

Residents resist rezoning

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In a unanimous vote Monday night, Chapel Hill Town Council decided to continue working toward a rational rezoning of many residential neighborhoods before hearing appeals from those residents.

The rezoning is being done because of a new land-use plan adopted in May to help Chapel Hill deal with its rapid population growth.

The board must decide between protecting Chapel Hill's traditionally large, one-residence lots and allowing more dense housing than in the past.

Homeowners in the Lake Forest subdivision said they feared increased construction in their neighborhood when their old zoning ordinance runs out in December of 1987.

Most of the lots are on 26,000 to 30,000 square feet, according to

the homeowners association. As planned, the zoning in that neighborhood would change in December to R-1, the least dense type of residential zoning, but which requires only 17,000 square feet per dwelling.

Residents fear that their lots, many of which are more than 30,000 square feet, could be subdivided under the new zoning laws. They have proposed that 25,000 square feet instead of 17,000 be the minimum for lots in that area.

But at the meeting, board members decided not to grant a public hearing yet on that proposal.

The correct way to go about rezoning is not to respond to every request as it comes up, council member David Godschalk said.

Council members agreed that they needed to help these homeowners, but since many neighborhoods will be rezoned, it might not be wise to hold individ-

ual hearings for each one.

A joint public hearing of all neighborhoods to be rezoned might be better, members said.

Mayor James C. Wallace said he thought holding a public hearing would be a good idea because people could "provide valuable insights and aid with subsequent discussion on zoning."

But council member Julie Andresen, while supporting the public hearing idea, said there needed to be definite action taken now.

The matter of coming up with a rational rezoning plan was referred to the town manager for further work and could be presented again to the board in about a month.

According to council member Jonathan Howes, planning for the rezoning could begin in as few as 60 days.

The last land-use plan was adopted in 1977.

Purdy's returns with changes

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"When the DJ slipped and said 'Thank you for coming to Purdy's,' we knew it was time for a change," said Jeff Pierce, manager of Rascal's at 159 1/2 Franklin Street.

So change it will. As of Sept. 1, not only will the name of this bar switch back to Purdy's, but many policy changes will occur as well.

Certainly the most interesting will be the selling of memberships to anyone over 18, not just people of legal drinking age.

The legal age to consume alcohol rises to 21 as of Sept. 1.

"Underage people will need someplace to go, to dance, to socialize," said Pierce.

"We're going to try this out and see what happens."

Pierce said he is aware it could get very difficult keeping underage members from drinking, especially on crowded nights with discount drink specials.

"We have already notified the Alcohol Law Enforcement of our plans and they will be by occasionally to check us out," he said.

Pierce said he and his colleagues will also be patrolling the bar on their own.

The bar will lose its license not only if underage people are found drinking alcohol, but also if an underage person is intoxicated while inside the bar.

Along with this change will be more variety in the music at Purdy's (Rascal's).

"We're trying to get back to more variety — rock and roll, classic rock, progressive rock and also the dance music/top 40 that we're known for," said Pierce.

Various nightly specials will appear at the new Purdy's.

Starting in three weeks, Wednesday nights will feature a comedy act, and once or twice a month bands will perform on Tuesday or Friday nights.

The traditional nickel draft nights will continue to be on Thursdays, and Saturday nights will provide various promotions and surprises, according to Pierce.

The memberships will be available by next week.

The first 1,000 applicants will get a half-price application charge of \$5. All other applicants will be charged \$10.

The bar's membership committee has three days to review the application, after which the applicant will be notified of his acceptance.

There will still be nightly cover

charges, but they will vary according to the night of the week, Pierce said. However, members usually will pay \$1.50 to \$2 less than guests.

Two different hand stamps will be used to differentiate between underage members and other members.

Ray McCotter, owner of Rascal's, suggested all the changes, including the name change.

"Everyone in town knows this place as Purdy's; it was a real hot spot in the early '80s," Pierce said.

He said he hoped the new membership policy would not be abused.

"If it develops into a problem on one night, then we won't let them (underage drinkers) in for that night," he said. "If it becomes a regular problem, then we may have to forget about it all together."



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Hospital choppers fly to patients' rescue

By SHEILA SIMMONS
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Carolina Air Care, North Carolina Memorial Hospital's helicopter rescue service, has been working very well since its June 17 debut, Robert Harrison, aeromedical coordinator for NCMH, said yesterday.

The helicopter, which actually went into operation in July, has shuttled 64 victims between NCMH and three or four dozen hospitals within a 150-mile radius of Chapel

Hill, he said. It is expected to transport 500 patients during its first year.

"We are very pleased at the progress, and have had more flights than we anticipated," Harrison said.

The helicopter, a \$1.5 million Messerschmidt Bolkow Blohm, is the fifth in the state and the fourth addition to the N.C. Aero-Medical Affiliation, a group of volunteers who coordinate safety issues concerning emergency transport sys-

tems, Harrison said.

Asheville Memorial Mission Hospital plans to receive a helicopter in September, making it the fifth addition to the affiliation, Harrison said.

Duke's "Life Flight" will be the only unaffiliated emergency transport helicopter in the state, he said.

It is hard to estimate how many lives the chopper has saved by its speedy transport, he said.

"Particularly in the neonatal area,

it is vitally important to get victims to the operating table as soon as possible," he said. "There are some victims who may not have survived without the speed of the helicopter."

In three situations, the emergency team had to respond to calls from rescue squads at accident scenes, Harrison said.

For the 12 years before NCMH received the aircraft, it relied on the Military Assistance Safety Transport program to get emergency victims to the hospital. Ground transportation was also used.

The hospital pays a fixed fee of \$42,000 a month for the aircraft, plus \$500 for each hour the aircraft is in operation, Harrison said.

Expenses for the flights are partially paid by the hospital's general operating funds, and patients are billed for the remainder, he said.

"We receive no state appropriations or donations," he said.

The 24-hour emergency transport system is staffed by three pilots, a 14-member team of nurses and paramedics for adult care, and a 14-member neonatal and pediatric care team, Harrison said.

Two to three people are on the helicopter at one time, he said.

Class of '87 takes center stage

By JEAN LUTES
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All you unappreciated, burnt-out seniors, get psyched. Your class officers want to let everyone know how great the members of the Class of 1987 really are.

Increasing senior class identity and giving seniors more recognition will be the focus of this year's senior class officers, according to David Venable, senior class president.

Plans to reach those goals include: "Senior '87 Information Day" to recruit volunteers for the 13 senior class committees; a senior week with special activities for seniors; a career fair; and several tentative social events, Venable said.

"We've got several things planned," he said. "We're trying to give seniors the recognition they deserve."

As part of Senior '87 Information Day, senior class committee chairmen will be in the Pit Wednesday, Sept. 3, to inform seniors of upcoming events and to recruit committee members, Venable said.

"We'll be giving out balloons and getting seniors fired up about their last year at Carolina," he said.

Also, copies of the senior class newsletter, Connection '87, and

senior identification stickers will be distributed, and senior class T-shirts will be sold.

"Seniors can put their senior stickers on the back of their IDs to get discounts at certain places and to get into senior nights at bars," said Jackie Jarvis, senior class secretary.

"We're trying to get a lot of excitement for the senior class and let people know what's happening," she said.

The senior class recognition committee, new this year, will help publicize the accomplishments of seniors, Venable said.

"In the first newsletter, we included a form students could send in about outstanding seniors who have done exceptional work for the University or the community," he said.

Other committees to be represented in the Pit on the senior information day include the class trip committee, the commencement committee and the social committee, Venable said.

Margaret Barrett, social committee chairman, said the possibilities of senior study breaks, priority seating for a night at Playmakers Theatre, and a senior dinner concert in the Great Hall with local enter-

tainment have been discussed.

"We'll definitely be having a couple of traditional senior nights at He's Not Here," Barrett said.

"We're considering the possibility of a senior class formal, since it's never been done before, but that's only in the investigative process," she said.

Venable said a senior week for Sept. 22-26 is being planned, but no specific activities have been set up yet. "We're planning senior nights at various establishments downtown," he said. Another senior week will be planned for spring.

A career fair in October, co-sponsored by the Career Planning and Placement Center in Hanes Hall, will include about 80 representatives from companies and corporations, Venable said. All students will be able to ask questions and get information about career opportunities, he said.

"It's not a resume drop or interview set-up, but a lot of information about the companies will be distributed," he said.

Jarvis said she was excited about the year and confident that the officers could meet the challenge ahead. "We really have a great group of people here," she said, "and we know what we have to do."

Pit to get bigger cube to cover old paint spot

By TOM CAMP
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The blank space between the Pit and the Student Union will soon be filled with a new, improved "cube."

The old cube, which collapsed last spring, will be replaced with a larger model in about two weeks, according to Ed Boehm, the cube's designer.

"We designed it so that each angle between the panels was 120 degrees," Boehm said. "I think that will ensure maximum area for advertising and viewing."

The new cube will have 10 panels for advertising, three of which will be used exclusively by the Carolina Union Activities Board. The remaining seven screens will be lent out on a first-come, first-served basis.

Some students interviewed in the Pit Tuesday said they missed the cube.

"I was really offended by the removal of the cube," said Sam Best, a freshman physics major from Florida. "When I first came here, I

saw the cube as representing the diversity of the University. Now there's definitely a missing link."

Scott Bilbro, a sophomore chemistry major, felt the cube's absence was an injustice to students. "It's destroying the spirit of free communication," he said. "And they ought to clean up this mess. It's just nasty."

Other students said they liked the spattered paint marking the spot where the cube used to stand.

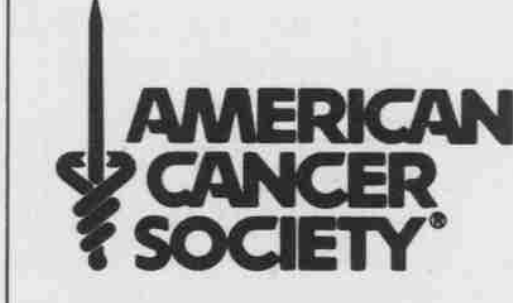
"Well, you could say that this stuff looks like a Jackson Polluck painting," said Joan Weiss, a sophomore from Lawrence, Kan. "Just put a frame around it, and I think it would be quite pretty."

Adam Hill, a junior from Morganton, also expressed his approval. "I like it. It goes well with the modern art next to the Davis Library. The only problem I see is if this kind of thing continues, it could spread like acne and leave blemishes on the face of our University."

Other students felt the problem

was more serious and that the paint should be cleaned up.

"It's pretty bad," said Mark Shea, a first-year graduate from Raleigh. "Why do people do things like this? People might start painting on the buildings."



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