

Sun alternatives?

Gimmicks to tan by not really effective, dermatologists say

By **SUSANA DANCY**
Staff Writer

With the increasing emphasis of pre-mature aging and skin cancer being directly related to constant exposure to the sun, many worshippers have sought alternatives to basking at the beach, lake or pool.

These alternatives include sun lamps, tanning booths and tanning beds, as well as various dyes, pills and lotions. Among the latest developments on the suntan market are pre-tan accelerators

and self-action tanning creams or lotions.

Manufacturers of these products, which are sold under several different brand names, claim that the user can get darker, deeper suntans — or can "tan" without the sun," as an Estee Lauder advertisement says.

But some dermatologists say that the products are merely expensive lotions that don't actually accelerate suntans.

"In my opinion, they don't

work," said dermatologist Dr. Jim Rogers of N.C. Memorial Hospital, when asked about the effectiveness of tan accelerators.

Dr. Stanley Levy, a local dermatologist, agreed. "All these are expensive lotions," he said. "There has been a study done lately saying they are useless. Their claims are very misleading. (These products) are now sold as cosmetics; if (the companies) try to sell them as drugs, they will be taken off the market."

The pre-tan accelerator "sets up

the weekend tanner's skin for speedier tanning," according to a Clinique brochure.

"This remarkable 'tan in a tube' gives you a natural day-in-the-sun glow," claims Biotherm about its self-tanning lotion.

According to Diana Bradley, counter manager for Estee Lauder at Belk-Leggett of University Mall, the Pre-Tan Accelerator 'tricks' the user's skin into thinking it has been out in the sun. "It

doesn't make your skin darker than it would get from the sun alone," Bradley said. "It just lets you get it in less time, and therefore you are in the sun less, and less damage is done to your skin."

"As I understand it, the Self-Action Tanning Creme interacts with the proteins in your skin to give you a tan in three to four hours without the sun," says Bradley. The tan lasts one-half to one week, she said.

Town Council gives approval for University-town committee

By **ALEX MARSHALL**
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A joint University-town committee that will study the proposed UNC land-use plan was enthusiastically endorsed by the Chapel Hill Town Council Monday night.

The 50 to 60 people in the small meeting room broke out into applause after the Town Council voted unanimously to endorse the new committee.

"Maybe all this ruckus is a blessing in disguise," said Councilwoman Nancy Preston, speaking of the public outcry against the land-use plan during the last few weeks. "Maybe the University is beginning to realize it can't operate in a vacuum. Maybe they realize people are watching."

The Town Council members congratulated University officials for their initiative in proposing the idea of the committee to Chapel Hill Mayor James Wallace. The committee members will be appointed by Wallace and UNC Chancellor Christopher Fordham.

"I'm pleased with the way the Town Council accepted the proposal," Fordham said Tuesday in

a telephone interview. "I look forward to establishing the committee, together with the mayor, and setting it in motion."

Council member Jonathan Howes said, "The Council welcomes this (committee) as a step in which the town and the University can work together toward a solution that will be acceptable to all."

The proposed University land-use plan has caused much controversy since it was made public last month. Especially criticized was the proposal to build a new loop-road that would funnel traffic away from the center of the University.

This road would cut through Battle Park and several neighborhoods, and some private homes and apartment buildings would have to be torn down to make room for it.

Sally Vilas, representing the Laurel Hill Resident Association, spoke against any "forcible expropriation" of property, saying it would create a dangerous precedent.

Representatives from numerous neighborhood associations attended the Town Council meeting. The residents asked that the University act in good faith with the town in working to iron out the land-use plan, and that the land-use committee meetings be open to the public.

The University trustees originally planned to vote June 26 on the land-use plan, but because of the storm of criticism, postponed the vote until Aug. 28.

Now, the vote has been further postponed until after Jan. 4 of next year, when the committee plans to make its report to the Town Council.

Tanning

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brown or black mole-like growth that increases in size and has an irregular shape, melanomas usually occur on the upper back. When caught in its early stages,

melanoma is almost always curable, but if left untreated, it can be fatal.

Staff writer Susana Dancy contributed to this article.

Theft

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Other recent campus computer theft includes:

- two major components valued at \$600, stolen from a locked and alarmed room in Venable Hall; reported May 18.

- a complete Apple McIntosh computer valued at \$1500, stolen from Phillips Hall while secured

by a cable; also reported May 18.

- an IBM computer printer valued at \$300, stolen from Cobb Residence Hall while secured by a cable; reported June 1.

- an Apple disk drive valued at \$300, stolen from Davis Library; also reported June 1.

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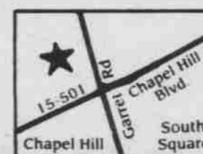
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A Taco Bell to open soon near campus

From staff reports

The long-awaited Taco Bell planned for 120 E. Franklin St. will probably be completed before the end of August, said Darrell Harris, area construction manager for the Taco Bell corporation.

"It'll be open before school starts (in the fall)," Harris said in a telephone interview.

Construction had been delayed on the project, Harris said, because the inspection department of the town of Chapel Hill had requested some revisions in the original design for the restaurant. Harris said he was confident that the department would approve the new design.

"As soon as we get (approval) then we're ready to go," he said.