

WEATHER
TODAY: Mostly sunny; high low 90s
WEDNESDAY: Cloudy; high in 80s

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ON CAMPUS
The N.C. Legislature to sponsor campuswide debate on HIV testing at 6:30 p.m. in 226 Union.

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T·U·E·S·D·A·Y Up Front

Feminist alliance supports women at 'men's University'

By Mara Lee
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Quiz: The UNC Feminist Alliance is:
a. a few angry young "womyn" who want to change manholes to personholes.
b. a bunch of literati who refuse to read "dead white males," studying "herstory," not history.
c. a group of male and female students and faculty who try to provide support for women in somewhat of a male enclave.
The answer is c.

Some graduate students formed the alliance last spring to give women backup in what can be a hostile environment, members said. The first activity, a reading group, had equal numbers of men and women.

One of the organizers, Mary Wheeling White, said, "I think there isn't support built into the University, so we need to make it ourselves."

Members might be researching projects which involve women and can compare notes. Karen Wyler, an organizer, said male professors in many departments were willing to help, but their knowledge in such areas was limited.

"When people don't share your interest in research, they can only help so much," she said.

To start the year, the alliance held a forum called "Dialogue Across Disciplines: Collaboration in Academia" Thursday.

About 75 people arrived in Hanes Art Center's purple auditorium, including infants, students, middle-aged and older women, and about a dozen men.

They were waiting to hear the women of color sitting at the lace tablecloth-covered table.

Panelists Trudier Harris, director of the curriculum in African and Afro-American studies; Rosalind Fuse-Hall, director of the Office of Student Counseling; and Cecelia Zapata, assistant professor of maternal and child health, discussed what it meant to be a woman in a university, cross-disciplinary work and women's unity.

Fuse-Hall addressed the first issue.

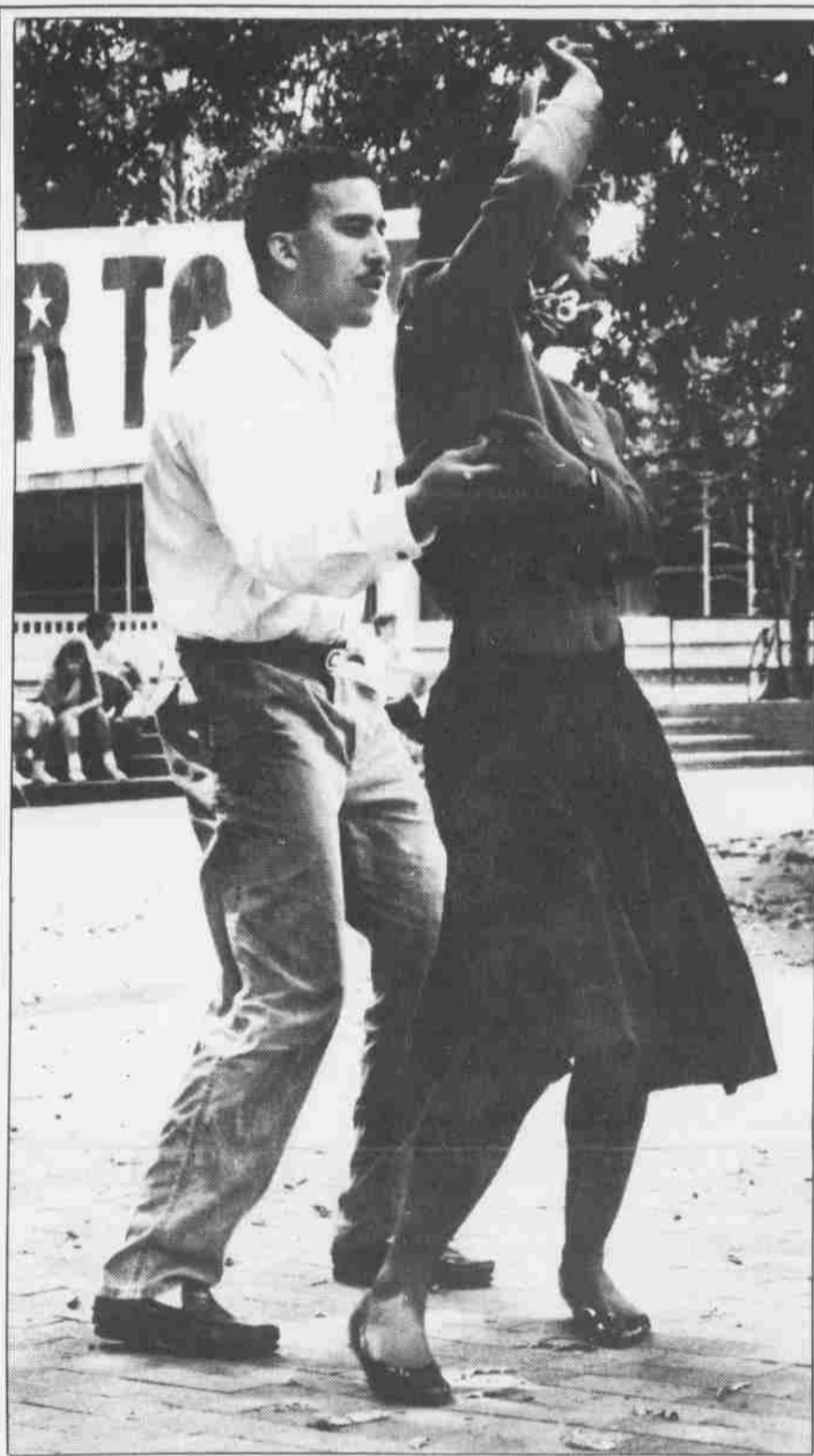
"We pride ourselves on a community that is diverse and full of research," she said. "For undergraduates, that sort of says, 'Well, who am I?' For graduate students, that says, 'Well, the spotlight is on me,' and, 'What do I do now?' For those of us who represent diversity, that says, 'Well, where is it?'" The audience laughed.

"Historically, the University represents pushing out women and people of color," she said. "Should you be less assertive? Should you acquiesce? Should you compromise? Or should you be who you are?"

Fuse-Hall described administrative meetings when she was surrounded by a sea of white, masculine faces.

"When I say, 'I wish there were other women in the room,' or, 'I wish there were other people of color,' they all gasp, like, 'Why should she say that? She's here.'" The audience laughed and clapped. "Can't she speak for all minorities?" No she can't. When I look into my past, I don't find a Cherokee grandmother."

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Spicy dancing

Ruben Garcia and Gigi Bonofacio, members of CHISPA, dance in the Pit Monday afternoon as part of the National Hispanic Month celebration. CHISPA will hold a dance clinic in the Cabaret at 7 p.m. on Oct. 24.

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Hardin calls for UNC to receive fiscal flexibility

By Adam Ford
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Chancellor Paul Hardin has asked the UNC Board of Governors to designate the University as one of the UNC-system schools to receive greater fiscal flexibility.

Travis Porter, BOG vice chairman, said the designation would give individual schools in the system greater fiscal autonomy that would in turn promote better financial management.

"It would allow the individual campuses to manage finances in the most economical way, which also allows for the best education for the most amount of people," he said.

Schools must meet a set of guidelines approved Friday by the BOG before they can be given more fiscal control.

Felix Joyner, system vice president for finance, said the guidelines were designed to ensure that the schools and administrators had the necessary background to handle the increased control.

For example, two guidelines require that no key positions in the financial department be vacant and that the school not have any outstanding problems with state audits.

Most of the 16-system schools have inquired about the guidelines, and official requests will be asked for in the next several days, Joyner said.

Hardin said the flexibility plan would allow designated schools to keep up to

2.5 percent of the money given to them by the General Assembly if they saved more than their financial reversion for that fiscal year. Financial reversion is the amount of money each school must give back to the state.

Ben Tuchi, vice chancellor for business and finance, said although he approved of the flexibility plan, it would not eliminate the effects of the budget reductions and financial reversion faced by the University. The reductions and reversion total more than \$30 million.

"The existence of the flexibility bill would make our financial reversion easier to manage, but it can't make it easier to reach," Tuchi said.

The bill's effectiveness would be reduced by the present fiscal crisis, he said. "In the long run, if the (fiscal situation) returned to normalcy, the University would be far less constrained in not how much you had to give up, but where you had to give it up," Tuchi said.

The BOG was expected to designate the schools Friday at its meeting but delayed the decision, Porter said the campuses should be chosen next month.

Hardin said he did not think the delay would hurt the University. "Better to do it well, than to do it quickly."

But Tuchi said he believed the delay would adversely affect the University.

"Expenditures are not leveled by the month," he said. "The longer you wait your options become diminished."

'Low productivity' majors could be cut

By Jennifer Dunlap
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If the geology bachelor of arts degree program is eliminated, 28 UNC students will be without a major.

This is an unlikely but possible scenario as a result of a memo sent to UNC-system administrators by Raymond Dawson, system vice president of academic affairs.

The memo, which was sent Aug. 21 to UNC-CH Interim Provost William Little, requests school officials to identify academic degree programs that could be eliminated. The memo includes a list of "low productivity" degree programs for administrators to consider.

Little said the request was not unusual. "This is a process that occurs from time to time."

But a program that awards few degrees may not be cut because it serves students in other ways. "It may not give many degrees, but it may be the only (program) in the Southeast," Little said. Little has not received a response from the University's deans yet about which programs could be cut.

But such cuts would happen even if the budget crisis didn't exist because the system is always looking to see if new programs are needed or if older ones can be phased out, Little said.

Dawson requested in the memo that recommendations about the importance of low productivity programs be made by Sept. 30. He could not be reached for comment Monday.

A program is considered low productivity if it didn't grant degrees or enroll majors in 1990-91.

Under this criteria, one low productivity degree program at UNC-CH is the bachelor of arts in geology. But Geoffrey Feiss, geology department chairman, said the situation has changed.

"We awarded no degrees last year," he said. "We're as unhappy about it as they are." But the department had 28 majors as of last week, he said.

The lack of degrees last year was misleading because the department has more majors than average this year, Feiss said. "We've recovered from that minimal point."

Feiss said he was sure administrators would evaluate his department based on other criteria before making any decisions. "I know we can survive that scrutiny, so I'm not too worried," he said. "Our program now is very healthy."

Other UNC-CH degree programs that were termed low productivity in the memo were the bachelor's programs in Portuguese and Italian.

Stirling Haig, romance language department chairman, said although Portuguese and Italian majors are rare, the University should keep the programs because eliminating them would not save any money.

"The enrollments are low, but these are not resource-consuming programs," Haig said. "It would be a shame to deprive the rare student the opportunity to (major in Portuguese or Italian) just because it looks bad on paper."

Afro and African-American studies also was listed as a low-productivity program, with only five students enrolled in the 1990-91 school year. Administrators in that curriculum could not be reached for comment Monday.

Residents speak on proposed greenway trail

Proponents say path would decrease pedestrian, bicycle traffic on busy roads

By Kim Cable
Staff Writer

A proposed pedestrian and bike trail linking Airport Road and Elizabeth Street would provide an alternative to exercising along busy streets, residents at a Chapel Hill Town Council public hearing Monday night said.

The 10-foot-wide paved trail along Bolin Creek also would indirectly reduce air pollution by encouraging the use of bicycles instead of automobiles, some residents said.

"This would be the backbone of what is to be a network of bikeways throughout town," said Chapel Hill Planning Director Roger Waldon.

Those opposing the project were worried that the construction would conflict with an existing Orange Water and Sewer Authority sewer easement. They also opposed the vegetation destruction that would accompany the trail.

Paul Debrezney, a resident of Hidden Hills Apartments, presented a petition of names to the council of others

opposing the trail. "We're perfectly willing to give permission for a narrow, unpaved path, but not a highway," Debrezney said.

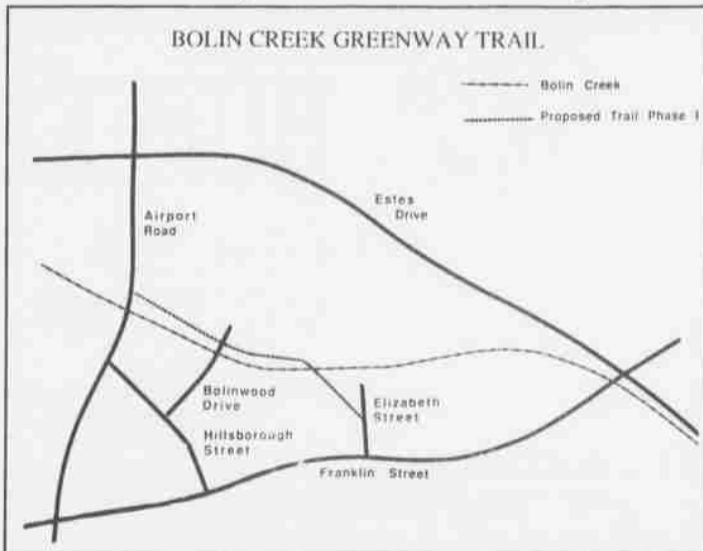
If approved, the 4,300-foot paved trail would complete Phase One of several phases included in the town's plan to develop the entire Bolin Creek Greenway.

Bill Webster, administrative officer for the Chapel Hill Parks and Recreation Department, said residents of Village Green Condominiums were afraid the greenway would violate the privacy of the club and pool house areas.

In an earlier meeting, Webster said the town would provide additional landscape buffers.

According to Town Manager Cal Horton's report, the town has been acquiring land and easements since the 1960s, and now it plans to provide an open space network designed to protect the natural environment.

The path would encourage bicycle use, providing an alternative route through town for bikers. "We are actively seeking ways to promote mobil-



ity ways around town other than by automobile," Waldon said.

The N.C. Department of Transportation has allocated \$224,000 for Chapel

Hill's bikeway construction, which would cover the costs of the proposed

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UNC Hospitals continues plans to finance construction with bonds

By Birch DeVault
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UNC Hospitals is moving ahead with plans to issue bonds to meet construction costs for two new buildings, said John Stokes, the hospitals' director of institutional relations.

"We assessed the reality that the state is undergoing a major budget retrenchment and decided to take it on ourselves to fund the work," he said.

The total construction cost will not

exceed \$64 million, Stokes said. "The hospital is not in debt, and we have never had to use bonds to finance construction or maintenance before."

A replacement neuropsychiatric hospital and a new administrative office building will be funded by the bonds. Hospital officials approved the bond proposal at the annual budget meeting in May, he said.

Mary Beck, director of project planning for UNC Hospitals, said the project is on schedule.

"We are very pleased with the progress the project is making, and we're right where we thought we'd be," she said.

Stokes said the bond process is lengthy and detailed.

"An organization pursuing a bond must first present its intentions to the (N.C.) General Assembly," he said. UNC Hospitals has received permission to continue the bond process.

After receiving authorization from the General Assembly, a bond council

of several lawyers draws up the bond. "Then the organization must seek out financial institutions, such as banks, to underwrite the bond," Stokes said.

The bond proposal then is presented before the Securities Exchange Committee, which reviews all aspects of the proposal and gives its approval, he said.

"The underwriters print the bonds after they are approved," he said. "Then it is up to the disposition of the investors as to whether or not they will purchase the bonds."

Investors buy the bonds at an agreed price, and the organization pays them back according to the rate of the market.

"We are going through the bond process the same way the Ford Motor Company does," Stokes said.

Ground breaking ceremonies for the buildings should take place in the spring. Beck said the buildings will boast up-to-date designs.

"The new N.C. Neuropsychiatric Hospital will be located to the right of N.C. Memorial Hospital, next to the

existing building," she said. "The administrative office will be behind the Friday Center on Highway 54, about 3 miles from the hospital."

The neuropsychiatric hospital will house an emergency ward, 4 outpatient clinics and 100 inpatient beds. "The hospital will have one floor for clinical research and will house the helipad and Carolina Air Care," Beck said.

The administrative office will consolidate most administrative positions of the hospital in one building, she said.

Beauty is only skin deep, and the world is full of thin-skinned people. — Richard Armour