

# Fledgling DEDC makes progress UNC struggles with merit scholarships

## Group looks to increase its presence

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Though the town's newest downtown group has been meeting for more than three months, members and business leaders say the group is just getting its feet wet.

The Chapel Hill Downtown Economic Development Corporation, formed to help a downtown community in flux, isn't yet a familiar name. But it has begun to take some permanent steps toward becoming a major advisory force.

The corporation has chosen Suite 202 in the office building at 308 W. Rosemary St. as its permanent location. It is located next door to Pantana Bob's, which Chairman Bob Epting said is "as middle of downtown as one can get geographically."

The corporation is in the process of selecting a permanent executive director. Epting said members will begin to discuss and outline the job description of a potential director at their Wednesday meeting.

"The permanent director will

be the go-to person responsible for pooling resources between individuals, the town and the University," said Nancy Sutenfield, board member and UNC vice chancellor for finance and administration.

The board is currently headed by interim Executive Director Nick Didow. Epting said the board has been pleased with Didow's services and responses.

"On the other hand, it is clear that we would like to have that person in place permanently," Epting said, adding that a director could be selected by spring 2005.

The corporation also plans to put up a Web site by the beginning of next year in hopes of helping local business and property owners better understand its goals.

"It's difficult to touch base with every single person, business and property owner," said Mary Jo Stone, chairwoman of the Chapel Hill Downtown Commission, a group of business owners downtown that plans to work with the corporation.

She said many downtown business owners have been made aware of the corporation via newspapers and e-mails.

"Until a lot of these things are set up, there might be one or two people that might slip through the cracks," Stone said.

Epting said the corporation was not created to act as a liaison between the downtown business community and the public. Other Chapel Hill business groups already perform that function, he said.

The seven-member corporation was created to fuse the goals of the town, the University and the private downtown business sector. Four town representatives hold positions on the board. Two seats are filled by University officials, and the seventh member was chosen by the other members.

Epting said the corporation promotes economic revitalization through downtown development in places where the interests of the downtown business community and the University join.

"For a long time, some people have had a view that there was

some kind of dividing line there," Epting said about the perceived separation between the University and the downtown sector.

"It is in the University's interest to see our downtown be vibrant and exciting for faculty and students and visitors," Sutenfield said.

"It's our home, and we care a great deal about its economic health."

Another goal of the corporation is to preserve the characteristics and charm of downtown while approving downtown construction projects that help keep it modern.

The group sent Monday a list of recommendations to Town Manager Cal Horton regarding the town's proposed re-developments of downtown parking lots 2 and 5.

"Franklin Street is not a street that divides the University from the town," Epting said. "It's a place where the University and the town are physically joined."

"Downtown Franklin Street feels like my own heart," he said.

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Every year, top prospective students turn down their acceptance to UNC and decide to attend other universities, some of which offer enticing scholarship packages.

The small number of merit-based scholarships offered at UNC is the reason students give most often when they decide not to attend the University, admissions officers said.

Officials now are in search of different avenues to fund merit scholarships in hopes of recruiting top students, said Steve Farmer, senior associate director of undergraduate admissions.

"If we want to remain competitive in the recruitment of top students, we really need to look carefully at merit-based scholarships for these talented kids," he said.

Despite the increasing demand for merit-based scholarships, members of the Tuition Task Force decided in October not to extend tuition revenue to cover the cost of such aid.

The committee came to the consensus that increased funding for merit-based scholarships is important but should not be generated through tuition revenues.

"We would like to strengthen the merit program, but it's viewed as complementary to need-based scholarships," said Shirley Ort, associate provost and director of scholarships and student aid.

Traditionally, tuition revenue funds need-based scholarships, while merit-based scholarships are generated through private donations and endowments.

Farmer said that because of the University's aim to make higher education accessible to all North Carolina students, the focus always has rested heavily on need-based scholarships.

"The University has made need-based aid a high priority because we want to make sure that every student who gets into the University can afford tuition," Farmer said. "This is a great commitment for a public university."

Ort said about 120 merit scholarships are given by the University to incoming freshmen each year — none will be affected by the task force's decision. This number does not include the Robertson or Morehead scholarships, which awarded 15 and 40 scholarships to freshmen this year, respectively.

The Carolina First Campaign, a \$1.8 billion fund-raising initiative, is one of many campaigns seeking to provide support for areas such as merit-based scholarships and endowed professorships.

The Carolina Scholars Program also offers merit-based scholarships to both in-state and out-of-state students. In-state students are awarded \$7,500 per year, while out-of-state students receive \$15,000. Last year, about 40 students received these scholarships, Farmer said.

Other programs include National Merit Scholarships, given to students who are National Merit Scholars who list UNC as their top choice, institutional resources and graduate student tuition remissions.

Richard "Stick" Williams, chairman of the Board of Trustees, said he is glad the full board recently discussed both need- and merit-based scholarship funding. He said finding this funding is a top priority for the BOT.

"There are as many avenues as we have through any other funding," Williams said. "It's just a matter of effectively explaining why you need the dollars."

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## Past honor cases sparked code changes

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Four years have passed since the last open case of the UNC honor system engulfed the campus in controversy and cries for reform.

Charges brought against then-student Michael Trinh in spring 2000 served as a catalyst for revision of the honor system.

Trinh, fearing an unfair trial behind closed doors, opened his case to the public after he and 23 other students were reported for cheating on a group project in a computer science course.

His initial conviction was met with a public outcry of injustice, inspiring him to appeal the decision. The verdict was overturned in February 2001.

The controversy resulted in the reassessment of honor system procedures, which previously held little interest to the campus.

"It wasn't just the case, it was the whole situation," said Sue Estroff, professor and chairwoman of the Faculty Council at the time.

"We were aware of the situation, but the case really pushed us to pursue revision."

Many students questioned the complexity of the code.

"Our code was very legalistic," said Dave Gilbert, assistant dean of students. "You almost needed a law degree to understand it."

Faculty called for more involvement on their part in the historically student-run system.

"Faculty were complaining that the offenses happened in their classrooms, but they had no input in the situation," Gilbert said.

Chancellor James Moeser appointed a committee of students and faculty to explore the situation in December 2001.

The committee scrutinized the Instrument of Student Judicial Governance, which serves as a statement of student disciplinary procedures. It issued a report that proposed the first major changes to the document since it was adopted in 1974.

"It was a major provision to

rewrite the entire document," said Judith Wegner, chairwoman of the Committee on Student Conduct at the time and current chairwoman of the faculty.

The task force issued an extensive report in June 2002 that outlined trouble spots in UNC's honor system, suggesting new and sometimes controversial ways to alleviate those problems.

"Everything was on the table, from the preamble to the offenses," Gilbert said.

Suggestions from the review committee included an expedited hearing consisting of a three-person council, an "XF" grade signifying failure for academic dishonesty, more flexibility for the court and a lowered burden of proof.

In 2003, the review committee significantly revised the Instrument, providing more opportunity for faculty and students to discuss alleged violations, expanding the range of sanctions, expediting the honor system process and giving the Honor Court

more flexibility to administer educational sanctions.

"What came out was a whole new system with an increased level of involvement," Estroff said.

Significant strides increased faculty and student input for the system in use today. These include a faculty-student resolution process that allows students and faculty to come to a consensus with little court involvement.

"It was time for to re-evaluate where the University was," Gilbert said. "It was time for a change."

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## WXYC celebrates 10 years online

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Ten years ago, WXYC-FM, 89.3 on the radio dial, became the world's first radio station to rebroadcast its signal over the Internet.

This weekend, the University's student-run station will celebrate its 10-year anniversary as an Internet simulcaster.

The celebration will include the release of a compilation CD, an anniversary party and a panel discussion on the history and future of Internet radio.

"We are very excited about this weekend," said Jason Perlmutter, WXYC station manager. "We are going to highlight the success of our Internet broadcast."

The station will kick off its weekend celebration today by broadcasting live in the Pit. "We are going to stream our event and allow anyone who walks by to be able to transmit a request," Perlmutter said.

The compilation CD, titled *Bandwidth: Celebrating 10 Years of Internet Radio on WXYC-Chapel Hill* will commemorate a decade

of success at WXYC. It includes a collection of songs contributed by local artists such as Malt Swaggar, Work Clothes and Jett Rink.

The entire CD will be available for free on the WXYC Web site Sunday. The disc also will be available for purchase on the Web site, from contributing artists and in area stores.

"Our first goal was to have (the CD) just on the Web so that anyone could listen to it," Perlmutter said. "But it's been a while since the station has had a music release. ... We felt we should have something for the CD age."

Many local artists are scheduled to perform at Saturday's release party at Local 506. Billy Sugarfix will emcee the event, which will include live music by eNtet, the Moaners, Spectac and Jett Rink.

"Many people have helped out with (the station) over the years," said John Dzubak, day manager for Local 506. "We're hoping everyone comes out to celebrate."

All of the weekend events are scheduled to be broadcast live on WXYC and simulcast over the Internet. "The Internet simulcast has been a real good thing," Perlmutter said. "It allows people who are affiliated with the University to listen when they aren't here."

Perlmutter said he is optimistic about the future of Internet radio and the possibilities it presents for WXYC. "I don't know — maybe one day people all around the world will be riding around in their cars listening to WXYC."

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■ Due to an editing error, the headline for the Nov. 4 story "Honor Court hearing open to all" misrepresented a fact stated in the article.

The hearing was not, in fact, an Honor Court hearing; it was an appeal heard by the Undergraduate Hearings Board.

■ Due to a reporting error, a Nov. 4 photo caption on page 3 stated that the group pictured was Misconceptions, performing "Don't Stop."

The group actually was the Carolina Style Ballet Company, performing "Awaken the Dawn."

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