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Controversial Gun Sculpture Draws Fire From Town Residents

BY ANGELA MOORE
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Twenty-seven Chapel Hill residents voiced their opinions Tuesday night in a public hearing on the proposed Buy Back the Hill sculpture project, slated to be placed on Franklin Street.

The sculpture, titled "621 yards/.69 seconds," was designed by University graduate Thomas Sayre, and incorporates the barrels of the guns collected in the gun buyback. The project is a series of five benches, varying in height, that serve as a physical representation of what happens when a gun is fired down Franklin Street.

Of the 27 residents who spoke, 19 said they did not think the sculpture was a good idea. Of the eight people who said they supported the project, three were members of the Buy Back the Hill Committee, two were on the Chapel Hill Public Arts Commission (who commissioned Sayre), one was a University art professor and one was Town Council member Jim Protzman.

Many residents feel the project is not appropriate for the downtown area, and have objected to what they feel was the lack of public inclusion in the process of deciding on the sculpture.

Tuesday night's hearing was a chance for those residents to voice their concerns and for residents who support the project to defend it. Council members Joe Capowski, Joyce Brown, Protzman and Mayor-elect Rosemary Waldorf attended the hearing.

The hearing began with short speeches by representatives of both viewpoints. Kate Dobbs Arial, a visual art critic for the Independent, said the artwork was a "symbol of Chapel Hill's desire for a peaceful community." Arial showed slides picturing actual size mock-ups of the sculpture in the places which they would be found on Franklin Street.

"Sayre makes you think about how the violence explicit in a fired bullet collapses time and space," she said.

Dick Spruyt, a retired physician, said the town did not understand what the sculpture was all about until seeing the model.

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DICK SPRUYT
Chapel Hill Resident

"The idea of sitting on the sculpture with bullet holes behind me is most uncomfortable," he said.

Spruyt asked the audience for a show of hands of who was against the sculpture. Most audience members were against the sculpture, numbers that would later be reflected by the opinions of residents who spoke.

One resident presented an anti-sculpture petition with 1,055 names. Most residents who stood up against the project worried that it would be seen as a monument to violence. Vincent Kopp, a former classmate of Sayre, said he did not support the project because it paralyzed a tragic event in time. Others, like Ralph Young, said they worried that the project was a "celebration of gun violence."

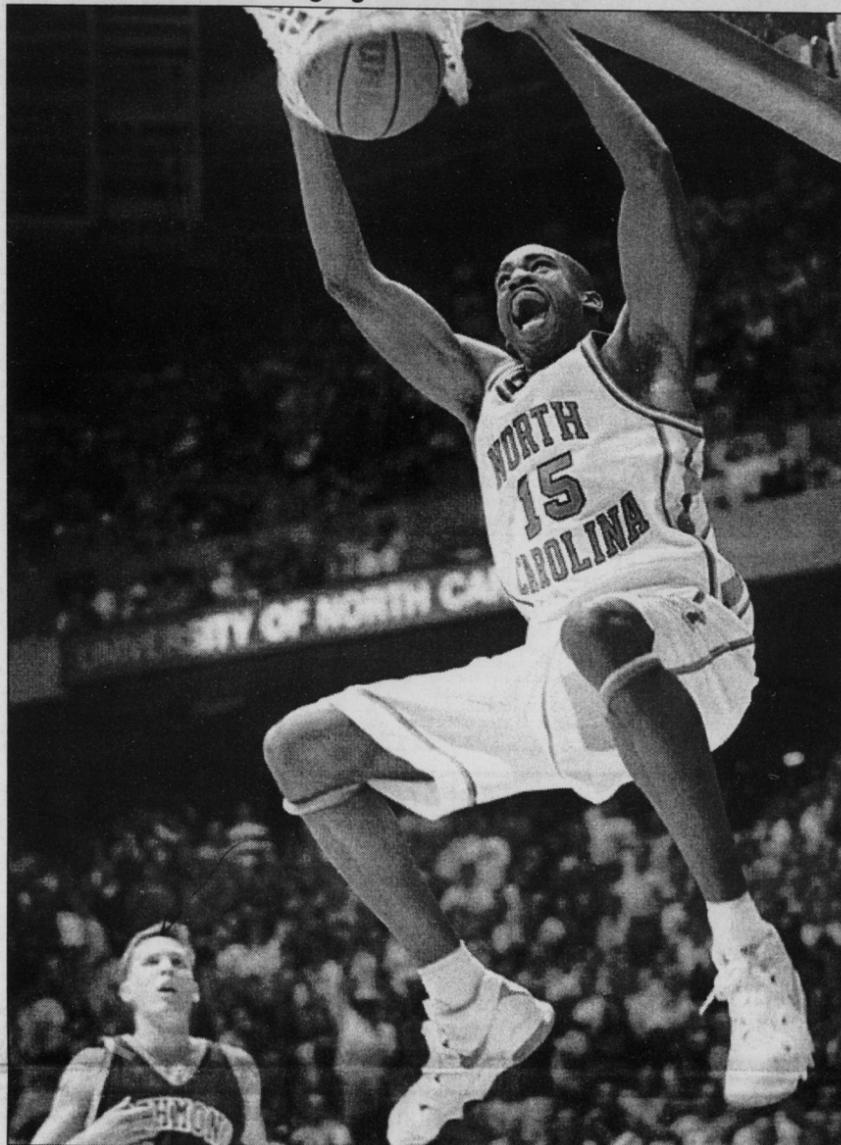
Some, like Franklin Bowden and Ruby Sinreich, lamented what Sinreich called the council's "over-eager approval of the sculpture" without receiving full public opinion. "Their minds were made up several months ago," Bowden said. "They have said to us 'We've approved it, you've got to accept it.'"

Franklin Street business owner Kathleen Lord said the sculpture would destroy the village atmosphere of Chapel Hill.

Members of the Buy Back the Hill Committee and the Public Arts Commission defended the aesthetic and educational qualities of the project. "This is a tremendous opportunity for our children to learn about the effects of violence," said Public Arts Commission member Carolyn Leith.

Protzman said guns were a problem the town must deal with. "It is a problem, and if somebody's going to take a stand, it's going to be Chapel Hill."

Bringing Down the nose



Freshman forward Vince Carter jams it home in the Tar Heels' Tuesday night win against Richmond in the Dean E. Smith Center. Carter finished the evening with 10 points and two assists. See story, page 9.

Aldermen To Discuss Zaffron's DWI Charge

BY SUZANNE WOOD
ASSISTANT CITY EDITOR

Carboro Alderman-elect Alex Zaffron, who was charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol Monday morning, will have to wait until December to learn what the new board will do in response to the DWI charge, said Mike Nelson, the newly elected mayor of Carboro.

"Any discussions we have will not take place until Dec. 5 (when the new board is instated)," Nelson said. "I don't even know what the possibilities are (at this point)."

Zaffron, 33, was stopped at 1 a.m. on West Rosemary Street at North Graham Street for driving with an expired inspection sticker on his car, said Jane Cousins, spokeswoman for the Chapel Hill Police Department. "He was stopped for an inspection sticker violation," Cousins said. "When he was stopped, the officer smelled alcohol on him."

After agreeing to take a sobriety test, Zaffron registered a blood-alcohol level of 0.11, Cousins said. The legal limit in North Carolina is 0.08.

Zaffron was cited for DWI, driving with a suspended license and driving with an expired inspection sticker, Cousins said. His license had been indefinitely suspended Nov. 6 — the day before he won his first term on the board — after he failed to appear in court. Cousins said she did not know what the original charges facing Zaffron had been.

In a letter written Tuesday, Zaffron said he was sorry for the trouble he had caused. "I wish to apologize in the strongest terms to all for any pain or embarrassment I have



Alderman-elect ALEX ZAFFRON was also cited for driving with a suspended license.

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Campus Events Planned to Heighten AIDS Awareness

BY RUTH BORLAND
STAFF WRITER

A breakthrough in AIDS drug therapy research at UNC which was announced Nov. 20 coincides with AIDS Awareness week, a week of events to increase the University community's awareness of the epidemic and its victims.

On Nov. 20 the University announced that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration had approved a new treatment for HIV patients that was tested by a UNC medical professor.

Dr. Joseph J. Eron, associate professor at the UNC School of Medicine, directed the clinical trial that led to the FDA approval of a drug called 3TC, also known as lamivudine or EpiVir, in combination with the drug zidovudine, formerly called AZT, for treating patients infected with the AIDS virus.

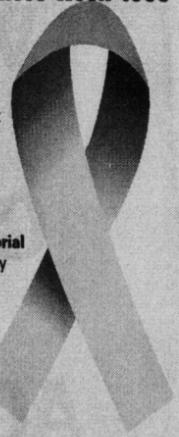
When used together, the two drugs caused a 90 percent reduction in the level of the virus. The effect lasts for more than a year.

Eron could not be reached for comment Monday.

The University will celebrate breakthroughs like Eron's and promote AIDS and HIV awareness throughout this week, culminating in World AIDS Day on Friday.

Schedule of Events for AIDS Awareness Week 1995

- **Pit Sit** — Today through Friday. Volunteers will staff a booth in the Pit to provide free information about HIV/AIDS.
- **HIV at UNC: Let's Talk About It** — Tonight from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Union Auditorium. UNC law student Doug Ferguson will lead a discussion about AIDS on campus.
- **AIDS Benefit Dance** — Wednesday evening at Gotham nightclub on Rosemary Street. Proceeds benefit the AIDS Community Residence Association.
- **Candlelight Vigil and Non-Denominational Memorial Service for those who have died of AIDS** — Thursday at 6 p.m. at Olin T. Binkley Baptist Church.
- **Moment of Silence** — Friday at 12:30 p.m. The world wide event is to remember those who have been affected by HIV/AIDS and to celebrate life.
- **Boys on the Side** — Friday from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. A 45-minute discussion will follow the presentation of this film.



The World AIDS Day Planning Committee, composed of representatives from Bisexuals, Gay men, Lesbians and Allies for Diversity, the Residence Hall Association, the School of Public Health and sev-

eral local businesses, has scheduled many activities throughout the week to increase awareness.

"AIDS day is a world wide event to promote HIV and AIDS awareness, but Carolina has a whole week," said Dale

Kawamura, co-chairman of B-GLAD. The week's finale is planned for Friday, World AIDS Day.

"In the Pit on Friday we will read names of people who have HIV or have family members who are afflicted by it," Kawamura said.

"There will also be a campus-wide moment of silence."

Other programs in conjunction with AIDS week include a benefit dance tonight at Gotham nightclub on Rosemary Street. Admission is \$6, and \$5 from each ticket sold will go to the AIDS Community Residence Association in Durham, Kawamura said.

There will also be a forum featuring keynote speaker Doug Ferguson tonight from 7-9 in the Union Auditorium.

Ferguson, a UNC law student who has tested positive for HIV, has been a community advocate for AIDS awareness. Ferguson will discuss the impact of the disease on the UNC campus.

Organizers also have planned a candlelight vigil on Thursday at 6 p.m. at Olin T. Binkley Memorial Baptist Church.

The vigil will honor those who have been affected by AIDS/HIV.

Volunteers will be in the Pit all week to distribute information about HIV and AIDS.

Land-Use Consultants Set to Unveil Options

■ Community members will get a peek at the University's future development plans at a hearing Thursday.

BY NATALIE NEIMAN
STAFF WRITER

The University's land-use consultants will unveil possible options for using UNC's last tracts of undeveloped land at a special public meeting Thursday night.

The Michigan-based consulting firm of Johnson, Johnson and Roy, will present several possibilities for the development of the Mason Farm property and the Horace Williams tract. The meeting will be held from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at the Friday Continuing Education Center.

The firm will present three alternatives for the Horace Williams tract and one proposal for the Mason Farm property for discussion from members of the University community.

Although it does not have specific plans or approved funds for the development of the land, the University wants to determine how to use the land, said Wayne Jones, vice chancellor for business and finance.

"We wanted to identify where different types of activity takes place so when the time comes for development, we won't be doing it on an ad-hoc basis," Jones said. "We're a long way from turning over any dirt."

Ted Hoskins, an architect in facilities and design, said Chancellor Michael Hooker had appointed six advisory committees to gather information for the consultants concerning what areas needed expansion.

The Mason Farm tract was much more attractive for development because traveling to that area did not involve going across town, said Thomas Clegg, chairman of the faculty advisory committee and chairman of the physics and astronomy department.

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Your Name in Lights?

Do you want to see your name in the DTH? In a byline?

Applications are now available for joining the staff for the spring semester. All desks have openings — University, City, State & National, Sports, Features, Arts/Diversions, Graphics, Design, Copy, Photo — but space is limited.

Just stop by Suite 104 of the Union between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. from now until Dec. 6 and pick up an application.

They're due Jan. 19, but will be considered on a rolling basis.

The earlier you get it in, the earlier we'll consider you. Stop by or call 962-0245 if you have any questions.

Weather

TODAY: Rain; high in low 60s.

THURSDAY: Clear, sunny; high in low 50s.

Employees Forming Gay, Lesbian Group

BY MARISA FERGUSON
STAFF WRITER

Encouraged by the Faculty Council's decision to grant domestic partners secondary benefits, several employees have formed the UNC Lesbian, Bisexual and Gay Employee Organization.

The group wants to provide an open atmosphere where University employees can discuss job issues relating to homosexuality.

"We hope to be a place where we can support other employees having trouble on the job with their sexual orientation," said Robert Brigham, computer support technician for the department of physiology.

Brigham said that lesbians, bisexuals and gays often encountered the same type of discrimination blacks, women and other minorities faced in the workplace.

"It can range from lack of promotion to out-and-out being fired," Brigham said.

Brigham and Wayne Thompson, assistant director of special programs for University housing, recently formed the employee group.

Brigham said that companies such as Apple Computers, which has an organization for lesbian, bisexual and gay employees, also inspired him to form the group at UNC.

"It occurred to me that the organization would put weight behind what is in my mind generally a positive atmosphere (for lesbians, bisexuals and gays)," Brigham said.

Currently, the group is meeting to determine the focus of their newly-formed organization.

"I think the group needs to decide as a whole what our purpose will be — either a support group or an advocacy organiza-

tion striving to make the work environment better for gays, bisexuals and lesbians," Thompson said. "My guess is that it will be a combination of both."

Brigham said the group would strive to keep meetings confidential so employees would express their concerns.

"Most of the employees that are involved are already out; however, we want to maintain an atmosphere where people feel comfortable," Brigham said.

Brigham said there were about 20 people on the mailing list for the group.

The newly-formed group will hold its third meeting today at noon in Dey Hall's Toy Lounge.

Faculty, staff and graduate students drawing paychecks from the University are invited to attend.

Interested employees may call Brigham at 966-5241 or Thompson at 962-5406 for more information.

Dancing to the Beat



The Southern Sun Singers perform a drum song with audience participation in a traditional dance in Great Hall to celebrate Indian Heritage Month.

The foolish and the dead never change their opinions.

James Russell Lowell