

Elite golf community proposed for Chatham County

By LAURA GRIMMER
Staff Writer

"We'll start with 1,100 gorgeous acres of land..."

And develop an elite, private golfing community, say the promotional advertisements for Governors Club, a \$240 million development proposed for northern Chatham County.

The project will be about four miles south of Chapel Hill in an area known as Edwards Mountain.

The development will offer an 18-hole championship golf course designed by Jack Nicklaus, a country club with pro shops and swimming pools, corporate-owned cottages with

small conference facilities, six tennis courts and an equestrian center.

The development will also have about 700 single-family, townhouse or villa-style dwellings on lots priced from \$90,000 to \$200,000.

And it appears the low-income property owners surrounding the proposed site on Edwards Mountain have given the development a tentative blessing.

Melanie O'Connell, director of economic development for Chatham County, said public reaction at the March 21 meeting of the Chatham County Commissioners and Planning Board was generally good.

"We (the commissioners) were

expecting a lot more opposition than we got," O'Connell said. She said most people's main concern was the effect the costly community would have on the tax base of the surrounding property.

"We are not estimating any significant increase in the taxes for the landowners around the Governors Club area," she said. The fact that most of the housing around the development is low-income would help to keep any possible tax increase under control, she said.

"The benefits this development could bring to Chatham County are incredible," O'Connell said.

The county could gain an estimated

\$1.6 million in revenue from an ad valorem property tax and auto and sales taxes paid by the residents of the development, O'Connell said. The tax money could be used to bolster the county's water, sewer and education programs, she said.

"Governors Club will not have too much impact on county social or human services," O'Connell said.

"The developers have proposed their own garbage collection and private security system, so the cost to Chatham County is not going to be that much."

Governors Club residents will also have to pay about \$96,000 annually to the North Chatham Fire Department — almost half of the existing budget — for fire protection.

And employment opportunities should continue long after the construction of the development is complete, O'Connell said. "At least 100 people will be employed by Governors Club in the country club, the riding area, landscaping, everywhere," she said.

The golf course is scheduled to open in fall 1989, if everything proceeds smoothly with public officials.

The formal development proposal will go before the Chatham County Planning Board for approval April 5. The board will then make its

recommendation to the commissioners, who will make their decision April 18.

Commissioner Mary Holmes said no one in the group would make a public statement about Governors Club until after the meeting.

Managing partners in the development are Michael Sanders and J. Allen Jordan, principal executives in Club Development Associates of Pinehurst. Club Development Associates is also developing Pinehurst National Golf Club.

The other partners in Governors Club are Truby Proctor, Kirk Bradley, Joe Brinn and Ken Eason, all from Sanford.

Planned complex to contain stores, multiple theaters

By AMY GRUBBS
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A cinema with six to eight theaters and a retail complex are being planned by East-West Partners, the Chapel Hill developers.

The complex, University Village, is to be located on Highway 54 between the University Motor Inn and Hamilton Drive.

Roger Perry, a senior partner at East-West Partners, said there had been some concern voiced by the neighborhoods in the area, but he doesn't anticipate a large setback in development.

Perry said the people are concerned about the increase in traffic, the circulation of traffic

and parking for the complex.

"Of the existing road network," Perry said, "Highway 54 has probably got more capacity for traffic than any other road in Chapel Hill."

Perry said Finley Golf Course Road or Prestwick Road will be used to get into the complex.

Parking, at this time, is the biggest problem the developers are facing.

"I think if we get the parking question solved, we'll get approval from the city," Perry said.

Perry said the architecture and the landscaping of University Village satisfied the city. Philip Szostak of Philip Szostak Associates handled the design.

Ambassador

foreign policy developed after Franco's rule, he said.

"Our Latin America policy is oriented toward the pacification, democratization and economic development in those countries who hold one of the greatest potentials for the democratization of the world," Santamaria said.

As a result of this focus, Spain supports the Contadora process and the Central America peace process

under the Arias plan, he said.

But if the weather nations of the world do not help solve Latin America's debt crisis, enduring democracies cannot develop, he said.

"We are trying to promote the importance of paying more attention to Latin America's problems and trying to cope with them as soon as possible," Santamaria said. "Or the notion that we are pro-democratic will be meaningless."

Admissions

Project Uplift, which involves about 600 high school juniors in a three-day program, and Decision Days, which has students who have been accepted visit UNC with their parents, are two of the visitation programs.

UNC students also visit high schools during Fall Break to talk to minority students through a program

called Tar Heel Target, Davis said.

Despite UNC's efforts to increase recruitment, Davis and Lanier said the competition among universities like UNC and the Ivy Leagues for good minority students is keen.

"We feel like we're losing good students to other institutions," Lanier said.

Women

response from Fordham, Hershey and Williamson. They have responded well to past reports by the CSW, she said.

"The faculty as a whole is saying they are concerned about these issues," she said. "The resolutions should have some force."

County infant death rate above state norm

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Although many recognize the excellent medical facilities and health services in Orange County, the county actually has a higher infant mortality rate than a majority of North Carolina counties.

In 1986, Orange County's infant mortality rate, deaths of infants less than one year old, was 11.8 per 1,000 births — higher than North Carolina's overall rate of 11.6 deaths per 1,000 births.

Of North Carolina's 100 counties, Orange had the 48th highest infant mortality rate. Both Mecklenburg (10.6) and Durham (10.7) counties had lower rates, although Wake County recorded a significantly higher rate of 13.0.

Lynne Chamblee, health educator for the Orange County Health Department, said there were 12 infant deaths out of 1,016 births in Orange County in 1986.

But the statistics for small counties such as Orange are difficult to interpret, she said. "We must remember that we are dealing in small numbers and just one death could alter the statistics considerably."

Infant mortality rates in Orange County have fluctuated after reaching a peak in 1979 of 21.0 deaths per 1,000 births. The small number of births in Orange County contribute to these fluctuations, Chamblee said.

Premature births and low birth weights are two of the biggest factors to consider when investigating infant mortality, Chamblee said.

Although no figures have been

	United States	N.C.	Orange County
1982	11.5	13.7	11.0
1983	11.2	13.2	8.2
1984	10.8	12.5	12.5
1985	10.6	12.0	13.0
1986	10.4*	11.6	11.8

* estimated

Source: North Carolina Center for Health Statistics

28 days of birth, is the area in which health services such as those offered in Orange County are most effective.

"We are really able to help in these stages because we now have the technology to prolong or sustain an infant's life," Chamblee said.

Unfortunately, these medical services are centered around Chapel Hill and Hillsborough, and many Orange County residents living in rural areas are unable to find transportation, she said.

To help lower Orange County's infant mortality rate, the county offers various services. The Baby Love Program is for prenatal care and provides various tests and helps monitor a baby's progress during its early stages of development, Chamblee said.

The Women Infant Child (WIC) program focuses on reducing the mortality rate through proper nutrition. WIC provides food vouchers for low-income pregnant women to ensure a balanced diet, which is essential to healthy baby weight, Chamblee said.

Orange County's health department provides a variety of prenatal care services. A nurse practitioner and residents from North Carolina Memorial Hospital see patients at the county's health offices once a week.

The county also offers tests, educational programs and counseling. Women who are referred to NCMH for testing and cannot cover the full costs of their treatment can also receive partial funding from the county.

Council may prohibit skateboard ramps

By BILL HILDEBOLT
Staff Writer

The Chapel Hill Town Council passed a proposal Monday night that could ultimately result in the prohibition or regulation of skateboard ramps in Chapel Hill.

Only one council member, Art Werner, voted against the resolution to have a public hearing later this spring to "hear public comment on the possible prohibition of skateboard ramps."

Council member David Godschalk questioned the council on Feb. 8 to direct town attorney Ralph Karpinos to review the situation. The council will next hear public comment and

then decide whether or not to regulate the skateboard ramps.

A single ramp on Rogerson Drive has brought this issue to the forefront. At the meeting, Godschalk showed a picture of the ramp and said, "I don't think anyone would say that this is not a public nuisance. I would not want to live next to it."

Karpinos said the town council would have to declare skateboard ramps a "public nuisance" in order to regulate them. If the council simply declared skateboard ramps an illegal land use, the existing ramps would fall under a type of grandfather clause.

Werner voiced his disapproval of

Godschalk's proposal to declare skateboard ramps a nuisance. "I think we're going after this with an elephant gun," he said.

"I imagine that there are hundreds of skateboard ramps all over town," Werner said. "There's one less than 20 feet from my front door, and yet only this one (the ramp on Rogerson Drive) has been heard of."

"You're stepping on the rights of hundreds of people," he said.

Godschalk, holding up a picture of the ramp, said, "Mr. Werner, I'm sure that you would not want to live next to this."

"The attorney's resolution said nothing about the size of the ramp,

and I resent your inference that it refers to all ramps," Godschalk said.

Council member Nancy Preston said, "Skateboarding offers some exercise and entertainment for the kids. Maybe we could move the ramp to some other place."

Council member James Wallace suggested the possibility of locating ramps in parks to the west of town which would not be in residential areas.

Mayor Jonathan Howes said, "I will support the resolution for the public hearing, but I agree with some of Art Werner's concerns. We've heard both sides of the situation."

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Tests measure students' paperwork skills

By HOLLY YOUNG
Staff Writer

Students at large universities often complain that their grades do not reflect the amount of effort they put into their work. Studies done in recent years show this is often not due to a lack of intelligence on the part of the student, but rather a deficiency in paperwork skills.

The Aptitude Inventory Measurement Service (AIMS), a testing and research organization based in Dallas, Texas, has solutions to this

problem. AIMS tests students of all ages, helping them make educational and career decisions ranging from their choice of major to their choice of career.

Brenda Smith, a director of aptitude testing and interpretive services at the AIMS center, said students who know whether or not they have paperwork aptitude will have an advantage in college.

"Students who go to large universities can run into problems if classes are large and tests are long with time limits," she said.

Knowing whether or not you have the aptitude can help you to change things to your advantage, Smith said. AIMS offers suggestions to students who find they are deficient in paperwork skills. For example, students are encouraged to not take classes with large amounts of paperwork in the same semester. Or they could take some of those classes in summer school to lighten the load.

The ideal age to be tested for

paperwork aptitude is 16 or 17, but AIMS tests students as early as age 13. Testing early in life can help a student channel his interests into the appropriate areas, Smith said.

However, he said, students already in college often benefit more by testing because they have had some experience and better understand their own needs.

"College students can approach it from an angle that will be beneficial to them; testing can help them learn something about themselves," Smith said.

The AIMS center can also help those considering career changes by helping them realize the source of their discontent.

Some people who are tested achieve a successful career reorientation, while others simply come to understand themselves and ways to develop their abilities.

Often businesses make use of the AIMS testing center, directing their employees toward appropriate career paths. Testing employees

helps to increase job satisfaction and lowers the employee turnover rate. It can also help companies find ways to utilize and complement employee talents, ensuring long-term job satisfaction.

Most testing takes place in Dallas, but the staff often travels to other places to conduct testing if there is a high demand. The program consists of three four-hour appointments with a fee of \$475 for testing and evaluation. AIMS measures aptitudes such as perceptual speed, finger dexterity and convergent and divergent thinking.

"It is especially important to remember that just because you have a low score, it does not mean that you cannot do what you want to do — and do it effectively," Smith said.

Anyone desiring additional information about the program may contact the AIMS center by calling (214) 521-8378, or writing to AIMS, McKinney Avenue, Suite 300, Dallas, Texas 75205.

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