

Group offers I-40 development plan

By LARRY STONE
Staff Writer

The Adaron Group has proposed a 40-acre mixed development at the intersection of Interstate 40 and N.C. 86, the first development of its kind along the newly opened stretch of I-40.

Ron Strom, one of the Research Triangle group's partners, said it would take five to 10 years to complete the project at a cost of about \$75 million.

The land is on the southeastern border of I-40 and stretches back to Weaver Dairy Road.

The development will be predominantly office space, but there also will be a commercial component and possibly a hotel, health club and entertainment complex, Strom said.

"We, as the applicant, have proposed a fully integrated, well-planned, fully coordinated project," he said.

The project will have to meet the

standards set up by the joint planning agreement, zoning ordinances passed by Orange County, Chapel Hill and Carrboro, and the mixed-use zoning ordinance.

The joint planning agreement establishes a rural buffer zone to distinguish between residential areas and places where development may occur. I-40 is the border for the rural buffer at N.C. 86, which might allow the proposed project south of the highway.

"Our quadrant was clearly marked for a highly intensive development," Strom said.

The mixed-use ordinance calls for future development with minimum impact on neighborhoods and existing roadways. Strom said his firm's proposal meets both criteria.

"There's not a better place to serve northern Chapel Hill," he said. "The only neighborhood in that area is Northwoods on the west side of

(N.C.) 86. We have taken great steps to minimize the effects by placing the hotel and commercial area closer to the interchange and proposing an office across from the subdivision."

Strom lives in the Northwoods neighborhood.

The proposal is a two-step procedure, beginning with an overall blueprint of the general layout of buildings, parking and buffers, Strom said.

"This project will take five to 10 years to complete, so I don't know exactly what dimensions my buildings will be," he said. "I want to give a general sense, based on a detailed site analysis."

If the project gains initial approval, the group would then be more specific in its plans, Strom said.

Since the group has done extensive planning, Strom said he believed this plan was in the town's best interests. "Any time a developer can control

a large parcel of land and coordinate it, it should be good for the community," he said. "Without that, you can have a situation like the one at Franklin (Street) and Estes (Drive), where you have different landscaping, curb cuttings and signage. What if they were master-planned?"

Although the approval process has just begun, Strom said he has had some preliminary discussions with possible tenants.

"We have talked with a health club, one of Chapel Hill's more prominent restaurants and some professional groups who would like to be located here," Strom said.

Strom said he hoped the offerings in the commercial development would include several restaurants, a bank and professional services to keep people at the site from leaving to do lunch-hour shopping.

"We see the commercial side as a service center to support and attract people from the offices," he said. "I would call it fairly upscale in nature." But the commercial portion of the development will not be what people may think of as typical commercial development, he said.

"We've turned down lots of calls from developers of K marts and car dealerships who would love to set up a large commercial complex on this site," Strom said.

"The word 'commercial' scares a lot of people in Chapel Hill," he said. "Here, I think it would be an integral part of a project that would be beneficial to the town."

Coach Dean Smith donates scholarship fund to Kansas

From staff reports

UNC head basketball coach Dean Smith, a University of Kansas graduate, has pledged \$50,000 to establish a scholarship fund at Kansas.

The Vesta Marie Edwards Smith Scholarship in Education is named in honor of Smith's mother, who taught elementary school for 40 years and now lives in Topeka.

The scholarships will be awarded to students in the School of Education's elementary education program.

Smith graduated from the University of Kansas, School of Education in 1953.

Funds to refurbish library

The Carolina Parents Association has given the Undergraduate Library \$24,000 to upgrade a room used for library instruction.

The room is used by most freshmen, who spend at least an hour learning about the library system and how to use it. The room also is used by more than 300 classes annually to view audiovisual material as part of classroom instruction.

The project is expected to be completed by March 31 and will provide better equipment and acoustical wall treatment for the room.

University Briefs

Guest lecturer to discuss AIDS

Samuel Thier, president of the Institute of Medicine in the National Academy of Sciences, will present the 1988 Merrimon Lectureship in Medicine Nov. 21. The lecture takes place at 8 p.m. in 103 Berryhill Hall.

Thier, former Sterling Professor and chairman of the department of internal medicine at Yale University, will present "AIDS: Dissonance Between Science and Policy."

The Merrimon Lectureship was established in 1966 by the late Louise Merrimon Perry. The lecture's purpose is to emphasize the origins, traditions, history and ethics of the medical profession.

Hardin names council chairman

David Ward of New Bern has been appointed national chairman of the National Development Council at UNC. The appointment was made recently by Chancellor Paul Hardin.

He will serve as national chairman for three years and his duties will include improving participation within each of the council's eight regions.

Virus causes minimal damage to Triangle computer systems

By DENISE JOYCE
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The computer virus devised and executed two weeks ago by Cornell graduate student Robert Morris Jr. caused some slight disturbances within the University and surrounding areas.

The virus was a program that inserted itself into a computer system to spread to other programs, causing temporary confusion as it traveled, said assistant computer science professor Dean Brock.

The virus used the computer mail system SENDMAIL as the gateway to other potential systems, but the spread was stopped early, Brock said.

The virus could have entered the SENDMAIL system or another system called FINGER, or it could have cracked other systems' passwords, said Bill Fuller, manager of the computer center at MCNP, a

microelectronics firm in Research Triangle Park.

The virus attempted to enter some of MCNP's systems, but security programs dissolved it, Fuller said. MCNP shut down some systems but had no damage, he added.

"A substantial amount of time was wasted because we didn't know what the effect would be at the time," Fuller said.

"It was a very clever program," Brock said.

Brad Bennett, an electronic technician in the computer science department, said some changes were made to two or three programs.

"We were pretty lucky," Bennett said. "It never made it into any of the systems."

Both Brock and Bennett said the federal computer systems are not excessively vulnerable.

Systems containing important

information, such as national research material or payroll dispersal, usually have more protection than those systems the virus invaded, Brock explained.

The news-exchange network that the virus attacked was necessarily open and flexible to allow for the easy flow of data and information, Bennett said.

"The virus was restricted to academic departments and a few businesses, but it really didn't affect the serious stuff," Brock said.

Even though major systems have substantial protection, Bennett said a more "deadly" virus could erase disks and cause permanent damage.

Although Morris has said little about his motive for creating the virus, Brock and others speculated that Morris may have done it for the challenge of proving that it could be done.

Discover the world during Geography Awareness Week

By BRENDA CAMPBELL
Staff Writer

UNC's Department of Geography will work to educate students about the various aspects of the science this week as it sponsors Geography Awareness Week.

The public views geography as a science that deals only with maps and the location of places, said Carol Hazard, a graduate student in geography.

"We want everyone to realize that geography deals with a wide variety of things like climate, the environment and medical geography," she said. "It is not just finding places or knowing the capitals of all the states." Gov. Jim Martin proclaimed Nov.

13 through Nov. 19 Geography Awareness Week in the state, John Florin, geography department chairman, said Friday.

Geography Awareness Week is a nationwide event, Florin said. "This is the second year that Congress has proclaimed that there be a National Geography Awareness Week celebrated all over the nation," he said.

Florin said N.J. Sen. Bill Bradley came up with the idea.

"There has always been a long tradition of interest and concern for the public and their lack of geography concerns. He (Bradley) worked with a variety of organizations to develop this week to increase the public's understanding of geography," Florin

said. Florin said students should be more aware of the geography research projects conducted on campus.

Karl Zimmer, an assistant professor in the geography department, recently conducted research in Peru on the agricultural use of land in the country.

"Geography is very international in the aspect of problems," Zimmer said. "The work that I do is really broadly related to the use of the environment by humans and peasants in the rural areas of the Third World."

"In my work, I am especially interested in how the folk make a living, and also in the nature of their land use and resource use."

Federal funds to help repay public housing overcharge

By L.D. CURLE
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The long-standing problem of public housing overcharges in Chapel Hill has been solved by \$100,000 in federal money, and public housing tenants had a chance to find out about it at a meeting last week.

Because the local housing authority did not keep up with rising utility rates, the tenants were not given a large enough utility allowance, according to Candace Carraway, attorney for North State Legal Services (NSLS).

NSLS represented public housing tenants in the recent settlement with town and federal officials.

This settlement between NSLS, the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Town of Chapel Hill will provide \$100,000 to correct overcharges that began in 1982, Carraway said.

In a public meeting last week, the tenants had a chance to find out what the refunds involve.

Tina Vaughn, director of housing and community development for Chapel Hill, said the refunds will be given to the affected tenants as a rent credit or check. Former residents are the only recipients who must physically come and request their check, she said.

Since many of the tenants are on some welfare or food stamp program,

there was concern these refunds might interfere with their benefits, Vaughn said.

The tenants were told to notify their respective social workers upon receiving the check, she said. There is no guarantee that a tenant's benefits will be safe, but most tenants' benefits will not be affected, she said.

Town attorney Ralph Karpinos said the town discovered the problem in 1986 when it appointed someone to act as a temporary director of the Chapel Hill Housing Authority.

At that time, the authority was a separate legal entity from the town, and the town was considering establishing a housing program that would be responsible to the town, Karpinos said.

When the appointment was made

and town officials heard a legal service had been contacted about the overcharges, the town got involved, Karpinos said.

The Chapel Hill Housing Authority has since been dissolved and has been replaced by the town's Department of Housing and Community. The overcharges may have convinced some town officials that the housing authority should be replaced with a program with direct accountability to the town, Karpinos said.

The problem has taken nearly two years to correct because the town had to go back and determine when the rate updates should have been made, how much money the updates should have involved and who was living in the units during the time, Karpinos said.

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black dentists to solicit their opinions.

Elizabeth Furr, director of law school admissions, said the UNC School of Law is making "fairly aggressive" efforts to recruit qualified students, but it's difficult because of the relatively small number of black students who apply.

"It is difficult to retain quality minority students in law," she said. "There is a limited pool of applicants, and every law school is vying for the

same pool of applicants."

The law school sends a letter to every minority applicant and sponsors a phonathon in which black law students call accepted applicants. Also, 60 percent of minority law students at UNC receive some sort of scholarship.

Law school administrators are making a "strong effort" to raise the percentage of black law students to at least 10 percent, she said.

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