

City and Campus

Residents to petition town council to delay Gateway complex

From staff reports
A group of concerned Chapel Hill residents will present a petition to the Chapel Hill Town Council requesting that the controversial Gateway shopping and office complex be delayed until zoning problems are studied. The residents' petition asks that the Gateway project be postponed while officials change the town's mixed-use zoning ordinance. The petition will be presented at the Monday town council meeting, and town officials expect that the matter will be turned over to Town Manager David Taylor for further study. Members of the Cross County Citizens Committee, the authors of the petition, also want the town council to establish a special committee to look into the Gateway project and determine whether the project should be considered a mixed-use development. The petition requests that the special committee consist of developers, planners and residents living near the pro-

posed Gateway site. This committee would discuss the question of whether a mixed-use designation is appropriate for such a large project. Chapel Hill Gateway is a 50-acre planned development which is designated for a site near the Interstate 40-Durham-Chapel Hill Boulevard intersection. The shopping and office complex was postponed temporarily by Jamestown Properties, the project's developers, to allow discussions with town planners concerning planning and zoning questions. The town council will also receive a report Monday from the town manager saying that landscaping work done on Little Creek, at the Chapel Hill Country Club, is contrary to Chapel Hill's resource conservation district ordinance. Council member Joe Herzenberg requested the study, which supports claims made earlier by town engineers

that the work done at Little Creek in August, to stabilize the creek beds and prevent erosion, is a violation of the conservation ordinance because a zoning compliance permit was not issued. Workers hired by the country club were ordered to stop work by an order from town engineers Aug. 3. The work crews were allowed to complete the job after the country club's attorney found the work did not violate the resource conservation district ordinance, which is designed to protect watersheds and other environmental areas. Taylor's report said town engineers were working with the Army Corps of Engineers and state officials to develop a solution "to the unauthorized land disturbance performed by the Country Club along Little Creek."

Campus groups take aim on theft

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— Eric Palo, head of circulation at Davis Library

By JAMES COBLIN
Staff Writer
To teach students how to protect themselves and their belongings from theft, several University organizations are emphasizing the necessity of safeguarding personal possessions. University housing is hosting special programs across campus, said housing director Wayne Kuncel. Signs are posted in Davis Library to draw people's attention to protecting their belongings, said Eric Palo, head of circulation at Davis Library. Sgt. Ned Comar of University police said the beginning of the year was an active time for thieves because new students are often unaware of safety precautions, and residents are unfamiliar with each other. "It is hard to tell who belongs and who doesn't."

Students should avoid carrying purses, wallets, and valuables on campus and to the gyms, Comar said. "There is usually no need for a purse or wallet, so it shouldn't be carried," he said. "There is nothing for anyone to buy in the gym or library." Valuables should be left in a locked room in a locked foot locker, Comar said. A thief usually won't take the trouble to carry a bulky object, especially if it is heavy, he said. "A foot locker is a panacea for security in a dorm room," he said. Most thefts in the libraries occur when someone has just gone into the stacks to look for a book or stepped into the bathroom, Palo said. Money should not be brought into the library or left unattended, Palo said. "If you are not willing to lose it, don't leave it sitting around. You take that risk by leaving something unattended," he said.

Residence areas and halls have installed new equipment and planned special awareness programs to teach residents about safety, said Clare Aselin, assistant area director of Olde Campus. "The access doors by which students get into the dorms have been changed this year," she said. "Instead of having students enter through the side doors, we are using the doors at the ends of the residence hall as the after-hours entrance." "These doors are better lit, more frequently traveled by students coming and going, and are closer to other residence halls."

Staff members are checking the working order of phones outside women's dorms to help improve security, Aselin said. "In addition to the phones, we are placing the phone numbers of University police as well as the area office so that students will know where to call in case of emergency or if they need to get the phone number of a friend that they wish to visit," she said. All residence halls will also have at least one alarmed door, Aselin said. "We have replaced the old security doors with doors that are better equipped to handle the abuse of day-to-day traffic. The old doors were getting dented and damaged due to lots of use." Many programs are being held to emphasize safety, such as self-defense lectures. "We are trying to increase awareness of the dangers which are present on campus," she said. Students are being urged to lock their doors at all times, to be careful where and when they walk alone and to be aware of ways that they can protect themselves, Aselin said. Few thefts have been reported in the Cobb/Joyner area since school started, but efforts are being made to keep people aware of risks, said Leslie Foster, area director. Unless residents take responsibility for their property, the staff cannot help residents protect their belongings, she said. "We don't check doors. If we see a door standing open, we will try to find the owner, but other than that, we have no way of checking on security," Foster said. "It is important that people take steps to minimize these types of occurrences. People should be aware of the safety measures that are available to them."

Town Meetings

- Monday, Sept. 11
 - Chapel Hill Parking Committee
1:00 p.m. Municipal Building 306 N. Columbia St.
 - Chapel Hill Town Council
7:30 p.m. Municipal Building 306 N. Columbia St.
Included on the agenda: Priorities for spending open space bond money and presentation of the downtown plan. The meeting will also include petitions from Coventry Homeowners and a mixed-use petition from the Cross County Citizens Committee.
 - Hillsborough Town Board
7:30 p.m. Town Hall 101 E. Orange St.
- Tuesday, Sept. 12
 - Carrboro Board of Aldermen
7:30 p.m. Town Hall 301 W. Main St.
Included on the agenda: Public hearing on a proposed downtown circulation plan and a public hearing on creating a neighborhood preservation district commission.
 - Chapel Hill Town Council
7:30 p.m. Phillips Junior High School, Estes Drive
Included on the agenda: Public hearing on changes at Horace Williams Airport.

Campus Y to provide info in Pit

By SHERRY WATERS
Staff Writer
The Campus Y, in its 130th year at UNC, will have an informational sign-up in the Pit Wednesday and Thursday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Project Literacy, Freshman Camp, the "Big Buddy" program, Human Rights Week and Umstead Hospital are some of the Campus Y programs that will be represented in the Pit. All 32 Campus Y committees will be giving out information and answering questions about their activities. Last year the Y had nearly 700 members, and Campus Y officials are hoping to reach that number again this year, said Tony Deifell, Campus Y co-president. The yearly Pit drive is usually successful because of the variety of committees the Y has to offer, he said. There will also be a Campus Y meeting in the Hanes Art Center Wednesday at 8 p.m. Malini Moorthy, Campus Y co-president, said the Campus Y deals with a variety of issues. "It is difficult sometimes to put feelings into words, but the Y gives people a chance to express their feelings by sharing. It's the conscience of the campus."



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