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## Public feedback mixed on Innovation Center

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The Chapel Hill Town Council received the first public input on the University's master plans for a proposed research campus at a hearing Wednesday.

Carolina North Executive Director Jack Evans presented UNC's master plans for Carolina North, situated on the 963-acre Horace Williams plot off Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, at the request of the council.

The plans call for the eventual development of approximately 250 acres of academic, research, commercial and residential space during the next 50 years.

"We're trying to plan an aggressive, sustainable, mixed-use community," Evans said.

The council also heard how plans are progressing for the Innovation

Center, a business incubator that would help startup companies, the campus's first building.

The University's plans call for construction on the center to begin as early as 2009.

Some council members and residents expressed frustration with the process of considering the Innovation Center ahead of a finalized master plan, a complaint heard since the plans first were introduced.

"It's very hard to react to this master plan without having the results of some of the ongoing studies that are under way," council member Bill Strom said, referencing the fiscal and transit studies slated for completion in the coming months.

Evans defended the University's decision to submit the Innovation Center ahead of the master plan and said the Innovation Center is modeled with the University's long-term

plans for Carolina North in mind.

"We have thought about where we want that to be in the context of the 15- and 50-year plan," Evans said.

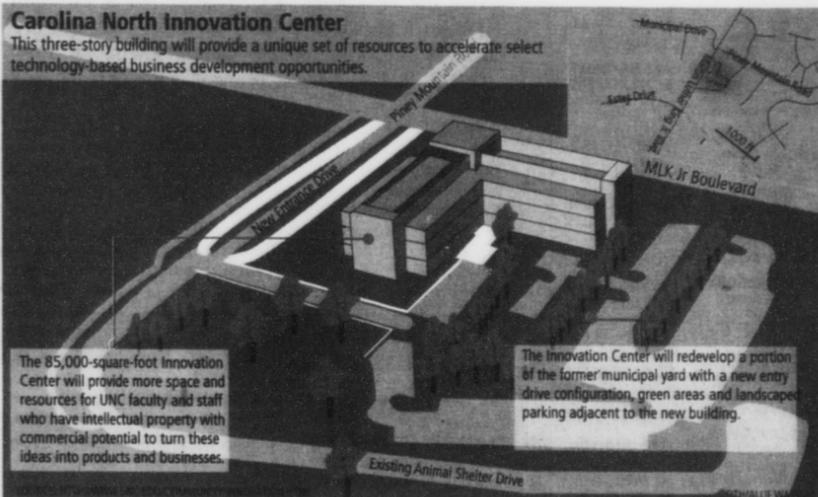
The council has seen a concept plan for the Innovation Center that shows the basic structure and location of the building, but Evans presented more detailed plans Wednesday night.

UNC's Board of Trustees also saw new designs at its Wednesday meeting.

So far the University hasn't submitted a special-use permit requesting town approval for construction. The council's role Wednesday was only to hear public input.

Former council member Joe Capowski said more housing is needed to accommodate the growth the campus will generate, a concern

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## FIGHTING FOR FAMILY



English Clemmons, a senior at Carolina Friends School with cystic fibrosis, is selling tickets for an upcoming fundraiser, "Breathe," to be held this weekend at CFS, with a goal of raising awareness about the disease. "It's definitely not as well-publicized as other sicknesses," she said.

### Teen raises money, hope for cystic fibrosis patients

BY BRYANNA SCHWARTZ  
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English Clemmons and her younger brother, Silas, bond best when stuck at the hospital for weeks at a time.

Throughout their lives, they have often spent hours laughing at their favorite comedies such as "Wedding Crashers." And Silas, 9, can always make English, 17, smile by quoting "Transformers."

It is in these moments the siblings forget that they have cystic fibrosis, a hereditary disease that affects the lungs and digestive system.

"The hardest part for me isn't having the disease myself," English said. "The hardest part for me is watching my younger brother suffer through a lot of the things that I've had to go through."

She said her experiences with the disease prompted her to take action.

On Saturday, English will hold a fundraising

event for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation at the Governors Club in Chapel Hill.

The night will consist of a silent auction, raffle, dancing, music and food. Prizes include Carolina Hurricanes paraphernalia, a trip to Bald Head Island and round-trip tickets to Hawaii.

Two years ago, she organized a fundraiser in Wilmington, securing \$20,000 for CFF.

The foundation sponsors research to search for a cure. Previously, many children with cystic fibrosis would die before they left elementary school. But with medical advances, patients now can live past their 30s.

English has never know life without cystic fibrosis. Just five hours after her birth, her intestine ruptured and she was rushed via helicopter to UNC Hospitals, where she was diagnosed.

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### What is cystic fibrosis?

> Cystic fibrosis is an inherited chronic disease that clogs the lungs, obstructs the pancreas and stops natural enzymes from helping the body break down and absorb food.

### Who does it affect?

> About 30,000 people in the United States and 70,000 people worldwide suffer from cystic fibrosis. About 1,000 new cases are diagnosed each year, and more than 70 percent of patients are diagnosed by age 2.

SOURCE: Cystic Fibrosis Foundation

### ATTEND THE FUNDRAISER

Time: 7 p.m. Saturday  
Location: The Governors Club, 11477 Club Drive  
Info: www.ncchildrenspromise.org/radiothon.shtml

## Ongoing writers strike impacts Chapel Hill

BY BENNETT CAMPBELL  
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Perhaps the most tangible fallout of the ongoing writers strike for UNC students was, until recently, the conspicuous on-air absence of comic news anchors Jon Stewart and Stephen Colbert.

The drama of the Writers Guild of America's strike against producers has been playing out since before the walkout officially began in early November, and its length has cast doubts on the future of many television programs and ushered in a new generation of reality shows.

Three principle issues brought about the strike: encompassing more writers within the guild, increasing

the residual pay for writers for DVD sales and providing compensation for material on the Internet.

The issues are often misunderstood, and the strike's effects are visible even in Chapel Hill, home to writers such as Daniel Wallace, author of "Big Fish" and lecturer in UNC's English department.

### Identifying the problems

"The problem for writers now, as far as getting things settled, is that the networks are owned by much bigger companies now," said Wallace, a member of the WGA.

"They're not dependent on 'Lost' or really any shows like that to



Professors Paul Edwards and Daniel Wallace are members of the Writers Guild of America.

bring in income."

So while guild members continued to picket, a plethora of reality shows quickly replaced some of the more traditional programs.

The guild made efforts to bring

animation and reality television writers into the fold, but Wallace said that demand was dropped.

"They were never going to get the reality show writers in the WGA because the networks would have no cushion in the event of a strike."

The other issues, though, are proving even more contentious.

"One of the biggest issues is what writers get paid when their work is put on the Internet," said Paul Edwards, another WGA member and lecturer in the communication studies department.

Since producers are reluctant to compensate writers for online mate-

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## BACK IN THE GAME

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## Democrats vie for black vote

BY ARIEL ZIRULNICK  
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In South Carolina, where blacks constitute about 30 percent of the total population and more than 50 percent of the Democratic vote, Democratic presidential candidates are working hard to court a demographic that nationwide can fly under the political radar.

"You have Barack Obama, who could make history by being the first African-American president, and then there's Hillary Clinton, and there's still, across the South, a lot of loyalty for the Clinton administration," said Bobby Donaldson,

### ONGOING STORY

Friday's DTH will feature coverage of the S.C. primary.

professor of history and African-American studies at the University of South Carolina.

The South Carolina Democratic primary is Saturday, and Clinton and Obama have been especially attentive to the state's black vot-

ers. Both candidates are relying on their popularity within the black community to carry them to a win in the first Southern Democratic primary.

The latest polls out of South Carolina have Obama up 12 points on Clinton.

Donaldson attributed Obama's rise in support among blacks to his strong standings in the polls.

"Before, he was just a senator from Illinois with an interesting story," Donaldson said. "Now, particularly after Iowa, people are paying much more attention."

Clinton's popularity among black voters stems largely from the strong repertoire her husband developed with the black community during his presidency.

"I think it gives her instant credibility and a reservoir of affection and respect," said UNC history professor Fitz Brundage. "However, it's not something that can be taken for granted."

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## Medical school to get expansion

### UNC trustees OK master plan

BY WHITNEY KISLING  
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In the next few years, UNC's School of Medicine plans to double its freshman class. Soon after, it should begin a physical expansion project that could cost in the ballpark of \$1 billion.

The Board of Trustees approved design plans

Wednesday for the master plan of UNC Health Care and the medical school, as well as heard a presentation on expectations for the future of the school's student population.

The physical expansion includes a new bed tower, more research facilities and renovated

academic buildings.

Now, the University must find funding, and the N.C. General Assembly is one of the first places officials will start looking.

"That's a lot of money, and I readily acknowledge that," Dr. Bill Roper, CEO of UNC Health Care and dean of the School of Medicine, said as he presented the design plan to the trustees.

Roper said the buildings in UNC Hospitals should cost about \$725 million, with \$400 million of that coming from the hospitals.

The research section — still in the design phase — is estimated at \$200 million. And the most uncertain part of the plan is Berryhill Hall, where most undergraduate teaching is housed. Officials haven't decided if that building will be renovated or rebuilt, but the expected cost is about \$100 million.

The expansion has been under

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### SHOWING DRAG QUEENS

"Paris is Burning," a 1990 documentary about the drag culture in New York City, will be screened at 5 p.m. today as part of the Global Queer Cinema Film Series.

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### COUNTIES JUST SAY NO

Environmentalists and some N.C. residents breathed a sigh of relief Tuesday when the U.S. Navy announced a revised list of possible sites for a landing field.



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### DANCE, DANCE

Divisions delves into Chapel Hill's developing dance music scene, from dance parties at locations like Hell's Disco Inferno, Nightlife and Local 506.

this day in history

### JAN. 24, 1920 ...

UNC plays its first basketball game against Duke, then Trinity College, and wins 36-23. UNC dominated the Mid-Atlantic and went undefeated for the season.

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