

Council's proposals affect housing market

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The Chapel Hill Town Council has proposed several public housing projects in the past 18 months, thereby loosening a very competitive housing market in the Chapel Hill-Carrboro area for low-income families, said Assistant Town Manager Sonna Loewenthal.

"The cost of housing nationwide has gone up since 1981, and Chapel Hill has a particularly expensive housing market. It is second only to Cary," Loewenthal said. "With this tight market, low-income families are competing for the available spaces in public housing and there is just not enough for everyone."

Mary McCallister, multi-family public housing manager, agreed with Loewenthal, saying that Chapel Hill offered few residential sights with rents under \$300 a month.

"These low-income families just cannot survive in this type of market," McCallister said. "We currently have two to three hundred people on the waiting lists, and there will only be 52 houses opening up in the next month. There is just nowhere for these people to go."

Loewenthal and McCallister both agreed that University students had a great deal to do with the cost of housing in the Chapel Hill area, because three to four students could pay a higher rent than a family with one or two wage earners.

"Certainly landlords can get more money from a group of students than from a family of six," McCallister said.

"That way the landlords can raise the rents to whatever they wish."

Loewenthal said there were also factors such as high construction costs, utility costs and real estate costs that made public housing an even greater liability.

"Inflation has contributed to the cutback in housing," Loewenthal said. "It is going to be an even more expensive project than before."

McCallister said, "Reagan has introduced large cutbacks in public housing, which has made it difficult to introduce more projects. This has forced the lower income families into the private market, which can sometimes cost them up to half the amount of their gross income."

Chapel Hill Public Housing, which is subsidized by the federal government by paying mortgages and rents, has suffered due to these cutbacks.

"Because these funds are being cut out, we are having to raise some of the rents on these houses in order to finance maintenance and staff," McCallister said. "And there is a good possibility that a lot of these sites will need to be sold."

Twenty-three of the 260 families living in public housing are not paying rent, and 79 pay less than \$100.

"Thirty percent of the families in public housing earn \$185 per month. If they were required to pay over \$100, we would be defeating our purpose," McCallister said.

More than 86 percent of the families are minorities, and 20 percent are handicapped or elderly. Unless a student is part of a family living there, public housing does not admit UNC students.

"The reason is because of the long waiting lists," McCallister said. "By the time they wait two years or so, their need has probably presented another alternative."

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before the companies bid. The conference will bring interested contractors together to learn what food service at the University has been like in the past, what the University desires in food service, the terms of the contract and answers to any other questions they might have, Antle said.

Antle said the University probably would receive the bids at the end of

March and would choose a company in late April.

The bids do not become public until the University and the Food Services Advisory Committee finish reviewing them. After the University decides which contract to accept, it will send a letter of justification to the state for approval.

If the state approves the choice, the

University will probably sign a contract in May, Antle said.

The contractors' bids will be compared to a set of specifications outlining what the University desires in a food service. Student input into these specifications will come from the Food

Services Advisory committee, Antle said.

"Most of the people have been on the committee for a year or two, so they know something about food service," he said. The Student Government appoints students to the committee.

Tickets

Brown said 150 seats in Carmichael were reserved for club members, and the same number was reserved for the first games in the SAC. Brown said he, Pavao and Murray decided to expand the number of tickets so that every athlete who shows up between the allotted times would receive a ticket. The first 150 tickets will be lower arena seats and the rest will be upper arena seats, Brown said. There are about 300 Monogram Club members eligible for tickets.

Pavao said another problem had been the distribution of tickets to club members who were no longer participating on the team. He said he thought distribution should have been limited to any currently participating varsity

athlete. Murray said she planned to get an updated list of participating varsity athletes who are eligible for Monogram Club tickets from the coaches. The new list will not be ready for the Jan. 17 distribution, she said, but it will be used on Jan. 20.

Although last Friday was the first time Milligan picked up Monogram Club tickets, it was Farrell's third experience camping out. Both Milligan and Farrell got lower arena tickets.

The important thing is not where the seats are, but who gets them, Brown said.

"All the tickets go to students," he said. "That's the key."

Proctor & Gamble official to lecture in Carroll Hall

W. Wallace Abbott, senior vice president of Proctor & Gamble, will discuss Proctor & Gamble's corporate culture in a free public lecture Tuesday, Jan. 21 at the UNC School of Business Administration.

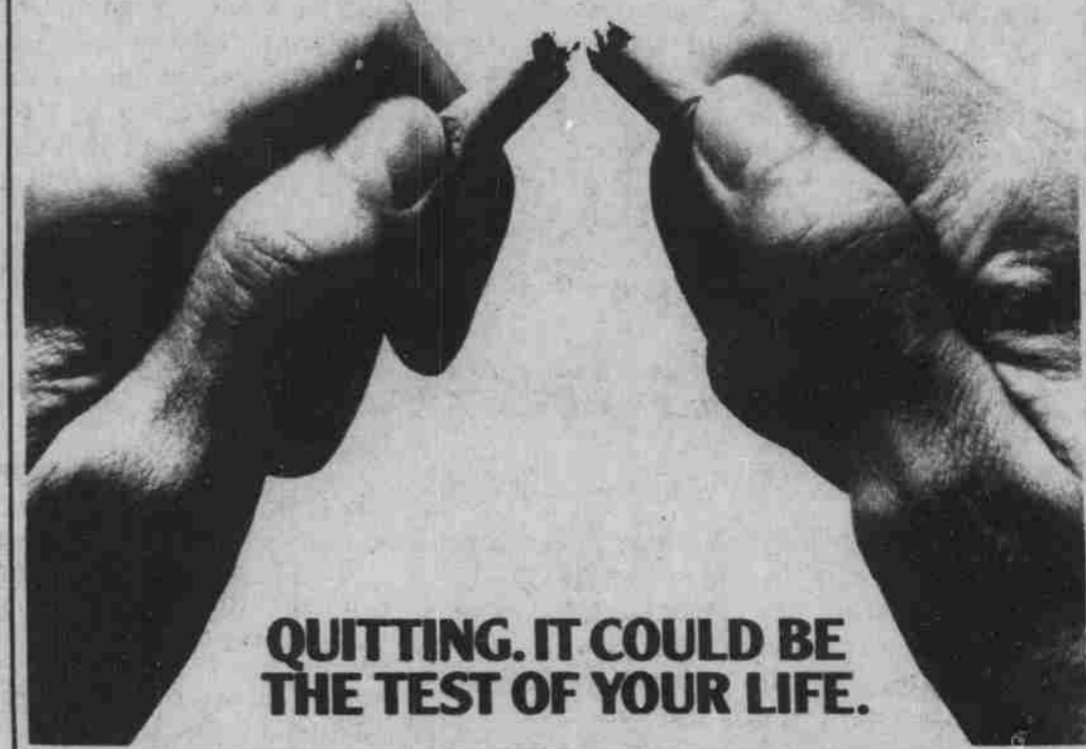
"Corporate culture," as defined by Marvin Bower in Corporate Cultures, is "the way we do things around here." Proctor & Gamble is considered one of the nation's leading training grounds for young executives in the consumer-

products field. Abbott graduated from Davidson College in 1952 with a bachelor's degree and from Harvard MBA School in 1954. He joined Proctor & Gamble in 1954 as a sales representative. Abbott is also director of Armstrong World Industries Incorporated.

The lecture, sponsored by the undergraduate program in business administration, will be in Room 2 of Carroll Hall.

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