

BOT committee rejects WUNC building design

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The Business and Finance Committee of the Board of Trustees (BOT) rejected a proposed design for a new WUNC facility at a meeting Sept. 1.

The plans for a modern building on N.C. Highway 54 were turned down because the building was unattractive and clashed with traditional University building styles, said Earl "Phil" Phillips, BOT chairman.

The proposed building was functional, but the board was looking for a more attractive design, Phillips said. The committee agreed that greater symmetry and simplicity would be preferable, although conformity to tradition is not mandatory. "We're not trying to compete with the Kenan Center

or the Bell Tower," he said.

Phillips said he thought the building would ultimately be approved, but the board will review other designs.

WUNC director Gary Shivers said the rejection was a minor setback, but would not delay the project. The BOT made some specific modifications to the proposed plans, and the architect has already incorporated those into the design, he said. The modified plans will be submitted to the BOT at the October meeting.

The WUNC radio station has been operating out of Swain Hall and the Smith Building. Those facilities are antiquated, overcrowded and inadequate, Shivers said.

Because of these working conditions, the station began raising funds from

private sources in the summer of 1987. Of the \$2.5 million needed for the project, \$1.25 million has been raised. These amounts are not connected with the funding of WUNC-TV's move to Research Triangle Park. WUNC Radio is not part of that organization and not part of that move, Shivers said.

The submitted plans were for a nontraditional building, he said. Because the radio station requires a performing studio and related control room, higher ceilings are necessary, and were included in the design.

The plans were nontraditional when compared with the standard Georgian design of the buildings on main campus, Shivers said. But the proposed building would be located beside the William and Ida Friday Continuing Education Center, which is another nontraditional building, he said.

Phillips said the board has been lax in approving building designs in the past, but it will be much more careful in the future. "It's not a rubber-stamp board," he said. "We won't accept anything that comes down the pipe."

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Moped riders should stay off campus sidewalks, say police

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Pedestrians may be accustomed to dodging mopeds on the sidewalks, even though moped riding on campus was prohibited by an ordinance that went into effect in June of 1984.

Sgt. Ned Comar of the University police said the ordinance was passed as a result of "a number of complaints concerning near misses on the sidewalk" that involved mopeds. Although enforcing the ordinance is not considered a top priority, riders who are caught will be, and have been, ticketed, says Comar.

James Kessler, handicapped technical specialist with the Office of Handicapped Services, said he is concerned about potential injuries. "The hearing-impaired people cannot hear the mopeds coming," he said. Kessler also pointed out that people who are permanently or temporarily disabled may find it difficult to move out of the way of a moped.

Not enough is being done to stop those who disobey this ordinance, Kessler said, and University police should pay more attention to the problem.

Kessler warned that if someone does get hit by a moped on the sidewalk he could successfully sue the University, and "it could bring the school down to its knees."

Gene Davis, speaker of Student Congress, said: "Most students who do use mopeds are commuting from off campus or from South Campus. Once they reach the main part of campus, they have the opportunity to park in a convenient place and walk instead of riding on the sidewalks."

Cammie Moore, a sophomore from Clemmons, said she thinks bicycles are a bigger problem than mopeds. "I've seen people almost get killed by a bike on the sidewalk."

"Moped drivers are more careful than people who ride bikes," said Annette Best, a freshman from Garner. "Anyway, the noise of the moped warns you that it is coming your way."

Moped riders should drive through motor vehicle areas and then push their mopeds over to the bike racks, Comar said. "A day doesn't go by when I don't see a person riding a moped dangerously on the sidewalk."



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No accidents have been reported at UNC involving mopeds on sidewalks, Comar said. He did recall, however, an incident involving two people on a moped who ran into a moving car in a

parking lot. A state law requiring moped drivers to wear helmets, which goes into effect on Oct. 1, should help prevent future injuries, he said.

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