

Residents to Speak Out On Columbia Street Plan

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Concerned residents of South Columbia Street plan to let the town council know how they feel about the possible expansion of the street.

The idea for widening South Columbia Street between Purefoy Road and Manning Drive first came up in the mid-1980s, said Chapel Hill's senior transportation planner David Bonk.

"In 1990, the council rejected the five-lane plan but supported the addition of sidewalks and bike lanes," said town council member Joyce Brown. "Again in 1993, the council rejected the plan for a five-lane road but supported the idea of sidewalks and bike lanes."

Joan Bartel, of 1004 S. Columbia St., organized a neighborhood meeting Oct. 9 to discuss possible improvements and expansion options for the road.

"The meeting was held to educate the neighbors about the issues involved in the expansion," Bartel said.

She said the neighbors would voice their opinions and give reasons for not expanding the road at tonight's 7:30 meeting at Town Hall.

"Historically, they have been opposed to a five-lane or four-lane road," town council member Rosemary Waldorf said. "Everybody wants improvements made to the road, it's just a matter of what size to make the road."

Bartel said residents wanted to improve the state of the current walkways and would like to see electricity poles placed farther away from the side of the road. The neighbors don't want the road to be expanded to five lanes, but would like sidewalks and

cycling routes added instead, Bartel said. "Some houses are very close to the road as it is," she said. "Another lane would be at their very doorstep."

Although there are drawbacks to expanding the road, some think the traffic is too heavy for only two lanes. "There is a significant amount of traffic that uses the road," Bonk said. "There are usually 900 cars passing through during the morning."

Bartel said she feared the dangers that an increased traffic flow could bring to pedestrians. She also said expanding the road would conflict with the recent upcoming addition of a bus route which will travel South Columbia.

Widening the street would encourage automobile traffic through the area and take away possible riders from a new bus line which should begin pickup within the next year, Bartel added.

"We have a lot of students here who walk to campus and they are taking serious risks by walking," Bartel said. "We want continuous walkways to help protect those walking."

Bonk said the additional lanes of traffic taking away from Chapel Hill's "village" image would be a main focus of the residents present at the town council meeting.

The council will develop a position on the issue tonight and then will submit this position to the state, Bonk said. "The state will then draw up a feasibility study which is the first step in the process," he said. "The North Carolina Department of Transportation will wait for us to tell them what we want," said Bonk.

He said that since South Columbia Street is a public street, the state might think it should be widened to at least four lanes if not five.

Lectures Will Teach Environmental Literacy

Visiting Biologist to Explore Global Resource Depletion, Overpopulation Problems

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UNC students will have an opportunity Wednesday to increase their awareness of the far-reaching effects of global resource depletion and overpopulation.

Bruce Wallace, a biologist from Virginia Tech, will discuss these and other issues in a series of lectures at UNC.

Wallace kicked off the lecture series Tuesday night with a lecture given to the N.C. Fellows and members of their advisory board, which is made up of faculty, alumni and community leaders. Wallace's Wednesday lectures will be open to the general public.

Wallace's lecture topics will address the concept of environmental literacy.

Ross Andrews, a junior biology major from Charlottesville, Va., who coordinated the lecture series, said the term "environmental literacy" referred to people's knowl-

edge of the current environmental situation in the world and how they were affected by it.

The primary goal of the lectures is to increase awareness of environmental literacy on the UNC campus, Andrews said. Another goal is to intensify the resources on collegiate, state and national levels to provide for greater education.

Andrews said he hoped the lecture series would be a stepping stone to an environmental literacy class in UNC's General College and to a conference conducted by all interested universities on the topic.

"We must put a universal emphasis on sustainable development — to leave some semblance of opportunity for our grandchildren," Andrews said.

Today's first lecture, titled "Madagascar: A Microcosm Of Environmental Destruction," is scheduled for 4 p.m. in 128 Wilson Hall. The scientifically based lecture will use Madagascar as an example of the convergence of uncontrolled population increase and degradation of natural resources, Andrews said.

The second lecture, titled "Remaking The Modern Mind," is scheduled to be held at 7 p.m. in 104 Howell Hall and is

sponsored by Student Environmental Action Coalition and Campus Green Vote. It will provide a multidisciplinary approach to the topics of population growth versus biodiversity, sustainability of the human race and global resource depletion, as well as trying to define our role in environmental decline.

Wallace's lectures are intended to provide people attending with an understanding of ecological and environmental problems. Wallace hopes to expand this education to classrooms at universities everywhere.

"My hope is that the brightest students on any campus plus the environmentally concerned students may be able to persuade the knowledgeable, outstanding teachers to establish a campus-wide requirement for a team-taught, multidisciplinary survey course that deals with the coming environmental crises so eloquently described by the Worldwatch Institute and, more briefly, by the Union of Concerned Scientists."

A multidisciplinary viewpoint is necessary to attack the problem, Andrews said. This lecture is relevant to all students, because everyone is affected in some way

by what happens to our world, he added. "The startling reality is that these issues will be affecting us all, from political science majors to biology and economics majors," Andrews said. "Each individual profession will be affected by the forthcoming complex problems. It does not just affect environmentalists."

Andrews said society must emphasize the longevity of humankind and think less short term and more long term.

"Agronomy data shows that the soil nutrients used for our current food production are being depleted at an unbelievable rate," Andrews said.

Andrews cited indigenous tribes in South America as examples of societies that have sustained development for thousands of years without the use of the technology that is found today.

In contrast, Andrews said, "in our flourishing of modern society, there is no emphasis in popular culture on sustaining development."

"Unless we refocus the intellect in other fields to sustaining development, we will reach a finite means to our resources," Andrews said. "Education is important in helping people to realize this."

Campus Calendar

WEDNESDAY

12 p.m. **Women's Studies Luncheon Colloquium** will meet in Toy Lounge of Dey Hall. Megan Matchinske of UNC's Department of English will speak on "Paradigms of Gender and History: Reconciling Postmodern Feminists with their Past."

1 p.m. **Honors Registration**, open to qualified students (3.0 GPA), will begin in 300 Steele Building.

2:30 p.m. **Keeping Your Career Options Open Workshop** for freshmen, sophomores and juniors will be held in 210 Hanes Hall.

4 p.m. **Japanese Conversation Table** will meet in Lenoir.

Careers in Health Administration Panel will be held in 210 Hanes Hall.

5 p.m. **GFSF Residency Seminar**: Information on the in-state tuition application process will be given out in Union 224.

5:30 p.m. **Holy Trinity Campus Ministry** invites you to join us in worship with dinner following at the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (Campus Center) off

Rosemary Street.

6 p.m. **Hannaford Brothers Company** will hold a presentation open to all interested students in 210 Hanes Hall.

6:30 p.m. **Health Sciences Living and Learning Program** will address injuries and injury prevention in the second floor lounge of Carmichael Residence Hall.

7 p.m. **People Organized for Women's Empowerment and Rights** will meet in Union 220.

Habitat For Humanity will hold a general interest meeting and a presentation by Russ on H.O.P.E. activities in 111 Murphree.

African Student's Association will meet at Chase Hall.

Remaking The Modern Mind: A multidisciplinary approach to sustainable development and environmental awareness will be held in 104 Howell Hall. Come hear renowned biologist Bruce Wallace of Virginia Tech speak.

7:30 p.m. **Kallist**, the UNC pagan organization, will meet in Union 213 for a social meeting.

CABINET

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Battle would not comment on the personnel decisions, but he said the cabinet's policy of improving human relations would stand.

"Anybody who participates counter to the administration's stated goal of improved human relations on campus will be asked to step down, period," Battle said Tuesday. "This is not a matter of free speech, it's a matter of a stated objective and people working toward that," Battle said. "It's a matter of following policy."

Joan Petit, co-secretary of women's issues, said Phillippe's and Allen's attitudes conflicted with the cabinet's agenda for this year. "Their action reflects negatively on the cabinet — it's not conducive to what Battle wants to achieve," Petit said.

"I'm not questioning their right to put up the fliers, but I'm also not questioning Battle's right to have whomever he wants on his cabinet," Petit said.

Aaron Nelson and Karl Nobert, co-presidents of Young Democrats, said they confronted the YR members when they posted the fliers. "I thought (posting the fliers) was wrong," Nobert said. "National Coming Out Day was to show awareness — the YR just showed campus ignorance and hatred."

Nelson said he agreed that the actions of the YR members conflicted with student government's mission. "There is really no room for intolerance in student government," he said.

Dawn Prince, co-chairwoman of B-GLAD, said the fliers probably did not have much of a negative effect.

"There's always the possibility that the fliers would make people reconsider their position, but most people coming out had already confronted the negative feedback from other groups," Prince said.

Prince said B-GLAD members relied on Battle to make sure Phillippe and Allen resigned because of their inappropriate behavior. "As members of Battle's cabinet, (Phillippe and Allen) did something completely against what Battle stands for," Prince said. "Battle is gay positive and has helped B-GLAD."

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the Governor's Club. "This is just part of our outplacement assistance program. We recognize that they will have to seek employment once the inn is closed," Oliphant said.

The inn also has held workshops on résumé writing and interview skills, she said. "This is one of the busiest times for the inn, and job-hunting is a very time-consuming process, so we think that hav-

BURNETTE

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In an election to replace Royster last summer, the applicant pool was open to any resident.

"I feel sure that between those people (who ran in last year's or this summer's elections), we'll be able to find someone," board member Mary Bushnell said.

Royster's resignation was not caused by conflict or controversy, unlike Burnette's. Burnette, who was elected last year, billed herself as a product of the local and UNC school systems. Her term became steeped in controversy after the University registrar confirmed that Burnette was not a UNC student.

The school board voted unanimously in favor of Burnette's resignation, but she refused, instead saying she would step down in July 1995.

The board then pursued a bill in the N.C. General Assembly that would allow them the power of recall. Last summer Madeline Mitchell started a recall petition that called for an election to take place Nov. 3.

The process of replacement will be decided at the Nov. 3 meeting of the board, Touw said.

The school board has the right to determine what course it will take in choosing a process to replace Burnette, said John McCormick, attorney for the school board.

School board elections are held on a rolling basis every two years. Next year, Vice Chairwoman Sue Baker, Judith Ortiz, Elizabeth Carter and Touw are up for reelection. There is no limit on the number of terms members may serve, though a chairman may serve only two consecutive terms.

There has been some concern expressed that if Hughes-Werner does replace Burnette, the racial balance will be upset. "At one point, there were four black members," Hughes-Werner said. "This year there were three. I don't think it will make that much difference."

Board member Mark Royster said changing the board's racial makeup was not an issue. "If Ms. Burnette had not misrepresented herself would she have been elected?" Royster said.

ing the job fair here is in everybody's best interest."

Oliphant said she knows of only one person who has secured employment. "This is why the job fair is important," she said.

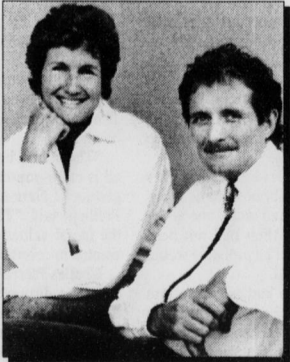
However, both Oliphant and Murphy agreed it would not be difficult for employees to find jobs, because many companies need extra help during the holiday season. "Everybody realizes this is a tight market, and it is difficult to find employees," Oliphant said. "And here we have 150 people trained and ready to go."

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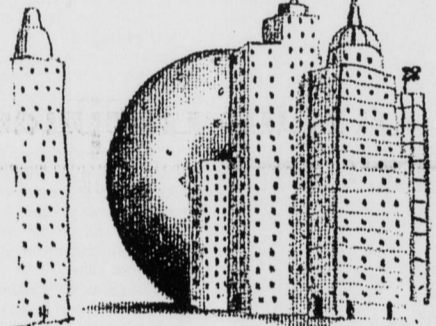
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