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# Grants aid renovations Bush praises ties with Pakistan

RESPC uses these funds, which amounted to \$184,932 this year, in

a manner approved by students. "It is the students who approved this referendum, and since it's their

money, we make sure we know what they want to do with it," Sinhababu said. "The Morrison project is great because students will actually get

to see their money at work." Proponents of the renovations

environmentally friendly than tra-

the housing department. "Students will definitely benefit

from this new renovation because using more energy-efficient tech-

niques could potentially lower

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room rates for students."

KEVIN FOY, CHAPEL HILL MAYOF

"This question about open

corporation has petitioned

meetings is a big question facing the DEDC," he said. "I hope our

new member can participate in our meeting concerning this issue."

people familiar with open meeting laws to make a presentation to the

board on Jan. 12.

aid Morrison will benefit from solar-powered water because it creates less pollution and is more

Morrison to see green improvements

#### **BY MARTA OSTROWSKI**

Environmental renovations to Morrison Residence Hall now have a surge of new energy with the acquisition of a \$137,500 grant from the State Energy Office.

Leaders say the grants will pro-

vide more opportunities to expand renewable energy projects at UNC. "This money will primarily go to the renovation of Morrison and installment of the new energy sources," said Robin Sinhababu, chairman of the University's Renewable Energy Special Projects Committee.

We are constantly on the lookout for other projects, but this is our current one."

The Department of Housing and Residential Education, along with members of the renewable energy committee, has spearheaded efforts to install photovoltaic panels on

appointed members and one mem-ber appointed by the other six.

Epting's resignation and the holiday season have thrown the

board off its track. But board mem-

bers remain positive. "The board will move ahead briskly to get back

to its two times a month schedule and elect a new chair," said member

Roger Perry on Friday. Mayor Kevin Foy said that

though the council is responsible for

replacing Epting, he hopes it won't have to. "(Epting's) objection was

that the corporation should abide by the open meetings law," Foy said. "It is unfortunate that someone of

that quality resigned, but maybe his role can be revisited."

DEDC

#### the roof of Morrison, which will provide the residence hall with lar-heated water. Along with other renovations, which will begin this spring and

are set to be completed in 2007, Morrison also will have new ele-vators, furniture and central air conditioning, said Rick Bradley, spokesman for the housing department. "This renovation and install-

ment of new energy will be cool for students," Sinhababu said. "The dorms will be better looking, easier

ditional energy sources. The project also will increase awareness about energy conserva-tion, said Chris Payne, director of to live in and probably cost less." The renewable energy commit-tee was created in April 2003 after the student body overwhelmingly voted in favor of a "green energy" referendum.

Under this referendum, student fees were increased by \$4

per semester to support renewable energy projects on campus. The understands downtown's vitality.

"It's sad because (Epting) had a lot of qualities that are valuable to the position," he said. "He has served as an elected official, lives downtown, is a strong supporter of the town and University, has a long history in Chapel Hill and donates

a lot of time to service." Didow said that although he has heard that the council might not accept the resignation, Epting's decision might be irreversible.

"According to DEDC's laws, (Epting's) resignation took effect hen the other members heard that he resigned," he said.

There are some speculations that the mayor might not accept his resignation, but his resignation is not subject to acceptance

or nonacceptance by our laws," Didow said he would like the council to appoint someone to the board before its Jan. 12 meeting.

He cited the UNC-CH Lobby Corps, created at the start of his term, as a model for student advocacy. "A lobby corps was really effective for us, but if we could get that kind of information-pooling across the state, I think that would

be tremendous," he said. N.C. State University is the only other system school with a formal student lobbying force, so an ASG effort would break new ground for many campuse

"I articulated some pretty high standards of lobbying activity for the ASG, and I think if we can even

ing. Stainback will send RFQs to various developers starting Dec. 13 if the council approves the docu-

The committee will then wel-come various developers to a pre-proposal conference Jan. 11.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. President Bush on Saturday defended Pakistan's cooperation in the hunt for Osama bin Laden despite the inability of U.S. and Pakistani troops to find the al-Qaida leader who, Bush once declared, was wanted dead or alive

The trail has gone cold in the more than three years since U.S. forces toppled the Taliban, bin Laden's patrons in Afghanistan, after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. Bin Laden, who masterminded the strikes, is believed to be hiding in the wild mountainous region along the border between Afghanistan and Pakistan.

The Oval Office meeting between Bush and President Pervez Musharraf came just days after Pakistan's army said it was pulling out of one important area along the border. Still, Bush had nothing but praise for Pakistan and Musharraf Contact the University Editor at udesk@unc.edu.

"His army has been incredibly active and very brave in southern Waziristan flushing out an enemy that had thought they had found safe haven," Bush said.

U.S. officials have praised Islamabad for its operations around Wana, the main town of the lawless and fiercely autonomous Waziristan region.

Heavy resistance this year led to speculation that a high-profile fugitive — possibly bin Laden's deputy Ayman al-Zawahri - was cornered.

'His army has suffered casualties and for that we want to thank their loved ones for the sacrifice that their family has made," Bush said.

Musharraf came to the White House with a committed belief that resolving the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is essential to combating terrorism. At Bush's side, Musharraf said the dispute was "the most important issue ... in the interest of peace in the whole world."

"That would be so great. I would even buy a 50-block plan because

"I have pretty erratic eating hab-

MEALS

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Musharraf succeeded in securing strong commitment from Bush that the United States would take a more active role in the Mideast. "I told him this would be a pri-ority of my administration," Bush

said Afterward, Musharraf told reporters that Bush had agreed that settling the Middle East conflict "is the core issue, the core at fighting terrorism." A senior Bush administration official, however,

said Bush did not go that far. Grateful for Pakistan's hard line gainst Islamic extremists and for the capture of al-Qaida suspects, the United States nonetheless has a delicate relationship with Pakistan and is aware of the need to avoid roiling Pakistan's internal politics. Musharraf's support of the United States threatens to endanger him at home.

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a business and international studies major.

With the opening of the Ramshead Center in March, Simon said that on-campus eating will change drastically, and that the desire for a smaller option will not be an issue.

With Ramshead, six or seven meals a week will not be enough for students to eat on campus he said. "Lenoir, and eventually Ramshead, will make Carolina one of the top dining facilities in the country. Students will want to eat on campus."

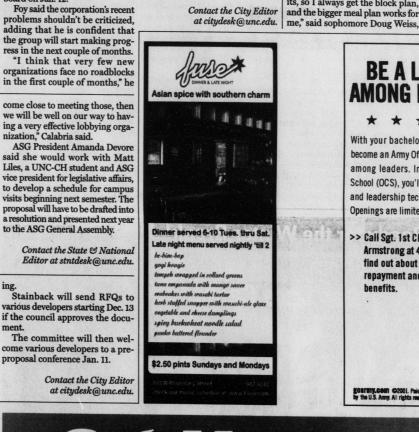
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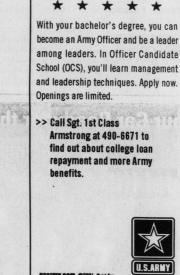
The sta

dents said they want the option. "I would definitely buy (the 75-block) meal plan," said sophomore Emily Fairley, an exercise and sports science major who had 20 said. "The DEDC's board of direcmeals left as of Sunday. tors are talented people, and they have a big job ahead of them. "It will take more than six months for eating in the dining halls just gets so old, and it's so unhealthy." (the corporation) to make a great amount of headway. Other students said they probably would not choose a smaller option.

Epting could not be reached for comment

its, so I always get the block plan, and the bigger meal plan works for Contact the City Editor at citydesk@unc.edu.





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Foy said that if Epting doesn't return to the board, the council will replace him with someone who

> "That's a noise," grinned the Grinch, "That I simply MUST hear!"

So he paused. And the Grinch put his hand to his ear. And he did hear a sound rising over the snow. It started in low. Then it started to grow ...

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ipating schools would be assigned dates to visit the legislature, with ASG providing talking points and reimbursement for travel. The hope is to have student lobbyists at the breikture at least trice a month legislature at least twice a month. "This is probably the biggest benefit that UNC-Chapel Hill students see coming out of ASG,"

Calabria told the council. "This is one of the big things that ASG can really do well that individual cam-puses probably couldn't."

# WALLACE

Cookies

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#### could add to the Wallace Deck might have an impact on how other aspects of the project are

funded. Revenue from the expansion could be used to help fund the transfer center, Stainback has suggested.

Stewart Engineering will con-tinue with a lateral load analysis next week to see how wind and other factors could affect the Wallace Deck expansion. The project will also take anoth-

er step in soliciting developers tonight, as Stainback will present a finalized draft of a request for qualifications document to the council for approval at its meet-

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