

Citizens debate super collider

By LAURA SUMNER
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It's been called the "\$5 billion hula hoop" — the superconducting super collider that N.C. Gov. Jim Martin says the public "heartily supports." On Tuesday, Martin heard from those who will most directly affect.

The first public hearing to bring together concerned residents and government officials met Tuesday in Butner, a small city about 40 miles north of Chapel Hill.

North Carolina is one of seven states under consideration for the \$5.3 billion, 53-mile ring underground facility, which will smash protons into each other at high levels of speed. Butner is the closest city to the proposed site of the SSC.

According to John Beach, editor of the Oxford Public Ledger, the

meeting was "essentially a confrontation between those who 'have and want' and those who 'have not and don't want'."

"Generally, it's a question of the people who are developers, (such as) chamber of commerce people and the citizens who are affected," Beach said. "It defies the imagination of the common man to have two things that you can't see running around and hitting each other. People just can't understand it."

Area residents were notified less than five days before the meeting, and many property owners didn't receive notification because the government used out-of-date information. Mark Messura, state analyst with the Board of Science and Technology, agreed that poor communication started the meeting off badly.

"The property owners felt left out," Messura said. "We made a mistake — we were relying on tax information from the county. Typically that's one year or more behind; consequently, many properties had changed hands."

In addition to concerns about the effect the SSC would have on their land, area residents questioned the safety of it and its radioactive wastes. The government says the radioactive material produced would be about 7,650 cubic feet per year. While critics say this is an unrealistic figure, Paul Frampton, a physics professor and an early supporter of the SSC, says this figure is probably right.

"Much of the waste is produced by the waste of protons hitting a target; protons hitting protons produce less (waste)," Frampton said. "I think 8,000 (cubic feet) is the upper

level. It could be reduced to a couple of hundred cubic feet per year." That's about the amount of waste created by Duke Hospital per year, he said.

One environmental group at the meeting noted the large amount of tritium that has been found in some ditch water around the Fermi Lab in Illinois. Experts say the Fermi Lab is of essentially the same construction as the SSC.

According to Frampton, the levels of tritium are very low. "It's important to realize that nobody drinks that water. It's ditch water normally just used for cooling purposes."

Martin estimates the SSC would bring about \$270 million into the state annually. It would also bring 4,500 jobs, 3,000 of which will be permanent.

Highland Hills to increase bus service

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After months of complaining, Highland Hills residents will no longer have to get up hours before classes begin to catch a bus to campus; increased bus service to the complex will begin on Feb. 22.

"It's about time," said Highland Hill resident Wendy White, a UNC junior. "I'm tired of going to class two hours before it starts."

UNC junior Michael Levy said, "The bus only runs about every two hours, so I have to get up at 9 a.m. for a noon class because the bus comes so early. Since the next one

isn't until 12:30, it doesn't really leave you much choice."

Carrboro transportation planner James Dunlop said the owners of Highland Hills have agreed to pay for six more bus trips a day to the complex.

The apartment owners have contributed \$2,750 dollars, which is half of the operating costs, Dunlop said. The Urban Mass Transportation Administration, a branch of the Federal Department of Transportation that supports mass transit, will pay the remainder of the costs.

Transportation planners had

thought bus service to the area around the apartment complex was adequate when they planned the budget for this fiscal year, Dunlop said.

"Around August we were informed that there would be some 700 undergraduates in that particular area," Dunlop said. "But there was no room in the budget, and there wasn't much we could do."

Dunlop said the main problem with the service is that buses do not travel to Highland Hills during large gaps of times. The approximate time gaps are 10:30-12:30 and 1:30-3 p.m., which are prime class-going hours.

"Undergraduates have quite different schedules from graduates and staff, who basically operate on 8-5 p.m. schedules," Dunlop said. "So gaps that were acceptable to previous residents in the area were not appropriate for the undergraduates."

Highland Hills resident manager Sharon Madden said she has been aware that the service was needed and wanted to make the residents happy.

"Several residents came to me and complained about the lack of bus service," she said. "There are quite a few students out here and we would like to continue to cater to students."

Students rally to support officers' grievances

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Students expressed support in a rally Wednesday for UNC police officers who have filed grievances against the department claiming discrimination in promotion practices.

The rally was sponsored by the Anti-Apartheid Support Group, and kicked off a petition campaign calling for an effective grievance procedure for UNC employees.

Group members said they initiated the petition campaign because the grievance procedure was not followed properly. Fourteen University police officers filed grievances against the police department last September.

The grievances claimed that equal opportunity and affirmative action guidelines were not followed when promotions were granted in June 1987.

No police officers attended the rally, which began in the Pit at noon and ended at the Department of Employee Relations in Vance Hall.

Peter Rogers, a senior, said during the rally, "The management of the UNC police department is seriously flawed."

Promotions in June were based on favoritism, not seniority, Rogers said.

Matthew Bewig, a graduate student and a member of AASG and the UNC Labor Support Group, said

he felt this issue affected both groups.

"Apartheid is not only in South Africa, but it is also right here on this campus," Bewig said. "Those in power at this University want to exploit, abuse and use blacks and whites."

University administration and Marriott food services discriminate also, Bewig said.

"We reject 'cronyism,' racism and sexism," he said. "When one person is discriminated against, all of us lose a bit of our freedom. We have a vision of something better. We want a tolerant, open University."

After the rally, about 20 students marched to Vance Hall, where they submitted a letter to the Department

of Employee Relations outlining the student concern that the University "has failed to provide its employees with an effective grievance procedure."

Steve Bernholz, attorney for the officers who filed grievances, said the situation cannot be resolved fairly by the University personnel department.

"The Employee Relations office holds itself out to employees as being the intermediary between employees and the University and being basically a neutral party in the process," he said, "while in fact the Employee Relations office is the University — and tends to give the appearance of not being neutral."

Panamanian official tells subcommittee that Noriega helped train contras

From Associated Press reports

WASHINGTON — Panama's military leader, Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega, provided military training for U.S.-backed Nicaraguan rebels after he met twice in 1985 with Lt. Col. Oliver North, a former top

Panamanian intelligence official testified Wednesday.

North told Noriega in October 1985 that the Panamanian training bases were needed because U.S. laws at the time banned any direct U.S. help for the rebels fighting Nicaragua's leftist government, Jose Blandon said through an interpreter.

Blandon, testifying under oath for a second day, also repeated his assertion that the CIA regularly sent Noriega reports on the political positions and personal lives of some U.S. senators, including Sens. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., and Edward Kennedy, D-Mass.

The CIA "categorically denied" Blandon's statements on Tuesday, but he refused on Wednesday to change his story.

Late Wednesday, the chairman of

the Senate Intelligence Committee issued a statement saying he doubted Blandon's allegation on the CIA reports.

In testimony before the subcommittee Wednesday afternoon, a Panamanian pilot, his features hidden by a black hood, said Noriega contracted in 1982 with Colombia's Medellin narcotics cartel to protect cocaine shipments flown into Panama en route to the United States. The cartel is said to be responsible for 80 percent of the cocaine imported into the United States.

In the morning session, Blandon testified that Noriega's first meeting with North, a former National Security Council aide, occurred in June 1985 on a yacht near the Panamanian city of Balboa. The second meeting

was at Noriega's office four months later.

Blandon said North sought Panamanian training bases for the contras because North told Noriega that U.S. law banned any direct American support for the guerrillas.

Noriega agreed, Blandon said, and the guerrillas were trained at two Panamanian bases.

Noriega later offered to send Panamanian soldiers inside Nicaragua to conduct "terrorist sabotage" against the Sandinistas, Blandon said. North answered that he had no authority to accept such an offer but would relay it to his bosses at the National Security Council.

Blandon told the Foreign Relations panel that Noriega met in December 1985 in Panama with North's former boss at the National Security Council, Rear Adm. John Poindexter.

Noriega asserted last week that he and Poindexter talked at that meeting about plans for a U.S. invasion of Nicaragua, but Blandon disputed that. No such plans were discussed, he said.

Both North and his former boss at the National Security Council, Rear Adm. John Poindexter, are targets of an investigation by the independent counsel in the Iran-contra affair.

The BSM endorses Geer for CAA president because members feel she is the most qualified for the job, Perry said.

"It is not because she is running unopposed," he said. "She is the best person on the campus for the job."

"She did a fine job last year and already has many plans to improve homecoming next year in ways that would also include minorities," Perry said.

Hyman said he agrees. "Carol has a good grasp of how to attract a wider group of students," he said. "Through the year she came to us for help and she also offered advice."

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try to improve the quality of minority input into the paper.

"Because of her experience, she seemed to know of the best ways to get minorities involved in working on the paper," Perry said.

Lutes' idea for a column to discuss racial issues is a good one, Perry said.

In the race for RHA president, the BSM supports Cobb because members think he has the most experience in dealing with different social situations, Perry said.

"He has a real good understanding of life in the dorms," Hyman said. "Since he is governor of Hinton James he has had to deal with minority issues, and this could help him improve the situation."

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