### Tuesday, March 21, 2000

# **Council Tables Affordable Housing** Orange County Schools

#### By KEVIN KRASNOW Staff W

Council members and business leaders were divided over the effectiveness of an affordable housing proposal dur-ing a public hearing before the Chapel Hill Town Council on Monday night.

The proposal, drafted by council members Flicka Bateman and Joyce Brown, seeks to limit the size of he in order to decrease housing costs. The plan would put a cap on how many large houses a developer could build in

The proposal would require develop ers of major subdivisions to make 15 percent of the dwelling units less than 1,350 square feet. Developers of housing areas with 20 homes or more would have to make 15 percent of the dwelling units less than 1,100 square feet. Carrboro Alderman Alex Zaffron,

who wrote up a similar proposal that was adopted in Carrboro, said the ordinance had a number of benefits.

"This plan is a market control," he

The Town Council considered

As Chapel Hill's Town Council

resolved University Mall renovation problems Monday night, hearings for

the expansion of the Delta Kappa

Epsilon fraternity house began. Concerned parties had one last chance to contribute suggestions regard-ing mall improvements, while represen-

tatives from Delta Kappa Epsilon were able to address council members in sup-

The proposal for renovations at University Mall was unanimously accepted by council members after the

port of proposed expansions.

expansion plans for Delta

Kappa Epsilon fraternity

house Monday night.

**By ENYONAM KPEGLO** 

Staff Writer



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9 p.m. and 8 a.m. Council mem-

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"I think the

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mall redevelopment problems would

have been resolved at the last hearing, but (the council) wanted to honor the

request of Binkley Baptist Church (for more time)," she said. "When such a

respectable institution like that talks, we

Council member

Flicka Bateman

said it was time for a final decision

concerning

University Mall.

"I want to com-

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Town Council cil for addressing member Joyce Brown

cosponsored an ordinance to help affordable housing. pliment you for trying to increase stock for affordable housing in Chapel Hill," he said. "I welcome the opportunity to work with the public and private sectors on this issue.

However, other Chapel Hill residents in the community thought the proposal would have negative consequences.

John Ryan, chairman of a Chapel Hill organization called Tax Watch, said the proposal could hurt the town eco-

nomically. "Some of the businesses would go outside of Chapel Hill and the tax base would shrink," he said. But, Bateman said she hoped the

local business area would find the pro-posal favorable.

community and homebuilder's associa-tion get behind this," she said.

in Chapel Hill usually could only be bought by the wealthy "All big houses attract people at a certain income bracket," she said.

'I've never heard of a rich person liv ing in a cottage." Brown said the

**Town Approves Mall Special Use Permit** 

issue of affordable housing had plagued the area for years.

"Affordable housing has been an issue since I joined the council," she

Neighboring Ridgefield resident Gary Bird said he was glad a decision

was reached concerning the recycling

"I'm happy that the council was able to help in addressing the complaints of residents in my area," Bird said. "Now,

I'm just waiting to see their actions implemented."

Wiggins said that because council con-

cerns were finally resolved regarding the

mall she was ready to tackle the frater-

nity and owners to get the proposed ren-ovations," she said. "We want to ensure that a sprinkler system is installed because it's the most important addition."

"The council will work with the frater-

Town Council member Edith

center operation hours.

nity house expansion.

"It is a concern not just for Chapel Hill but for the entire Triangle." Council member Kevin Foy said he

was concerned that the proposal was too vague in its original wording. "I don't know if this is the solution," he said. "I don't know what market we

are aiming at - it's not clearly defined." The council voted to have the town staff explore other options and receive a report from the

"All big houses attract people town manager at the April 10 council meeting.

I've never heard of a rich person

lawn.

tinue to move for-FLICKA BATEMAN ward to remedy the affordable Town Council Member

housing dilemma. "We need to need to stop the rhetoric and start doing some-

Bateman said

she hoped the town would con-

thing," she said. The City Editor can be reached

veway entrances with one-way traffic

through the parking lot. In addition, the plan calls for a reduc

tion in the number of parking spaces at the fraternity house and the addition of

one handicapped space. Bateman said she was not opposed to

expansion of the Delta Kappa Epsilon

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**OK Redistricting Plan** 

The Orange County School Board approved a plan to keep minority enrollments equal in the school system.

#### **By Amy Dobson** Staff Wri

Many Orange County elementary school students could face the coming year with new classmates or even a new school.

School. Despite protests from some parents, the Orange County School Board passed a redistricting plan Monday that will shuffle nearly 900 students and add a new school, Pathways Elementary.

The plan will not affect any students at the start of next year. Students moving to a school other than Pathways will not switch until the 2001-2002 school year. Students moving to Pathways will occupy it either directly after construc-tion has been completed or at the beginning of the second

semester next school year. These students be placed will together with teachers who will move with them to

Pathways Drafted by a committee of par-

administra ents, tors and faculty members, the plan was designed to allow for growth without

overcrowding classrooms However, parents said the plan would leave their children with long bus rides, lost friends and no after-school

But, the problem parents most often brought against the plan was that 180 fourth-graders moving to Pathways would have to attend other schools until the construction of Pathways was com-

"Instead of moving 180 students early, why not wait and move everyone at once," said Nancy Hendrick, who has two children at Cameron Park Elementary

Tracy Smith, a mother of a kindergarten student at Cameron Park, said he was disappointed that her neighborhood was chosen to transfer from New Hope Elementary to Grady A. Brown Elementary

She said other neighborhoods that more fiercely opposed the plan had greater success influencing the board's

"I'm saddened by the decision, but the squeaky wheel gets the oil," Smith said. "We just don't want our kinder-gartners uprooted."

However, Amy Wall, mother of a third-grader at Cameron Park who will transfer to Pathways next year, said she

"Children have to deal with change their whole lives," she said. "It's good that they can learn to adjust."

Board member Susan Halkiotis said efforts would be made to comply with se reque

"We will bend over backwards to find solutions to these problems," she said.

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Board member Rick Kennedy said the approved plan was an improve ment from previous versions

"This plan was the most palat-able," he said. said. "The move is and comfortable

Mother of a Cameron Park Student more reasonable now that teachers are involved.

Superintendent Randy Bridges said the board had the best interests of the students in mind when they passed the proposal. "We are trying to do that which is impossible," Bridges said. "You can't please everybody."

Board member Brenda Stephens said she noticed that parents representing each school fought to keep their chil-dren there. She said this showcased the positive attributes each school had. "All the children will be in excellent

schools, no matter where they are. The City Editor can be reached

at citydesk@unc.edu.

#### will be served. Wednesday

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. - Senior Information Day will be held in the Great Hall of the Student Union. Caps and gowns, door prizes, free Coke and popcorn will be available. Representatives will be on hand from several University departments to assist students with graduation plans.

3:30 p.m. – The Anthro Club will hold a Course Critiqu - The Anthropology Anthropology Lounge in 313 Alumni Building.



# The renovation proposition includes the addition of a fire sprinkler system, and 1,720 square feet added to the site in the form of two stair towers, a paved ter-race, a brick walkway and widened dri-**Campus Calendar**

### Today

12:30 p.m. - The James M. Johnston Center for Undergraduate Excellence will hold "Tuesdays With Friday," a discussion with N.C. Supreme Court Justice Henry Frye and N.C. Central University Chancellor Emeritus LeRoy Walker. The discussion will be facilitated by UNC-system President Emeritus Bill Friday. <sup>3</sup> p.m. to 6 p.m. – The International Center will sponsor a **tax seminar** for all international students and scholars in 268 Venable Hall to provide help with doing taxes.

7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. – Ambassador Robert Seiple, the U.S. ambassador-atlarge for international religious freedom and former president of the humanitar

SHORTS

Today at Carolina...

**UNC Baseball vs. Towson State** 

free to the public

The lecture will include a 30-minute - Campus Crusade for p.m.

ian group World Vision, will speak along with his son Chris Seiple, who is the author of the book "The U.S. Military/NGO Relationship

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fraternity house, which is located at 132 S. Columbia St., but she was concerned about building a terrace on the front "A patio means an outside place to drink and make noise," she said. "I think the council has a responsibility to ensure

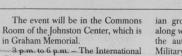
fraternity house expansion until April 10 for further input.

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that neighboring residents will not be disturbed by unwanted noise from out-

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Hamilton Hall.

period of questions and answers and is

**Christ** will be hold a Jesus Film showing in 265 Phillips Hall. The event is free and open to the public. Refreshments

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"I would like to see the development Bateman said the large size of homes at a certain income bracket. living in a cottage."

y: Hope Help for a Common Problem, and Connect.

# March 28, 2000 The Friday Center, UNC-CH

MORNING, PROFESSIONALS ONLY - \$35 (INCLUDES LUNCH) 8:00 Arrive and sign-in
9:00 Welcoming comments: Dr. Edward Hallowell
9:45 Break-out sessions
11:30 Panel Discussion with morning speakers 12:45 Buffet lunch at Friday Center

AFTERNOON, GENERAL PUBLIC & PROFESSIONALS - FREE OF CHARGE 1:00 Arrive and sign-in 2:00 Keynote address by Dr. Edward Hallowell 3:30 Snack break/book signing4:00 Break-out sessions on Postsecondary issue ► one for students only (with Dr. Hallowell) ▶ one for all participants

("Coaching at the College Level: Implications for Students with ADHD & LD")

5:30 Ends

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for

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A conversation between Carolina students, Chancellor Emeritus of North Carolina Central University, LeRoy Walker and North Carolina Supreme Court Justice, Henry Frye. Moderated by: William C. Friday, University of North Carolina President Emeritus

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All students and all questions are welcome.

#### Juggling your Life & a Career

**A FREE Seminar** March 23rd, 2000 7-8:30 p.m.

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If you want the challenge of an exciting career but aren't willing to give up your life, come join local business owner and author, Cheri Comstock, as she discusses how she has built a successful company while raising two young children.

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