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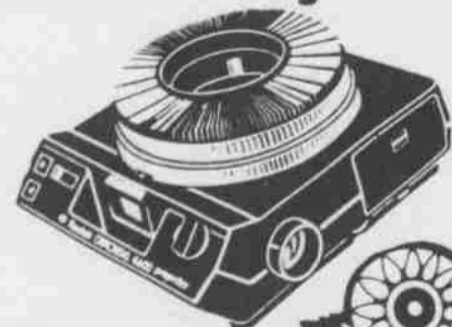
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# OWASA looks over plans for Rosemary Square

By LINDSAY HAYES  
Staff Writer

The Orange Water and Sewer Authority and the developers of Rosemary Square are proceeding with negotiations to run utility lines through the walls of the downtown project's parking garage.

The plan to run the lines through the garage was never an obstacle for Fraser-Morrow-Daniels Co., the development firm for Rosemary Square, president Whit Morrow said. "Someone tried to raise it as a major stumbling block, but it's not, nor has it ever been one," he said.

Morrow said running utility lines through the walls is a common practice that will allow access for easy repair.

"It is a good solution to avoid any potential conflicts with existing underground services in the public alley," he said.

The developers had previously proposed running the utilities through an underground vault in a small alley between Franklin and Rosemary streets. OWASA rejected the proposal because it would not allow enough space for maintenance

of the utility lines, including water and sewer, telephone, gas and cable television lines.

Installing the lines in the parking garage would be cheaper than placing them underground, Morrow said. When lines are placed underground, the cost increases because developers must avoid the many lines already running through the ground.

The major water mains run along Rosemary Street, said Pat Davis, acting executive director for OWASA. The lines that will extend to the parking garage are privately

owned and will be used for fire protection.

Davis said Fraser-Morrow-Daniels has only submitted a general concept plan, which OWASA has found acceptable. The developers' resubmitted plan will have to include refined plans and additional details, he said.

The plan meets all of OWASA's requirements, Morrow said, and no major changes will be made before it meets the approval of OWASA.

Water and sewer plans are forwarded to the N.C. Division of

Health Services for final review and the Division of Environmental Management for final approval, Davis said.

"It's pretty much of a rubber-stamping process," he said.

Fraser-Morrow-Daniels must also attain approvals from the Security Exchange Commission and the town before it can begin construction, Morrow said.

The plans must be approved before the developers can close the project with the town on March 3, 1988, and begin construction.

# Officials hesitate to recommend UNC system to Maryland

By LEE ANN NECESSARY  
Staff Writer

UNC administrators cannot decide whether Maryland's College Park campus would benefit from a plan to consolidate their universities and colleges in imitation of the UNC-system.

"In some discussions with people from Chapel Hill, we found there were concerns over that university receiving less funding, while another number of institutions did relatively better under the consolidation process," said Joseph Gilmour, executive assistant to Chancellor John Slaughter of the University of Maryland at College Park.

Gilmour said a Maryland Board of Higher Education report found that while East Carolina University's funding increased about 48 percent in the past year, UNC-CH's funding

increased by about 4 percent. N.C. State University's funding decreased.

The reallocation of new operating and capital resources under a consolidation process concerns University of Maryland officials because the College Park campus remains the comprehensive research institution in the state, Gilmour said.

Gilmour said in dealing with a complex situation of universities, the governing board would not be able to pay as much attention to the specific funding needs of the larger institutions.

Former UNC-system President William Friday called fears of decreased resources expressed by some UNC officials unfounded.

"In actual dollars, the institutions are better off, and that can be documented," Friday said. "They are especially better off as having more

freedom from politics."

Friday, the first president of the UNC system when it consolidated in 1972, said consolidation funding for the universities depended on intense political pressure.

"It (funding) was politics from top to bottom," Friday said. "It was an intense kind of situation that really benefited no one."

A proposal to provide common salaries to professors no matter which school employed them has also raised concern among administrators, Gilmour said.

David Dill, assistant to UNC-CH Chancellor Christopher Fordham, said the tendency for professors' and technical staff members' salaries to be similar throughout the UNC system makes it difficult for UNC-CH to compete in recruiting and retaining faculty and staff members.

Because UNC-CH must compete in a market of research institutions, a differentiated wage scale is needed within the system.

"But when you have one system, how do you create differences without making it look unfair?" Dill said.

Dill said it is possible to have differentiated policies without breaking up the system.

"I do not think that we should be treated better, just differently," Dill said.

Friday said he has been a consultant to Maryland Gov. Donald Schaefer on the process North Carolina used to develop the UNC

system.

Schaefer has adopted the consolidation idea as part of his education plan, said Welford McLellan, Schaefer's assistant press secretary.

Schaefer backs the consolidation proposal because he feels one board could better manage the academic and budget programs, resulting in less political pressures on funding, McLellan said.

Consolidation also addressed the need to strengthen the state's higher education system structures and higher education concerns in the Baltimore area, Gilmour said.

# Religious denominations make programming plans for 24-hour cable network

By AMY WINSLOW  
Staff Writer

Although plans remain speculative, 10 religious denominations may create an interfaith cable network, the first of its type by major mainline faiths.

Vision Interfaith Satellite Network will receive free airtime from the Denver-based Telecommunications, Inc., said Yanni Simonides, a representative for the Greek Orthodox Churches.

"We are still in the infant stages right now, however," Simonides said.

The coalition includes 10 Christian denominations, but members are still determining the final criteria for membership, said Sonia Francis, executive for communications at the Episcopal Center in New York.

The churches include the United Methodist, Roman Catholic, Presbyterian, Episcopal, Evangelical Lutheran, Lutheran-Missouri Synod, Seventh-day Adventist, Reformed Church in America and Greek Orthodox Churches.

"There's a lot of excitement about the possibility of such a network," Francis said.

The group will broadcast religious-based programming on a 24-hour channel, beginning in the late part of 1988, said David Ochoa, communications executive for the United Methodist Church.

Although mainline churches have long said that television is not their primary source of communication with the public, they have since realized the power of television, said Robert Nixon, communications

director for the world headquarters for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Washington, D.C.

TCI, in offering free airtime to religious programs, is boosting its image and fulfilling a societal obligation, Nixon said.

"The general trend in commercial networks today, however, is to edge religious programming out of existence," he said.

Although no Jewish or Moslem groups have become involved in the project, Francis said she has never been a part of a coalition which prohibited Jewish or Moslem members. Southern Baptists are not involved, she said, because they have their own network system.

"We anticipate the Jewish faith to be well represented on the board of directors and in programming," Ochoa said.

Music, liturgical services and masses will be included in the programming, but the group has not determined the hours and exact content of programming.

Although the churches have to work out budget details, funding will be shared among the churches, Nixon said.

"The most interesting thing about the network is that it will not allow solicitation," Ochoa said.

The idea of such a network started when the TCI corporation offered the free time, Francis said, and the word spread to other groups.

"We feel very confident it (the network) holds lots of opportunities for us," she said.


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