

TABLE TALK

Breaking news, insight and developing stories from around the region

Duke Endowment eyes Morehead

The site of the departed Frankie's Italian Grille may be in line for redevelopment.

The Duke Endowment is eyeing the Morehead Street property for a new 27,000-square-foot headquarters building, according to real estate sources.

The private foundation, which distributed nearly \$110.5 million to organizations in the Carolinas last year, is now based in the Bank of America Corporate Center.

A spokeswoman for the endowment declines to comment, as does a spokeswoman for Crosland, which owns the property through an affiliate. Sources familiar with the plans expect a sale of the property to close within a month.

Frankie's closed in late 2009 when its owners decided to shut down the restaurant rather than renew the lease with Crosland.

Signing off

WSOC reporter and weekend sports anchor **Bill Voth** is leaving the station for a new career.

Voth is leaving TV to focus on Spiracle Media, a marketing and social media firm he co-founded with **Jarod Latch**, another former sports reporter who occasionally does free-lance work for WCNC.

Spiracle, which launched in March, already counts Yoforia and Clear Collar

What's in a (shorter) name?

Rodgers Builders Inc. is now just Rodgers. The contracting firm has dropped the "builders" and is simply going by Rodgers as part of a new brand identity developed by Luquire George Andrews.

The company also introduced a new logo, which made its debut this week on a large crane overlooking uptown Charlotte.

The logo will begin appearing on the firm's trucks and construction sites in the Charlotte region over the next month.

President and CEO **Pat Rodgers** says in a statement that the new brand "honors our company's strength and heritage, while reflecting our evolution and continued growth."

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"We've seen the *Titanic* sinking as far as local TV news goes," says Voth, who announced his career move on Twitter (of course). "It doesn't matter what company you are, people are probably talking about you (on social media).

Toga party at City Hall!

Former Mayor Pat McCrory's ex-aide **Dennis Marstall**, now an economic-development program manager for the city, has been named president of Theta

preside over the Theta Xi's 150th anniversary in 2014.

The frat initiated Marstall in 1987, when he was an undergrad at Kansas State. He graduated in 1991 and immediately went to work for the organization's corporate office, supervising chapter expansion. He joined the city staff in 1998.

Theta Xi has undergraduate chapters and colonies on 52 campuses in the U.S. and boasts 68,000 members since its founding in 1864.

New track for N.C. railroad

Republican N.C. House Speaker **Thom Tillis** wants to sell the North Carolina Railroad Co. and figures he can get \$200 million in the deal. Speaking in Cornelius this week, Tillis says the state has no good reason for running the railway, which owns a crescent of track from Charlotte to Morehead City.



Tillis

"Why should the state be in the business when no other state is in that business?" he asks. Earlier this year, Tillis, a Cornelius-based management and IT consultant, asked students at the Kenan-Flagler Business School to take a look at N.C. properties that should be privately held.