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## Budget plan would fund campus building projects statewide

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New buildings, including residence halls and academic buildings, and a host of renovations to existing buildings could be coming to the campuses of North Carolina's public colleges and universities, depending on what lawmakers choose to fund in the upcoming state budget.

Gov. Roy Cooper released his budget proposal last week, outlining his vision for the state's two-year spending plan — including, among several other priorities, funding for dozens of capital improvement projects at the state's colleges and universities.

Cooper's budget, which he said is focused on "strengthening education, with historic investments, from cradle to career," is just a proposal. Both chambers of the General Assembly, which have Republican majorities, will draft and consider their own budget bills, with a final compromise budget potentially passing in June.

The General Assembly's top leaders, House Speaker Tim Moore and Senate leader Phil Berger, both criticized Cooper's proposal after it was released last week, each calling it "reckless."

But Moore has signaled support to fund capital projects in some capacity. He talked with reporters last week about Cooper's budget proposal, including

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Construction cranes tower over new towers under construction at North Hills in Raleigh on Monday, Nov. 14, 2022. The skyline of downtown Raleigh is visible in the background at the center of the horizon.

## What's coming next at North Hills' Main District

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Twenty years in the making, the reinvention of the North Hills Shopping Center is almost complete.

Where once stood the mall's last relic, the JCPenney building, Kane Realty is constructing a 12-story mixed-use redevelopment featuring new retail, residential and office space options.

It's the latest phase of the firm's long-term vision to revitalize North Hills' Main District. The \$350 million complex includes four new buildings around a public plaza. A Restoration Hardware "RH Gallery" will serve as the area's new retail anchor, with a rooftop restaurant and bar. It's expected to be complete by March 2024.

Separately, the firm plans more development in the district on various tracts at the intersections of Interstate 440 and Lassiter Mill Road and Six Forks Road. Earlier this month, the firm withdrew plans for a rezoning request to allow towers up to 37 stories tall.

Here's what to expect:

### HIGHLAND NORTH HILLS APARTMENTS

Highland North Hills is the first residential building in the Main District expansion. The 12-story high-rise will feature a mix of 287 studios and one-, two- and three-bedroom apartments. Amenities include ground-floor retail, indoor/outdoor fitness center, pool, and a co-working lounge.

### ONE NORTH HILLS TOWER

One North Hills Tower is a 10-story building with 266,000

square feet of office space.

Limani Grille, an upscale Mediterranean seafood restaurant out of New York, will open on the ground floor.

### NHX CREATIVE OFFICE

NHX Creative Office is a five-story office building next to One North Hills Tower. It includes 80,000 square feet of office space. Other amenities include street-level retail, private rooftop terrace and flexible layout options.

### RESTORATION HARDWARE GALLERY

A three-story Restoration Hardware "RH Gallery" will be next to Highland North Hills. It will include a rooftop restaurant and bar.

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## Ukraine demands emergency UN meeting over Putin nuke plan

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Ukraine's government on Sunday called for an emergency meeting of the U.N. Security Council to "counter the Kremlin's nuclear blackmail" after Russian President Vladimir Putin revealed plans to station tactical atomic weapons in Belarus.

One Ukrainian official said that Russia "took Belarus as a nuclear hostage."

But Moscow said it was making the move in response to the West's increasing military support for Ukraine. Putin announced the plan in a television interview that aired on Saturday, saying it was triggered by a U.K. decision this past week to provide Ukraine with armor-piercing rounds containing depleted uranium.

Putin argued that by deploying its tactical nuclear weapons in Belarus, Russia was following the lead of the United States. He noted that Washington has nuclear weapons based in Belgium, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands and Turkey.

"We are doing what they have been doing for decades, stationing them in certain allied countries, preparing the launch platforms and training their crews," he said.

Ukraine's Foreign Ministry condemned the move in a statement Sunday and demanded the emergency meeting.

"Ukraine expects effective action to counter the Kremlin's nuclear blackmail by the U.K., China, the U.S. and France, including as permanent members of the U.N. Security Council, which have a special responsibility to prevent threats of aggression using nuclear weapons," the statement read. "The world must be united against someone who endangers the future of human civilization."

Oleksiy Danilov, secretary of Ukraine's National Security and Defense Council, tweeted Sunday that Putin's announcement was "a step towards internal destabilization" of Belarus that maximized "the level of negative perception and public rejection" of Russia and Putin in Belarusian society. The Kremlin, Danilov added, "took Belarus as a nuclear hostage."

In Russia, authorities said

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### COMMENTARY

## A salute to Bob Goudreau, our most dogged and meticulous reader

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CARY

For at least a dozen years, a lone patrolman of the English language has spotted, logged

and notified authorities about every error in The News & Observer's pages — every person who waivered instead of wavered, got phased rather than fazed or, in a breach of grammar punishable by eternal hellfire, experienced Marshall law.

No factual error can escape the eyes of Bob Goudreau, perhaps the N&O's most avid reader and certainly its most meticulous, and every editor dreads but appreciates his po-



Bob Goudreau

lite but insistent corrections, such as this chilling example complete with semicolon:

"The word that should have been used here is 'eke.' 'Eek' is not even a verb; it is an exclamatory term signifying fright or alarm."

Goudreau once counted six typographical errors in a single story. He once penned a page-

long critique of a report on COVID-19 statistics, including bullet points and a significant amount of math. When I polled the newsroom, one editor produced 58 Goudreau e-mails lingering in his inbox — all of them wagging a finger.

"I do it out of love," Goudreau said. "They jump out at me. They gnaw at my eyes."

As an aging columnist, I hail from an era when newspapers got pieced together with pica poles and X-Acto knives, and in that distant past, legions of staffers known as copy editors put two sets of cruel eyes on every story, stopping writers like me from "peaking your interest." (The correct term is "piquing.")

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