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Delta Upsilon frat to get third hearing on building permit

by Johnny Oliver
Staff Writer

The controversial special use permit for the Delta Upsilon fraternity, requesting permission to make an addition to the fraternity's Rosemary Street house, will be reviewed for approval again Monday night by the Chapel Hill Board of Aldermen.

The town Planning Board will recommend at the 7:30 p.m. meeting that the aldermen approve the special use permit modification, since the fraternity revised its building plan to accommodate neighbors' objections to the original plan.

The fraternity submitted to the Planning Board Aug. 5 the revised building design which places the patio and meeting room, objected to most by neighbors, on the south side of the proposed addition. These facilities, originally planned for the rear of the house, were moved to an area between the house's two existing structures.

In addition to moving the proposed patio, the fraternity plans to absorb noise by carpeting floors, installing drapery over outside windows and constructing ceilings with acoustical panels.

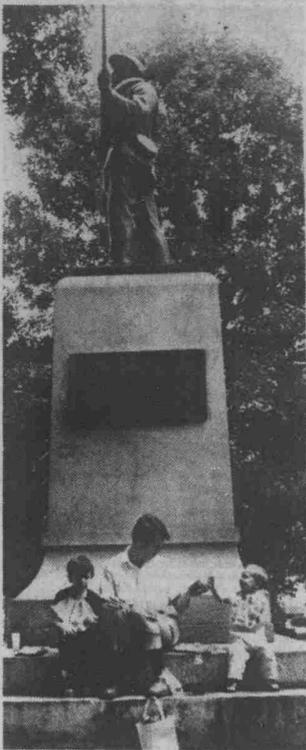
The fraternity applied in September 1971 to modify a 1966 special use permit to construct a new fraternity house at the same location.

However, the Board of Aldermen delayed approval of the permit because the proposed plans failed to meet neither the town's residential zoning ordinances or parking regulations.

On May 6, 1975, the fraternity applied for a modification to their approved special use permit to remove the two small existing houses located behind the main house and to construct a two-story addition there.

A joint public hearing of the Board of Aldermen and the Planning Board was held on June 16 at a time when many fraternity members were on vacation. At this meeting residents living near the fraternity voiced strong objection to the request for a modification of the special use permit, saying the addition would increase noise in the neighborhood.

The Board of Aldermen reviewed the modification request on July 28 and referred the matter back to the Planning Board. The aldermen instructed the Planning Board to consider the possibilities of containing the noise within the house.



Staff photo by Charles Hardy
On a sunny day, three picnickers enjoy lunch at the feet of Silent Sam in UNC's McCorkle Place.

Trustees approve proposed location for health service

by William C. Roberts
Staff Writer

A site for the new Student Health Service building was approved by the UNC Board of Trustees Friday despite a 1951 trustee ruling which designated part of the proposed location as a park.

The site, just north of N.C. Memorial Hospital's Wing C, encroaches on a remaining five acres of a 55-acre tract set aside by the board in 1951. Fifty of the acres were given up in 1958 for the construction of high-rise dormitories.

The approved site was rejected in June and a committee which had worked all spring to propose alternatives was asked to recommend another alternative in August.

Although committee members regretted intruding on the park land, no alternative site was adequate, Trustee Margaret Harper, committee chairperson, said.

The board qualified their decision, stating that the encroachment should not be considered a precedent.

Despite intruding approximately one-quarter acre into the park, the planned facility meets the board's criteria for the new student health service, Health Services Director James A. Taylor told the board.

The board requires that the facility and site provide effective and efficient space, be physically connected to the hospital and be clearly identifiable to students as their own health service.

Trustees Hargrove "Skipper" Bowles, A. Leon Capel, Charles Jonas Jr. and Thomas W. Lambeth dissented against the board's approval of the site because they opposed the continuous reduction of the remaining land. They also argued that the two alternative sites had not been considered thoroughly.

One proposed alternative site is located between the old intern's quarters and a chiller building (part of the air conditioning system) to the west. Also considered was a site east of the hospital's Wing D.

Lambeth said every time a small portion of the reserved land is lost, it becomes easier to allow more of it to go. He estimated that only nine per cent of the original reserve remains.

The planned facility has a \$3.6 million

budget, Taylor said, approximately one-third of which will come from N.C. Memorial Hospital in exchange for buildings now belonging to the University. The balance will be paid over a period of years with bonds bought with student health fees.

Trustee Henry Foscoe favored the site saying "It is important that the Student Health Service be in proximity to the hospital. It would be a miscarriage of plans if we built a service that doesn't meet our needs."

Chancellor N. Ferebee Taylor said the need for a new health service building is acute, partially in order to educate students on health matters. The facility itself must attract the students if this aspect of the service is to succeed, he said.

Supporters of the approved site said the intern quarters alternative had some problems, notably, a precipitous slope which would have placed much of the first floor underground. A tunnel would then be required to connect the building with the hospital.

The tunnel would present difficulties in providing access for ambulances, supporters of the site maintained.

The Wing D alternative would have interfered with expansion of the hospital in the direction of the Student Health Services facility, Dr. Cecil G. Sheps, vice-chancellor for health sciences, said.

Based on current plans, the hospital could not be expanded to connect permanently with the Student Health Service at the Wing D site for at least five years, he said. Until then, a temporary connector, an additional

expense, would be needed.

Several trustees opposed the Wing D site for this reason and because drawing preliminary plans would have taken several weeks. This delay would incur additional costs, to be ultimately borne by the students, the trustees said.

Before voting, the board visited the three alternative sites and heard details about the new facility from Taylor.

The new facility will have four levels with a total area of 58,000 square feet.

It will be connected to the hospital to make efficient use of the hospital's dietary services, blood bank, to provide for surgical facilities, and to use its X-ray service and laboratory for tests too costly to provide at the service, Taylor said. The Health Service laboratory will provide 90 per cent of all tests, however.

The student health service is currently located in a section of Memorial Hospital built during World War II. An 82-member staff provides year-round services on a \$1.6 million budget. Students pay \$75 a semester for this.

The service is scheduled to vacate its current location in July 1977. Working drawings for construction of the new service will be ready in eight to 10 months, Jim Meyer, project architect said. Construction will require approximately two years, he said.

Before adjourning the meeting, board chairperson, Walter R. Davis, urged the board to design a master plan to guide future construction on the campus in the hope that future boards will not be faced with making such difficult decisions.

Paths to connect parks

Greenways to be built

by Nancy Mattox
Staff Writer

Approximately seven miles of recreational pathways for jogging and walking will be built along Chapel Hill's streams, town Planning Board director Mike Jennings said Thursday.

When completed, 37,000 feet of pathways, called the greenway system, will extend throughout the town from Chapel Hill junior and senior high school in the north to the UNC Botanical Gardens in the south, and from Frank Porter Graham Elementary School in the west to Ephesus Elementary School in the east.

The paths will connect all major town parks with the town's recreational system. Part of the greenway will be constructed along an existing path running through the Forest Theatre on the UNC campus.

Although construction of the greenway system was scheduled to begin in 1979, the public has cooperated in donating and leasing land for paths, possibly making 1976 the year to begin path paving, Jennings said.

Both Jennings and Alderman Alice Welsh, a principal supporter of the project, were reluctant to disclose the amount of land already acquired by the town. Jennings said some landowners are uneasy about public walkways being located in wooded areas where outdoor lighting has not yet been planned.

The original program was first charted by the Research Triangle

Regional Planning Commission in 1969. After modifying the plan, the current program was presented to the Chapel Hill town government. In January, \$7,500 was allocated under the capital improvement program for the greenway system.

When presented to town officials earlier this year, the system was part of a \$17 million package recreational plan. The town only accepted part of the recreational program, which included the greenway system.

Jennings said the partial acceptance of the plan was due to the

unemployment program in January and the reluctance of government leaders to propose a bond by which taxpayers would partially pay for the services.

Jennings estimated that the greenway system will cost some \$69,000 during the first year of actual construction. Beyond 1980, additional building costs will total \$140,000. Maintenance of the pathways, benches, picnic tables and lighting will cost approximately \$10,000 per year.

Jennings said he expects the Planning Board to apply for additional aid from the federal government if bicycle paths are added.

Population growth is conference topic Village size doubles in 10 years

by Miriam Feldman
Staff Writer

Chapel Hill's rapid population growth, which topped 100 per cent between 1960 and 1970, and Orange County's growth are concerns of an *ad hoc* organization seeking to help manage future expansion in Orange County.

The organization, known as Growth Options for Orange County, will hold its first county-wide conference Sept. 26, 27 and 28 at Stanford Jr. High School near Hillsborough.

Approximately 150 persons, representing a cross-section of the county population, have been invited to the conference. Douglas Sharer, a member of the Planning Committee for Growth Options and an

organizer of the conference said, "We've tried very hard to make sure we get good representation, with people from all walks of life."

All elected county officials have been invited, as well as school superintendents, members of the Water and Sewer Authority and the UNC student body president. Other potential participants include ECOS representatives and members of the municipal and county planning departments.

Sharer said the conference will deal with policy-oriented issues, such as property rights.

"This is a very philosophical issue," he said, adding that it deals with questions of the rights of private property owners and the community in determining how land is used.

Other issues the conference will discuss include growth and environmental quality, location and form of development in Orange County, growth management tools and institutional arrangements.

Conference participants will be divided into six or seven groups to discuss the issues simultaneously. Sharer said the idea is "not to debate the issues, but to determine what can be agreed on."

When the discussions are over, the leaders will formulate statements and then draft a single statement. All conference participants will vote on the statement at the conclusion of the conference.

Sharer said he hopes the conference will influence people to "start thinking about how we want to plan our growth, or even whether we want to plan our growth."

UNC police install computer to combat parking violations

by Vernon Mays
Staff Writer

Both the Chapel Hill and University police forces are preparing to initiate new measures to make enforcement of parking regulations easier and more efficient.

University Director of Security Services Ted Marvin said Wednesday a computer terminal will be installed in the security office within the next six weeks to connect the office with the Division of Motor Vehicles in Raleigh. The computer will allow the security office to trace the owner of a vehicle with North Carolina license plates in about five seconds, Marvin said.

Out-of-state auto owners are traceable through a somewhat slower system which involves contacting the individual state's motor vehicle department.

Current enforcement measures range from \$1 parking tickets, for vehicles parked in a zone other than the one designated by the car's permit, to vehicle towing and even court action. However, Marvin said, ticketing is the most common preventive measure.

A student has 72 hours after receiving a ticket to either pay the fine or appeal the ticket. If no action is taken within those three days, then the ticket cost is charged to the student's account.

Marvin said stricter enforcement of parking regulations is necessary to relieve the overcrowding of North Campus parking lots.

Chapel Hill Police Chief S.M. Hilliard said the town plans to provide for stricter enforcement of traffic ordinances, because

too many violators have been allowed to delay payment of traffic fines.

Within two or three weeks, the Chapel Hill police will begin sending only two warning notices to parking violators before a court summons is issued. When a summons is sent, the violator has to pay \$25 in court costs plus a fine set by the court.

Before now, a warning notice was sent to a parking violator if the ticket was not paid within 10 days, traffic clerk Katrina Borders said. As many as four such warnings might have been sent before resorting to a court summons.

But according to Marvin, the problem of crowded parking on campus cannot be solved simply by improving enforcement.

"In the future," Marvin said, "the direction we need to take is the development

of a peripheral parking system and further use of the bus lines."

He said the park/ride lots at University Mall and near the Horace Williams Airport offer a viable alternative to parking on-campus for those who could not obtain or afford an on-campus permit.

"We're going to have to change some attitudes," Marvin said. "All of us cannot park next to the front door."

Permits for the airport lot (Zone P) cost \$3 annually and are available for both students and faculty members. The lot, which is completely fenced and guarded 24 hours a day, has space for 550 cars. Marvin said only 150 of these permits have been sold. Buses service the lot during most hours of the day.

Parking is free at the University Mall lot which is also serviced by the bus system.

Silver to announce alderman candidacy

Marvin Silver, a professor of physics here, will issue a statement today announcing his candidacy for the Chapel Hill Board of Aldermen, in the November municipal elections, the *Daily Tar Heel* learned Sunday.

A former member of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro School Board, the 50-year-old Silver has been a resident of Chapel Hill for the past 17 years.

He is a founding member of the Orange County Energy Task Force and has been involved in various political activities for a number of years.

Currently chairperson of the Chapel Hill Transportation Advisory Committee, Silver can be expected to stress the economy, the

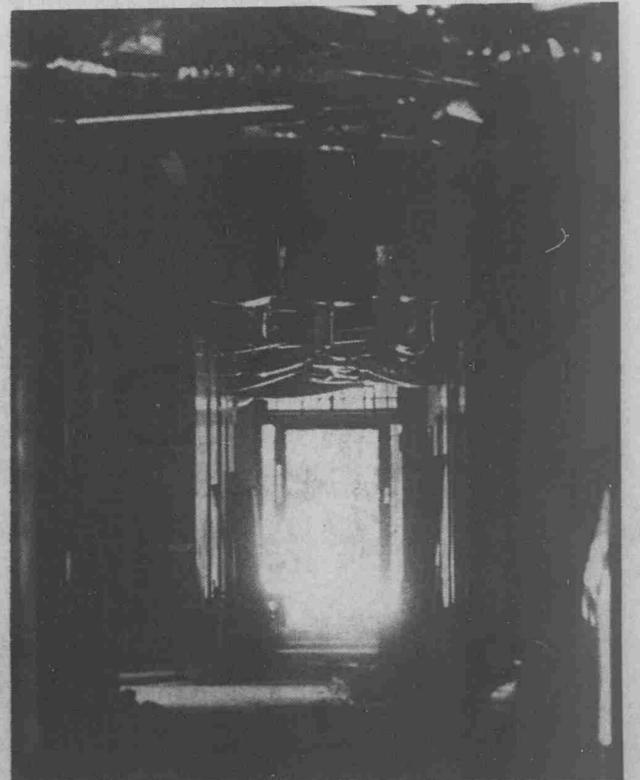
environment and energy in his campaign.

He said he considers himself an environmentalist but believes solutions to environmental and energy conservation problems must be carefully balanced against the economic impact.

Silver worked in Mayor Howard Lee's unsuccessful race for Congress in 1972, and also served that year as state finance chairperson for the McGovern campaign.

A native of New York City, Silver received his undergraduate degree from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in 1945. He completed his Ph.D. in physics at New York University in 1959 and has been on the UNC faculty since 1967.

— Richard Whittle



Staff photo by Margaret Kirk
Saunders Hall is presently undergoing extensive renovation, and looks a bit unusual here with sunlight pouring through an open door.