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New campus pushes talks

Town, UNC discuss Carolina North

BY SARA GREGORY
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Town and University officials charged with plotting the course of the school's growth chatted Sunday about where a major expansion is headed.

Discussion about the University's proposed satellite campus, Carolina North, proceeded cautiously after some members of the Chapel Hill Town Council expressed reservations at their annual retreat Saturday.

Mayor Kevin Foy emphasized that he did not want informal discussion to be interpreted as

decisions on the part of the council, which indicated it would seek public input first.

"This is supposed to be a conversation," Foy said. "We are not making decisions."

Carolina North, to be located on the University's Horace Williams property, is planned as a research and innovation campus. Faculty, employee and graduate student housing also is planned, in addition to retail space.

The meeting among the council, UNC Chancellor James Moeser, Carolina North Executive Director Jack Evans and trustees Roger Perry and Bob Winston comes just more than a week before the council sees the concept plan Jan. 23 for the Innovation Center, a business incubator and

the first building slated for construction.

Sunday's conversation sought to identify the process for moving the plans forward.

"We really are driving toward the creation of a process," Moeser said. "The key issue is how we get to that process."

At immediate conflict is the special-use permit the University requested to allow construction to begin on the Innovation Center before the master plan is approved.

Several council members said Saturday they did not want the University to make a habit of requesting special-use permits for each building of the campus.

"That's not what we want either," Moeser told the council. "If the town will work with us in good faith to bring this, then we won't bring any more."

Perry, who is chairman of the Board of Trustees, said that the University has a "unique opportunity" with the Innovation Center but that its success depends on timeliness of receiving approval.

"We're asking for special consideration, and we know it's not the right thing to do ordinarily," Perry said.

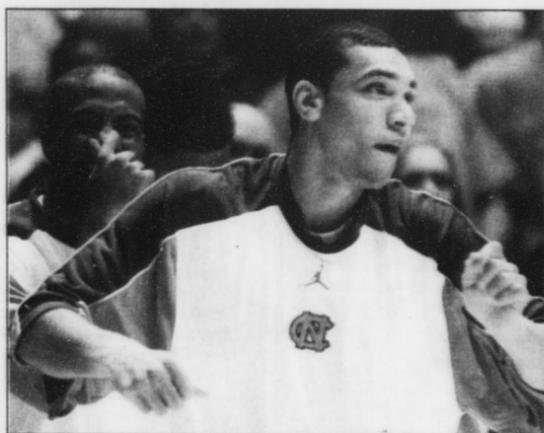
The master plan calls for construction in stages. The University plans to develop on about 250-acres of the nearly 1,000-acre plot throughout the next 50 years.

A 15-year scenario of possible growth shows a portion of that construction complete and centered near Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard.

"We don't know exactly in what

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JUMPIN' AROUND



DTH/WALLIE MULLIN

Junior Danny Green dances to "Jump Around" at the start of Saturday's basketball game against N.C. State. For full coverage of the Tar Heels' 93-62 win, flip over to SportsMonday on page 12. Visit dailytarheel.com for a photo slideshow and a video of the game.



DTH/ALEXANDRA PORTER

Students wait in Phillips Hall to meet with academic advisers on Wednesday. Students now must check their academic status in person.

Graduation tips are now offline

Student Central system removed

BY KELLEN MOORE
STAFF WRITER

As students and advisers pair up to conquer academic problems this semester, most seniors and juniors have one fewer weapon in their academic arsenal.

The automated degree audit, an online system that allowed students to see which curriculum requirements they had fulfilled and which remained, is not available this semester.

The Graduation Requirements Advising System on Student Central took the audit system's place, but this system doesn't work for students under the pre-2006 curriculum and might be adding to the line at academic advising this week.

"We were in a situation where we had half of the students in one system and half in another, and we were having a very hard time managing both of them," University Registrar Alice Poehls said.

The number of students meeting with advisers is on par with past years, but some of those students only want to know if they are on track with their graduation requirements, said Carolyn Cannon, associate dean of academic advising.

"Perhaps if the degree audit was there, they would have depended on that," Cannon said.

As of Thursday afternoon, the advisers had seen about 425 seniors, Cannon said. The office didn't have a known number of juniors, sophomores and freshmen who visited.

Although the academic advis-

ing office has a full lineup of 20 full-time advisers, five administrators and 12 support staff members, the first several weeks of school are keeping advisers busy and students waiting.

"When you walk out the door and see that line ... you feel like you need to keep things going as quickly as you can," Cannon said. "You will shorten everything you're doing that day to keep these lines moving."

The old system was taken offline for several reasons but namely because it required advisers to manually update students' course information, so it was not always up to date and accurate.

Senior Layne Powers said she took a class that fulfilled two requirements, but the automated degree audit listed it as fulfilling only one. A visit to academic advising solved the problem.

Despite the old system's flaws, some juniors and seniors said they are disappointed that the audit system is gone.

"I miss it," senior Erin Turner said. "I needed to use it at the beginning of the semester and couldn't."

In addition to managing the two existing systems, the staff of the Office of the University Registrar simultaneously began creating a third degree audit system to replace the Student Central system.

The new system will take effect in fall 2010 as part of Enterprise Resource Planning, a long-term project that will integrate all campus computing systems beginning in February.

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S.C. NOTEBOOK

'Road Trip' for Ron Paul

CHARLESTON, S.C.

BY REBECCA PUTTERMAN AND DEVIN ROONEY
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The narrow street winds past abandoned warehouses and empty parking lots before bending at a nameless auto mechanic's shop adorned with three "Ron Paul for President" campaign signs.

Home to Ron Paul's Charleston campaign headquarters, the shop features grim steel walls covered in a collage of Ron Paul posters and libertarian paraphernalia.

On Saturday the shop also played host to Paige Michael-Shetley and about a dozen other UNC students who drove five hours to South Carolina to spend their second consecutive weekend stumping for Paul.

Paul advocates strict constitutionalism and absolute free-market economics. He has gained only two delegates to this summer's Republican National Convention, through his 10 percent and 8 percent showings in Iowa and New Hampshire, respectively.

According to polling published in a Jan. 10 Rasmussen Report, Paul won 5 percent support in the latest South Carolina telephone survey.

Michael-Shetley and his fellow "Tar Heels for Ron Paul" christened their adventures "Road Trip to Liberty." Some even gave up their UNC vs. N.C. State basketball tickets to campaign for the man they said has a genuine shot at winning the presidency.

"We're not just blowing hot air," said William Harris, a UNC freshman.

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(Left) Junior Karthik Sekar calls Republican and independent voters to spread Ron Paul's message of personal freedom and states' rights. (Right) Paige Michael-Shetley, coordinator of the canvassing effort, records data in Charleston.

Parents consider switch to public school

BY ELISABETH ARRIERO
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Private school students got a glimpse of public school life on Friday at an informational session at East Chapel Hill High School.

More than 50 eighth-grade students and their parents attended the annual session, which informed attendees about everything from high school course requirements to extracurricular opportunities.

Carol Scheible, a mother of three, said that she wanted her kids to start their education at a school with a religious atmosphere

but that the reputation of Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools pulled her private school family into the public realm.

"I don't see any reason to pay money when this is so good," said Scheible, whose youngest daughter, now in eighth grade, might make the transition soon.

East offers 19 Advanced Placement courses — high school classes for which students can earn college credit — and boasts an average SAT score nearly 300 points above the statewide average.

Despite the strong academics,

"East has challenged me in many ways ... I feel very well prepared for college."

TIM BAYUS, EAST CHAPEL HILL HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR

Scheible said, she still had concerns about switching to public schools.

"It was the bigness of the school that concerned me," Scheible said. "I was worried that she would get lost and shuffled."

Many parents at the session Friday expressed similar concerns regarding school size.

"It is a big transition to go from

a small private school to a big public school," Keith Simmons, another parent, said.

Simmon's daughter attends Duke School in Durham, where the teacher-student ratio in its middle school is 1 to 12.

At East, most classes have 25 to

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announcement

WORK FOR LA COLINA

The Daily Tar Heel's monthly Spanish-language section is hiring reporters, translators and copy editors. Applications are due Wednesday in Union 2409. Contact lacolinasdesk@gmail.com with questions.

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MORATORIUM EXPIRING

The Chapel Hill Town Council will hear a recommendation tonight that the moratorium on development of the Northern Area not be renewed.



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TRACK AND FIELD

The men's and women's teams host the the Joe Hilton Tar Heel Invitational on Saturday to begin their seasons. The women take six victories and the men four.

this day in history

JAN. 14, 1960 ...

Senior Eddie Maynard is fined \$10 for wearing a mask at an attempted "panty raid" on women's dorms. The raid attempt lasted for more than two hours.

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