

Traffic access solved for Colony Lake

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Colony Lake, a 351-unit condominium development, moved a step closer to becoming a reality Monday night following a three-hour public hearing before the Chapel Hill Town Council.

The development, which would be built on 70 acres of land between University Heights and Colony Woods neighborhoods on Old Durham Road, was proposed in June but had since been removed twice from council consideration for revisions by the developer, Carolina Communities of Durham.

The most recent revisions of the development, revealed at Monday's hearing, largely removed previous public opposition, which focused on traffic problems.

The developer now proposes a loop road, Standish Drive, connecting Old Durham Road to Legion Road, thereby providing two main traffic accesses.

In addition, the developer proposes to improve Old Durham Road, including the Scarlette Road intersection near Hardee's. Carolina Communities representative John McAdams said the upgrading would "remove the incentive to cut through University Heights to avoid Old Durham Road."

Anne B. Fleming, representative for University Heights' residents, said the group opposed the original Legion Road extension but supported the new plan.

"We are pragmatic," she said. "The developer has a right to develop the property as zoned and will develop eventually. (We think) it is a good plan with good buffers," Fleming said.

Upon completion, the development, which originally called for 371 units, would include a lake, two softball fields, tennis courts and pedestrian trails.

McAdams said the lake in Colony Lakes would provide rural beauty and serve as a storage hold for rainstorm water.

However, the location of the lake, behind Fountain Ridge Road residential homes, prompted council member Jonathan Howes to comment because of the lake's description as a "high hazy small dam." McAdams said the term was a technical classification by the state because residential areas are located downstream.

The significance of the description, he said, was that the design regulations would allow the earth dam to withstand a severe storm, usually experienced once in 100 years. In addition, Gordon Brown, attorney for the developer, said Colony Lake would carry mandatory insurance coverage — which would require regularly scheduled inspections of the dam.

But Mayor Joe Nassif stated that although the developers can "assure us the dam will be designed well, they can't assure us they actually will construct it well."

Council member R.D. Smith, also

concerned about the lake, asked the developers that child safety measures would be built.

In addition to the dam, Pine Knoll Stables was of concern to some citizens and council members.

The stables, which have operated for more than 40 years, have leased 28 of the soon-to-be-developed acres for almost 30 years. If Colony Lake is developed as it stands revised, only 60 feet will separate the riding ring area from a housing unit in the northeast section. The proposed Standish Drive in the development will lie 300 feet from Pine Knoll property.

One owner of the stables, Gwyn Swanson, requested an appropriate buffer for the area.

Recognizing the potential problem, Smith said, "It only takes one spooked horse to kill a child or a rider. I think we have a responsibility to the stables."

Pine Knoll Stables is a riding school, that currently houses 20 horses.

Following Monday night's hearing, the project could be scheduled for final approval at next week's Jan. 27 council meeting.

In other action, the council referred to the manager discussion from a public hearing on the expansion of a Wachovia branch bank at University Mall.

The plan calls for additional office space, additional safe deposit boxes, a meeting room, a Teller II workroom, and new restrooms which meet handicapped code regulations. An existing rear sidewalk will be removed and replaced with seven parking spaces for compact cars after the expansion.

Center offers support to women

By LAUREN BROWN
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In a corner of a modest, white, wood-frame house at 406 W. Rosemary St., the Orange County Women's Center offers help to women through educational programs, support groups, and information and referral services.

The Center is one of three non-profit organizations in a building collectively named The Women's Resource Center and operates on a small employee scale because of limited funding.

"There are 1 1/2 of us," said Darlene Wells, who is employed as the Women's Center's full-time director. Her office-manager Jean Parker puts in 20 hours per week.

Although the Women's Center has managed to survive through periodic financial strains since its founding in 1979, there was a real crisis in 1982 when the center nearly folded. However, an anonymous donor contributed a \$20,000 challenge fund, which the Center matched, and this funding provided for a reorganization of the agency.

"That sort of initial survival-revival effort is part of what enables us to be operating right now," Wells said.

The Women's Center relies on money from community contributions and membership as well as grants from the towns of Chapel Hill and Carrboro and private industry sources, Wells said.

Volunteers are an important part. They lead support groups that deal with areas ranging from divorce, legal matters and job searches to dissertations, taxes and cardiac patients.

"These women are essentially volunteers; they are professional women in the community that have their own full-time jobs or private practices, but are interested in contributing something to women in the area," Wells said, noting that nearly all of these volunteers have their master's degrees in business administration, master's of social work or other degrees.

While some support groups offered by the Women's Center are free, others are \$5 a session for members and \$6 a session for non-members. Scholarships are issued on request if a woman can't afford a pro-

gram, Wells said.

While Wells has been director at the Women's Center for only three months, she has several new goals and aspirations for the agency.

"Eventually I hope to have a legal hotline set up through the Women's Center, which is simply a number to call to reach an attorney who can answer basic questions about the law," Wells said.

Other changes she strives for are financial stability and a wider variety of programs and support groups for women of different incomes, ages, and needs.

"I want to have something here for everyone — if you need it you can find it at the Women's Center — that's one of the goals I have," Wells said.

One of the most important parts that people in the community can play in the Women's Center is that of keeping the agency informed on particular problems or needs of the area, Wells said.

"To me, the most rewarding thing is the people interaction and seeing women gain information and resources that can help them get what they want in life," Wells said.

Gubernatorial forum to be held at UNC

By TOM CONLON
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A forum for Democratic candidates for governor will be the highlight of the N.C. Federation of College Democrats' winter seminar Saturday in the Carolina Union.

The seminar, scheduled to run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., also will include workshops, discussions and receptions for other Democratic candidates for statewide offices.

"The purpose of the day is to get college students and Democrats ready to fight election battles in 1984," said Harry Kaplan, president of UNC Young Democrats. "I think college students can be the wild-card in the 1984 elections. I think both parties have not taken students seriously because we haven't been active, but I think that's changing now as Young Democrats are growing statewide and nationally."

Democratic gubernatorial candidates scheduled to appear are: Attorney General Rufus Edmisten, former N.C. Commerce Secretary D.M. "Lauch" Faircloth, former state legislator Tom Gilmore, Lt. Gov. Jimmy Green and former Charlotte Mayor Eddie Knox. Others who may attend, but have not yet decided,

are Insurance Commissioner John Ingram and retired educator Robert Hannon.

This forum is scheduled for 3-4:45 p.m. in the Union auditorium.

The Democrats' seminar begins at 9 a.m. with a breakfast sponsored by Carl Stewart, a candidate for lieutenant governor. Following the breakfast will be seminars on the environment and on national defense policy. UNC Speech Communications Professor Robert Cox will moderate the environment seminar, while History Professor James Leutze will be the moderator for the defense seminar.

Lunch at noon will be sponsored by Gilmore. Following lunch, N.C. Democratic Party Chairman David Price will conduct seminars on the Democratic Party and on lobbying.

Bobby Jenkins, a UNC student and president of the N.C. Federation of College Democrats, said the seminar will be a chance to educate and make students aware of the political process. "Hopefully by taking the issue-oriented theme, we'll be able to open students' eyes as to what is available and give them something to participate in," he said.

University Mall to renovate, expand

By KATHERINE SCHULTZ
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University Mall, celebrating its 10th birthday this year, will be undergoing a number of changes in 1984.

The mall is adding and expanding several stores and closing some existing establishments.

Butler Shoes, Casual Corner, Craft Village and Undercover already have moved out after the expiration of their leases on Dec. 31.

George Weinbrenner, mall manager, said the mall was negotiating for several new stores. "We'll definitely have a toy and hobby shop and a one-hour photo

center," he said.

Weinbrenner said that a consulting firm, Howard Green and Associates, was hired to study the mall's demographics and possible marketing strategies.

"We are looking for a tenant mix which is more viable in today's market," said Weinbrenner. "We have a lot to compete with: Northgate, South Square, and the Burlington outlet malls."

Weinbrenner said the study revealed that much of University Mall's business should be geared toward the white-collar sector. "A lot of our customers are students, professors and doctors, according to this study," he said.

Other changes at the mall include the ex-

pansion of The Junction. The Junction and the American Seam, both owned by the same company, are consolidating into one store, The Junction.

The Kitchen Store, a kitchenware and specialty store, closed because of financial problems and its owners left the country during the Christmas holidays, according to a recent *News and Observer* article. The manager of the store approached authorities last Tuesday and informed Weinbrenner that the store was closed.

"No one knows where the owners are," said Weinbrenner. "They have left the country and the store is in the hands of the attorney and NCNB (National Bank). The merchandise is being inventoried by the bank at the other location in Raleigh."

Weinbrenner said the mall would celebrate its 10th anniversary with special events and sales. "We aren't sure what we will do because we are still setting our annual calendar," he said.

The mall's marketing director, Sherri Ontjes, will direct the activities associated with the anniversary, Weinbrenner said.

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Owens said it would be necessary for some of the students who received optional telephone services without their consent or after having been offered the services for a one-month trial period to attend the hearings and testify.

He said SCAU would be contacting students who responded to its October survey concerning the optional services to see if they would be willing to testify and that he would also like for off-campus students who had problems with the custom phone services to contact him if they would like to testify.

Owens said that he did not know when the hearings would be but that they will have to be before the end of school. "We will not be satisfied with any hear-

ing date scheduled after final exams," Owens said. He said SCAU hoped to take 20 to 25 students to the hearings to testify.

If SCAU's changes were adopted, Southern Bell would be required to itemize all service charges on monthly bills, to obtain a subscriber's written consent before connecting any optional services and to refrain from marketing its services to students by phone.

SCAU will be represented by the N.C. Attorney General's Office in the hearings, Owens said.

Don Elmore, a Southern Bell representative in Charlotte, said that Southern Bell would not be formally notified of the hearings until a date has been scheduled by the Utilities Commission.

Elmore said he was not familiar enough with the situation to comment further.



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