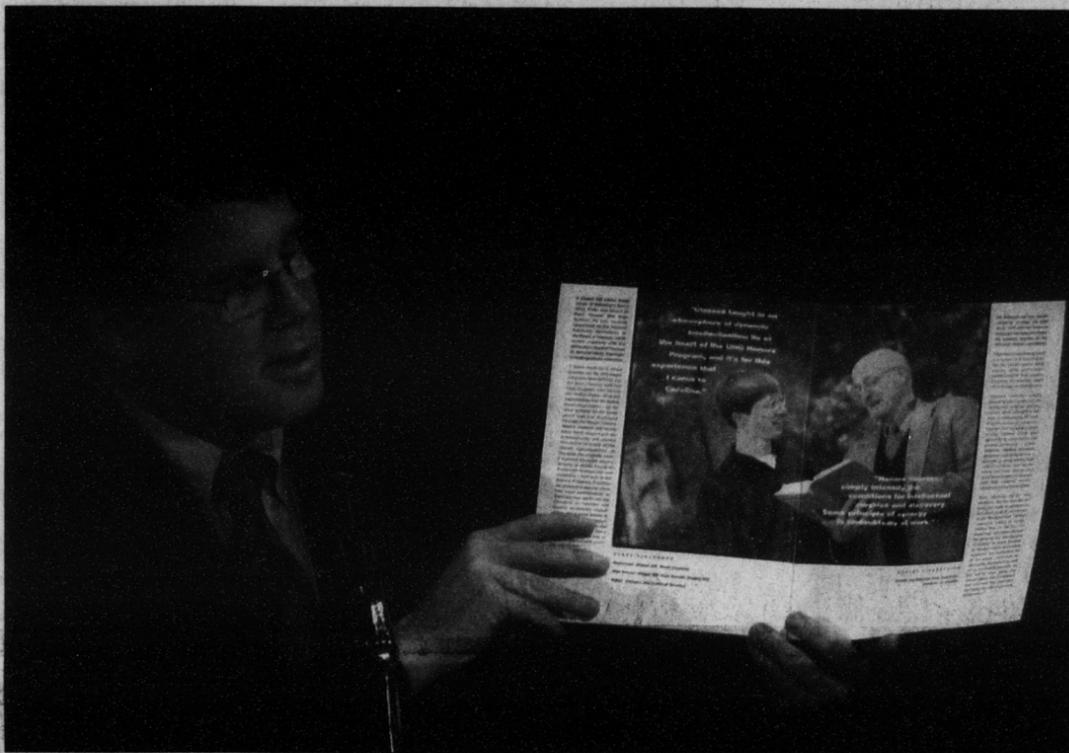
The final mid-campus modification is the addition of an office building to the N.C. Clinical Cancer Center.

But Ward said there might be a need for more time concerning a couple of proposed projects along Franklin Street.

The two modifications that could affect the greater Chapel Hill population the most are an

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## REMEMBERING A MENTOR



Professor James Leloudis displays a photo of his friend and fellow UNC professor, the late Robert Kirkpatrick Jr., during a memorial service for Kirkpatrick held Tuesday in the Morehead Banquet Hall. Kirkpatrick, a professor of English, died Feb. 24 from complications during surgery.

## MOURNERS SHARE MEMORIES

BY NORA WARREN  
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Just days after the Feb. 24 death of beloved English Professor Robert Kirkpatrick, Thor Fjellstedt, the father of one of Kirkpatrick's students, jotted these words in his journal: "I'm grieving for a man I hardly knew."

Tuesday, Fjellstedt and his wife, Nancy, joined about 150 of Kirkpatrick's colleagues, students, friends and family members to remember the life of a man about whom, they say, words can do no justice.

"I feel like any words I use to try and describe his presence would fall short of his everlasting impact on all of his students," said senior English and biology major Shruti Chudasama.

Like Chudasama and just about everyone else who gathered in the Morehead Banquet Hall, the Fjellstedts said that Kirkpatrick touched their lives with his kindness, wisdom and humanity; in their case, through their son, Anders.

"He said Dr. Kirkpatrick was the smartest man he ever knew," Thor Fjellstedt said of his son. "He absolutely admired him."

He said that Anders, shortly after his brother's death, took one of Kirkpatrick's poetry classes. With tears in his eyes, Thor Fjellstedt recalled how Kirkpatrick reached out to his son, offering a sense of compassion and a method to work through the pain.

"He used the vehicle of poetry to help him grieve," Thor Fjellstedt said.

Photographs of the white-haired, beaming Kirkpatrick, along with copies of a poem he wrote for his wife, Pamela, flanked the entrance to the banquet hall to once again bring smiles to mourners' faces.

Members of UNC's Department of English and the Honors Program related stories about Kirkpatrick's passion for cooking, teaching, words, humor and poetry.

"In the kitchen, Robert was a god," said English Professor Thomas Stumpf. "To his students, he was a god everywhere."

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SHRUTI CHUDASAMA, UNC SENIOR

Kirkpatrick's son, Robert "Kirk" Kirkpatrick, read aloud one of his father's poems, "The Bermudas," to honor his father's love of poetry.

"I know he believed in the supreme power of the word to convey meaning," he said.

Two other poems were also read aloud: "Henderson Street Mason" and "Patmos," both written by Kirkpatrick's daughter and UNC student, Mela.

Students said they remembered

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## Franklin St. Gap to close its doors

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The Gap clothing store on East Franklin Street will close May 31, continuing the trend of shop turnover in downtown Chapel Hill.

Kimberly Terry, spokeswoman for Gap, said the company decided, after a great deal of consideration, not to renew the lease for the Franklin Street location when it expires June 1.

"It's always a difficult decision when we have to decide whether or not to keep a shop running," she said.

Terry said several factors,

including other store locations in the Triangle, sales volumes and the amount of customer traffic at each location, go into the company's decision regarding whether to keep a store open.

Gap Inc., the parent company of Gap, has three other store locations in the Triangle. There is one in Cary, one in Raleigh and a larger store at the Streets at SouthPoint Mall in Durham.

Terry said the company plans to send all merchandise that is unsold as of the closing date to other stores.

All those employed at the Franklin Street location also have been offered jobs at other area

locations.

Terry said Gap Inc. does not have any plans to open any new locations in Chapel Hill.

Gap first came to Franklin Street in 1992. It was brought in by Fayetteville developer Joe Riddle, who also brought in Top of the Hill Restaurant and Carolina Theatre.

There were hopes that bringing in a high profile chain store would boost business downtown by encouraging consumers to "spillover" into locally owned businesses after visiting such chain franchises.

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After 12 years on East Franklin Street, Gap clothing store will close its doors May 31 in part due to the proximity of other franchises.



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