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Trustees sign off on construction plans

Morehead, Boshamer set to proceed

BY ERIN ZUREICK
UNIVERSITY EDITOR

The Board of Trustees unanimously approved Wednesday design plans for three major construction projects.

Plans to expand and renovate the Morehead Planetarium and Science Center, develop the Bell Tower area and improve Boshamer Stadium all received the go-ahead from the board. Members

were briefed during their full board meeting by facilities planning and construction representatives and were able to view site plans and models of the projects.

Alterations to the Morehead building, which entail an expanded lobby and more green space, are set to cost \$35 million.

"The addition would provide much-needed amenities, as well as a public face to the town," said Anna Wu, director of facilities planning, about the Franklin Street building.

But despite the design approval,

ATTEND THE MEETING

Time: 8 a.m. today
Location: Chancellor Ballroom East and West, Carolina Inn
Info: www.unc.edu/depts/trustees

construction is stalled until funding is secured.

"Candidly, I think we'll just have to wait and see how that unfolds over the next few years," said Bruce Runberg, associate vice chancellor for facilities planning and construction, after the meeting.

Development plans for the Bell Tower area, which met scrutiny at the board's September meeting, received a more favorable recep-

tion this time around.

Concerns about construction materials and funding for the Bell Tower parking deck had prompted the questions.

Planners added brick to the design of the Genomic Sciences Building and warmer tones to concrete to ensure that the building blends with the style of nearby buildings.

The building will cost \$45 million, of which \$28 million has been secured. The building will feature a rooftop greenhouse, research laboratories and space for classrooms.

Runberg said officials also have secured between one-half to two-

thirds of funding for the \$30 million Bell Tower parking deck. The money came from already existing sources.

Trustees told the developers the plan met their expectations.

"Thank you for a much better presentation," said Nelson Schwab, chairman of the board.

Improvements and additions to Boshamer Stadium will cost about \$14 million and are slated to begin at the conclusion of the 2007 baseball season.

Capacity will be expanded to 4,000 seats, and the entrance will feature new brick arches and broad iron gates. The construction will mean the team will be without

a home field for about a year.

"It's a good problem to have," Director of Athletics Dick Baddour said.

Runberg also detailed the progress of UNC's \$1.8 billion capital program.

So far, 62 projects — or 34 percent of the total — have been completed, and 38 are under construction.

The board will convene again at 8 a.m. today to discuss graduation rates, tuition recommendations and reports from the university affairs and audit and finance committees.

Contact the University Editor at udesk@unc.edu.

AN INCISIVE PROTEST



Protestors gather outside South Building on Wednesday holding signs protesting the administration's decision to lay off 15 lab technicians from the School of Dentistry. The decision to outsource the positions will be effective Nov. 27 and has drawn backlash from employees.

Group delivers petition supporting technicians

BY BLAIR BYRUM
STAFF WRITER

Wielding protest posters and a giant blue toothbrush, more than 40 people marched from the Old Dental Building to South Building on Wednesday to protest the School of Dentistry's decision to outsource the jobs of 15 dental lab technicians.

Participants handed Nancy Davis, associate vice chancellor for University relations, a petition asking Chancellor James Moeser for a 12-month moratorium of the layoffs.

The petition also asked for a community-wide examination of the decision, which will take effect Nov. 27.

More than 1,000 signatures were collected from faculty, staff, students and citizens, said David Brannigan, Employee Forum vice chairman.

"We're trying to draw the chancellor's attention — and also President (Erskine) Bowles' attention — to the fact that



Jimmy Key, one of the 15 laid-off workers, presents a petition to Nancy Davis, associate vice chancellor for University Relations.

Visit www.dailytarheel.com to see the petition that protestors delivered to administrators in South Building.

these workers have been treated unfairly," Brannigan said.

John Williams, dean of the School of Dentistry, said financial concerns mean the jobs will be outsourced despite the protest.

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Previously on ... the dental technician layoffs

Winter 2005 An ad hoc committee is assembled to evaluate the efficiency of the School of Dentistry.

Spring 2006 The committee submits to Dean John Williams its recommendations to outsource 15 dental technician positions.

Oct. 4 At the monthly Employee Forum meeting, the technicians are notified that their jobs will be outsourced.

Oct. 11 Employee Forum Chairman Ernie Patterson writes to Chancellor James Moeser asking for a 12-month moratorium on UNC administrators' decision to outsource the employees, but the request is denied.

Oct. 18 The Employee Forum holds a protest with almost 200 participants against the decision.

Ballot issues may aid Black

Democrats line up for speaker post

BY JONATHAN TUGMAN
STAFF WRITER

Mecklenburg County voters might have another decision on their hands — one with implications for N.C. House leadership.

Several hundred ballots were improperly cast in District 100, leaving Rep. Jim Black, D-Mecklenburg, ahead of Republican challenger Hal Jordan by only seven votes in the unofficial election-night count.

Almost 450 voters in precinct 106, which is split between districts 100 and 104, were given incorrect ballots at McClintock Middle School in southeast Charlotte.

The names of the 551 voters in that precinct are known, but there is no way to separate the 105 correct ballots from the ineligible ones, State Board of Elections Executive Director Gary Bartlett said.

The Mecklenburg County Board of Elections referred the case to the state board, which will either declare a new election for District 100 or certify the official outcome at its meeting on Nov. 28.

"They would have to determine if the election has been impacted



House Speaker Jim Black faced a challenge that left him with only a seven-vote lead after Election Day.

as to who the apparent winner would be or not," Bartlett said.

Jordan said that according to election law a special election should be called with at least 60 days advance notice.

Black's lawyers have called for the 105 eligible voters to vote again, said Julie Robinson, spokeswoman for Black. Under state law, the voters would have to be contacted by Nov. 21, two weeks after the election.

"Jim Black won more votes in that district. It's just a matter of finding out the exact margin of victory," she said.

Jordan won the split precinct handily, garnering 380 votes to Black's 142, but the miscast ballots likely benefited Jordan because voters from District 104, which leans Republican, improperly voted in the largely Democratic District 100.

In addition, 135 provisional ballots remain to be counted.

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School's prestige aided by judges

UNC graduates dominate court

BY EMILY STEPHENSON
STAFF WRITER

Following last week's elections, six of the seven N.C. Supreme Court justices not only represent the people of North Carolina but also UNC's School of Law.

Incumbents Patricia Timmons-Goodson and Mark Martin and former N.C. Court of Appeals judge Robin Hudson won associate justice positions on the court. Sarah Parker secured an eight-year term as chief justice.

All four are law school alumni.

Paul Newby and Robert Edmunds, two of the three justices not up for re-election this year, also received law degrees from the school.

Timmons-Goodson said the success of the six alumni will boost the reputation of the law school.

"Of course it says that we have a very fine law school," she said. "It also says that it's preparing leaders for North Carolina."

Timmons-Goodson said this also might encourage current law



Patricia Timmons-Goodson earned a N.C. Supreme Court seat with three other alumni.



Law school alumna Susan Owens was re-elected Nov. 7 to the Washington Supreme Court.

students to pursue careers serving the state.

"One of the things I believe it does for the law school is that current students will get an idea of what is possible for them upon the completion of their law studies," she said. "People want to remain at home and serve their state."

Another school alumna Susan Owens was re-elected to Washington state's Supreme Court.

Matt Marvin, director of communications at the law school, said

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Mental health needs put strain on programs

Communities say more state funds would help

BY KELLY FUGO
STAFF WRITER

Community members say that the effort to reform mental health care in the state is on the right track but that the approach must ensure that adequate and equitable care remains the ultimate goal.

Programs such as Club Nova in Carrboro lack the state funds needed to provide ser-

vices for mental health patients ineligible for Medicaid, a federal insurance program for the poor, said Karen Dunn, the program's director.

Club Nova is a rehabilitation program that provides work and social opportunities for mental health patients.

About 35 people, including at least seven service providers, attended a meeting Saturday that was sponsored by the Orange County affiliate of the National Alliance on Mental Illness, to discuss the roadblocks to getting care.

"We are generously supported by the county, which is a huge reason we still have our doors open," Dunn said. "We need state money as

well to keep this program going.

"We're not going to turn people who have been lifetime members away," she said.

During the 2006 session the N.C. General Assembly passed a budget that included about \$100 million for mental health and substance abuse programs.

Part of the state's strategy for mental health care reform involves placing greater responsibility on community-based care of the mentally ill.

Community support consists of smaller-scale rehabilitation services provided by professionals

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CORRECTION

Due to a reporting error, the Wednesday front-page story, "Baddour keeps second-place lead in race," incorrectly attributes a quote to Allen Baddour. The person actually speaking was David Baddour. The Daily Tar Heel apologizes for the error.

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LIFE AFTER SCHOOL Orange High School puts on career week for students

SMILING FACES ECU's Dental School is met with approval across the state

ON WORLD STAGE Vietnamese dancer Ea Sola will perform at Memorial Hall

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A CIVIL SPEECH Honor and Integrity Week

keynote speaker P.M. Forni told a crowd Wednesday that civility is the key to reducing stress and violence and aiding productivity.

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MERRY MELODIES

An exploration of Broadway's changing themes, music and audiences. Also, reviews of new music and movies, including "Fast Food Nation."

this day in history

NOV. 16, 1990 ...

A groundbreaking ceremony is held for the Bowles Building, named for Hargrove "Skipper" Bowles Jr. The Bowles Building is located on South Campus.

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