

City and Campus

Residents oppose post office site

By CAMERON TEW
Staff Writer

Despite criticism by some Carrboro residents, the Carrboro Board of Aldermen has made arrangements with the U.S. Postal Service to place the town's new post office on two acres of land adjacent to Westwood Cemetery on Fidelity Street.

Area residents who feel the new post office will cause traffic problems in the area and destroy the natural surroundings of the area have criticized the plan. Some residents have requested that a public park be built instead.

The new post office will replace the Carrboro Post Office on South Greensboro Street. The present location cannot be expanded to meet the town's needs.

The aldermen based their decision to sell the land to the Postal Service on their inability to find a private land owner and the board's desire to keep the post office in downtown Carrboro. Alderman Judith Wegner said, "We don't think it is a terribly terrific site, but it is the only one viable with our downtown plan."

Wegner said other sites in downtown were examined as possible choices, but the U.S. Postal Service and the private property owners could not reach agreements on the sale of those sites.

Jim Porto, candidate for mayor, said

the post office needed to remain located in the downtown area because it was important to the town's vitality.

Porto said the opposition's recommendation to place the post office off of N.C. 54 was hard to consider, because it goes against the policy the board has set for the post office staying in downtown.

Resident Bob Proctor began a petition to request that the board find an alternate spot for the post office. Proctor said 148 people had signed the petition before it was sent to the aldermen.

"We don't think it is our responsibility to relocate the post office. We would like to see it located downtown if possible."

Proctor said the residents' main complaint was that they were not aware of the Dec. 13, 1988, public hearing on the sale of two acres of the cemetery land. "We never were given a chance to express our opinion, since the hearing was only publicized two days in advance in the Chapel Hill Newspaper."

The public hearing also was publicized in the Village Advocate and the Durham Morning Herald.

Alderman Frances Shetley said she hoped people had proper notification of the hearing.

She added, "People have to realize we can not force anyone to sell their land."

Mike Nelson, an alderman candidate, said the location of the post office needed further consideration by the board.

"I feel locating the post office at a cemetery is inappropriate. We will be desecrating the cemetery."

The next phase the project will undergo is an appraisal by the U.S. Postal Service. Another public hearing will be held when the Postal Service decides whether it will use the proposed land.

University placement office to sponsor 2 career fairs

Hundreds of students are expected to explore career opportunities and talk to recruiters during career fairs on Oct. 10 and 11.

The Minority Career Fair on Oct. 10 and the Carolina Career Day on Oct. 11 will run from 12:30 p.m. until 5 p.m. in the Great Hall of the Student Union. University Career Planning and Placement Services will sponsor the fairs.

Computer and office systems firms; consulting firms; the consumer products industry; financial institutions; and government and non-profit agencies are among the employers that will be represented.

The fairs are open to all UNC students as well as recent graduates, said Sharon Wiatt, UCPPS associate director.

UNC to host colloquium

Philosophers from across the United States will gather at UNC on Oct. 13-15 for the 23rd annual Colloquium in Philosophy.

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Sponsored by the UNC Department of Philosophy in cooperation with the Division of Extension and Continuing Education, the colloquium lectures in 104 Peabody Hall are free to the local public. Topics will range from the meaning of localism to resenting one's own existence.

Seminar to focus on wealth

The wealthy and the role of wealth in American society will be the topic of an Oct. 13-14 weekend seminar at UNC.

The program "Private Wealth in America: The Second Gilded Age?" is part of the Adventures in Ideas seminar series. Among the areas explored will be "Capitalism: the Pursuit of Wealth or Happiness?"

Preregistration is required. Tuition is \$65 for the wealth seminar. For more information, call 962-1106.



Aim high

Technical sergeant Thomas Pigford, health professions recruiter for the UNC Air Force recruit-

ing office, squeezes into a model F-16 displayed in the Pit Thursday for the Air Force Job Fair.

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Derby Days to benefit hospital

By STACEY KAPLAN
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The Annual Derby Days festivities, a week-long sorority competition sponsored by Sigma Chi Fraternity, will begin Saturday, and the proceeds will be donated to the N.C. Children's Hospital.

Sororities will compete in hopes of winning a champagne mixer on Friday night with the members of Sigma Chi, said Ron Sinclair, co-chairman of the event. The sororities will receive coaching instructions from Sigma Chi members, he said.

Many events are planned in which sororities can accumulate points. A derby hunt will be one area of competition. Points will be awarded to the sorority that finds the derby, Sinclair said.

The "Make a Sig Smile" contest takes place Monday. The contest involves 15 to 20 Sigma Chi members wearing derby hats; participants must try to make the fraternity members smile. "Girls have to do anything they can to make them smile," Sinclair said. If a participant smiles, he must give the hat to the girl, who will then be able to redeem it for points, he said.

A pudding pour also will be held at the Sigma Chi house on Tuesday. "Pudding is poured into the coaches' mouths from the second floor of the house," said Teresa Aneskewich, a member of Phi Mu sorority.

Field games will be held at 3 p.m. Friday at Lincoln Center. A variety of competitions will give sorority mem-

Sigma Chi Derby Days 1989

Schedule of Events

Noon	SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7
4 p.m.	UNC vs. Wake Forest game "Echoes Farm" on Sigma Chi front porch"
	SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8
7:30 p.m.	Derby Days reception at Sigma Chi House
9 p.m.	Trampoline-a-thon begins
	MONDAY, OCTOBER 9
8 a.m.	Derby Hunt clue #1
All day	"Make a Sig Smile"
Round 1	Greek 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament
	TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10
Round 2	Greek 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament
3:30 p.m.	Pudding Pour
4 p.m.	Cross-Campus Mountain Bike Race
9 p.m.	Derby Night-out at Players
	WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11
Round 3	Greek 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament
9 p.m.	Trampoline-a-thon ends
9 p.m.	Mystery Team Events at Sigma Chi
10 p.m.	Derby Darling announced
10:30 p.m.	Derby Night-out at Franklin St. Bar and Grill
	THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12
TBA	Dec-a-Sig
Finals	Greek 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament
9 p.m.	Derby Night-out at Molly Maguire's
	FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13
3 p.m.	Field Games
5 p.m.	Cookout/Happy Hour (1989 Derby Days Winner announced)
10 p.m.	Champagne Mixer with winners

bers the opportunity to earn more points. Many of the participating sororities will hold fundraisers of their own and donate some or all of the proceeds to

Sigma Chi for the Children's Hospital, Sinclair said. Last year, Sigma Chi raised \$7,000, and the group plans to do better this year, he said.

Dawkins enters state speaker race

By WAGNER DOTTO
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The 1991 race for speaker of the N.C. House of Representatives will be one of the most competitive in recent years, said Rep. Donald Dawkins, D-Richmond, who this week announced that he will seek the post.

Five Democratic representatives have announced their plans to try to unseat House Speaker Joe Mavretic, D-Edgecombe. Mavretic, who won the election early this year as a result of the coalition of 45 Republicans and 20 Democrats, is seeking re-election.

"There is a lot of competition out there," Dawkins said. "It will be one of the most competitive races and I don't think he (Mavretic) will be re-elected."

Reps. Robert Hunter, D-McDowell; Joe Hackney, D-Orange; John "Jack" Hunt, D-Cleveland; George Miller, D-Durham; and Dawkins have announced their candidacy for the position.

Miller said Tuesday the speaker's job would have to be returned to a part-time post before he would serve. He also said the General Assembly sessions would have to be shortened.

Dawkins' decision to bid for the position is considered a severe threat to Mavretic's re-election and represents the first public crack in the coalition that elected Mavretic. Dawkins is one of the 20 Democratic representatives who helped Mavretic oust former Speaker Liston Ramsey, D-Madison, early this year.

"He (Mavretic) can't speak for the majority of the Democratic Party because he has to answer to 46 Republicans," Dawkins said.

Dawkins said the speaker has to be picked by the Democratic caucus in 1990.

Tim Kent, executive assistant to Mavretic, said that in spite of the number

of candidates, Mavretic has the support necessary for re-election.

"There's a long way to go. Many unknown factors may change the entire process."

The results of the 1990 House of Representatives elections are one of the unknown factors, Kent said.

House passes bill on obscene art

By CRYSTAL BERNSTEIN
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An amendment blocking government funding for obscene art was passed by the U.S. House of Representatives Tuesday.

The amendment states that none of the public funds authorized to be appropriated for art grants by the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) and the National Endowment for the Humanities can be used to promote or produce materials which the NEA considers obscene.

The House also approved allocation of \$250,000 to set up a 12-member commission to review the grant-giving process, said Dennis Szakacs, director of communications at the Southeastern Center for Contemporary Art in Winston-Salem.

Obscenity, in this case, is defined by the 1973 Supreme Court ruling of Miller vs. California, which says a work must pertain to a prurient interest, contain patently offensive portrayal of sexual conduct and lack political, literary, artistic or scientific value to be obscene.

Proposals for grants must pass three bodies in the NEA, said Virginia Falck, NEA public affairs specialist. Grant

applications are thoroughly reviewed by a panel. They are then considered by the National Council on the Arts, a body that meets four times a year to advise on policy and procedure and look at recommendations for grants. The chairman of the NEA ultimately decides whether someone will receive a grant. Any of these bodies could reject grant proposals, she said.

The amendment is a revision of a measure introduced by N.C. Sen. Jesse Helms in July. Helms' amendment proposed to block funding for obscene or indecent material, material that defames objects or beliefs of a religion or non-religion and material that defames a person or group on the basis of race, creed, sex, handicap, age or national origin.

Helms proposed the amendment to prevent works such as Andres Serrano's photograph of a crucifix submerged in urine and Robert Mapplethorpe's photographs of homosexual acts and children in explicit poses from receiving government funding. His amendment was blocked by the House on Sept. 13.

Both proponents and opponents of Helms' amendment were reasonably pleased with the new provision.

"It's heartening that we will be re-

sponsible for judging whether something has artistic merit or not," Falck said. Sexually explicit works can still receive government funding if they have literary, artistic, political or scientific value, she said.

The amendment is not a form of censorship, Szakacs said. No art will be censored because nothing the NEA supports, including the photographs taken by Serrano and Mapplethorpe, lacks merit, he said. "Obviously the Mapplethorpe and Serrano photographs do have serious artistic and even political merit. If you put those two photographs in a courtroom with a jury sitting there, they would have no trouble judging that the pictures have serious artistic value."

Even those who strongly favored the Helms amendment are satisfied. "We feel really good about (the new amendment)," said David Eisner, press secretary for Rep. Dana Rohrabacher, R-Calif., one of the Helms amendment's strongest supporters in the House. Rohrabacher was pleased that standards were set, even though "the standards themselves were rather anemic and vague," Eisner said.

Sen. Helms has not yet publicized his reaction to the amendment.

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