

# Town council OKs entrance for new shopping center

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The Chapel Hill Town Council approved a special use permit for University Village after weighing the interests of Glenwood Elementary School, the developer and the town.

The council voted 8 to 1 in favor of a plan created by the developer and the town planning staff to provide an entranceway connecting Prestwick Road with University Village, a proposed shopping center and office building.

Prestwick Road will be closed between Hamilton Road and the entrance to University Village to

prevent increasing traffic along Hamilton Road.

"It's a workable compromise," said John McCormick, an attorney representing the Board of Education. "On behalf of the school board, we find the resolution to be acceptable."

At a February public hearing, McCormick said University Village, which will be located at the N.C. 54 and Hamilton Road intersection, would increase traffic along Hamilton Road and endanger the children walking to Glenwood Elementary School.

Council member Nancy Preston

expressed concern about emergency access along Hamilton Road, but Town Planner Roger Waldon said the barriers along Prestwick Road could be removed if necessary.

Waldon said the resolution balanced the interests of the developer for adequate access to the site and the interests of the schoolchildren who walk along Hamilton Road.

Council member Jim Wallace said the town planning staff's involvement in developing a compromise was inappropriate.

"Our people seem to be jumping through hoops to be accommodating," he said.

Council member David Godschalk praised the town staff.

"I think the staff did a good job. They have probably done the best job they could have done."

The council approved an ordinance endorsed by the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Board of Education to reduce delays in the school system's building schedule.

The ordinance changes the town's review process for proposed construction involving elementary and secondary schools.

The ordinance "streamlines" the process by which the town reviews

these projects, McCormick said.

"It's a matter of pragmatism. We are not trying to reduce any standards."

The school board's architectural firm has estimated the cost of going through the special use permit application process to be \$30,000, McCormick said.

Godschalk said the school system was under extraordinary pressure to build new facilities and expand present schools.

The council also discussed the town budget for the next fiscal year.

Town Manager David Taylor said the town's interim budget report

showed an \$800,000 gap between expected revenues and expenditures.

Rising costs of solid waste disposal, the town's recycling program and health care insurance for town employees are some of the reasons for the deficit, Taylor said.

"If there is anyone out there . . . that cares to make any comments about the budget, please write or call my office," he said.

Mayor Jonathan Howes said the council was expected to approve the final budget in late May after a public hearing and two council work sessions.

# U.S. government drops unlawful flight charge against Hatcher

From Associated Press reports

SAN FRANCISCO — The federal government on Monday dropped a charge of unlawful flight against Eddie Hatcher, who is accused of kidnaping 14 people in an N.C. newspaper office, allowing him to fight extradition in California courts.

Hatcher, 31, said his life would be in danger if he were returned to North Carolina, where he has accused local law enforcement authorities of corruption. He also contends he should not have to face trial on state charges after being acquitted of federal hostage charges for the same incident.

His lawyers say Hatcher would not have been able to make those arguments before being sent to North Carolina if the federal government had pursued its charge of unlawful flight to avoid prosecution, filed after he fled the state in December. That charge is usually dismissed after a

fugitive is arrested.

But after declaring two weeks ago that the government was unwilling to drop the flight charge, Assistant U.S. Attorney Jeff Bornstein asked a federal magistrate Monday to dismiss the charge and turn Hatcher over to local authorities to begin extradition proceedings.

Bornstein said afterward that he had acted at the direction of the U.S. attorney's office in Raleigh, which had been in touch with the attorney general's office in Washington.

"The government did not want to get involved in North Carolina's attempt to, in effect, kidnap Eddie Hatcher under the ruse of this (unlawful flight) charge," Harris Taback, one of Hatcher's lawyers, told reporters.

The lawyers said they would seek

Hatcher's release on bail and try to convince either Calif. Gov. George Deukmejian or the California courts to deny extradition.

Hatcher and Timothy Jacobs, 20, both Tuscarora Indians, were accused of holding as many as 20 people hostage for 10 hours in February 1988 in the offices of The Robesonian newspaper in Lumberton.

They said they were trying to draw attention to their claims that law enforcement officials were involved in drug trafficking and other corruption. A task force formed by Gov. Jim Martin concluded later that the claims were unfounded.

The two men were first tried and acquitted in federal court on hostage-taking and firearms charges, but then were indicted in December on state kidnapping charges.

Jacobs, arrested in New York state, was returned to North Carolina last Thursday after dropping his appeal of an extradition ruling by a New York court. A judge in Lumberton has set his bail at \$100,000.

Hatcher was arrested in San Francisco three weeks ago after unsuccessfully seeking political asylum in the Soviet consulate. He is being held without bail.

Supporters of Hatcher demonstrated outside the court building before Monday's hearing and crowded into the small courtroom for the brief proceedings. They included his mother, Thelma Clark, who said afterward she was pleased that "we'll get a chance to prove his allegations are true, that he was in danger, and his whole family."

## Hiring

position. Instead, it is an effort to "reveal something unethical," he said. "Anything unethical should be brought up. This needs to be revealed so it won't happen again."

The department's recommendation of Leloudis was not a breach of ethics because the advertisement citing the doctorate requirement was not a contract, said Colin Palmer, chairman of the history department.

"In selecting a candidate, the department may choose a candidate who has met some, but not all, of the qualities advertised," Palmer said.

It is common practice in many UNC departments to hire a candidate who does not have a doctorate in hand but who is well on the way to getting the degree, Palmer said.

In fact, five of the junior professors now in the history department were hired before they received their doctorate degrees, said Harry Watson, associate professor of history.

The degree requirement in the advertisement did not discourage people who were not working toward a doctoral degree from applying, Palmer said. "We had applications from many who did not have a Ph.D."

The AHA code of ethics was designed to guard against any blatant breach of conduct, such as advertising

for an assistant professor and hiring a full professor instead, Watson said.

The department is not bound by the code of ethics of the AHA, which Davis charged it violated, Palmer said.

He said the department decided to hire Leloudis because his "record of scholarship is superior to ones we have seen in the past."

Leloudis is the recipient of the Beveridge Award for a book he co-authored with several other professors in the department. His work has

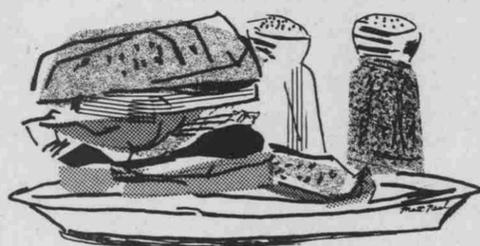
also been published in Historical Review and The Journal of American History. "When you publish in these two journals, you're hot stuff," Palmer said.

Faced with a candidate with such achievement, Watson said, the search committee had to debate the question: "Do you hire the person who seems brilliant, or do you let them go because they did not meet all of the qualifications?"

"Many times we'll go for that person," Watson said.

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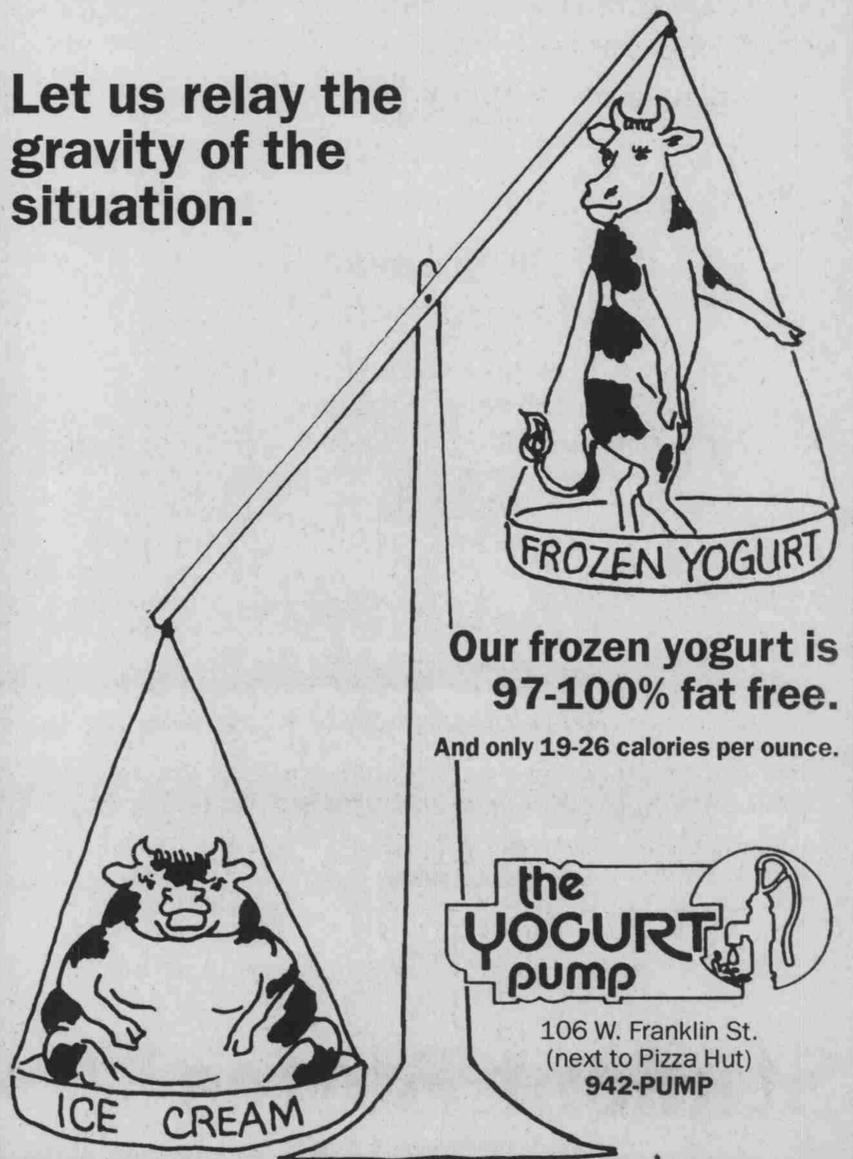
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