

UNC is landlord to local buildings

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Contrasted with the well-publicized campaign to fund the Student Activities Center, the financing of the Walter B. Davis library, currently under construction, has attracted little attention.

Who is footing the bill for the new library located between the Student Union and the Olde Campus quad on Raleigh Street?

No, it is not the alumni, and the money is not coming from student fees, either.

According to Gordon Rutherford, University planning director, part of the money from the 1970s sale of the University-owned telephone, water and electric facilities is paying for the library.

Rutherford said the utilities sold for \$42 million, of which the state took \$10 million.

Bob Peake, director of the utilities division of the University, said that a state-appointed committee recommended the sale of the utilities in the early 1970s.

"It was time for the University to be concerned with education," said Grace Wagoner, University property officer.

Wagoner said the utilities were sold in packets designated by a special bill introduced in the N.C. Legislature.

In December 1976, all off-campus electric distribution rights were sold to Duke Power Co. The Uni-

versity currently purchases power from Duke Power Co. at a substation on Cameron Avenue for on-campus distribution operations.

In March 1977, both on-campus and off-campus telephone facilities were sold to Southern Bell.

In April 1979, the sewer and water facilities on and off campus were sold to Orange Water and Sewer Authority.

The only facilities that the University still owns are the on-campus electrical distribution facilities.

Wagoner said the decision to sell the utilities and the decision to build a new library were not directly related.

Rutherford also said that the funds from the utilities sale were not originally planned for the library.

"There were a lot of expectations about those funds," he said. "I'm sure the chairman of the art department thought that he was going to get a new art building and the physical education department thought they were getting a new facility."

Assistant University librarian for planning and finance, Alfred Sharlip, said \$22.6 million was appropriated for the new library but that additional utility receipts had been applied to the building when costs rose higher than expected.

In addition, \$5.6 million was appropriated for the renovation of Wilson library and some money was reserved for the Health Sciences library, Sharlip said.



By Charles Ledford

Trustees hold title to local buildings ... manage money through Endowment Fund

Trustees hold title to area properties

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If the University were to submit a resume for a job application, these would be among its list of less publicized roles: landlord, inn keeper and book buyer.

More specifically, the Board of Trustees of the Endowment Fund, an official branch of the University, performs those functions.

The trustees hold title to the Hill Building on Franklin Street which includes The Carolina Coffee Shop, The Little Shop, Julian's and Varley's. The Endowment Fund also owns The Carolina Inn, the property at 210 Pittsboro St. that is occupied by Zeta Tau Alpha sorority and some undeveloped property in residential areas.

The Endowment Fund was established by the N.C. General Assembly to increase the endowment at the University. The bill was passed in the early 1970s, "about the same time as the sale of the utilities," said UNC Planning Director Gordon Rutherford.

University property officer, Grace Wagoner, said that some titles to University property are held by the state, such as the office buildings at 440 East Franklin St. and 134 West Franklin St. If those buildings were sold, the state UNC System, and not necessarily UNC at Chapel Hill, would get the net proceeds.

"The board of trustees (of the Endowment Fund) holds titles to property given by people who went to

this University and who want to give money to this University," Wagoner said.

Rutherford said the University had been transferring property to the Endowment Fund since its creation and that all new donations were automatically credited to the fund.

Often donors designate what their funds are to be used for. John Sprunt Hill, who gave the Carolina Inn and the Hill Building, specified that the proceeds should go to the North Carolina Collection in Wilson Library.

H.G. Jones, curator of the Collection called Hill a "prime supporter" of the collection which has been a separate department of the library since 1917. It contains complete writings by N.C. authors regardless of subject matter, and writings about North Carolinians and North Carolina.

The state legislature furnishes the collection with money to pay the staff, the space in Wilson library and day to day supplies. All acquisitions are financed by gifts like the Hill donations.

Jones said that profit from the operation of the Carolina Inn had been \$25,000 a year in recent years and that the returns from leasing the Hill Building had been about the same.

Recently, however, Jones said he tried to limit spending, because the cost of acquisitions are rising as well as the number of publications and other materials that the collection hopes to obtain.

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willing or unable to add significantly to committee decisions," he said.

Last year, interested students applied through Student Government for positions on the committees. Student Government then submitted a list of nominees to the vice chancellor for student affairs, who sent a list to Fordham for approval.

"In the past they had to beg people to be on these committees," said Melanie Wilson, Vandenberg's executive assistant in charge of the committees. "This year, we've had a tremendous number of people become interested in Student Government."

More than 100 students applied for 60 student positions, she said.

The chancellor's committees are a diverse group, both in purpose and activity. Committee charges range from hearing appeals for traffic offenses to promoting energy conservation on campus.

"We've had some pretty tough issues," said Terry Bowman, executive assistant to Vandenberg and a member of the Traffic and Parking Committee.

"There's been a lot of open discussion," he said. "I think it's one of the more effective ones."

Both Bowman and Traffic and Parking Committee Chairman Blanche Critcher, assistant to the psychology department chairman, attributed the committee's success to faculty committee member Charles Antle, associate vice chancellor for business. Antle's position on the committee has meant that their recommendations reach the appropriate people, Bowman said.

The committee has met four times this year, discussing the possible zoning of parking places and gating of a parking lot, Critcher said.

Student participation on the Committee on the Status of Minorities and the Disadvantaged has been less successful, said chairman William Small Jr., assistant dean of the UNC School of Public Health.

"In fact, I didn't know who the student

representatives were until before Christmas break," he said. "I think that has been a gross disservice."

Small also expressed some concern for having similar groups on campus focusing on the same issues. The Committee on the Status of Minorities and the Disadvantaged deals with issues concerning minorities on campus, including the retention and promotion of minority faculty, he said.

The committee meets twice monthly, Small said.

The Energy Conservation Committee has met four times this year, said chairman Claude Swecker, director of the UNC Physical Plant.

"I think its value has been primarily as a forum," he said.

"There would be considerable merit in having students come on earlier. To understand what we are doing takes some time," he added.

The Committee on Established Lectures has met three times this year to draw up a list of candidates for the Weil Lecture On American Citizenship, McNair Lecture on Science and Religion and Martin Luther King Memorial Lecture, chairman John Orth, an associate professor of law, said.

"Given the nature of its charge, it does not have to meet more than two or three times," he said. "If it had more money, it might do more. But it does what it's supposed to do reasonably well."

Orth said the legwork involved in bringing the speakers to campus was a time-consuming chore for the committee.

"The committee could be improved if more of the work of planning, organizing and scheduling could be done by professional staff and official liaisons with other organizations on campus," he said.

The Scholarships, Awards and Student Aid Committee attracts little notice because "we have not had any controversial issues," chairman William Hardy, a RTVMP professor, said.

The committee meets twice yearly, with sub-

committees meeting occasionally, he said.

"I think we have been able to operate effectively," Hardy said. "We don't deal with explosive issues but with issues that deal with student aid."

The Building and Grounds Committee meets monthly to discuss issues ranging from designing development plans for a new building to the naming of buildings, said chairman William Huffines, professor of pathology.

"It's a committee that has a long history behind it," he said. "It's looked on as having some stature in the University."

In his letter, Vandenberg suggested four modifications to the committees:

- * that committee functions and responsibilities be defined and published;
- * that students be appointed for two year terms;
- * that minimum attendance standards be established;

* that major issues to be considered during the year be placed on a committee agenda for the first meeting each fall, and issues requiring a vote be placed on an agenda and mailed to members no later than a week before the committee meeting.

Vice chancellor for Business and Finance Womack said the vice chancellor's committees would be more active in the future.

"They have a very important role to play and I would expect to see their contributions increased," he said.

In the future, those committees will be required to make an annual report, Womack said.

In response to Vandenberg's letter, Fordham said, "I think he made some very good points. I think we'll be responding positively."

A better effort needs to be made to hold meetings when students can attend them, and to emphasize to both faculty and students that they "have an obligation to participate," Fordham said.

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