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Citizens protest waste dump

By Scott Luckadoo

Area residents seemed overwhelmingly against a nuclear repository site in the state Wednesday, but they also seemed divided on their stance toward the use of nuclear energy.

State officials met with an overflow audience in Lipinsky Auditorium Wednesday Night to discuss the possibility of a nuclear repository to be located in Western North Carolina.

Officials said the site, which reaches into parts of Buncombe, Madison and Haywood Counties, is one of twelve finalists in the U.S. Department of Energy's search for a repository in the eastern portion of the nation.

The Department of Energy will lower the number of candidates for the site from 12 to three in 1991, according to Lynn Muchmore, assistant secretary of the state Department of Natural Resources and Community Development (NRCD).



STATE OFFICIALS U.S. Rep. Bill Hendon and David Spain review plans for the proposed nuclear dump site in WNC.

"This is a significant long-range threat and we're not dealing with amateurs at the federal level.

"Our opposition must be both technical and political," Muchmore said.

Calling public outcry vital, he said, "The public should rise up to the man and say as we would down on the farm, 'Stay the hell out of North Carolina.'"

U.S. Rep. Bill Hendon revealed his 10-point plan to prevent the nuclear waste dump from being located in WNC at the hearing.

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Enwright offers ideas for change

By John Ford Leon

Enwright Associates of Greenville, S.C., presented its 1986 Master Land Use Plan to Chancellor David Brown, board of trustee members, and faculty last Thursday in the Owen Conference Center.

Enwright offered no total cost figures at the presentation, but Brown received most of Enwright's suggestions enthusiastically, calling the plan "financially realistic" and one that "can be implemented."

He did point out that the proposal is not final. "We will have an opportunity to react to the plan. Enwright's advice will not lock us in," said Brown.

Some faculty members expressed dissatisfaction with certain proposals, such as demolition of the present Humanities lecture hall and the use of water features to enhance campus landscaping.

Enwright's Project Director Richard Pace described the following proposed campus changes:

- addition of 600 more dormitory beds to accommodate the anticipated increase in resident students;

- demolition of the Humanities Lecture Hall with a new fine arts building as a replacement;

- a well-defined campus entrance at Broadway Street and W. T. Weaver Boulevard;

- an "identity symbol" visible from downtown Asheville, such as a tower on the main quad;

- landscaping and elimination of the present loop road to encourage walking to shift away from a car-oriented campus;

- a lake bordering Weaver Boulevard;

- an indoor recreation building behind the tennis courts;

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Photo by Leslie McCullough

BETH LINKSTON (L) AND ATHENA FOX (R) sell sweaters at the Alpha Xi Delta sorority sale in the Highsmith Center.

Students react to tragedy

By David Proffitt

Students at UNCA reacted to the Tuesday morning explosion of space shuttle Challenger in much the same manner as millions of other Americans--shock, disbelief and dismay.

They remarked on how commonplace the shuttle flights had become, so much so that few people took more than cursory note of the 24th flight. The flights were so routine that the national networks had stopped carrying each flight live.

"Everyone had just gotten used to hearing it and it

wasn't a big deal, then this happens," said Jeff Huey, a computer science major. "I was at home watching TV--I think it was Scrabble--when they interrupted the program," he said.

Huey noted, as many others did, that Christa McAuliffe's part in the flight brought the tragedy even closer to home. "Everyone felt like they'd gotten to know her because of all the coverage she'd gotten," he said.

The presence of a teacher on the mission piqued Sheila

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WEEKEND WEATHER: The UNCA Atmospheric Science department provides this information to the campus community each week in the Blue Banner.

Friday: Fair with a high near 50 and lows in the upper 20s.

Saturday: Partly cloudy with highs in the low 50s and lows near 30.

Sunday: Slightly warmer than Saturday. Partly cloudy with highs in the mid 50s and lows near 30.