

Blaze hits Foxcroft

Two fires at Foxcroft Apartments early Sunday destroyed five units in the Ashley Court complex, and left three others with severe water damage. Fire Department Captain Matthew Maynor said. All occupants of the 501-516 building, one of five in the Ashley complex, escaped without serious injury.

Three fire engines were called to the scene at 3:08 a.m., as a first-floor fire spread to the wooden balcony of the apartment above, Maynor said. The blaze was put out by 5:30 a.m.

The occupant of the second-floor apartment was going to bed when he smelled smoke and alerted his downstairs neighbors, said Deborah Ergle, wife of Foxcroft manager Dennis Ergle.

"It's lucky he stayed up as late as he did or the guys below him may not have made it out alive," Ms. Ergle said. "Their whole living room was in flames when they got out. It was a close call."

Although Captain Maynor said both the Foxcroft manager and a public safety officer checked the damaged area and reported no sign of fire a little before 7 a.m., a second fire on the building's roof was reported at 7:07 a.m. This second, more serious, blaze was out by 9:30 a.m., he said.

The residents of the first two damaged apartments had moved across the hall to stay with a first-floor neighbor when the building caught fire again, Ms. Ergle said.

"They had a close call the second time, too," she said. "They had to climb out the window. It was a rough night."

New apartments for occupants of the eight damaged apartments, 501-508 were to be available today, Ms. Ergle said.

The causes of both fires are still under investigation, and the amount of damage is unknown.

— FRANK ZANG



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Water pipes

Construction to cause detours

By FRANCES SILVA
Staff Writer

Student traffic in the area between Phillips and Memorial halls and the east entrance of Carroll Hall will be halted for the next four to six weeks while underground chilled water pipes are being installed.

Edward Short of the UNC Planning Office has asked that all students stay out of that area until the pipes are completely laid in.

The pipes, which will carry cold water for cooling to campus buildings, are part of a main trunk line which will eventually be connected to surrounding buildings. Those buildings usually generate their own water for cooling.

However, the installation of the pipes will be beneficial to the University, Short said.

"The pipes will be energy efficient, reduce operations and maintenance costs and prevent us from having to replace obsolete materials," he said.

The campuswide project will take eight to 10 years to complete and is currently in phase two, which started at Dey Hall and will run to the new art building near Swain Hall.

This summer, phase one pipes, which originated at N.C. Memorial Hospital, were laid around the back side of the Bell Tower, up past Wilson Library, ending at the Carolina Union.

Short also said that after the completion of the project, if any of the older buildings needed water for cooling or air conditioning, it would only be necessary to run pipes to the nearest main line.

He also cautioned that during the weeks the area was cut off, blind students should not attempt to find their way around it because familiar landmarks may no longer be present because of the holes dug for the pipes.

However, the ramp for handicapped students into Hanes Hall will remain open.

Until the construction is completed students should not attempt to go between Phillips and Memorial or in front of Carroll Hall. Instead, they must walk behind Phillips, Carroll and Gardner or behind Memorial and Hanes.

Financial problems may stall Oaks conversion

By FRANK ZANG
Staff Writer

Although the Chapel Hill Town Council last week approved the controversial special-use permit which allows Brant Homes of Greensboro to sell The Oaks Apartments as condominiums, Brant developers said economics factors may delay the conversion.

"The Chapel Hill Town Council has given two years for the process of selling, but due to market conditions, it will be some time," Brant spokesman Mike Hyman said.

Oaks tenants have received notices saying the conversion company may not get the financing needed to pay for modifications this year.

To many residents, this possible delay means a continuation of the uncertainty that has worried them since Brant announced conversion plans this summer. "We are going to stay and live from

day to day," said Oaks tenant Glenda Chapin, an opponent of the conversion proposal. "We still are trying not to be forced to buy."

"It (the conversion) creates a hardship particularly for people coming to the University for limited studies," said Roger Cox, a post-doctoral student in psychology at N.C. Memorial Hospital's Division for Development and Learning.

Cox said the change to condominiums would compound the crunch on rental housing for UNC students, especially those with young families, who need the extra space The Oaks Apartments provide.

In converting The Oaks, Brant Homes and the Chapel Hill Planning Board agreed on a set of tenant-protection guidelines:

- Tenants can terminate leases without penalty by giving written notice to the owner 30 days in advance.
- Tenants will have the exclusive right to purchase their own units on the same terms offered to the general public.

- No tenant will be required to vacate sooner than 120 days from the date of approval of modification (Jan. 12).
- An occupied unit offered for sale can be shown to a prospective purchaser only during the last 30 days of the 120-day relocation period.
- The owner will not begin interior remodeling for conversion if the unit is

occupied by a nonpurchasing tenant, unless the tenant's lease states otherwise.

- Within two weeks of modification approval, the owner will inform tenants by mail of the special terms and conditions of conversion.
- Within two years of modification approval, the offer to sell/purchase will be mailed to the tenants.

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Two to run for class jobs

By WILLIAM PESCHEL
Staff Writer

Brenny Thompson, a junior international business major from Charlotte, and Debbie Mixon, a junior economics major from Chapel Hill, announced Sunday they were running on a joint ticket for senior class president and vice president.

"Brenny and I have worked as a team and we work well together," Mixon said. "We work efficiently, but we are independent enough to provide options for seniors. Senior class president and vice president need compatibility."

Mixon said they were trying to determine how the class could raise money and lower the cost of graduation robes. "We are working on a plan that would save the students some money along the lines of the APO book co-op," Mixon said.

However, Thompson said, they first want to find out what the senior class president does.

"We had to search to see what the class officers mean," Thompson said. Thompson said he wanted a constitution for the senior class.

Mixon said she and Thompson wanted to improve the interview system, and "perhaps increase the variety of companies that come to interview us."

"The thing we want to emphasize is our teamwork and that we are really enthusiastic about the ideas we have," Mixon said.

Thompson, a member of Pi Kappa Alpha, is on the Student Service Executive Council and was a coordinator for FAST. Mixon was appointed state youth chairman of Cystic Fibrosis and is a member of Phi Eta Sigma.

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