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Vacant jobs to fall under budget knife

By Steve Politi
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UNC-system President C.D. Spangler has asked chancellors of the 16 campuses to identify by April 5 vacant positions that can be eliminated and to choose how each campus will sustain cuts in response to the state budget crisis.

A memo from Spangler to the chancellors states, "Because of the severity of these current recommendations to reduce our budget, it is essential that we begin immediately to determine how we could carry out such an action and determine what implications it has for

us." The Senate and House education appropriations subcommittees recently proposed cutting \$59.2 million from the UNC-system 1991-1992 budget. The cuts must now be approved by the subcommittees in joint session, and ultimately by the full assembly.

Under those proposals, UNC-CH must cut more positions than the other 15 campuses. The University could lose up to 37 teaching positions and 40 non-teaching positions that are exempt from the State Personnel Act.

Spangler said Wednesday that the chancellors would have to decide how to implement the reductions.

"The General Assembly subcommittees on appropriations in both the Senate and House met and made these cuts," he said. "We are giving them to the chancellors for them to say how they will be eliminated."

UNC-CH Provost Dennis O'Connor said the hardest task was responding to the report, not choosing which vacant positions to eliminate. "Some of the positions were identified earlier in the year," he said.

When responding to the cuts, administrators must decide how to handle the reductions and what impact they

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Land-use plan revision unveiled by University

Proposal addresses green space, parking, roads

By Ashley Fogle and JoAnn Rodak
Staff Writers

University administrators unveiled a revised University development plan Wednesday that eliminated several 1987 proposals that have drawn objections from Chapel Hill residents.

The Guide to Physical Development is an ongoing, comprehensive plan devised by the Department of Facilities Planning and Design to help guide the University's development.

The revised plan addresses the objectives of buildings and land use, pedestrian and vehicular traffic, parking, transportation, open space and utilities, as well as the development of Mason Farm, University Lake and Horace Williams Airport properties.

Ben Tuchi, vice chancellor for business and finance, said the University would continue to update the original plan every three to five years.

"The demands on the campus are continually growing," he said. "All of these objectives can't be perfect. The problem of making the objectives mesh

is difficult, and a comprehensive plan has to treat them all."

Open space

Gene Swecker, associate vice chancellor for facilities management, said the critical open spaces on campus, including McCorkle Place, Polk Place, Battle Park and the Arboretum, must be protected and preserved.

"It's extremely vital that we maintain that (open space) and continue to try to look for opportunities to develop additional green space," he said.

The plan calls for preserving an open-space "spine," along which buildings will be oriented. The spine will run from Franklin Street through the quads, Kenan Stadium, Navy and Ehringhaus fields and the major ravine areas east of the Smith Center.

Pedestrian traffic

The revised plan is concerned with ensuring pedestrian safety by creating a compact, organized network of brick walkways, Swecker said.

"North Campus is pretty well developed as far as walkways are concerned,"

he said. "On South Campus the walks are less developed. They suggested a network of walks that would complement North Campus walks."

The new walkways will eliminate pedestrian-vehicular conflicts, improve security with better lighting and link major areas of campus.

Vehicular traffic

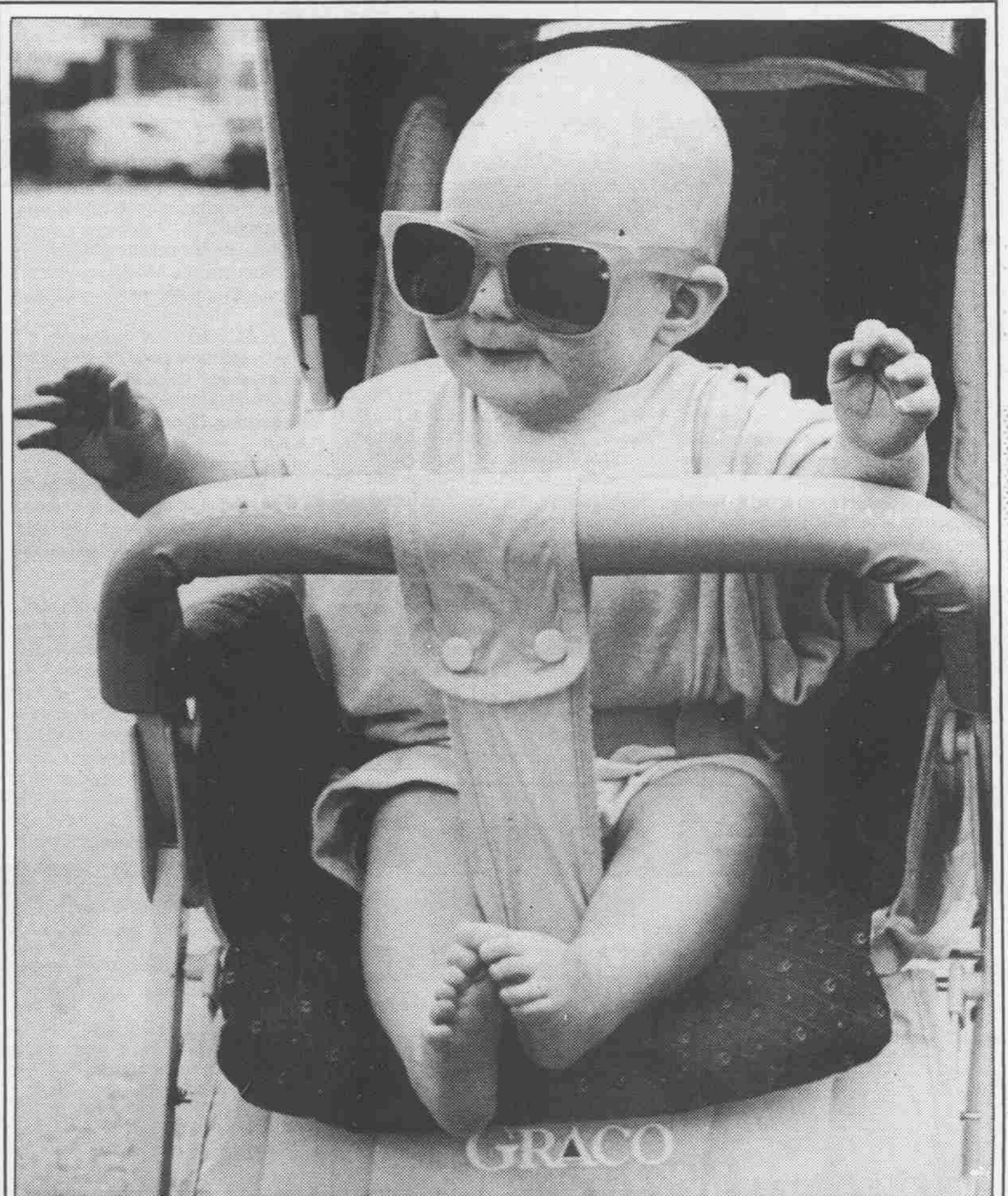
The 1987 plan considered purchasing private property along Ridge Road near the law school to allow more space for development, but met opposition from residents who would have been displaced. The revised plan will keep Ridge Road more closely situated to the present campus border.

Another controversial 1987 proposal that the University has abandoned is closing South Columbia Street and widening and extending Pittsboro Street to accommodate the traffic flow.

Closing Cameron Avenue, another 1987 proposal, is not practical or feasible at this time, Swecker said.

The University has no plans to re-

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Shades of spring

6-month-old Tera Price sports new sunglasses her mother Lara Morrison bought last weekend. The family traveled to Chapel

Hill from West Jefferson to visit relatives. This was the first time Tera wore the shades, "and she loves them," Morrison said.

University members can watch Final Four games in Carmichael

By Cathy Oberle
Staff Writer

As the men's basketball team heads to the Final Four of the NCAA tournament for the first time since 1982, UNC students will go back to Carmichael to watch them play.

Members of the University community will be allowed into Carmichael Auditorium at no charge Saturday to watch the tournament semifinals on a big-screen television.

"This is a combined effort of Carolina Athletic Association, the Athletic Department and the Division of Student Affairs," said Fred Schroeder, dean of students. "The idea is to get a lot of students together who are going to have a lot of fun."

Students can begin entering Carmichael at 3:30 p.m., and the arena will be open during both the UNC-Kansas game and the UNLV-Duke game, he said.

A screen measuring about 18 feet by

24 feet will be set up on fold-out bleachers, but administrators have not decided who will provide the television.

Ten junior varsity cheerleaders and many band members who did not travel with the team also will be present, Schroeder said. The concessions stands also will be open, he said.

Schroeder said 7,000-9,000 people should be able to watch the games on the big television.

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Mandatory bike registration considered

By Adam Ford
Staff Writer

The Department of Transportation and Parking has proposed a free bicycle registration plan requiring students, faculty and staff who park their bicycles on campus to register them by August 15.

The goal of the proposed registration plan is to register every bicycle on campus to deter bicycle theft, help in the identification of lost or stolen bicycles and assist in planning the improvement of bicycle parking facilities, said Mary Fox, the department's external operations assistant director.

The value of bicycles reported lost or stolen last year totalled about \$29,000, Fox said.

A press release from the department stated that registration would begin April 1. Fox said the proposal would be re-

viewed this week by University administrators outside the Transportation and Parking Department.

Russell James, a freshman from Greensboro, said, "It's a good idea. I think 100 percent registration probably will be difficult to attain but it will prevent people from stealing bikes to some extent."

Under the proposed plan, anyone can register through the department. University and UNC Hospitals employees also can register through their department parking coordinators.

Fox said the proposed registration process would be simple. "Students can apply for permits when they pre-register for a parking permit or a bus pass," she said.

Those registering for permits would provide the transportation and parking department with the bicycle's serial number, model and manufacturer, she

said. University police Lt. Marcus Perry said the serial numbers of the registered bicycles would be accessible to his department to assist in the investigation of thefts. "I think the program will benefit the overall population of the University,"

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WEATHER
TODAY: Cloudy; high upper 70s
FRIDAY: Showers; high mid-70s

ON CAMPUS
Rape Awareness Committee meeting at 4 p.m. in 210 Carolina Union. Sexual harassment survey to be discussed.

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Local officials receptive, question particulars

By Peter F. Wallsten
City Editor

Local elected officials said they were generally pleased with the University's revised land use plan, but they expressed concern about some of its components.

Members of the Chapel Hill Town Council, the Carrboro Board of Aldermen and the Orange County Board of Commissioners met Wednesday night with University administrators to see the new plan for the first time.

Town officials said the proposal for five new parking decks was "sinful" and indicated the University should put less emphasis on parking and concentrate more on alternatives to automobiles.

The plan was presented by: Ben Tuchi, vice chancellor for business and finance; Gene Swecker, associate vice chancellor for facilities management; and Gordon Rutherford, facilities planning and design director.

The new land use plan, first unveiled by University administrators Wednesday afternoon in a press conference, is a revision of a 1987 plan that placed the town and the University at odds about development issues.

A joint UNC-town committee formed



Julie Andresen

in 1987 made many of the recommendations. Town council member Art Werner and UNC Institute of Government Director John Sanders headed the committee.

Tuchi stressed that most aspects of the new plan came from the committee's recommendations and not from pro-

fessional consultants. "The update was almost entirely the work of UNC-CH staff," he said.

The new plan represents close cooperation between the town and the University, Tuchi said.

Residents and town officials claimed in 1987 that the University's plans were unreasonable and insensitive to the local environment. Complaints about the proposal centered on new roads planned for the east side of campus that would run into the Battle Park and Laurel Hill areas.

The proposed extension of Pittsboro Street past Cameron Avenue to Rosemary Street also created controversy in 1987. The town council flatly rejected the proposal, which would have paired Pittsboro and Columbia Streets. The University dropped the proposal from the revised plan.

"I see a big difference in (the new) plan, and I really am appreciative of the efforts made to respect the community's concerns," said town council member Julie Andresen.

Chapel Hill Mayor Jonathan Howes said he was pleased with the involvement of the community in developing the

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Former Helms assistant to march across America for black rights

By West Lockhart
Staff Writer

James Meredith is a man with a mission.

And by the end of April, that mission will take the black rights activist from Greensboro, N.C. to Tijuana, Mexico.

Meredith, a former assistant to Republican Sen. Jesse Helms, will begin his trek across America with an 80 mile walk from Greensboro to Raleigh. He said his goals will be the same as they were 26 years ago when he was shot on the second day of a walk he undertook

from Memphis, Tenn. to Jackson, Miss. "My primary objective is, and has been, to rewrite America's domestic policies," said Meredith, the first black to enter the University of Mississippi in 1962.

"I want to be a leading force in the leadership of the black race," Meredith said in a phone interview Tuesday.

Meredith drew considerable criticism from the black community when he was hired as an assistant to Helms.

"The liberal agenda, on marriage, family and education, is obviously not working well," Meredith said. "It is the

reason for the problems we have in our country today." Meredith said this was part of his rationale for soliciting Helms' help.

"If I got an invitation to speak ... people thought I was a proponent of the liberal view. If I associated myself with Helms, nobody would."

"I had researched American domestic policies for many years. I had not had access to the best records in America. I needed to get to the Library of Congress, and I wrote Sen. Helms," Meredith said. "He gave me the opportunity."

Dana Lumsden, special projects co-

ordinator of the Black Student Movement at UNC, said, "As far as the community is concerned, associating yourself with Jesse Helms is disassociating yourself with the black community."

"Helms (hired Meredith) to adopt some semblance of a black agenda and Meredith (accepted) so he could get some publicity. It was a symbiotic relationship," Lumsden said.

Through his research in the Library of Congress, Meredith discovered several basic principles he feels have worked well for American society. When these principles break down,

"society experiences chaos," Meredith said.

"It is the time tested family and religious values we have to (regain) to restore our good way of life," Meredith said, adding that Helms agrees with him on the importance of some of these values.

Meredith's research largely has been focused on the plight of the black family in American society and the solutions for rebuilding the families, which he sees as having been destroyed by the

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Toto, I have a feeling we're not in Kansas anymore. — Dorothy