

Replacement George Mason Portrait Unveiled

The new portrait will allow the school to retain 800-acre Mason Farm tract.

BY JAMES LEWIS
UNIVERSITY EDITOR

University officials fulfilled the terms of a 19th-century will Friday and ensured that the 800-acre Mason Farm tract will remain in the hands of the University.

A newly commissioned portrait of the Rev. James Mason, a local minister and philanthropist, was unveiled Friday at the Totten Center in the N.C. Botanical Gardens on Finley Golf Course Road.

The 1894 will of Mason's wife, Mary Elizabeth Morgan Mason, stipulated that

the portrait of Mason must hang beside the portraits of their two daughters, who died of typhoid fever in 1881, in order for the University to receive the family's 800-acre farm.

A portrait of Mason, which had been hanging in Parker Residence Hall, was lost sometime in 1987 and placed the execution of the will in jeopardy.

Barbara Barnes, history museum specialist with the University Property Office, said officials had searched for the portrait off and on since they discovered the old portrait was missing several years ago.

"Parker was a locked women's dorm at that time," Barnes said. "Sometime during renovations, we lost track of it."

She said the portrait could have been misplaced during the renovations.

In June, the new portrait was commissioned.

Winston-Salem artist Armand de Navarre was paid about \$1,000 for the new portrait. He said he used a picture of the old portrait and a photograph taken of Mason to create the new portrait.

De Navarre said he tried to incorporate what he knew of the minister into the new work.

"As far as the artistic and the aesthetic part of it ... it's more than a challenge," he said. "Rev. Mason I found rather interesting because it was such a severe facade for someone with so much energy."

Several relatives of Rev. Mason, including Sue McNeill of Rockingham and Carol Sue Barbee of Winnipeg, Canada, both great-great-grandnieces of Mason, were

present at the unveiling.

The portraits of the two Mason daughters, Rena and Mattie, have hung in the Totten Center since 1992. Mason's portrait and a portrait of Mason's wife, which had been hanging in the N.C. Collection in Wilson Library, will be displayed along with the portraits of the daughters in the Totten Center.

Although the Totten Center is located away from the main campus in the center of the botanical gardens, Barnes said she was not concerned about the future security of the portraits.

"Since this building is locked and there is a receptionist just outside the doors to the room, I am happy with the security," she said. "This is a good place to hang the portraits to honor the Masons."

Design Board Members Like Meadowmont Changes

Developer Roger Perry presents an altered plan and secures more support for the 435-acre development.

BY WENDY GOODMAN
CITY EDITOR

When the Chapel Hill Town Council requested that Meadowmont developers revamp their proposal over the summer and change it to better fit the town's needs, Roger Perry went straight to the drawing board.

"We really think we made a lot of changes that the council was asking us to make," he said. "We think the changes made in the proposal will be ones they will be enthusiastic about."

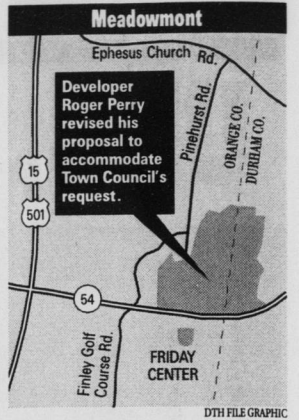
Perry and his architectural firm, East West Partners, have taken their new proposal in front of several town committees, including the Development Review Board and the Appearance Commission. Perry said the committees that have looked at the revised Meadowmont proposal have recommended it to the council for approval.

The controversial 435-acre development at the east entranceway to Chapel Hill drew criticism during the council's last session. Environmentalists and neighborhood activists criticized the development for not fitting into the town's comprehensive plan because of its mixture of commercial and residential buildings.

Alice Ingram, a member of the Design Review Board, said the board was pleased with changes made in the plan when it was brought in front of them.

"I loved the proposal," Ingram said. "I have been on town boards for 14 years, and this is probably the best project that has come through in that amount of time."

Ingram said Perry improved several aspects of the proposal, including allotting more green space to meet environmentalists' requests to save the meadows. She said changes had also created a better mix



of uses, more lots for affordable housing and better transportation planning.

"They've done a great deal in coming to terms with the concerns," she said. "The basic good thing is more mixed use, and it now conforms to the comprehensive plan and the goals therein."

Perry said changes they had focused on over the summer revolved around giving the town more control over what would happen within the development.

Members of Town Council had been concerned over transportation problems because of the original routing of the main road through the proposed development. Perry rerouted the roads to eliminate driveway cuts. Perry said he added a pedestrian tunnel to make road crossings safer and changed zoning to include more residential areas and mixed-used area.

"We were very responsive to what the council asked for, and the changes are obviously good because we have gotten enthusiastic support so far," Perry said.

A public hearing on the new Meadowmont proposal is slated to be held Sept. 18 at Town Hall.

FLOOD

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At Hill Hall, professors and students were trying to rescue instruments from water coming in under the doors. Professors also tried to stop waters from entering by pushing mud under the door.

North Campus lost power, but by midnight half the power had been restored.

Much of the central Piedmont area remained under a flash flood warning at press time, and in some counties flood warnings had been extended through 4 a.m.

Campus police officers said that as of 11 p.m., they knew of no injuries sustained on campus because of the flooding. Town firefighters on a false alarm call to Wilson

Library said that as of 11 p.m. there had been no electrical fires.

Across the UNC campus, physical plant workers were using wet-vacs to gather water from flooded buildings. Herbert Paul, physical plant director, said he had been out surveying damage on campus.

"Right now we've got about 14 to 15 buildings with water in them," he said. "We've got some people in here and some from off campus trying to wet-vac up the water as best we can."

"Hill Hall is probably the deepest," he said. "It's probably got about a foot to a foot and a half of water in it."

Paul said the effects of the rain on the University's operations Monday would depend on additional rain and the ability of physical plant workers to get a handle on

the situation. "I would hope that it wouldn't affect classes, but a lot of it depends on if we can stabilize it and get ahead of it to stop further deterioration."

Paul said officials would have to look closer at damage when the rain ended to figure the dollar estimate.

"We've got quite a bit coming through ceilings, so we're just going to have to peel that back and see what we have to do," he said. "A lot of it's just clean up and mop, but there is some coming through walls and ceilings."

Old West, Alexander and Joyner Residence Halls suffered power outages, but no campus residents had to evacuate their dorms. "Winston basement flooded, and the ceiling is leaking," said Blake Long, a desk staff member at Winston Residence

Hall. "It's like an artisan well." The Student Recreation Center closed early Sunday, and exercise machines were under more than six inches of water. Director Lauren Mangili said the SRC would definitely be closed today.

Lenoir Dining Hall also suffered some water damage. "Started a little in the front and a little in the back," said Mary Beth Palermo, food service manager. "Then it just started coming in really fast."

Customers in Carolina Court were evacuated, and workers were trying to contain the damage, Palermo said. She said no equipment had been damaged. Three to four inches of muddy water were standing in the back storeroom in the basement at 7:30 p.m., and up to three inches were in the main dining area of the basement.

Campus Calendar

MONDAY

9 a.m. SPORTS CLUB MEMBERSHIP DRIVE: Get involved in one of 39 different sport and recreational clubs. Meet representatives from each club through Wednesday, Aug. 30 in the Pit. Call Steve Bradley at 962-1013 for more information.

3:15 p.m. CHOOSE A CAREER OR SELECT A MAJOR in Nash Hall, University Counseling Center. For more information please call Leslie Quattlebaum at 962-2175.

7:30 p.m. AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL will be holding an introductory meeting, "Introduction to Human Rights", in Union 226. All are welcome, especially newcomers. For more information please contact Rodney Jones at 942-8809.

7:30 p.m. KALLISTI! THE UNC STUDENT PAGAN ORGANIZATION will meet in Union 226 for an introductory meeting and to discuss plans for the year. For more information please call Joel Wilson at 968-8592.

7:30 p.m. NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR THE REFORM OF MARIJUANA LAWS will hold a general interest meeting today in Manning 209. For more information contact Brendan Moore at 932-7783.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

CAROLINA CAMPUS CIVITAN will have a meeting for returning students on Tuesday from 5 to 6 p.m. in Union 210. For more information please contact Ginny Gamble at 929-3504.

ARRESTS

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Barry Nicholson, of 2621 Mansfield Ave., Durham, was charged with two counts of sale and delivery of marijuana and two counts of possession with intent to sell and deliver.

Van Bernard Satterwhite, 28, of A5 Old Well Apartments in Carrboro, was charged with two counts of sale and delivery of marijuana. He was also charged with two counts of possession with intent to sell and deliver.

Curtis Little, of 1E 1749 Dobbins Dr. in Chapel Hill, was charged with two counts of possession with intent to sell and deliver and two counts of sale and delivery of cocaine.

Daniel Joy, of 8E 1800 Williamsburg Rd. in Durham, was charged with possession with intent to sell and deliver and sale and delivery of crack cocaine.

Ollie Fearington, of 2017 Neville Rd. in Chapel Hill, was charged with two counts of sale and delivery of marijuana and two counts of possession with intent to sell and deliver.

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