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Panel finalizes Carolina North report

CITES ISSUES WITH TRANSPORTATION, PARKING, UTILITIES

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A citizen advisory group finalized Thursday the recommendations it will make to the Chapel Hill Town Council regarding development plans for UNC's satellite campus, Carolina North.

Members of the Horace Williams Citizens Committee unanimously approved the document, which cites

transportation, pollution and parking as some of the main problems the University has yet to address adequately.

"I feel great about our work," said committee chairman Randy Kabrick.

Carolina North is a 240-acre research park planned to be built 1 1/2 miles from UNC's main campus.

The committee's recommendations include side-by-side comparisons of the original suggestions the group made in January and the University's presentation in May about development plans.

Thursday's comparison shows where UNC's presentation addressed specific issues raised by the committee and where it did not.

Committee members spent a

large portion of the three-hour meeting discussing transportation, along with the issue of water, sewer and storm water management.

Committee member Joe Capowski said transportation is the "single most important issue" in the plan.

The recommendations, which will be presented to the council Oct. 11, state that "the University administration has provided insuf-

ficient information about the uses of Carolina North, the types of tenants who will be there and about their transportation needs."

Another source of contention committee members had with the University plan involved parking.

According to UNC's comprehensive plan for Carolina North, the satellite campus will have between 16,000 and 20,000 parking spaces.

That caused concern among

committee members who said they thought those additional spaces — and cars — will worsen the air quality in the Chapel Hill area.

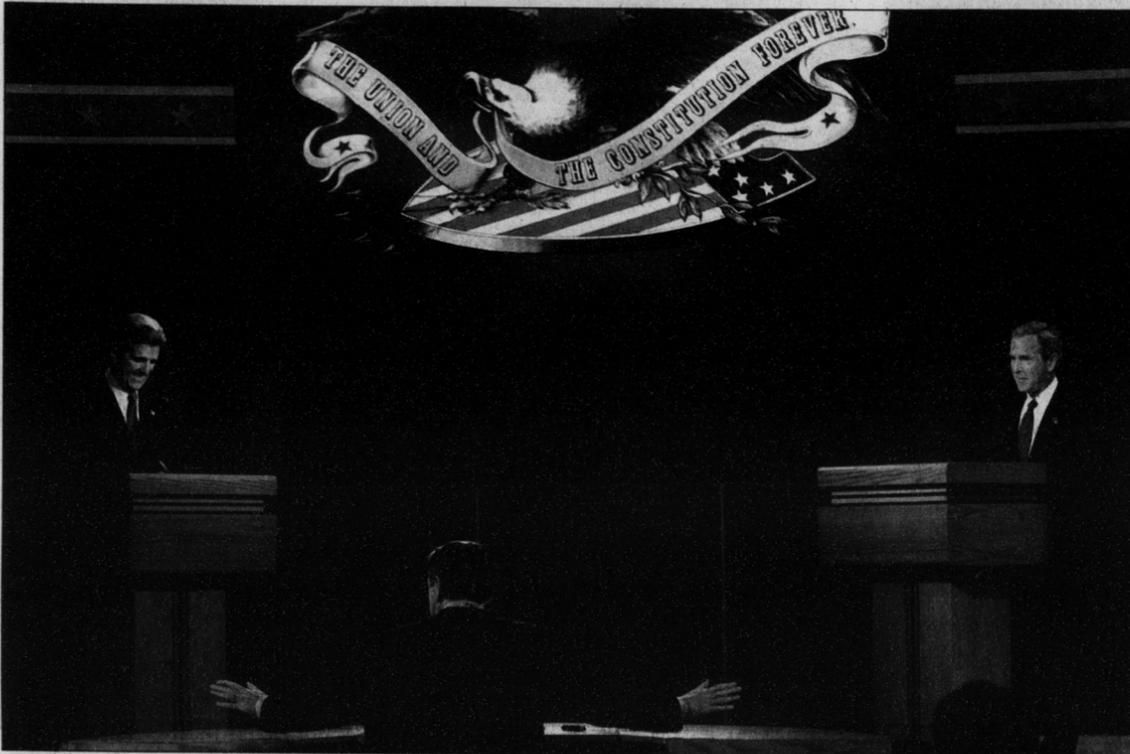
"This is clearly going to make the situation much worse," said committee member Julie McClintock.

In addition, the committee expressed concern about how UNC would integrate the project's utilities with existing networks.

Members said the University's

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PRESIDENTIAL DEBATES



Democratic presidential nominee Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., left, and President Bush are shown during the beginning of the first presidential debate at the University of Miami in Coral Gables, Fla. Jim Lehrer, center, moderated the debate, which focused on foreign policy and homeland security.

BUSH, KERRY BATTLE IN MIAMI

BY EMMA BURGIN STATE & NATIONAL EDITOR

Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry spent much of Thursday night defending himself against President Bush as both men emerged stronger than ever before during a debate about foreign policy, pundits say.

The candidates spent 90 minutes arguing about future courses of action in Iraq as well as other foreign policy issues.

Kerry said Bush made a "colossal error in judgment" by invading Iraq without stronger support from allies and a clear plan for peace.

Bush defended his decisions regarding Iraq and its former president, Saddam

Hussein, saying the president must take threats seriously before they fully materialize.

"September the 11th changed how America must look at the world," he said. "... Saddam Hussein is sitting in a prison cell, and America and the world are better for it."

Kerry alluded to his plan to get troops out of Iraq, pointing out that the United States has harbored 90 percent of the casualties and 90 percent of the cost throughout the conflict.

"We have a choice here," he said. "You can have (my plan) or you can have the president's plan, which is four words: 'more of the same.'"

"I will succeed for those troops now that we're there. Help is on the way. I believe those troops

deserve better than what they're getting today. I believe there's a better way to do this."

But Bush said he would not withdraw until the mission is accomplished.

"Every life is precious," he said. "Every life matters. The hardest part of the job is to know that I committed the troops in harm's way. (But the biggest disaster that could happen (in the war on terror) is not succeeding in Iraq.)"

Throughout the debate, Bush said he was better equipped than his opponent to make the tough decisions entrusted to a commander-in-chief. "I made some tough decisions, but people know where I stand," he said. "... This nation of ours has a solid duty to defeat this ideology of

hate. We have a duty to defeat this enemy."

But Kerry consistently said Bush misled the American public to believe that Iraq has weapons of mass destruction and ties to al-Qaida. "He ... promised America that he would go to war as a last resort. Those words mean something to me."

Kerry repeatedly combated Bush's accusations that he does not have a firm stance on Iraq or the funding Congress supplied for reconstruction.

"Help is on the way, but it's certainly hard to tell it when you vote against the \$87 million supplemental," Bush said, referring to Kerry's vote against the bill that provided funds for reconstruction efforts in Iraq.

Ferrel Guillory, director of UNC's Program on Politics, Media and Southern Life, said the discourse on Iraq is what voters were anticipating.

"I thought that served people really well. Voters got to hear how both of them would approach Iraq in the future in some depth."

For the final half-hour of the debate, the president and the senator from Massachusetts focused on other foreign policy issues, such as nuclear proliferation and pre-emptive war.

Both candidates would preserve the president's right to enter pre-emptive war, although Kerry

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Campus aims to capitalize on research cash

UNC to start 3 medical initiatives

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Exactly one year after the National Institutes of Health presented initiatives to speed research discoveries, UNC has begun plans to establish three interdisciplinary research centers.

Expecting to total more than \$5 million during its initial three years, three Roadmap for Medical Research grants will fund initiatives at the University in genetic abnormalities, obesity and inflammation.

NIH awarded 21 grants to institutions nationwide, and UNC was the only to receive three.

"That puts us in an unprecedented state nationally, and I

would like to argue that's where we should be," said Tony Waldrop, vice chancellor for research and economic development.

The interdisciplinary approach — one that Provost Robert Shelton said is "distinctively Carolina" — will allow departments throughout the University to integrate and facilitate research.

"Roadmap initiatives are meant to bring diverse people together to tackle problems," said Terry Magnuson, chairman of the genetics department. "It's a new level of integration among experimental, clinical and computation research ... something that has

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Grad students question fee use

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Despite recent meetings of the Chancellor's Committee on Student Fees aimed at shedding light on the use and effectiveness of student fees, some students are still in the dark.

Jennifer Bushman, president of the Graduate and Professional Student Federation, says some professional students have paid fees to University Career Services. But UCS does not serve students in certain professional schools, such as the Schools of Law and Medicine.

"Prior to this year, I think, it was a simple oversight,"

Bushman said. "They were perfectly happy to correct it."

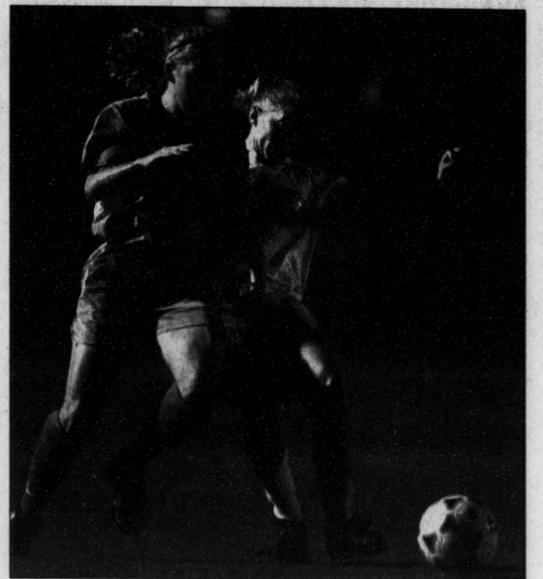
Bushman said a tentative proposal would allow students in professional schools that aren't covered by Career Services to have that fee allocated directly to their respective schools.

Even with such advances, Bushman said, increased publicity is needed to effectively inform professional students about the services for which they are paying.

Graduate students are more fractionalized and specialized,

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GUESS WHAT?



DTH/RAY JONES

North Carolina midfielder Elizabeth Guess (30) dribbles past N.C. State defender Michelle Crocker in Thursday's 3-1 UNC win at SAS Soccer Park. Guess, who saw time at forward in place of the injured Lindsay Tarpley, set up the Tar Heels' third goal with a long pass to Jaime Gilbert. For the full story, see page 6.

Number of on-campus thefts drops

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University crime statistics released today in the Campus Security Report 2004 reveal that burglary and motor theft were the most prevalent type of crime during the 2003 calendar year.

University police files campus crime reports every day, but the new yearlong statistics show that crime on campus has decreased overall.

In 2003, there were five on-campus cases of robbery, four cases of aggravated assault and 28 cases of burglary reported to University

police.

Furthermore, liquor law violations led to 13 arrests, and 31 drug-related arrests were made on campus, the report states.

Reports show that since 2001, burglary and assault incidents, as well as liquor law arrests and forcible sex offenses, have decreased.

In 2001, UNC experienced one incident of robbery, 18 cases of assault and 56 cases of burglary.

Larceny tops the list as the most prevalent type of crime on campus, said police spokesman Randy Young.

He said there has been a steady

"The campus is not immune. We must alert them in public safety."

RANDY YOUNG, UNIVERSITY POLICE SPOKESMAN

decrease during the last couple of years.

Young said officials do not know of an apparent reason for the slight decrease in overall crime rates.

"We have not changed any of our policies and have continued with normal procedures," he said.

The Department of Public Safety has striven to create a safe environ-

ment for those who work, visit and study in Chapel Hill, he said.

Last year, the department was recognized for the success of its ongoing campuswide Larceny Reduction Campaign.

This campaign helped reduce the campus larceny rate by 30 percent, Young said, and because

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