

The Daily Tar Heel

VOLUME 112, ISSUE 44

WEEKLY SUMMER ISSUE

THURSDAY, JUNE 3, 2004

www.dailytarheel.com

Jablonski picked to run student affairs

FORMER DEAN AT BROWN NAMED VICE CHANCELLOR

BY JENN KAWKA
STAFF WRITER

UNC ended its seven-month search for a new vice chancellor for student affairs May 27 with the appointment of Margaret Jablonski.

"I'm very excited about joining the team at Carolina and very impressed by the faculty, staff and

students," Jablonski said.

Jablonski, dean for campus life at Brown University since 2001, will begin her new role with the University Aug. 19.

"I'm absolutely delighted," said Steve Matson, chairman of the VCSA search committee. "She was an outstanding candidate for the position, and I'm thrilled she

accepted (it)."

As senior student affairs leader and head of the division of student affairs, Jablonski will oversee programs for student learning and student services.

Programs in the division include the Campus Y, leadership development, Student Union, Greek affairs, new student programs, dean of students and career services, among others.

"She brings a range of different experiences from the world of student affairs to UNC ... experience



New VCSA Margaret Jablonski was the dean for campus life at Brown University.

University of Connecticut and associate dean for undergraduate education and student affairs at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

She has also worked in various student leadership development positions at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Boston University and the University of Massachusetts-Amherst.

Jablonski has an excellent record of integrating student affairs with academic affairs and including the role of students and faculty in that

integration, Matson said.

"She will be able to mend some rifts between academic affairs and student affairs," he said.

Sue Kitchen vacated the position in the spring of 2002, and Dean Bresciani has been serving as interim vice chancellor since that time. Bresciani will become the vice president for student affairs at Texas A&M University June 28.

"I think they made an excellent recommendation," Bresciani said.

SEE VCSA, PAGE 5

BOT OKs Morrison changes

BY BRIAN HUDSON
UNIVERSITY EDITOR

The UNC Board of Trustees decided May 27 to allocate several million dollars to the renovation and restoration of the University's two South Campus high-rise residence halls.

The first step of the approved renovation — the nearly \$20 million renovation of Morrison Residence Hall — would include the installation of fire safety equipment, indoor air quality and air conditioning equipment and the restoration of rooms and bathrooms.

Included in the 2-year Morrison renovation will be an "enhanced suite" project, where — in about one third of suites — one room will be transformed into a common space. The renovations will begin next summer, with the renovation of Hinton James Residence Hall set to commence sometime after their completion.

Trustees decided against a \$5.4 million option to restore the brick exterior of Morrison. BOT members said they did not want to devote money to a building that could face demolition in the next couple of decades.

"If it's this board's thought to say keep them, I value them. My concern is if they're obsolete," said Trustee Bob Winston during the meeting. "I wouldn't spend extra dollars to put lipstick on the pig."

Dean Bresciani, interim vice chancellor for student affairs, said the decision was in students' best interests.

"We have been considering what we wanted to do with Morrison ... for a number of years now, and it was a pretty steady decision that we wanted to renovate Morrison," he said. "They basically approved all the important aspects (of renovation)."

The fate of the South Campus residence halls has been discussed by the trustees during their last several meetings, but they had not been able to come to a consensus until now.

BOT Chairman Richard "Stick" Williams said during last week's meeting that in the interest of timeliness, a decision was necessary as soon as possible.

"We're going to have to make some kind of decision," he said. "So we're not faced with Odum Village."

During the renovation of Morrison, students will be relocated to the Odum Village, the married and family housing complex south of Manning Drive, which is scheduled for demolition in 2009 to make way for other residential facilities.

That project's schedule also influenced the trustees choice to only renovate Morrison and Hinton James, as the other plans would have delayed the Odum Village project between 2 and 5 years.

SEE MORRISON, PAGE 5

MEMORIAL DAY



DTH/MIKE GIBSON

Taking advantage of the clear, balmy Memorial Day weather, a submerged Stephen Quinlen (left) watches on as Mitchell Ford prepares to make a sizeable splash at the Meadowmont Swim Club in Chapel Hill. This year's Memorial Day festivities were the third annual to be held at the 3 1/2-year-old

mixed-use development. Meadowmont Swim Club's manager, Jennifer Wichowski, said approximately 425 people attended Monday afternoon's event, which included a live band and a cookout. It was similar to many other gatherings in the area celebrating the memory of American troops who died in the nation's service.

House delays budget rollout

University likely to see fewer cuts

BY CHRIS COLETTA
STATE & NATIONAL EDITOR

The N.C. House again delayed the unfolding of its spending plans Tuesday, but the chamber's leaders said the UNC system will be spared the brunt of extra budget cuts outlined in the bill's first draft.

Originally, the House was scheduled to consider the budget at the end of last week. That plan included \$44 million in cuts to UNC-system schools on top of reductions called for in Gov. Mike Easley's spending proposal.

But an outcry of concern from state officials and rank-and-file lawmakers in both the House and Senate pushed back the budget's release, first to Tuesday and now to the beginning of next week — and universities will be among the beneficiaries of the delay.

"We're going to be restoring some cuts that we made on the first pass," said House Co-speaker Jim Black, D-Mecklenburg.

"(Budget writers) needed more time, and so do we."

Both Black and Co-speaker Richard Morgan, R-Moore, would not say exactly how much money they planned to restore to the state's 16 public universities or where the cash for the increases would come from.

Numbers, however, were in place Tuesday, given to budget writers behind closed doors. Rep. Jim Crawford, a Granville County Democrat who serves as co-chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, said after the meeting that the figures would be available later in the week.

"Budgets are always a work in progress," Morgan said in explaining the delay.

But any news was likely good news for system officials, whose schools have been hit hard by cuts in recent years.

UNC-Chapel Hill Provost Robert Shelton told The Daily Tar Heel last week that if the governor's proposed cuts of 1.7 percent were implemented, the University might be forced to cut teaching assistant and faculty positions.

Also last week, UNC-system President Molly Broad circulated a memo asking campus leaders to petition budget writers to give the system as much money as possible. "It is imperative that House budget leaders hear from you now," the memo states.

Broad's actions came in the shadow of the House's original proposal, which among other things specified a cut of \$5 million earmarked specifically toward increasing class sizes and cuts of \$20 million that would be determined by universities.

Such cuts would run counter to the goals of campus-based tuition

SEE BUDGET CUTS, PAGE 5

Street name to come to vote

Committee nixes dedication idea

BY JOSEPH R. SCHWARTZ
CITY EDITOR

Much to the distaste of more than 700 citizens who signed a petition to save Airport Road, it appears that its days are numbered.

After a Chapel Hill Town Council meeting last week that saw a plethora of dissenters and supporters of the proposal to rename Airport Road in honor of Martin Luther King Jr., the council committee in charge of the plan is unwavering in their recommendation to change the road.

Those opposing the change had a glimmer of hope after Council member Edith Wiggins, who heads the renaming committee, brought forward an idea to dedicate the road instead of renaming it, but it was quickly dashed after a brief 35-minute meeting.

Council member Sally Greene,



DTH/GILLIAN BOLSOVER

Town Council members Sally Greene (right) and Edith Wiggins consider the proposal to rename Airport Road at a committee meeting Tuesday.

who serves on the committee, provided compelling evidence that a dedication would go unnoticed.

"The (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People) has heard the option of dedication and feels strongly that dedication is not powerful

enough," she said. "Over time a name means something, and a dedication can lose its meaning."

The 10 citizens who encircled the committee members saw the group draft four separate resolu-

SEE COMPROMISE, PAGE 5

Task force endorses ads at sports venues

High scholarship costs drive choice

BY BRIAN HUDSON
UNIVERSITY EDITOR

The University's Task Force on Signage in Athletic Facilities endorsed the idea of corporate advertising in UNC sports venues during their final meeting May 27.

The recommendation will now go before Chancellor James Moeser and the UNC Board of Trustees. If approved, it could result in the formation of another committee to determine how the revenue would be distributed.

In response to the "substantial need for the Department of Athletics to meet rising scholarship costs, facility demands and sport-by-sport operating budget requirements," the resolution recommends that the University

"explore signage and other related partnerships, for athletic venues."

The task force also included several guidelines for signage to ensure it had a limited and tasteful effect on UNC athletics.

"Signage or partnerships should only be introduced in a limited and tasteful way, with a small number of companies that have strong integrity and national impact," the resolution stated.

The task force also recommended that the signage have "significant financial impact within the athletic department; and the partnerships protect ... the environment and tradition of the institution."

UNC Athletics Director Dick

SEE SIGNAGE, PAGE 5

ONLINE

- Gomez botches magnum opus
- Secret Machines turn it up to 11
- Look for more stories online

TOP NEWS

- RACE TO SAVE A SYMBOL**
A campus landmark continues to search for renovation funds. PAGE 3

INSIDE

- THE ICE MOVIE COMETH**
The climate gets killer 'Tomorrow,' with mammoth problems. PAGE 9

WEATHER

- TODAY** Sunny, High 84, Low 62
- FRIDAY** Isolated T-Storms, High 81, Low 60
- SATURDAY** Isolated T-Storms, High 84, Low 65