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Evolving face of downtown

Several projects in pipeline to alter skyline

BY BRIANNA BISHOP
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In November 2003, a group of Chapel Hill residents gathered at the Franklin Street post office to hear the ideas of a consultant who would guide the town in a new direction for development.

John Stainback prepared residents to embark on a revitalization project that called for the redevelopment of town parking lots 2 and 5, laying the groundwork for a flurry of new life downtown.

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Carrboro's look to get makeover with development
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The public-private partnership includes a two-phase initiative beginning with the construction of a mixed-use facility on lot 5, across from University Square, and the expansion of the Wallace Deck on Rosemary Street.

Phase 2 will bring the development of lot 2 behind Spanky's restaurant, the creation of a transit transfer center underneath the lot and the construction of a parking deck on the site of the Rosemary Street RBC Centura bank.

Though the town hasn't yet broken ground on the project, the skyline of the downtown already is markedly different.

"There's been changes, but I don't think (there will ever be) anything as big on Franklin Street as is being proposed right now," said Betty Kenan, owner of University Square and a downtown resident.

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The sky is the limit

With major projects already under way and several more in planning stages, the face of downtown Chapel Hill is changing. In 10 years, the skyline of Franklin and Rosemary streets will be speckled with new architecture.

ROSEMARY VILLAGE

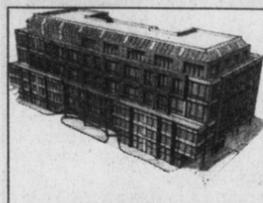
400 W. Rosemary St.



Near completion, the four-story, four-building luxury condominium facility located on West Rosemary Street has 38 units ranging in price from \$350,000 to \$700,000 as well as seven units on the ground floor for commercial space.

SHORTBREAD LOFTS

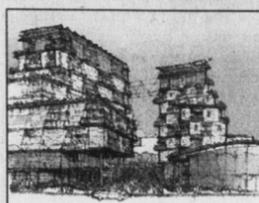
West Rosemary Street



Concept plans presented to the Chapel Hill Town Council on Jan. 18 call for the construction of a facility with 168 residential units and 229 parking spaces. The project will require the demolition of an office building and a 20-unit residential facility.

GREENBRIDGE DEVELOPMENT

West Rosemary Street between Graham Street and Merritt Mill Road



Developers plan to build a mixed-use residential and retail space with parking underneath the structure. The nine-story building project includes many eco-friendly features. Plans have been presented to the community design commission.

PARKING LOT 5

141 W. Rosemary St.



In Phase 1 of a two-part project, the town will develop a mixed-use facility on town parking lot 5, across from University Square. Proposed plans for the first phase include 233 residential units and some 31,000 square feet of retail space.

PARKING LOT 2 AND WALLACE DECK

100 E. Rosemary St.



Expansion of the Wallace Deck will be included in Phase 1 of the initiative. Phase 2 includes developing of lot 2; building a transit center underneath the lot; and building a parking deck at the site of the Rosemary Street RBC Centura bank.

THE FRANKLIN

West Franklin Street



The hotel is planned to be two stories tall on the street front and five stories tall farther back from the street. It will contain 66 boutique-style rooms. Officials say the hotel will offer visitors easy access to downtown.

SOURCE: TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL, PROJECT DEVELOPERS, DTH ARCHIVES

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UNC provost heads west for big promotion

BY BRIAN HUDSON
NEWS EDITOR

Provost Robert Shelton was tapped Friday afternoon to be the next president of the University of Arizona.

"It wasn't a difficult decision, and it definitely wasn't a conflicted one," said Benjamin Graff, the voting student regent on the Arizona Board of Regents.

The governing board of the state's university system picked Shelton during a special session.

"We needed someone that could lead with our university medical school. ... That had to be someone who was an innovative leader," Graff said. "They need to be someone that knows how to work and run a large organization, a large business."

At UA Shelton will reap a \$550,000 compensation package, which will cover all of his finances, including housing, Graff said.

UA President Peter Likins will step down June 31 after nine years.

Shelton, who said he was excited by the announcement, said he likely will head to Arizona before that time. "You like to have a few weeks between jobs."

UNC Chancellor James Moeser said Friday that top administrators will be meeting this week to discuss Shelton's departure.

He said he hopes to have an interim provost selected by the end of the week, although the process of selecting a permanent replacement will take much longer.

"I would like to think it

could be filled a year from now," Moeser said. "That depends on how rapidly we could move with commencing that process."

Shelton surmised that the search could attract a broad range of prospects.

"I think we could have a lot of strong internal candidates," he said. "But with Carolina's reputation, there could be strong external candidates."

Thus far Steve Allred, executive associate provost and the highest ranking member of Shelton's Cabinet, has

refused to speculate on the possibility of applying for the vacancy.

When Moeser brought Shelton in as provost in 2001 it was his second major hire as chancellor. The first search process for a provost was challenging to some extent, Moeser said, because the position was not as defined then as it is now.

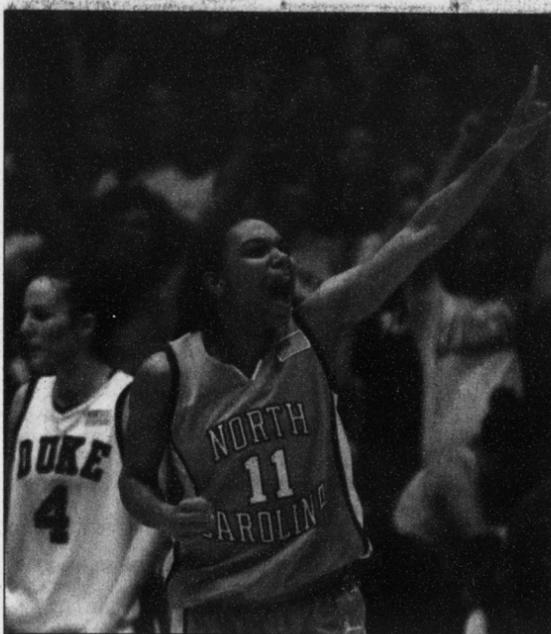
"I think there was a much greater sense of uncertainty about where we were headed," he said. "I think we have a much clearer course."

Shelton was up for the UA position against three other candidates, all of whom were ranking administrators from national universities.

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Provost Robert Shelton was named the new president at UA on Friday.



Guard Alex Miller celebrates after UNC's dramatic 74-70 win over Duke at Cameron Indoor Stadium on Sunday. Miller scored four in the win.

ALONE AT THE TOP

BY JACOB KARABELL, SENIOR WRITER

DURHAM

To defeat on the road what many observers considered the best team in the country, a team needs a lot of things to go right.

Tack on a 16-point deficit at a raucous, sold-out Cameron Indoor Stadium and the margin for error shrinks infinitely close to zero. If everything goes right, that team might have a chance.

And for No. 3 North Carolina, just about everything seemed to go right in the second half. La'Tangela Atkinson, Ivory Latta and Erlana Larkins were among those who turned in monumental performances as the Tar Heels stunned No. 2 Duke 74-70 Sunday night.

The win essentially guaranteed UNC (20-0, 7-0 in the ACC) the No. 1 ranking in the polls, as it emerged from Durham as the nation's lone undefeated team. And it was an oft-forgotten player — Atkinson — that propelled the Tar Heels in the game's final minute.

After Duke's Mistie Williams converted a layup to cut the UNC advantage to one with 44 sec-

senior calmly stepped to the free throw line and sank both shots to seal the game.

"I was just focused," Atkinson said. "I've been working on my free throw shot ... and it came down to that — just me practicing and having that confidence."

Yet prior to the action-packed finish, it was the calming stewardship of Latta that helped UNC crawl back. After 12 turnovers in the first half, the Tar Heels only lost the ball twice in the second — and none in the final five minutes, even after Latta backed directly into a screen by Williams near midcourt.

Latta came away from the collision dazed and shaken, but apparently not shaken enough for Duke as the point guard managed to convert a driving layup with the shot clock expiring that gave UNC a 70-67 lead with a minute to play.

"They started playing a weave back and forth," said Duke guard Lindsey Harding, who guarded Latta for all of her 40 minutes of playing time. "That kind of

freed up the lane a lot for them to penetrate. In the first half, I was denying (Latta) a lot. In the second half, she held onto the ball a little bit more."

And credit the unexpected long-range shooting of Larkins, who seldom shoots from farther than four feet from the basket, for bringing the Tar Heels back after trailing by 13 at halftime.

She hit two 3s at the start of the second half to trim the Duke lead to eight.

"I just had to get the confidence to shoot the shot, and for some reason I just shot it," Larkins said.

The sophomore forward also scored many of her season-high 23 points from her usual spot

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Wilco will come to UNC

BY JIM WALSH
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

The Carolina Union Activities Board announced Friday that rock band Wilco will headline two shows at Memorial Hall this March, marking the second time in six months that a marquee act will have come to campus.

The performances, slated for March 5 and 6, are a joint effort between local music venue Cat's Cradle and CUAB. It is the first time in four years that Cat's Cradle has collaborated on a show with UNC and the first time the venue has brought an act to Memorial Hall under its current ownership.

"Hopefully this show will serve as a

blueprint for future collaboration between Frank and CUAB," said CUAB President Jonathon Benson, referring to Cat's Cradle owner, Frank Heath.

Student tickets are \$18 and go on sale at the Memorial Hall box office Feb. 6; tickets for the general public are \$26 and go on sale Feb. 8. Student tickets must be bought in person and with a valid One Card.

CUAB is subsidizing the cost of student tickets. If they sell out before going on sale to the public, Benson said, CUAB will pay the \$8 difference on each ticket. Details of the complete cost to CUAB were

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Officials close book on freshmen reading pick

BY ERIN ZUREICK
ASSISTANT UNIVERSITY EDITOR

When new students arrive at UNC in August, they will sit down to discuss Jhumpa Lahiri's "The Namesake" — marking the first time a work of fiction has been chosen by the University's summer reading selection committee.

The novel follows the path of an Indian immigrant family as they adjust to life in the United States. Lahiri details the life of the family's son, Gogol, as he deals with life as a first-

generation American. As he grows up, Gogol becomes increasingly embarrassed about his name and, in an act of independence, changes it when he goes to college.

Gogol's search for identity is a theme students will relate to, said sophomore Matt Pagett, a member of the committee.

"It talks about his experience living in two different worlds," Pagett said. "We think it will resonate very well with students here."

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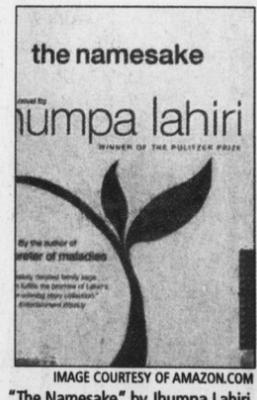


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"The Namesake" by Jhumpa Lahiri

CORRECTION

Due to an editing error, the Monday front-page story, "Traffic deaths shock town," incorrectly suggests that Chapel Hill police spokeswoman Jane Cousins said that pedestrians were at fault during five recent car accidents.

Cousins only was referring to four accidents, not the one on campus involving a UNC law student. The Daily Tar Heel apologizes for the error.

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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY Cameron Park Elementary plans 50th birthday events

SURGE OF SYMPATHY Environmental group memorializes Chapel Hill student

STYLE, NO SUBSTANCE Memorial Hall performer brings vapid image show



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UNEVEN PERFORMANCE

The Tar Heels gymnastics team takes third in a four-team meet at home this weekend. Junior Christine Robella took first in the all-around event.

today in history

Jan. 30, 1991 ... Student Congress votes to deny Students for the Advocacy of Race Relations the right to sell T-shirts with "UNC Knows Racism" printed on them.

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