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Making tracks

Debbie Lockamy, a senior medical technology major from Spivey's Corner, follows the railroad

tracks to her home in Carrboro after classes Tuesday afternoon.

UNC responds to outside assessment

Officials say perspective may be skewed

By BARBARA LINN
Staff Writer

The six-member team that compiled a report on the strengths and weaknesses of UNC-Chapel Hill may not have had the proper perspective on all the issues brought up in the report, University officials said Tuesday.

There is concern that the Board of Trustees does not have enough authority "to ensure that Chapel Hill's unique needs as a flagship institution are met," the report read. It also said the UNC-system president has traditionally behaved as the chief executive officer of Chapel Hill, infringing on the role of the chancellor.

The team that compiled the report was composed of six educators with backgrounds outside of UNC. They interviewed 138 people, including students, faculty members, administrators and officials from other universities.

Board of Governors member James Danieley said the team members don't understand some of the issues as well as members of the university community.

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"The report offers a fresh point of view and is helpful to us to see what experts from the outside have to say, but as for the level of knowledge, they don't know more than those at UNC," Danieley said.

The Board of Trustees has little power when compared with the Board of Governors, the report said. The BOT controls the Chapel Hill campus, and the BOG exercises control over all 16 campuses in the UNC system.

"While the strong and effective contributions the trustees have made in managing the endowments of the University are recognized, many see it to be little more than a board of visitors, a rubber stamp of the administration with little power to cause change or influence the Board of Governors," the report stated.

Danieley disagreed with the report's evaluation.

"I'm not sure where they got their information to form their perceptions about the Board of Trustees and

Board of Governors," he said.

Danieley, who had been a BOT member at East Carolina University for six years and was elected to the BOG in 1983, said he has not perceived the level of problems to be as great as the report said.

"If the Board of Trustees had any problems, then they would come to the Board of Governors," he said. "We will spend any desired amount of time and effort to work out any problems in the interest of the University."

But BOT Chairman Robert Eubanks agreed with the report, saying the trustees do not have much authority.

The authority of the BOT needs to be increased in some areas, Eubanks said.

"We work with the faculty and chancellor and those kinds of local issues should be under our jurisdiction," he said. "The more authority you have here, the more flexibility you have. We have control over admissions, but then they tell us we can only have so many out-of-state

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Faculty members agree with report

By BRIAN McCOLLUM
Staff Writer

University faculty and administration members expressed general support Tuesday for an independent University evaluation, although a few questions were raised concerning various aspects of the report.

The 107-page study, released Monday, will aid the Chancellor Search Committee in finding a successor to Chancellor Christopher Fordham, who is stepping down in June.

George Kennedy, faculty chairman, said he thought the audit presented an accurate assessment of the University.

"I think the report is right on target," he said. "Other faculty members have told me they agree."

The report observed problems and made suggestions in several areas, including specific faculty concerns and academic programs.

Kennedy said he agreed with the report's conclusion that "declining salary levels, poor fringe benefits, and

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low operational budgets" could threaten faculty quality at the University.

"There have been repeated studies about this," he said. "It's important to keep the University at the level we've got it and not let it erode. There is some danger of that."

The audit called UNC an "outstanding institution," but warned that the school may be "falling behind while coasting on its former glory."

But Kennedy said the report was not totally accurate in its appraisal of faculty morale, which it said was undermined by salary differences and lack of resources.

"They use the word 'malaise,' but I wouldn't say that," Kennedy said. He added, however, that "there are some junior faculty members in the humanities and the fine arts who think they're not fairly compensated."

Brian Bailey, student body president and student representative on the Chancellor Search Committee, said he thought the report assessed student attitudes fairly.

"They came across with a positive image of the students, but at the same time, they highlighted problems," he said. "It'll force people to look at some changes."

Caroline Becker, president of UNC's chapter of the American Association of University Professors, said she hoped the study will allow the new chancellor to understand faculty problems.

"On the undergraduate level, the faculty feel that salaries and fringe benefits are just not competitive," she said.

The "uneven" quality of academic programs throughout the University was another problem, according to the report.

The report cited the Division of

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Advisory panel to vote on raise in parking permit fees

By BRENDA CAMPBELL
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Members of the parking advisory committee will vote Thursday on a proposal that would increase the cost of parking permits as much as \$125 and would eliminate the student parking lot in front of Cobb Residence Hall.

If the committee approves the proposal, it will be sent to Farris Womack, vice chancellor of business and finance, Chancellor Christopher Fordham and the Board of Trustees

for approval. Parking and traffic officials want to increase the price of parking permits to balance their budget, said Brian Sipe, a student member of the committee. The money from permit sales will also help fund the construction of a parking deck near Craig Residence Hall, he said.

The proposal also suggests making the parking lot in front of Cobb Residence Hall a lot for faculty members. Students who now park in this lot would have to park along

Battle Lane and Raleigh Street instead.

The Traffic and Parking Office must raise the \$12.2 million necessary to build the parking deck, because other departments within the University have not supported the project, Sipe said.

Officials can also ask the N.C. General Assembly for additional funds to build the deck, Sipe said.

Officials should make parking concerns a priority when they ask the General Assembly for money to fund

capital improvements, Sipe said. The University has not listed parking as a problem in previous requests to the legislature, he said.

"Right now, the traffic department is barely keeping its head above water," he said. "And now, they have to raise this money."

Construction projects have forced traffic officials to cut the number of available parking spaces by about 1,000 in the last two years, Sipe said. Next year, 469 spaces will not be available due to construction of the

parking deck.

Traffic department officials hope to displace these people to a new "P" lot being constructed on Airport Road, Sipe said. According to traffic department officials, parking permit prices at UNC are lower than rates in other areas like Durham and Raleigh, and a price increase would make rates more comparable.

Sipe said administrators argued that residents don't need to park their cars near their residence halls when they only drive three or four times

a week.

According to the proposal, converting the Cobb lot would ease the crunch of lost space on North Campus for University employees.

If the lot is converted, parking officials would stop ticketing illegally parked cars at 5 p.m. instead of 9 p.m.

If the proposal is approved, parking officials would also raise parking prices for special events from \$3 to \$5, and reduce the number of spaces allocated for the handicapped.

Speaker criticizes U.S. foreign policy

By JACKIE DOUGLAS
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Michael Hunt, a UNC history professor, delivered the first lecture of the Great Decisions '88 world issues series Tuesday night before a packed audience of students, faculty and community members in Hamilton Hall.

Hunt spoke on "U.S. Foreign Policy: Projecting U.S. Influence."

The lecture began with a discussion of the goals of U.S. foreign policy-makers, and what kind of policy they should adopt.

There are two myths about how foreign policy should be conducted, Hunt said. One myth, the belief in the essential correctness of "Cold War

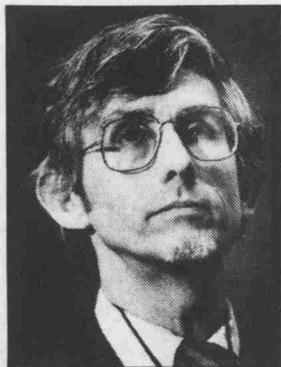
policy," could cause trouble if policy-makers chose to believe in it, he said.

"The era of the Cold War policy was not a golden age of U.S. foreign policy," Hunt said. "We were having problems with our foreign policy and the public became alarmed, which led to sharp criticism of the policy-makers."

The second myth is the belief that America should be preoccupied with the idea of "isolationism," Hunt said.

"After World War II, the United States was afraid that isolationism would triumph, so they fully embraced the idea of internationalism and made global commitments," Hunt said.

Isolationist policy should not be



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the major concern of the United States, he said.

"Foreign policy-makers need to

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Insurance companies may appeal commissioner's rate decrease

By CARRIE DOVE
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Students now scraping up money to pay their car insurance bills can look forward to a reduction in their rates if insurance companies do not appeal Monday's decision to lower them, insurance officials said Tuesday.

"North Carolina drivers are fairly safe, and the total cost of damage that the insurance companies must pay is diminishing," said Ed Bristol, special assistant to N.C. Insurance Commissioner Jim Long, who ordered the reduction Monday.

Insurance rates for cars with both the state-required comprehensive liability insurance and collision

insurance will go down 3.9 percent, while those with only the comprehensive insurance will have to pay almost 8 percent more, he said.

"Almost 70 percent of North Carolinians have both types of coverage and will see a rate decrease," Bristol said.

Long ordered the decrease against the recommendations of the N.C. Rate Bureau, which represents the state's insurance companies. The bureau asked for a 3.5 percent increase this year.

"There could be a negative impact on the insurance companies," said Charles Taylor, assistant manager of the bureau.

But local insurance companies said

they are not worried about the new ruling.

Phil Pearsall, owner of Village Insurance, Inc. in Chapel Hill, said that the decision will be appealed and probably never implemented.

"They always do appeal, and (the rate increase) is not going to happen," said an insurance agent in Raleigh.

More than 140 insurance companies are seeking licenses to operate in North Carolina, which indicates a very healthy market, Bristol said.

State law permits companies to implement the requested increase while appealing the commissioner's ruling, but they must put the gained

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You can observe a lot just by watching. — Yogi Berra