Evans Awarded 3 Legged Stool

On February 7, the Employee Forum presented Jack Evans with the Community Award (also known as the three legged stool award). This award is designed to recognize distinguished contributions by individuals who work to promote cooperation and collaboration among faculty, staff and students. Nominees for the award should be individuals who inspire creativity; promote harmony within the UNC-CH community; inspire teamwork and participation; demonstrate problem-solving skills beneficial to the University community; exhibit innovation and initiative in promoting positive attitudes; or other significant community building activity.

Evans was nominated by Gordon H. Rutherford, who stated “It is difficult for me to believe that anyone could have done a better job as Interim Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration than Jack Evan. He has done an outstanding job of picking up the pieces of a somewhat chaotic situation created by first the resignation of Jim Ramsey, and second, the death of Chancellor Hooker. Through his encouragement he has melded his staff to work in a cooperative and participatory manner. With pleasure, I nominate Dr. John P. Evans for receipt of the Employee Forum Community Award.”

Open forum on UNC’s Public Service Mission

All students, faculty, and staff are invited to offer their viewpoints at an open forum on the University’s public service mission. Conversation will focus on the current University climate for public service; aspirations and visions of University public service; and building the University of North Carolina here in Chapel Hill.

Horace Williams Tract

You are invited to a public forum to be held by the Horace Williams Planning Advisory Committee. The committee will present its preliminary vision for the development of the Horace Williams tract. Presentation will be followed by an opportunity for questions and comments from the audience. The forum will be held on Monday, March 2, from 11:00 to 12:30 PM in 105 Berryhill Hall.
POLICY RESPONSE

BOND BUILDING BEGINS!

We spoke to Bruce Rundberg, Gordon Rutherford, Anna Wu, and Karen Geer from Facilities Planning to get some information on the building plans.

What's the total cost and timetable for the upcoming construction?

Along with the $510 million from the bond issue to fund the renovation and repair of existing buildings as well as construct new buildings, the university already has another approximately $500 million worth of building-related projects funded from other sources on the drawing boards and making their way through the planning, design and approval processes. Together, both sets of projects represent about $1 billion worth of work currently scheduled to be completed over the next 7 to 10 years. Bond money expenditures break down in the following categories: 49% renovations and/or replacement space of existing facilities; 17% renovate and upgrade utilities infrastructure; 34% new construction.

When will construction begin?

Not all of that construction will occur at once; it will be carefully staged. Besides their ongoing work with the already planned projects, facilities professionals have spent much of the past six months working with President Broad’s office to develop details for sequencing the construction work associated with the bond-funded projects to reflect cash flow requirements of the bond legislation and practical issues and to recognize required phasing of the projects. Also guiding current construction work and planning is the campus master plan, a blueprint for future development that began well before the bond referendum materialized.

What effect will all of this construction have on teaching and research?

With all of these projects, key factors guiding schedules, timetables and construction work will include close coordination with academic administrators to ensure the impact on teaching, research and service activities is as minimal as possible. Such considerations will include providing adequate temporary or “swing” space for departments or units that will need to vacate their current quarters as renovation and other construction progresses.

Which projects will begin first?

UNC has received bids on the following projects:

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The last two projects represent reinstatement of funds reverted due to Hurricane Floyd.

How will staff members know what to expect and how to avoid construction areas?

Communicating proactively and effectively about how these construction plans will affect the daily lives of our campus community members will be a major emphasis in the coming months and years. Regular two-way and face-to-face communication with the community will be vital. We welcome the community’s input about how best to share information in the future. Among just a few of the tactics already underway include a detailed web site that users can track a specific project’s status with [www.fac.unc.edu/CIP](http://www.fac.unc.edu/CIP) as well as regular construction updates in the University Gazette and other campus publications.

Public Forum for Discussion of Transit Issues

to be held by the Transportation & Parking Advisory Committee (TPAC) on February 26: 9:30 AM in Gerrard Hall, and 1:30 PM in the 4th Floor Clinic Auditorium in the Old Clinic Building

Make sure your voice is heard!