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## Carrboro examines satellite campus

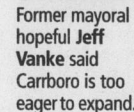
Carolina North talks come as town considers land use

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As its population continues to swell, Carrboro wants to see commercial development keep pace with residential expansion and a major University project.

But officials and residents don't exactly agree on the best ways for that development to reflect the town's distinct atmosphere.

The Carrboro Board of Aldermen held a work session Tuesday on the commercial zones it could employ in the Northern Study Area, north of Homestead Road. It also considered the impact UNC's proposed satellite campus, Carolina North, will have on that zoning.



Former mayoral hopeful Jeff Vanke said Carrboro is too eager to expand.

"We have a limited amount of land, and within that limited amount we have to decide what's appropriate," said Alderman Joal Broun.

Expanding commercial space is a key tenet of the town's Vision 2020 development plan, an outline for future growth.

While town officials have focused primarily on revamping downtown, most new residential districts, such as the newly annexed neighborhoods around Rogers Road, lie near the northern area — as does Carolina North, the 963-acre research park.

"I think we need to expand the same type of vision we have for downtown Carrboro to northern Carrboro," said Alderman John Herrera.

The northern area also includes the Winmore project and the northern transition zone, which falls under the jurisdiction of both town and county.

Annexed residents have voiced distrust with both the annexations and the town's plans for the area.

"I observe that this board enjoys planning and expanding for its own sake like a set of Tinker Toys," said Jeff Vanke, 2003 mayoral candidate and a resident of one of the annexed neighborhoods.

For the northern study area, town staff favor floating village mixed-use districts, which combine dense residential and commercial areas, as well as zones for office space.

But the aldermen are concerned about the ambiguity of floating zones and what zoning acreage limits will mean for Carolina North. The town's land-use ordinance limits the size of different zones, and the satellite campus isn't a small undertaking.

"Carolina North could come in and gobble up all of the acreage, or other developments could come in before Carolina North is even on the ground," Alderman Jacquelyn Gist said.

Planning administrator Trish McGuire said town

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## THE FINAL LAP



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Above: Player Sean May (standing) and the rest of the UNC men's basketball team are honored Tuesday afternoon in a joint session of the General Assembly in Raleigh. Below: Members of the team sit pensively during the end-of-season banquet at the Smith Center. Four Tar Heels could leave school early for the NBA.

BY LAURA YOUNGS  
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RALEIGH

All that red carpeting in the Legislative Building finally got a taste of Carolina blue.

Hundreds of legislators and Tar Heel fans packed the N.C. Senate floor Tuesday to honor the 2005 national champions in a joint session of the General Assembly.

Members of the UNC men's basketball team — including Coach Roy Williams and his assistants — received a standing ovation as they filed in one by one onto the Senate floor, shaking the hands of those lining the path to greet them.

With onlookers spilling out the chamber doors, lawmakers passed a joint resolution recognizing the team for taking the national title in St. Louis last week.

"North Carolina is a grand old state, and the University is a priceless gem," said Senate Majority Leader Tony Rand, D-Cumberland, one of many sponsors of the resolution and a UNC alumnus.

"I'd just like to thank them for a job

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## McCants to announce plans

BY DEREK HOWLES  
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Ever since Sean May grabbed the final rebound of North Carolina's championship season, a single question has loomed ominously over the basketball program.

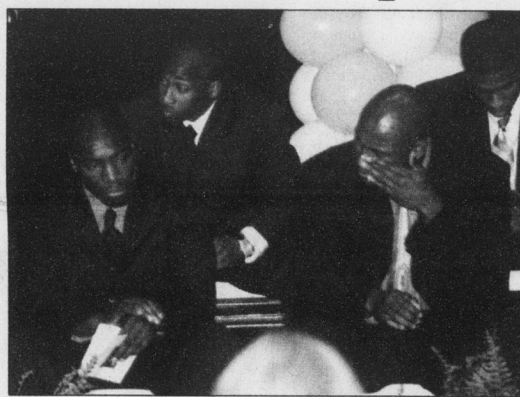
Who's turning pro? Nine days later, part one of that four-piece puzzle will finally be put in place.

Rashad McCants will hold a press conference at 2 p.m. today in the Smith Center to announce whether he will return to UNC for his senior season or make himself eligible for the NBA Draft on June 28.

Conferences for Raymond Felton, Sean May and Marvin Williams — the three other Tar Heels considering leaving early — have yet to be scheduled, as it appears all three are still weighing their options.

Coach Roy Williams — who last week said he expected McCants to enter the draft — made the announcement after the Tar Heels' end-of-season banquet last night at the Smith Center.

The coach's statement was the only NBA talk in a two-hour



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ceremony marked by starkly contrasting emotions.

Jawad Williams cried. A lot. Roy Williams cried, too, and so did traditional jokester Melvin Scott.

But the thousands of fans? They cheered. And cheered. And then cheered some more — to the tune of 19 standing ovations.

The loudest applause, not to mention the heaviest tears, came when the survivors of the infamous 8-20 season of 2001-02

followed a 35-year-old tradition by giving their senior speeches at the end of the banquet.

After senior walk-ons Charlie Everett and C.J. Hooker had their time, Jackie Manuel stepped to the podium. As the first of the three 8-20 veterans to speak, Manuel said his teammates were "not only my teammates but ... my brothers forever. I love you."

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## European politics dominate speech

BY ERIC JOHNSON  
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Setting aside a malfunctioning microphone, Ambassador John Bruton had no trouble reaching a crowd of almost 200 students, faculty and guests assembled Tuesday night in Carroll Hall.

In his Irish baritone, the European Union's ambassador to the United States gave an energetic and wide-ranging seminar on the EU and its ongoing effort to ratify a European constitution.

Bruton, who served as Irish prime minister from 1994-97, didn't mince words in explaining why the United States should look favorably upon further European integration.

"Wars in Europe have been probably the cause of the loss of more American lives than any other source," he said. "The European Union is a guarantee — a very detailed guarantee — of democracy and stability."

Mentioning upcoming national referendums on the European constitution, Bruton said there is a significant chance it could be voted down by France, Britain or the Netherlands. A "no" vote by a single member state would prevent the constitution from taking effect.

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JOHN BRUTON, AMBASSADOR

it would be a huge setback," he said. "There would be a sense that the people are no longer with us."

Having helped draft the proposed constitution, Bruton said it was important to establish a sense of European identity. "The emotional development of the EU is just as important as the intellectual development."

Bruton at one point called himself and the crowd "most unusual people" for being so interested in the workings of the European Union, a point reinforced by detailed audience questions on everything from EU environmental policy to American colonial history.

"The questioning was very high caliber," said Anita Jotwani, co-chairwoman of the Great Decisions lecture series. "I'm very

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John Bruton, the European Union's ambassador to the United States, shakes hands with audience members before his speech Tuesday night.

## Students' input central to talks

BY ADAM W. RHEW  
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Many University students have tried — and failed — to become a member of the Chapel Hill Town Council.

### ON THE TOWN

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The Carrboro alderman won election to the council in the early 1990s as a UNC undergraduate. He

said student involvement, regardless of the outcomes of town elections, is key to government affairs in college towns, such as Chapel Hill.

"Students are a constituent group just like any other," Chilton said. Perhaps one of the most progressive atmospheres for student involvement in municipal affairs is in College Park, Md.

In order to hear from students at the nearby University of Maryland, the College Park City Council appoints a student liaison annually to serve a one-year term.

"Right now I would say the College Park City Council is more student-oriented than ever," said U.Md. senior Drew Vetter, who is finishing his term as this year's representative.

City Clerk Caroline Lightfoot said liaisons attend every council meeting. They can't vote, but they do voice their opinions on all matters before council members take any action.

Like Vetter, Lightfoot said the system has been beneficial because

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