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FURTHER LAND DEVELOPMENTS PLANNED BY THE COLLEGE

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The planned development of approximately 250 acres of college property north of campus for commercial and residential purposes will take place at "a slow pace" with construction of multi-family residential dwellings to be the next step after an anticipated expansion of the present Holly Square Shopping Center takes place, according to Vice President for Development J. Bruce Frye.

The multi-family residential dwellings (apartment houses and townhouse apartments) would number approximately 30 units when eventually completed. Frye guessed that construction of the multi-family dwellings would be likely to begin in 1981 but as of yet no agreement has been reached between the Board of Trustees and a professional developer for the leasing of the property for a purpose.

The development of the

multi-family dwellings would probably be done in stages "to the extent that the market will support those", Frye said. Therefore it is not likely that all 30 units would be constructed at one time.

The tract of college property proposed for development begins approximately at the tree line by the golf driving range, runs to the immediate north of the maintenance buildings, and ends where the dirt road behind maintenance ends at the cotton field (which adjoins the college property to the east). Presently this land is mostly covered with pine trees and its dirt roads used as horseback riding, cross-country running, and hiking trails.

A 1976 land-use plan done by a Charlotte architectural and land use firm for the Board of Trustees mapped out several plans for the commercial and residential development of the tract.

which had been recommended in an earlier land-use study done for the Board in 1971-72 when the Board began to look at ways in which they could generate income from the property.

"While there was no mandate" that the land not needed for educational purposes would be developed in some way to generate income for the college, "it was clear that that was their intention", Frye said, referring to those in the Laurinburg community who offered \$3 million dollars and 820 acres of land to the Synod of North Carolina to choose Laurinburg as the site of the new consolidated college over the 19 other cities in eastern North Carolina who were competing for its location in the mid-1950's.

The first step in the development of this property was the leasing to Charlotte developer Henry Faison in 1976 of 10 acres of land, with a

leasing option on another 10 acres, bordering on South Main Street and the U.S. 74 By-Pass for the development of a shopping center.

The Board underwent 18 months of consideration on the shopping center development in trying to decide which development options would produce the most return to the college. It was decided then that Laurinburg could not support an enclosed air-conditioned mall which the Board had earlier hoped would be possible, so the present open-air design concept was chosen.

In making the leasing agreement with Faison the Board shares the responsibility in the selection of the center's design and its occupants. The college next submitted a rezoning request to the Laurinburg Zoning Board to change the designation of the 20 acres from institutional use to

commercial use. This request for rezoning of the property was approved.

"There has been a natural reaction from some of the merchants downtown saying that to do that is to deliver the final blow to downtown retail development for Laurinburg, particularly if the Belk store were to move out," Frye said. "But", he stated, "whether the college was to do it" (leasing the property for such development) "or whether someone else is doing it this kind of development is going to take place outside of the downtown area".

"Generally it has been welcomed by the community," Frye said, including the Chamber of Commerce which welcomes additional retail opportunities in the area. The shopping center also serves to expand the payroll and tax base of the city, he noted.

Presently the developer of Holly Square is considering expanding the size of the center from its present size of around 80,000 square feet to what they anticipate would be an eventual size of about 250,000 square feet. This expansion which would take place between the U.S. 74 By-Pass and the present center would probably include several small shops anchored by at least one large department store.

At the time that the present center was constructed in 1977 the north entrance to the college was rerouted to enter the new road which will lead in the future through the proposed residential development in the interior of the tract and ultimately connect with the Johns Road. The State Highway Department would not allow there to be three entrances (the shopping center entrance, the entrance to the residential road, and the college's entrance) so close together "so that's the best solution we could get", Frye said.

Alvyn Haywood And The BSU

"I am a theist", says Alvyn Haywood, President of the Black Student Union. "A theist," says Haywood, "is one who believes in the creative ability of the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob."

Haywood, in being questioned of the BSU's recent role on campus, seemed very concerned about the wide-spread apathy on campus.

"The BSU is in part, a part of this apathy," he said. "But we've a number of things working against us, as do other clubs, that is purely historical."

As brief examples, Haywood cited that fact that there were no faculty members, and no real dialogue between dormitory

factions. "I'm talking about meaningful dialogue. Rather than inspire to maturity we sheepishly tolerate acts of vandalism and other such negative behavior," Haywood said.

"For the past two years the BSU has, as have other organizations, tried to raise the consciousness of the college community by different social activities and cultural exchange," says Haywood.

"Hopefully I will be a reflection of the change that has occurred in the BSU," says Alvyn Haywood. "But I want not only to affect the BSU but the entire community and world at large."

Distinguished Scholars

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Thirty-six high school seniors from nine states, ranging from New York to Wisconsin to Arkansas, have been invited to participate in the competition for distinguished scholar awards and honors scholarships at St. Andrews Feb. 22 and 23.
Dudley Crawford, director

of admissions, has announced that 10 students will be awarded \$8,000 scholarships for the four years of undergraduate study, and that 15 will be given \$4,000 scholarships for the four years.

A major part of the competition will be an interview with a faculty-student committee for each senior.

GPA

St. Andrews' GPA system has been changed once again by the Faculty Executive Committee.

Last year the FEC put into effect a new modernized system of grading which made grading more precise, and which eliminated needless punitive measures on the GPA because someone had dropped from a course with a failing grade.

The new change in the

system makes the rules governing the W's (for Withdraw) retroactive. In other words, those students at SA who received an F or WF in a course and which hurt their GPA's, may now readjust their GPA, leaving the grade of F or WF out of the average.

Students with further questions regarding this new GPA development should contact the Registrar's Office.

This Week

TODAY THE 22ND:

- Seminar: "How Enzymes Recognize 3-D" with Dr. Gerry Mohrig, 1:30 PM.
- Morgan-Jones Science Center.
- Writer's Forum: Granville, 6:30 PM.

FRIDAY THE 23RD:

- Basketball: DIAC Tournament at Greensboro College.
- Women's Basketball: NCAIAW Tournament at Bennett College.
- Dist-Distinguished Scholar Week-end (23-24)
- Senior Recital: Susan Russell, Voice, 8 PM, Vardell.

SATURDAY THE 24TH:

- DIAC Tournament.

- NCAIAW Tournament.

SUNDAY THE 25TH:

- CUB Movie: "San Juro", 7 PM, Avinger, 25.

SUNDAY THE 26TH:

- Mass: 5 PM, Meditation Room—Staff interviews begin.

TUESDAY THE 27TH:

- Teacher education interviews: Moore County Schools, 10-4 PM

WEDNESDAY THE 29TH:

- CUB Meeting, 4 PM, Meditation Room.
- CCC: Worship Service, 6:15 PM, Meditation Room.
- Movies: Assorted shorts, 8 PM, Red Lion.