

Officials to Take Swing at Higher Finley Fees

University officials say they plan to make the new prices at Finley Golf Course similar to those at other courses.

By SHANNON SNYPP
Staff Writer

Finley Golf Course operators will ask golfers to reach a little deeper into their pockets this fall as course fees increase. Officials said they planned to have revised course fees set by summer. Finley, which closed last August for remodeling, will reopen in November.

The University allows students, faculty members and local residents to use the course for a fee, but the course is also used by the University's golf teams and physical activity classes.

University officials will survey other golf courses to get a range of prices to determine the fees they will charge both students and residents, Senior Associate Athletic Director Jeff Elliot said.

"We are going to do a series of market analysis tests on both university and public golf courses across the nation, since we serve an audience that composes both groups," he said.

Elliot said that while Director of Athletics Dick Baddour did plan to

include a minimal increase in fees for both students and faculty, there would be a substantial increase in fees for local residents who use the course.

The prices will be higher for local residents because they are not affiliated with the UNC campus, Baddour said.

But he said he wanted to try to keep the prices as fair as possible so everyone could enjoy the course.

John Knoch, a student at UNC who frequently plays golf at Finley, said that while he was disappointed about the price increase, he thought it was fine as long as it was acceptable to students.

"They should definitely not raise the prices so that the course is inaccessible

to students," he said. "Being that this is a University-owned facility, it is their duty to administer fair prices."

Local resident Justin Miller said he was extremely upset about the substantial increases he would have to pay because other courses that cost less than Finley were not as close to his house.

"There are a lot of other places that are cheaper, but they are not as convenient," he said.

The course was remodeled primarily because the University wanted to make a bid for the NCAA Golf Tournament, Elliot said.

The first opportunity UNC would have to try for the men's regional tour-

namment would be in 2001, and a national tournament bid could come in 2005. The University could bid for the women's regional tournament in 2000 and the national tournament in 2001.

"The NCAA tournament would give us the ability to showcase our new golf course, while giving the men and women golf teams the opportunity to have the advantage of playing at home," Elliot said.

"The tournament would also bring prestige to both the course and the University."

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Complex Prepares To Expand

Three new buildings would add 199,000 square feet and 495 new parking spaces to a local office complex.

By BECKY ST. CLAIR
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A Chapel Hill office complex is planning an expansion of its facilities that, if approved, would quadruple the space at its current 20-acre site.

Vilcom, on Weaver Dairy Road between Kingston Drive and Interstate 40, has applied for an expansion that includes three new office buildings, Vilcom President Jim Heavner said.

The new office buildings Vilcom has proposed would total 199,000 square feet and require an additional 495 parking spaces, said Joe Hakan, chairman of Hakan, Corley & Associates.

Heavner said Vilcom's location outside of Research Triangle Park could fill a need for office space locally so people would not have to drive through I-40 traffic.

"We believe that there is a greater demand for office space and a high quality environment in Chapel Hill that is met by current supply," he said.

Several nearby neighborhoods, including Timberlyne Apartments, Kensington Trace and a trailer court, would be affected by the construction, said Burwell Ware, a resident of Timberlyne neighborhood.

Ware wrote a letter to Dianne Bachman, chairwoman of the town's Community Design Commission, to express his concerns about potential traffic congestion after he had attended a Vilcom presentation at the commission's Dec. 16 meeting.

"In talking with my neighbors, there is substantial belief that a light at Kingston would draw traffic into the neighborhood and decrease safety in Timberlyne," Ware stated in his letter.

The developers have submitted a traffic study, Hakan said.

"Traffic is always a concern and we know that," he said.

Hakan said a traffic light would be placed at Kingston and Weaver Dairy roads to compensate for increased congestion.

The developers said they had spoken to neighbors, but no strong feelings, negative or positive, were presented.

The Community Design Commission has already approved the plan, but it must also be approved by the Chapel Hill Planning Department and the Chapel Hill Town Council, Hakan said.

The presentation for the expansion of Vilcom has not yet been scheduled on a Town Council agenda. "I have no opinion yet," council member Joe Capowski said. "It is too early to know."

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B-GLAD to Vote on New Name

By BRIAN BEDSWORTH
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Members of Bisexuals, Gay men, Lesbians and Allies for Diversity plan to hold a contest Wednesday to come up with a new, more inclusive name for their organization.

The contest will be open to the group's 100 members to create a name that would include transgender people on campus, co-chair Maya Kaplan said.

Members had made several suggestions, including the Lesbian, Gay Men, Bisexual, Transgender and Straight Alliance, or "the Alliance" for short, Kaplan said. "That way, if we added any other groups, we wouldn't have to change the name."

B-GLAD co-chairman Ian Palmquist

said another suggestion had been simply "Queer." "But there's definitely been some resistance to that," he said.

The term transgender describes biological males passing as females, drag queens and people who have had operations to change their sex, Palmquist said. He said more people nationwide were coming out as transgender and that B-GLAD wanted to reflect that by changing its name. "One goal (of the name change) is to simply raise community awareness."

Such awareness was a major factor behind changing the name of Duke University's Center for Lesbian, Bisexual and Gay Life to the Center for Lesbian, Bisexual, Gay and Transgender Life, programming coordinator Jeanette Johnson-Licon said. "We added the 'T'

about a year ago," she said. "We felt it was an important act of inclusion for a community we value here at Duke."

Johnson-Licon said adding the 'T' was a good symbolic act, but groups also needed to incorporate transgenders into programs. The Center for LGBT Life provides support services for the LGBT community at Duke, she said.

Palmquist said B-GLAD would also focus on transgender issues such as inclusion in UNC's anti-discrimination policy and recognition on campus.

Kaplan said she had no idea of how many people might face similar situations at UNC because very few transgenders were open about their sexuality.

Palmquist said that if B-GLAD members voted to change the club's name, they would announce it this month.

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Preparations Begin For Lighthouse Move

Associated Press

BUXTON - The flashing beacon atop the nation's tallest lighthouse was darkened Monday for the first time since 1950 so movers can nudge the massive structure a half-mile across this barrier island to its new home.

The electrical circuit to the beacon was disabled at 11:32 a.m. It won't shine again until Sept. 1, said Rob Bolling, a National Park Service ranger and historian at the lighthouse visitor center.

The 208-foot-tall structure with the barber pole striping is being moved 2,900 feet inland to preserve it from the encroaching Atlantic Ocean, which has crept within 120 feet of the lighthouse.

The \$9.8 million move officially commenced in December, but the lighthouse itself will not embark on its mem-

orable journey until late May or June. It is expected to reach its new home by late June or early July, officials said. By September, most of the relocation work should be done and the beacon will be activated, Bolling said.

He said that aside from light bulbs burning out, the beacon has operated continuously since 1950. During the 14 previous years before that, the beacon shone from a replacement structure in the Hatteras community, said Bolling.

In days gone by, mariners used the beacon to navigate the often treacherous waters off Cape Hatteras.

Nowadays, the beacon is seldom used for navigational purposes because of the availability of high-tech navigation aids like the global positioning system, said Bolling. "But when a sailor at sea looks to Cape Hatteras and sees a flashing light, it can be a psychological comfort even if they have the highest-tech equipment. It helps to see that flashing light," he said.

Bolling said red lights will continue to flash atop the lighthouse as a warning to aircraft, as required by the Federal Aviation Administration.

Crews from International Chimney Corp. of Buffalo, N.Y., now are digging out the lighthouse's 8-foot stone and wood foundation. They then will jack up the 4,800-ton structure and slowly move it along rails to the new site.

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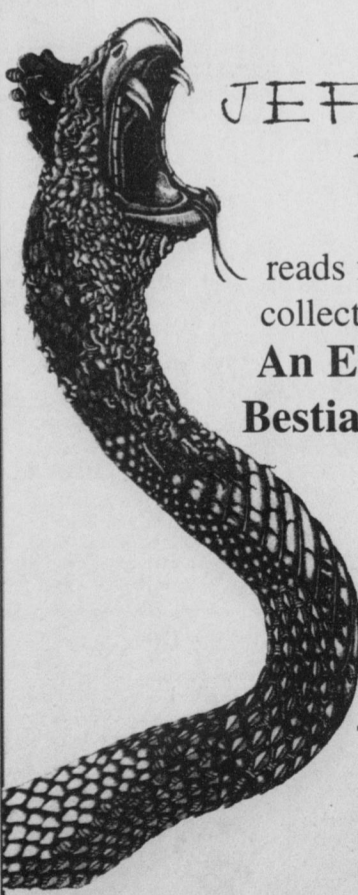


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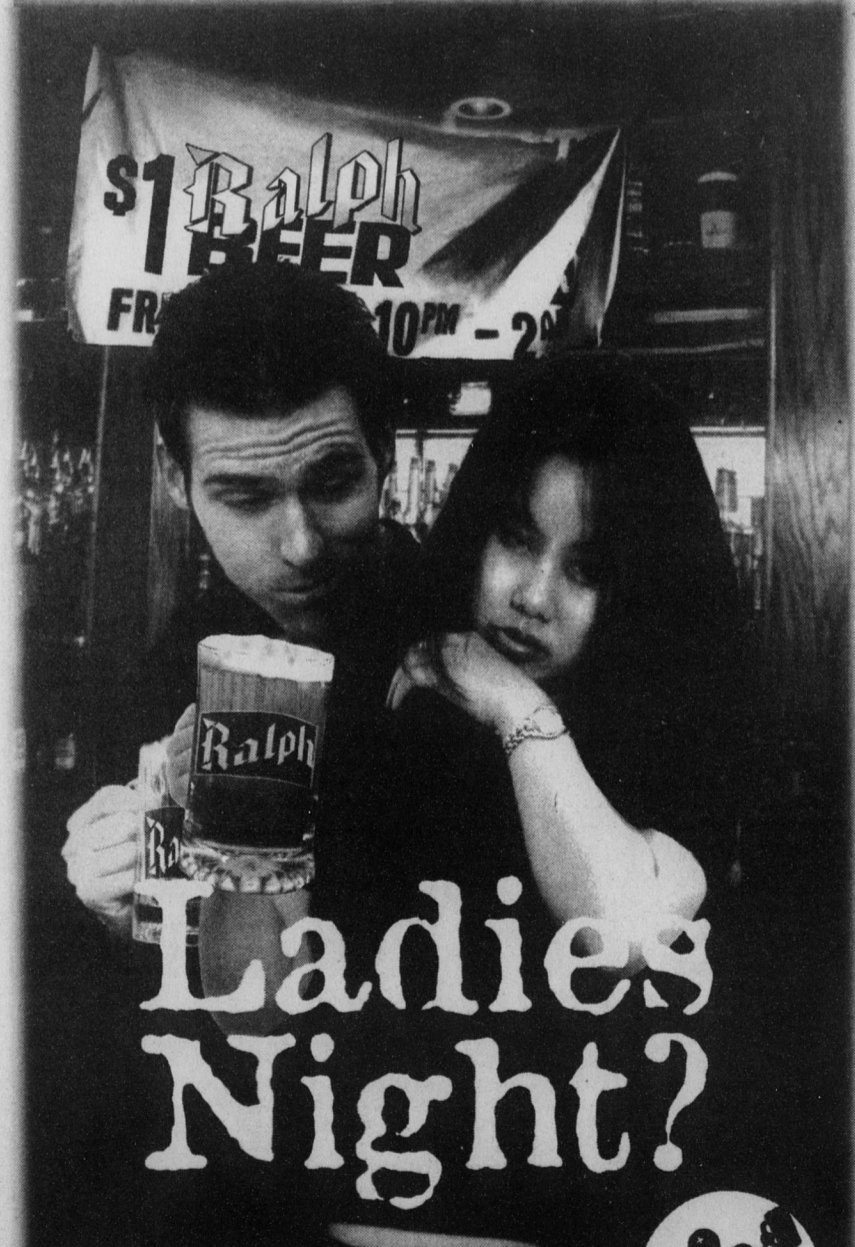


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- Tuesday**
- 7 p.m. - **Donate Life**, an organization to educate the campus about bone marrow registration and donation, meets Tuesdays in Hanes 108. For more information, contact Kate Hanlon at newt@email.unc.edu.
 - 8 p.m. - **Karolina Kids** general interest meeting in Union 206. Bring \$3 dues.
 - 8:15 p.m. - The **UNC-CH Young Democrats** will host a forum with Student Body President-elect Nic Heinke and hear from potential N.C. Attorney General candidate Hampton Dellinger in Union 208. All students are invited to attend.
- Wednesday**
- 4 p.m. - **TARS** will meet in Union 213. Anyone interested in providing opportunities for the disabled and strengthening communication between the disabled and non-disabled is encouraged to attend. Topics include the Carolina Computing Initiative; enlarged text and/or sports events.
- Items of Interest**
- **Class of 1938 Fellowship** applications are available at the International Center. Five fellowships of approximately \$3,000 each are awarded to sophomore and junior students for an independent study project abroad that is related to personal and/or career aspirations. For more information contact the International Center at 962-5661. Applications are due Thursday.

For The Record

Friday's article, "LOG Approves Recycling Center," should have stated that Orange County Commissioner Alice Gordon abstained from the vote. The Daily Tar Heel regrets the error.