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## Council accepts plan to replace Top of the Hill

By Dana Pope  
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The southeast corner of Franklin and Columbia streets will serve as home within three years to a three-story office and retail complex that Chapel Hill Town Council members hope will bring new life to downtown.

Council members unanimously approved a special-use permit at Tuesday night's meeting for the proposed development of the Top of the Hill site.

Mayor Ken Brown said he was pleased with the development plans.

"This is a terrific project," Brown said. "I'm looking forward to it being an anchor for downtown Chapel Hill revitalization."

Jack Tomkovic, the only resident who spoke at the public hearing held before the council vote, said the building would be a "welcome addition" to downtown but warned the council that they needed to remember the economic recession.

"We have to face the economic realities of 1992," he said. "Franklin Street has been treated like a second-class citizen."

Tomkovic, who owns the Gold Connection, said that his East Franklin Street business had declined during the last five years and that he didn't know how much longer he would operate his jewelry store at its present location.

"I don't know if I might opt to go to the famous ... Raleigh Flea Market," he said.

Tomkovic said recent closings of Franklin Street businesses Huggins Hardware and Baskin Robbins signaled the economic difficulties downtown businesses had been facing but added

that the proposed building would revitalize the district.

"If you build it, they will come," he said, quoting the movie "Field of Dreams." "Let's build this one."

Council member Julie Andresen requested that the developer design an enclosure for newspaper racks but added that she was impressed by the project.

"I think that (the Franklin and Columbia street) corner's going to be an important corner," Andresen said. "If (the building) is as beautiful as the picture, it's going to be a very nice project."

But council member Mark Chilton said Top of the Hill would be missed.

"I might be the only one in Chapel Hill, but I'm going to miss Top of the Hill," Chilton said. "It's a great little store in an ugly building."

The council's resolution requires that construction on the site begin by Jan. 14, 1994, and be completed by Jan. 14, 1995.

Mark Zack, an architect for Hakan, Corley and Associates, which is designing the building, said meeting the council's deadline shouldn't be a problem.

"Realistically, it will be eight weeks before the drawings are done," Zack said.

The council will then have to approve the drawings before any construction can begin, he said.

Riddle Commercial Properties, a Fayetteville-based real estate firm, will build the 33,000-square-foot, three-story, multipurpose building.

David Defravia, whose company is leasing the property to Riddle, said a convenience store would be located in

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### Temporary barrier

Jeff Hodakowski, a sophomore from Raleigh, uses his arm strength to climb the stairs outside Murphey Hall Tuesday

morning. Hodakowski had a high tibial osteotomy on Dec. 18 and will be using his crutches for another month.

DTH/Brian Jones

## Blaze chars Carrboro apartments 2 residents forced from their homes

By Jennifer Brett  
Staff Writer

A Monday morning fire at Woodbridge Apartments left Carrboro fire officials searching for the cause of the blaze and two tenants searching for new homes.

Daniel Bownan, of B-8, and Thomas Donegan, of B-12 Woodbridge Apartments, have been staying with friends since their one-bedroom flats sustained extensive damage from flames, smoke and heat, said apartment manager Spencer Vick.

Neither Bownan nor Donegan could be reached for comment.

Carrboro fire Chief Robert Swiger said Tuesday that officials still were investigating the cause of the blaze.

"We now believe the fire began on one of the decks," Swiger said. "We haven't arrived at a damage estimate, but the monetary loss was kept at a minimum by the quick action of our fire personnel."

Nineteen firefighters, including full-time, part-time and volunteer workers from Carrboro, Chapel Hill and the Orange Grove Fire District responded within 20 minutes to a call placed by Diane Frank, a Duke Power representative who was working near the apartments when she noticed the fire.

No one was injured during the blaze, which charred the exterior of the three-story building, Swiger said.

"I always look at a fire situation in terms of injuries and lives lost," he said. "The evacuation efforts by the Chapel Hill Police Department helped alleviate the danger of injury."

Vick said area residents responded to the disaster by offering temporary ha-

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## BOG allocation, congress action aim to aid handicapped

By Birch DeVault  
Assistant University Editor

Handicapped students will benefit both from a \$300,000 UNC Board of Governors allocation to the University for facilities improvement and from recent legislation passed by Student Congress.

The N.C. General Assembly appropriated \$2 million to the BOG for the elimination of architectural barriers that limit or prohibit the involvement of handicapped students in UNC-system programs or activities, according to a

memo from Betty McCain, chairwoman of the BOG Budget and Finance Committee.

The funds were divided among UNC-system schools, but the legislation requires each school to submit a comprehensive facilities survey before allocation, the memo states.

Laura Thomas, Handicapped Student Services coordinator, said she had received many complaints about insufficient UNC-CH accommodations for the handicapped.

"The weight of the doors, the lack of a necessary elevator in some buildings

and the need for accessible entryways for persons in wheelchairs or otherwise handicapped are common complaints," Thomas said.

Each university must conduct the survey according to standards set by the U.S. Department of Education, and findings will be approved by the Office of Civil Rights.

Capital improvements must commence as soon as money is allocated, or the funds will be withdrawn within a limited period.

Gordon Rutherford, UNC director of facilities planning and design, said the

time period given for improvements was constrictive.

"If we get the money in July 1992, we have to use it up by the next July," Rutherford said. "But we have a great need here, and the money will be used quickly."

The \$300,000 helps, but the University has a list of improvement requirements in excess of \$6 million, he said.

"It's kind of hard to complete a \$400,000 project with \$300,000, so an evaluation of needs is necessary," Rutherford said.

The Department of Facilities Plan-

ning and Design's officials wrote a letter to the BOG a few months ago listing improvement needs and requesting the funds required to meet them, he said.

"We have an awful big need to satisfy here, but we are driven by the availability of funds alone," he said.

Thomas said some campus buildings were difficult or impossible to enter for some handicapped students.

"Swain, Hanes, and Old Carroll are trouble areas, and Caldwell Hall is completely inaccessible to a person in a wheelchair," she said.

Student government has addressed

the problem of accessibility for handicapped students by passing an act requiring that all poll sites be accessible to handicapped voters.

Student Congress Speaker Tim Moore said the act was passed and went into effect after a Monday evening congress session.

"We want to make student government more accessible to the handicapped students of the University community," he said.

Thomas said she hadn't received any complaints about the poll sites. Campus election day is Feb. 11.

## King celebration dedicated to improving society

By Jennifer Talhelm  
Staff Writer

Martin Luther King dedicated his life to effecting social change, and working together to change society for the better is the theme of this year's Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Celebration.

The celebration for the University and the surrounding communities begins Jan. 19 and lasts until Jan. 25. The week will feature special programs each day commemorating King and his message, including several important speakers, a banquet and a performance by a popular gospel vocal group.

"King was committed to making a social change," said Arnie Epps, Black Student Movement president. "The community needs to make a change together. We can't be satisfied until we're whole or complete as a University family. That means accepting everyone and appreciating everyone."

Patricia Russell-McCloud, an Atlanta lawyer and a speaker renowned throughout the country, will give a lecture at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Hanes Art Center auditorium.

"She is exhilarating, phenomenal," Epps said, describing an earlier McCloud speech. "She talks about real situations that affect real people. Her theme this year is 'One Size Doesn't Fit All.' She's talking about celebrating differences as appreciating each

other for who they are."

Before McCloud's lecture, there will be a candle vigil at 6:30 p.m. in the Pit and a procession to Hanes Art Center for the speech.

William Gray, president of the United Negro College Fund and former U.S. House of Representatives majority whip, will speak at 8 p.m. Jan. 23 in Memorial Hall.

His lecture, "Historically Black Colleges and Universities: How They Fulfill the King Dream of Equality," is sponsored by the Carolina Union Forum Committee and the Chancellor's Committee for the Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Celebration.

"He's giving students a perspective they normally wouldn't get about universities with different population integration levels being sought at different schools," said Kimberly Williams, chairman of the Union Forum Committee.

The presentation of the Martin Luther King Scholarship also will take place that night.

The week will kick off with a University-Community Banquet at 7 p.m. Sunday.

The banquet will be held at the Carolina Inn and will be sponsored by the Office of University Affairs and the South Orange Black Caucus. Carl Smith, assistant to the University provost, will

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### Remembering Dr. King

Monday, January 20

Community memorial service, 3 p.m., First Baptist Church, Chapel Hill

Tuesday, January 21

MLK discussion/forum, 12 noon, Sonja Haynes Stone Black Cultural Center

Candlelight vigil sponsored by Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, 6:30 p.m., the Pit

Lecture: "Celebrate the Differences — (One Size Does Not Fit All)" by Patricia Russell-McCloud, 7 p.m., Hanes Art Center Auditorium

Wednesday, January 22

A Show of Hands for unity and peace, sponsored by Campus Y. Call 962-2333

Residence hall programs on Dr. King's contributions, 7 p.m. Sponsored by RHA

Thursday, January 23

MLK discussion/forum, 12 noon, Sonja Haynes Stone Black Cultural Center

Lecture: "Historically Black Colleges and Universities: How They Fulfill the King Dream of Equality" by William H. Gray III, 8 p.m., Memorial Hall

Friday, January 24

MLK discussion/forum, 12 noon, Sonja Haynes Stone Black Cultural Center

I, Too, Sing America, presented by the Black Greek Council, 7:30 p.m., Great Hall

Concert: The Winans, 8 p.m., Memorial Hall. Tickets available from Carolina Union Box Office, call 962-1449

## Proposal requiring multicultural course to be discussed today

By Soya Ellison  
Staff Writer

Administrators will take another look today at a proposal requiring undergraduate students to take one course that would fulfill a cultural diversity requirement.

Darryl Gless, associate dean of general education, said that after the administrative boards of the College of Arts and Sciences and General College reviewed the revised proposal again they would send it to the College of Arts and Sciences Faculty Council meeting next month.

It probably then will go back to the administrative boards for final review before facing the full faculty council for approval, Gless said.

Simon Blackburn, chairman of the Committee for Cultural Diversity in the General Education Curriculum, said the proposal called for a faculty-student committee to review courses and identify those that could be considered multicultural.

"Some courses would get a multicultural sticker," Blackburn said.

"And the requirement would be that at some point in your career you take a course with a sticker."

The proposal also suggests that the administration coordinate and publicize incentives and opportunities for the development of courses that meet the cultural diversity requirement.

According to the proposal, committee members believe the curriculum will "reflect the increasing ethnic diversity of this society, and is so designed that students from all backgrounds have an opportunity to understand cultural diversity as it will affect their own lives."

The increasing number of minority students is part of the reason for the requirement. The proposal states that while minority students made up only 11 percent of the student population in 1989-90, they made up 19 percent of the 1990 freshman class.

Racial minorities will make up more than 30 percent of the United States by the early 21st century, according to the proposal.

The University is one of many across

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Friends may come and go, but enemies accumulate. — Thomas Jones, USC