

Field space grows with new synthetic turf

Ehringhaus field will return to use

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Years after student government called for more useful field space, intramural and club teams will soon be playing on brand new turf fields. The project to refurbish Ehringhaus field and Hooker fields 3 and 4 with synthetic turf will cost the University around \$2 million but will create an invaluable asset for students, said Marty Pomerantz, director of campus recreation. The three fields will join Hooker 1 and 2 as the only year-round, all-weather playing fields for nonvarsity sports. Ehringhaus field — after serving more than two years as a staging area for the Ramshead construction project — is now being covered with artificial grass. It should be ready for play at the end of next week, Pomerantz said.

And Hooker 3 and 4 should be ready by the spring semester. Pomerantz attributed the delay in Hooker 3 and 4 to past renovations of the School of Government building and the ongoing construction of the Eddie Smith Fieldhouse. Matt Tepper, the 2003-04 student body president, who initiated the push for better field space, said he wished the project had been completed during his tenure. "We wanted them finished as soon as possible because all recreational teams were practicing on two fields," said Tepper. "I had friends that were having to practice at 11 o'clock at night." But Tepper said it's better late than never. "As a diehard Carolina fan, it is good to see things improving," he said. "You're always proud as an alumnus."

While Pomerantz admits grass is a preferable playing surface, he said that without the luxury of rotating fields, the grass quickly deteriorates under heavy use. "It's not a choice between grass and artificial turf," Pomerantz said. "It's the difference between mud and unsafe playing conditions, and beautiful, 24/7 synthetic grass." Stacy Warner, director of sport clubs, said Ehringhaus field especially suffered because it was built on a flood plain. "After a really hard rain it would just sit on the field," she said. "We'd have to close the fields down for two or three days until the conditions were safe again." Ehringhaus field will be the primary club team field when it comes online, Pomerantz said. After the completion of Hooker fields, field 3 will join Hooker 1 and 2 as the primary intramural fields, while 4, a nonregulation-size field, will be for shared multipurpose use, he said.

Pomerantz also cited cost savings as a benefit of artificial grass. "Over the long haul, the maintenance costs are a lot lower," he said. "We're not needing to mow or seed; it's all done once and it's permanent." Pomerantz also praised the "top-of-the-line" quality of the turf, saying, "we'll have some of the best artificial surfaces anywhere." Although involved parties are pleased that there soon will be five turf fields for nonvarsity play, many still believe UNC needs more. "Ideally, for this size of a university I'd like eight fields," said Dustin Van Sloten, who oversees intramural sports. Asked whether UNC will have enough playable fields, Pomerantz said, "Absolutely not, we'll still have a terrible shortage of fields."



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UNC Hospitals employee Jeremy Cartner stretches out on Hooker fields, used primarily for intramurals, Thursday evening prior to a soccer game.

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POLICE LOG

■ Chapel Hill police are investigating a series of incidents that took place Wednesday on Fordham Boulevard that could be related, said department spokeswoman Jane Cousins. The vehicles of men from Wilmington; Rock Hill, S.C.; and Petaluma, Calif. were reported damaged and \$475 worth of items were reported stolen at 3:50 a.m. from the Hampton Inn at 1740 N. Fordham Blvd., police reports state. The Wilmington man reported a radar detector, a file knife, 50 compact discs, a Brinkman-brand spotlight and prescription medication as stolen, according to police reports. The South Carolinian reported Oakley sunglasses, his ashtray and some loose coins stolen, police reports state. The Californian reported nothing stolen and \$200 in damage to his vehicle. The other two men each reported \$250 in damages, according to police reports. At 9:45 a.m., police reports state that a man from Knoxville, Tenn. reported his vehicle broken into at the Holiday Inn at 1301 N. Fordham Blvd. The damage was valued at \$200, according to police reports. At 9:56 a.m., a man from Hoboken, N.J., reported his vehicle

broken into at the Holiday Inn with damage assessed at \$300, police reports state. At 5:35 p.m., a green 2000 Ford Windstar with keys left in the ignition, valued at \$15,000, was reported stolen from Auto Pro To Call at 1809 Fordham Blvd., according to police reports. ■ William Robert Dudenhausen, of 2121 Alpine Rd. in Durham, and an employee of the Dispute Settlement Center in Carrboro were cited at 12:08 p.m. Wednesday on Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard near Municipal Drive for driving 60 mph in a 35-mph zone and driving with a suspended or revoked license, police reports state. ■ Stanley Nathaniel Torry, of 865 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., N10, in Chapel Hill, was arrested and charged with child abuse at 5:31 p.m. Wednesday, police reports state. Torry, arrested at 857 Martin Luther King Blvd., was referred to the police department by the Division of Social Services after a preschooler went to school with a black eye, Cousins said. Torry, whom Cousins identified as the preschooler's acquaintance,

was released on a written promise to appear in Hillsborough Superior Court on Oct. 3. ■ A number of bicycles have been stolen from around the area: A bicycle was taken from the front porch of a residence on Creel Street, Chapel Hill police reports state. At 9:15 a.m. Tuesday, a junior communications major reported that her bicycle was missing. The bicycle is valued at \$700, reports state. A student's bicycle was reported stolen from 310 W. Franklin St. on Tuesday afternoon, police reports state. A UNC senior reported to Chapel Hill police that his Schwinn bicycle, valued at \$100, was missing. The bicycle was last known to be secure at 7 p.m. Saturday, according to police reports.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

■ "Petals and Buds... pastels by Patricia Savage" will be on display from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. today, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday at the Totten Center Classroom. Savage is an instructor for the N.C. Botanical Garden's illustration courses. She uses chalk pastel to paint plants and wildlife. ■ The Department of Dramatic Art will have its official kickoff at 4 p.m. today in Kenan Theatre, located in the Center for Dramatic Art. There will be an opportunity for attendees to meet students and faculty members, ask questions and hear about upcoming productions. ■ The Carolina Inn will hold its weekly "Fridays on the Front Porch" from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. today. The event features live bluegrass music, food and drinks. ■ A Southern Season, located at University Mall, will hold its weekly "Fridays Uncorked" event from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. today. Wine tasting is available for \$10 to \$15. ■ Focus, Graduate & Professional InterVarsity

Christian Leadership will kick off the new school year at 5:30 p.m. today on McIver Residence Hall lawn. The group meets twice a month for dinner and discussion. ■ The Siena Hotel's weekly "Jazz Fridays" will run from 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. today at 1505 E. Franklin St. There is no cover charge and no reservation is needed. Prices are determined per menu. Contact 918-2545 for additional information. ■ The Carolina Union Activities Board hosts the first free movie screenings of the semester this weekend in the Union Auditorium. "Sin City" plays at 7 p.m. Friday and at 9:30 p.m. Saturday. "Hitch" plays at 9:30 p.m. Friday and at 7 p.m. Saturday. ■ The Carrboro Farmers' Market will run from 7 a.m. to noon Saturday at 301 W. Main Street. It will feature a monthly cooking demonstration, this one with Dorette Snover of C'est si Bon! Cooking School. Recipes will be provided. Locally grown food, prepared food, flowers and crafts also will be available.

■ The Hillsborough Farmers' Market will run from 7:30 a.m. to noon Saturday at 128 N. Churton St. The market features locally grown fresh fruits and various homemade goods, which include jams, jellies honey and baked goods. ■ There will be a Lab! Theatre — the oldest student theater group on campus — general interest meeting at 1 p.m. Saturday in Kenan Theatre. The group's upcoming shows include "Noises Off" and "Waiting for Godot." For more information, go to <http://www.unc.edu/labtheatre>. ■ Free Tai Chi classes — co-sponsored by Weaver Street Market, Plum Spring Clinic, Studio2 and Southern Village Center — will be taught at Southern Village from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. Saturday on the green across from the Lumina. For more information, contact the Plum Spring Clinic at 945-0300. To make a calendar submission, visit <http://www.dailytarheel.com> for a list of submission policies and contacts. Events must be sent in by noon the preceding publication date.

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The Center for Healthy Student Behaviors and Carolina Fitness

Navigating Campus Life

Welcome back to the Hill! This is the first installment of the Healthy Campus 2010 column series, where you will be able to get tips and suggestions on how to lead a healthier life at UNC. One of the biggest issues when starting at a new school or trying to get back into the swing of things is negotiating campus life. The largest problem that college students say is affecting their academic performance is stress... about classes, partners, friends, health, money, or activities. UNC-Chapel Hill provides many FREE services to students to help them navigate through their campus life.

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- The Center for Healthy Student Behaviors, CHSB, (1st floor of the SRC) offers massage therapy for students at a discounted rate by a licensed massage therapist. Call 962-9355
- You can link your UNC One Card to your Wachovia checking account to help with money management. Call the One Card Office, 962-385
- The Student Pharmacy (basement of Student Health) offers prescription and over the counter drugs at reduced rates
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- Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) staff located on the third floor of the Student Health Services Building can help students who are dealing with everyday problems related to college life, as well as students with more serious concerns. Call 966-3658
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