

Sharing of Land Creates Tension Between UNC, Town

Town Council members say that annexing UNC-owned land extends better and more services to the areas.

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The thought of UNC land spurs visions of Kenan Stadium, residence hall rooms and brick sidewalks — not an airport or flood plains.

But the University's bounds do reach beyond central campus to include the Horace Williams Airport and the Mason Farm Tract near Estes Drive as part of almost 2,037 acres of satellite property.

The land stretches beyond the town limits of Chapel Hill, into Carrboro and even Durham County.

The Mason Farm Tract houses the Faculty-Staff Recreation Center, the Friday Center, Finley Golf Course, some hospital buildings and a facility for training public school administration, which is under construction.

Sharing a vote in land usage can sometimes lead to political tension as both groups fight to stake their claims.

Recently, a conflict arose between town and UNC officials as to who had jurisdiction over certain plots of University-owned land.

Despite the fact that UNC owns the Mason Farm Tract, the Town of Chapel Hill has annexed every portion within its jurisdiction. So now, the University must obtain permits to build from the town, instead of from Durham County, which originally had jurisdiction.

The Chapel Hill Town Council annexed Area 2, a 144.9 acre piece of land in the Mason Farm in Durham County on April 10, so the town could extend its boundaries and provide services, such as police protection. The land contains the recreational center as well as flood plains.

Linda Convisor, project manager for campus planning, said there were areas that could still be built upon, but there were no clear plans to do so.

"There is some land that is buildable, but it's never been calculated," she said.

Town Council member Jim Ward said that although the area was not consumed by flood plains, if the University decided to build, the town wanted to be present to give its input and have the final decision before granting a permit.

"The town wants to be at the table when land uses are being discussed that will affect the whole community," he said.

Convisor said UNC's basic problem with annexation was with the headaches the town bureaucracy would cause.

"(Obtaining a permit) is more time

consuming, more meetings and more paperwork," she said. "(Durham County) has zoning control but it's not as restrictive and bureaucratic."

Roger Waldon, Chapel Hill's planning director, said following the annexation the council would have to finalize the zoning at a public hearing on June 19.

"With this annexation all of the Mason Farm is now in the city limits," he said. "The recommendation (for zoning) is for office-institutional building."

He said office-institutional building zoning was similar to how other UNC-owned lands had been zoned, so that would be the most likely decision.

Although the town will not have jurisdiction to build on the land, it will have to provide municipal assistance to UNC if the University begins construction.

Chapel Hill Mayor Rosemary Waldorf said the town could provide more comprehensive aid to the area.

"We could provide better fire services," she said. "We could provide additional police services."

However, Aaron Nelson, coordinator of local and University relations, said UNC preferred to be a part of the Durham County jurisdiction.

"The town has a more extensive and involved (development) process than any other university town in North Carolina," he said. "They have the most

lengthy, expensive approval."

Ward said Chapel Hill could annex because of a property agreement made in previous years that could now be solved due to town resources.

"(The border) was a mutually drawn line between Durham and Chapel Hill," he said. "A decision (to annex) was made several years ago, and this would be an implementation of that decision."

Convisor said that as far as new construction was concerned, UNC's only plans to build were primarily around the Friday Center, located on N.C. 54. There, the construction of the facility for public school administration is taking place.

"There are no plans (to build on Area 2)," she said. "We haven't done anything with that piece of property. All activity has been around the Friday Center."

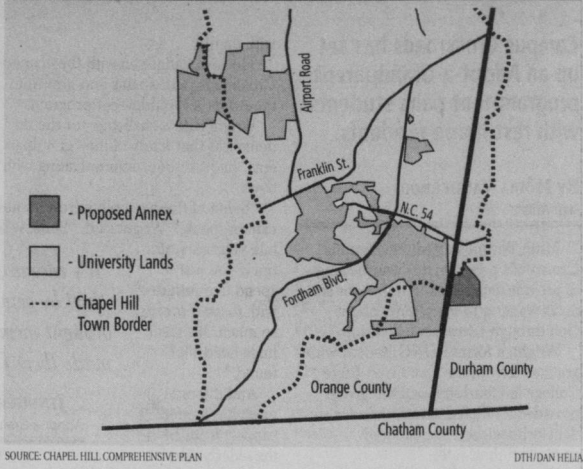
Convisor also said the Mason Farm land was donated to UNC in 1894 by the Mason family and had been developed to the 1,356 acres it holds today.

Following this acquisition, UNC attained the primary 979 acres of the Horace Williams Tract, located near N.C. 54, through the estate of the late philosophy Professor Horace Williams in 1934.

"(Williams) acquired a lot of land as a personal enterprise," said. "He left 700 acres to the University when he died. It was donated to the University in 1934." John Sanders, a retired faculty mem-

Land Owned by UNC

Since 1792, the University has accumulated an estimated 3,000 acres of land. Now all of that land has been annexed by Chapel Hill and is subject to zoning control imposed by the town.



SOURCE: CHAPEL HILL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

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ber of the Institute of Government, said the land was now used for a variety of purposes. Acreage is allotted to the airport, support and service facilities for UNC, future development and open space preservation.

He also explained that UNC leased out some of its tax-free property to the town.

"A piece on the northern end is leased to Chapel Hill for a nominal sum," he said. "Trucks and buses belonging to the town are based and serviced there."

The initial land for the general campus comprised 1,000 acres and was donated by the town of Chapel Hill in the late eighteenth century. It was only worth 1,000 pounds, which converts to roughly \$1,593.

"In 1792, the trustees wanted to find a site for the University," Sanders said. "So they held a competition and invited the community to come up with a proposal."

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CAMPUS RECREATION UPDATE

Intramural Sports

Results from this past weekend's events:

SAND VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONS

Co-Rec Division: Kenan-Flagler
Mens Division: Rigor Mortis

SPLASH & DASH TRIATHLON RESULTS

Mens Student	Jason Norris	29:02
Mens Faculty	Paul Bloom	35:34
Mens Non-Affiliate	Aaron Kiefer	28:53
Womens Student	Katherine Zeman	32:10
Womens Faculty	Hope Bryan	32:25
Womens Non-Affiliate	Kathleen Hans	32:21

The following officials were recognized as this year's best:

- Iron Official Award for Volleyball: Michelle Bumette
- Iron Official Award for Flag Football: Christy Perry
- Iron Official Award for Basketball: Jason Victor
- Iron Official Award for Indoor Soccer: Rich McCormick
- Iron Official of the Year: James Colombo
- Soccer Official of the Year: Lacey Homer
- Flag Football Official of the Year: Aaron York
- Basketball Official of the Year: Wayne Michael
- Street Hockey Official of the Year: Carlos Flor
- Volleyball Official of the Year: Adam Kalorovich
- Basketball Official of the Year: Jane Bell

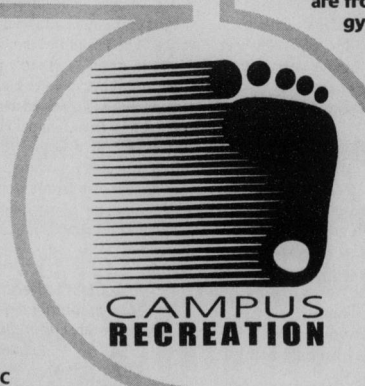
Sport Clubs

Judo is a descendant of the martial art jujitsu that was founded by Dr. Jigoro Kano in 1882. The emphasis is on gaining advantage by giving way. It is a sport as well as a martial art, and several members of our club participate in competitions throughout the year. There are two main components to judo, throwing techniques and grappling techniques. The throwing techniques involve throwing the opponent from all different standing positions as well as sacrifice techniques. The grappling component involves pinning, joint-locking and strangulation techniques.

A typical practice involves warm-up exercises and drills, grappling instruction and free grappling practice. During the latter half of the class throwing drills and instruction are provided and the class ends with free practice. Anyone is welcome, no judo or previous martial arts experience is necessary. A uniform is not necessary but may be purchased if desired. Anyone is welcome to come by and watch or practice at any time. We meet throughout the summer. Practice times are from 4-6 pm Sunday, 8-10 pm Monday and 7-9 pm Thursday in room 01 Fetzer gym. If you would like more information please contact Kelley at kgriffit@email.unc.edu.

Judo has been an organized club for four years and its members have a wide range of abilities. This year some members competed in six tournaments throughout the state and placed well in each. Competition is optional. Our goal for the future is to host a tournament in Chapel Hill.

Judo is a fun and challenging sport. It not only improves the body's physical condition it teaches control and balance. This year you Stop by any time or contact us at the mail address listed above.



Fitness & Aerobics

CAMPUS RECREATION: END-OF-YEAR AWARDS

The following students were recognized at this year's Awards Picnic for their amazing contributions throughout the year. Congratulations and thanks to all!

PARTICIPANTS OF THE YEAR:

Melissa Sledge and Spencer Eckard

CAROLINA ADVENTURES:

Allison Vandenberg (ropes course)
Brian Burnham (climbing wall)

SPORT CLUBS:

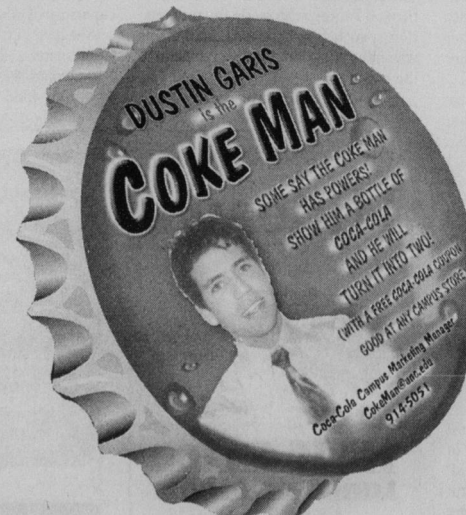
Shannon Edgerton, Michael Steiner,
Liz Strittmatter, Josh Hines, Triesta Guthrie

INTRAMURALS:

Nicki Lewis (office staff)
Supervisor of the Year: Alanna Farkas
Official of the Year: Jay Victor
Rookie Official of the Year: James Colombo

STUDENT RECREATION CENTER:

Outstanding Aerobic Leader:
Casey McMorran
Outstanding Receptionist:
Karen Roebuck
Outstanding Fitness Monitor:
R.J. Dawson
Outstanding Overall Employee:
Cara Smith
SRC Board of Directors:
Kelly Chadwick



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