Committee examines downtown parking deck

By JESSICA LANNING

Assistant City Editor

A committee of four town council members is compiling a preliminary report on a proposed downtown parking deck that would take the place of the failed Rosemary Square project.

Rosemary Square, the controversial hotel/condominium/parking complex developed by the Chapel Hill Town Council and the Rosemary Group, Inc., was abandoned in April after five years of debate. The project would have been located behind the Franklin Street Post

Office on the corner of Rosemary and Henderson streets, but the development firm in charge of the project could not meet established contract deadlines.

Council members Nancy Preston, Julie Andresen, Jim Wallace and Art Werner make up the parking committee. All committee meetings are open

The committee is seeking an architectural firm to design a parking deck to occupy the space set aside for the Rosemary Square project, said Wallace,

chairman of the committee. The com-time," he said. mittee has narrowed the number of firms from 13 to five and is waiting for a second response from the remaining

The architects have until Sept. 11 to provide more detail about the structure including size, number of parking spaces, available commercial space and the amount of the structure that will be above and below ground, Wallace said.

"We have yet to name an architect, but we are getting closer to it all the

After the committee receives second responses, it will make a recommendation to the council. Wallace said the full council would make decisions concerning design, construction and financing in late September or early October.

Werner said the proposed parking deck was preliminary, and the specifics would be worked out later. "This is not something we want to jump into."

There are certain criteria the committee wants in the plans, Werner said.

The committee members want an attractive structure to provide parking spaces and some public and retail space. The committee also wants the structure to be financed using bonds.

"I think this thing needs to be more than a parking garage," Werner said. "Part of what we need to do with this project is to get people downtown."

Jack Tomkovick, owner of the Gold Connection, said he supported construction of a new parking deck. "I'd love it. The sooner the better."

beginning instead of Rosemary Square. "It took a lot of time and effort, and now we're back to square one." More parking is Tomkovick's pri-

Tomkovick said the new project was

what the town should have done in the

mary concern and goal, he said. "If the town and University will work together and do their thing that would be fabu-

"There is no way it can be anything but a good thing, and we're ready for

Craige deck construction to begin

By TERRI CANADAY

Staff Writer

Construction of the parking deck at Craige Residence Hall will begin in two to three weeks — if all goes as planned, said John DeVitto, transportation and parking director.

Tom Shumate, consulting architect for facilities planning and design, said the new five-level deck would provide 1,400 new spaces, as well as 200 surface spaces. The lot now has 500 spaces, so there will be a net increase of 1,100 spaces, he said. The project, which will cost \$10,050,000, will take 18 to 20 months to complete.

DeVitto said the parking lot at Craige has been recently labeled a PR lot so the 500 drivers now there will have the option of parking in another PR lot during the deck's construction. The Department of Transportation and Parking added 500 spaces to the PR lot at the airport to compensate for the need for spaces.

Colleen McGowan, a senior from Wilmington, said she was excited about the project. "We definitely need something to alleviate the parking crunch. It's ludicrous to have students waiting in line all night for a parking permit. Even if it means an increase in our student fees by a few dollars, I think it will be worth it in the long run."

The transportation fee that passed recently goes to the transportation system, not parking, DeVitto said. The transportation system has already improved, he said. Improvements include a 30 percent increase in bus routes, the point-to-point shuttle and the taxi serv-

Jim Barrow, a junior from Glenwood, Md., expressed some concern about the location of the deck. "It should be closer to campus. The only reason they put it at Craige was because of the Dean Dome for basketball games. It would have made more sense for students and for faculty if it was closer to

Consultants chose Craige for the deck's location, DeVitto said. This site will place minimum impact on the environment, and it is convenient to the Smith Center and the hospital, he said.

DeVitto explained there is more to

building a parking deck than actually building the structure. Consultants now are doing a transportation study, planning three to five more parking structures.

John Carey, a sophomore from Connecticut, said he thought the new deck would help alleviate UNC's parking problem. "The new spaces that will be provided by the deck shouldn't be specific to faculty or students. They should be thrown in the lottery."

The spaces will be allocated through the lottery system, DeVitto said. The students will get a portion of the lots as decided by the transportation committee of student government, he said.

Students are being asked to apply for

more assistance rather than automati-

cally be re-evaluated because some stu-

dents may not want a loan or additional

The assistance will not be distrib-

uted before the Cashier's Office sends

students a second bill for tuition. The

bills will be sent out Sept. 11, said Sam

Although officials at the financial

Barnard, a University cashier.

work hours, Morris said.

School of Dentistry names acting dean

By WILL SPEARS

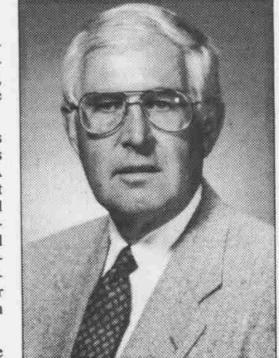
Assistant University Editor Theodore R. "Ted" Oldenburg, professor of pediatric dentistry and assistant dean of the School of Dentistry, has been named acting dean of the school.

The length of Oldenburg's term as acting dean is unclear, but may be as little as three or four weeks, he said. A search committee chaired by Ernest Schoenfeld, associate dean of the School of Public Health, will forward its recommendations to Chancellor Paul Hardin in the near future. The nominations then will go through the administration and Board of Trustees for approval. Final approval will come from the Board of Governors.

Oldenburg's appointment, effective Sept. 1, has been approved by the Board of Governors Personnel Committee. The search for a new dean started when Ben Barker, dean from 1981 to 1989, announced his plans last year to retire.

Hardin announced the appointment in a memorandum to dental school faculty and staff. "Following discussions with Vice Chancellor (H. Garland) Hershey and others, Dr. Oldenburg has agreed to serve as acting dean of the school until the permanent dean is in place," Hardin said in the memo. "I know all of you share my pleasure in Dr. Oldenburg's acceptance of this important role. He will perfrom admirably."

Hershey has said Oldenburg would be more than capable of performing as



Theodore R. Oldenburg

acting dean. "I have every confidence that Dr. Oldenburg will lead the School of Dentistry effectively during this transition period. As a senior administrator, he has a broad perspective of the school's programs and operations that well qualifies him to fill this position until the search is concluded."

Oldenburg served as chairman of the Department of Pediatric Dentistry for 15 years, with his term ending in 1985. He has continued teaching since, Hershey said.

Oldenburg downplayed the significance of his appointment as a news item. "This is getting much more press

Additional student aid available

By SARAH CAGLE

Students who think they may be eligible for more financial aid because of this year's tuition increase can file for additional assistance for the fall semester, officials at the Office of Scholarships and Student Aid said Monday.

The N.C. General Assembly voted near the end of the legislative session to increase tuition beginning this fall by 20 percent for in-state students and 15 percent for out-of-state students. This is costing in-state students an extra \$100 annually, and out-of-state students are paying an additional \$669

"All awards were made without full

A study conducted by Watson

Bowes, professor of obstetrics and

gynecology, and Alan Stiles, assistant professor of pediatrics, showed most of

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knowledge of tuition costs," said Eleanor Morris, director of financial aid. "We did calculate for the 8 1/2 percent increase in out-of-state tuition proposed by General Administration, but we missed it by 6 1/2 percent."

As a result, current aid packages are \$100 less than necessary for in-state students and between \$250 and \$300 less for out-of-state students. Students already receiving aid may qualify for more assistance, and students who were not considered needy before may now be eligible for aid, Morris said.

"The tuition increase might make a difference, especially if you're on the borderline," Morris said.

aid office in Vance Hall. The office will begin evaluating requests at the end of September and will make assistance available in early October, Morris said. There is no formal deadline for

application. "As long as funds hold out, we will consider applications," Morris No scholarships or grant money will be available, but qualified students may

receive loans or an increase in work-

study hours. Loans may come from the student aid office or from an outside source. Typical work-study programs require about 10 hours of work a week. For each additional \$100 needed, a student Forms are available at the student would have to work one more hour

aid office said they assumed students would be able to defer payment of the second bill, Barnard said students expecting assistance would not be able to

Study finds shortage of intensive care facilities for infants

caring for an infant who stays in ICU for 28 weeks could range from \$30,000 to \$40,000. ICU programs also require specially trained nurses who receive

The lack of ICU beds partially is a result of the growing population of North Carolina, according to the study.

teenage and drug-dependent mothers could also be another factor. But Stiles and Bowes said they believed the increase in the number of premature births could be attributed to new technology able to save the lives of

more babies. The new technology

means infants sometimes remain in ICU for as long as a year.

Despite the overcrowding problem, no expansion of ICU programs has occurred except in one hospital in Fayetteville. "The state planning personnel are primarily focused on prevention - which is good - yet this policy does not help solve the problem after the babies have been born,"

Bowes recommended a three-point attack to help the crisis.

A statewide program aimed at the preventing premature births is the first step. Educating expectant mothers and improving access to prenatal care are fundamental to prevention, he said.

The second step is to improve the system of back transport.

As a third step, Bowes suggested that the state identify certain hospitals in high population areas and encourage them to develop ICU programs.

The use of privately operated ICU units could be another possible solution to the problem.

But the danger of the commercializing and exploiting neonatology exists,

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By K. PAPAS North Carolina's 11 infant ICUs operpremature babies are ill-equipped to he said. Hospitals are reluctant to receive these babies again because ICU ate at more than 100 percent capacity. handle the complications that could Staff Writer The overcrowding of ICU facilities care is expensive. A study by two UNC professors often results in the early release of "Premature infants sometimes lose The cost of caring for a premature The increase in premature births due to revealed a severe shortage of intensive considerably underweight babies, said their respiratory control and stop breathinfant is very expensive — the cost of care units (ICUs) for the care of newborn infants in North Carolina

Edward Lawson, the director of neonatal-prenatal medicine at N.C. Children's Hospital in Chapel Hill. Other hospitals lacking intensive care facilities (Level 2 hospitals) that receive the

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ing," Lawson said.

The system of "back transport," in which infants released to Level 2 hospitals become ill and need further ICU

attention, does not work very efficiently,

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