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Town's Double Standard Slows Smart Growth

Chapel Hill residents can't have it both ways.

They show up at Town Council meetings to protest University expansion that actually falls under the category of the "smart growth" they say they want. At the same time, the developments that were planned to combat urban sprawl are not being used in a way that is anti-sprawl.

It seems as though the University automatically starts at a disadvantage when officials propose development plans to town residents.

Part of UNC's Master Plan — a project that would add more living, classroom and research space to the University — is to convert the Horace Williams tract off Airport Road to a research, corporate and residential area.

Residents, as they indicated at Monday's Town Council meeting, are concerned about the impact such large-scale development will have on the town's infrastructure, especially schools.

Yes, developing the Horace Williams tract would have a huge impact on Chapel Hill, but critics are overlooking the benefits.

I'm not talking about just the benefits to the state or to research. (As council member Jim Ward said, we should think beyond simply elevating the quality of life for people in North Carolina but also seek "to elevate the quality of life for people in Chapel Hill and Orange County.") I can talk about the benefits in grandiose all I want, but that won't change the minds of people whose property neighbors the Horace Williams tract.

The benefits to Chapel Hill's philosophy of growth are huge as well. "This is consistent with principles of smart growth," said Douglas Crawford-Brown, a professor in UNC's School of Public Health and the environmental science and engineering department.

"The ideal situation is one in which people conduct most of their daily activities in areas that allow walking between activities and that any longer travel be between clusters of activities so rapid transit can be effective."

People living and working in the same place is part of that ideal situation.

"I like the initial idea of mini-towns for (satellite areas of campus) so long as green space and woods remain also," Crawford-Brown said.

And Chapel Hill residents are lucky. For the most part, the town can afford to grow. They'll need more school space, but relative to other areas of the state that also desperately need more classroom space (not to mention more teachers and more test books), Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools should not have too much trouble building more classroom space.

University officials promised several years ago to devote some of the development to private companies so that Chapel Hill's tax base would increase along with its population. And at Monday's meeting, University attorney Susan Ehringhaus said they have every intention of keeping that promise. The University isn't trying to simply dump all these people on Chapel Hill.

Crawford-Brown said in general Chapel Hill plans growth for sustainability better than other small towns he's familiar with. But he said it's easier to plan growth in a University town, which will have its population rooted in one area.

Mixed-use developments such as Southern Village and Meadowmont represent good planning, but people don't seem to be using them the way they were intended, Crawford-Brown said.

"At least in Southern Village, I still see a lot of traffic in and out of there," he said. "So it may turn out to be a good idea that went awry because people did not make proper use of the opportunities."

Smart growth only works if people use the development correctly. In general, Chapel Hill officials do a good job of planning growth, but residents don't hold up their end of the bargain.

Instead of seeing themselves as an adversary to the University, Chapel Hill residents should see it as a partner in smart growth.

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UNC, Town Officials to Discuss Master Plan

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Chapel Hill and University officials will be having their second meeting today to further discuss issues pertaining to the University's blueprint for growth during the next 50 years.

The meeting, which is open to the public, will be held in the Morehead Lounge of the James M. Johnston Center for Undergraduate Excellence from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Bruce Runberg, UNC associate vice chancellor for facility services, has been working with town and UNC officials to help orchestrate the University's Master Plan for long-term growth and will be giving a presentation at the meeting.

The town-gown committee, which was formed last year to increase dialogue between the University and the town as UNC enters a period of expansion, is led by Chapel Hill Mayor Rosemary Waldorf and Chancellor James Moeser.

During the first town-gown meeting, held at the Chapel Hill Town Hall in December, representatives from the town side of the committee requested information that would help measure the impact of University construction on the town.

"The committee will continue to discuss when buildings will be built and what buildings will be built first," Town Council member Lee Pavao said.

Pavao also said the committee will discuss the considerable amount of

floor-space expansion that UNC is planning that likely will create an increase in cars and people.

Chapel Hill's floor-space cap presently limits the University to 14.2 million square feet of buildings. With the passage of a \$3.1 billion bond package last November that will fund construction projects at the state's higher education institutions, town officials worry that UNC would overflow its boundaries.

Master Plan Director Jonathan Howes said University officials on the

committee will discuss the progress of construction on campus at the meeting.

Runberg said his presentation aims to give committee members insight into construction projects that will be funded with the \$500 million UNC will receive as a result of the bond.

He said, "I am giving a presentation of a short overview of the building projects associated with the bond issue."

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Activist's Mission Leads to Middle East

Tomas Murawski partially funded his own trip to Iraq to study the effects of U.N. sanctions on the people.

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The UNC campus is filled with students who have far-reaching goals for changing the world.

But few actually have the opportunity to travel halfway around the globe in pursuit of their objectives.

Tomas Murawski is one of the few.

In January, while other students were waiting in line for books and meal plans, the junior journalism major was en route to Iraq to document the effects of United Nations sanctions that limit international trade and travel with the country.

Iraq is a concern for humanitarians like Murawski because the nation's death rate has multiplied during the decade since the Persian Gulf War.

"Basically, nothing goes in or out of the country," he said. "This leads to death by malnutrition and illnesses that go untreated."

Murawski has been involved in social issues since his sophomore year at UNC, including working for Students United for a Responsible Global Environment and the Campaign to End the Death Penalty and hosting a show on WXYC called "Northern Hemisphere Live."

Murawski first became interested in the conditions of Iraq last semester when British Ambassador Sir Christopher Meyer visited the University. "Meyer is really pro-sanction," Murawski said. "I printed up protest fliers, and I actually got into a spat with him. I've been really active

on the issue since then."

Soon after, Murawski discovered the trip to Iraq sponsored by Conscience International, an organization that leads social and political activists to countries in Africa and the Middle East.

With funds from SURGE and the University along with money from his own pocket, Murawski joined the first American delegation unaffiliated with the government to fly into Iraq.

"It was really different flying over there because the security was really lacking. There are very few travelers and tourists, so the metal detectors don't even work," Murawski said of Saddam International Airport.

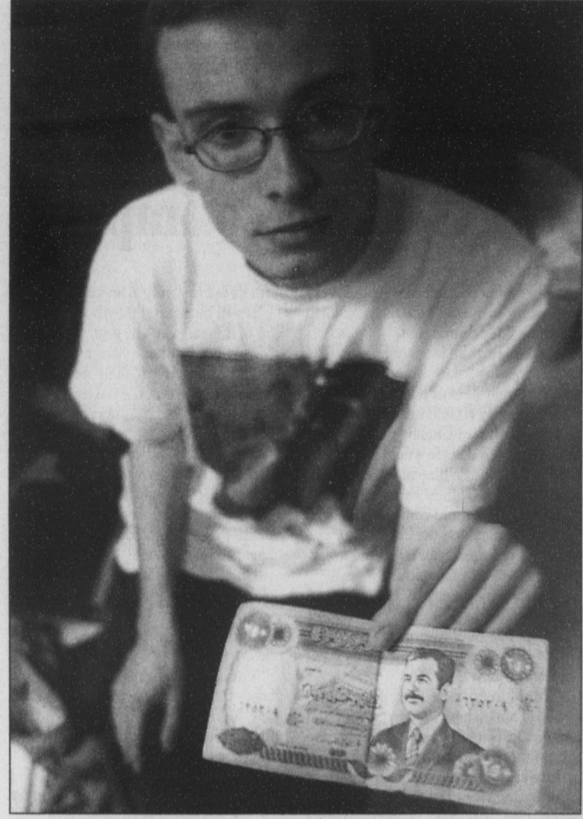
During his six days in Iraq, Murawski spent most of his time in the city of Basra. There he toured several hospitals, schools and one government building in his attempt to gather evidence of the sanctions' negative effects.

Murawski talked to doctors who reported disasters with power outages during operations.

He also spent time in a pediatric ward where he observed "horrible sanitation," such as the recycling of disposable breathing tubes. "It's just really sad to see things like two babies in one incubator," Murawski said. "Most of the cancer patients there are children."

Since his return to U.S. soil, Murawski has been focusing on sharing his experiences with as many people as possible. He has contacted area radio stations, written guest editorials in several campus publications and plans to address an international studies class next week. "I want to educate students about the situation in Iraq and give them some ideas on what they can do to help," he said.

"Tomas is a very hardworking, committed guy," said senior Dennis Markatos, who has worked closely with Murawski in SURGE.



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Tomas Murawski shows a bill of Iraqi currency he brought back from his research trip to the Middle Eastern country.

"It takes a lot of courage to travel to a country like Iraq where there is so much anti-U.S. sentiment," Markatos said. "He sacrificed schoolwork and money out of his own pocket to go so

he could help us better understand what is going on over there."

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CAA Hopefuls Explore Ticket Policy Issue

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Carolina Athletic Association President Tee Pruitt says the new men's basketball ticket distribution policy is a fair and effective process.

And although Pruitt said he believes the new distribution policy implemented in December is an improvement, CAA president candidates have proposed changes they believe can improve the process.

To receive tickets, fans have to arrive at the Smith Center at 6 a.m., get their numbers checked in and sometimes stand in line for three hours or more on a Saturday morning.

"The ticket distribution is all messed up because we pay a lot of money to this school," said freshman Latoya Terry.

"We can't even get decent tickets to a

basketball game without waiting in line for over three hours on a sleep-in Saturday morning."

But Pruitt said the new distribution process' initial purpose was to deter students from receiving multiple bracelets.

"There was a large number of students cheating the system and necessary steps had to be taken in order to deter the cheating problem," Pruitt said.

Pruitt said since the new distribution policy began, a thousand less bracelets have been given out to students.

"This indicates that there is less cheating, and we were trying to deter cheating. We've done that successfully," he said.

And Pruitt said the speed of the process has not been affected but that the system has become more efficient.

He also said whether the new CAA president changes the distribution policy is up to his discretion.

But he said there should be some

consistency in how the distribution policy is implemented because it might confuse the student body.

"The system we have in effect right now has been here for three years," Pruitt said.

But both CAA president candidates said the system could be improved. Candidate Reid Chaney said the current distribution policy is not ineffective but inaccessible to students.

He proposes a plan that would allow students to get their bracelets in the Pit during the week of distribution.

"I feel that students aren't pleased with the distribution policy because they not only are not aware that they have good numbers but also do not have good enough accessibility to receive the bracelets," Chaney said.

The starting number will be announced in the Pit on Friday before noon. But students will still have to arrive at the Smith Center at 6 a.m. on Saturday for check-in and to receive

their tickets.

He said his plan for a change in the distribution policy is only a variation of the current one in an attempt to make it accessible to students.

And he said his plan will run successfully. "It is a good chance that we can pull this off with minimal problems," Chaney said.

Candidate Michael Songer said the current distribution policy is ineffective because students line up at 6 a.m. but do not start receiving tickets until 7 a.m. "It is not good to have 5,000 people at one time at the Smith Center," Songer said.

Songer also said he would like to implement a new distribution policy that will be a staggered system. He said students will have an assigned time to come to the Smith Center in one-hour intervals.

The starting number will be announced in the Pit on Thursday, and

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Jackson Addresses Race, Elections at Duke

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DURHAM — The Rev. Jesse Jackson grabbed Duke University students' attention Thursday with his thoughts on affirmative action and faith-based initiatives — not his personal life.

Weeks after acknowledging an extramarital affair and an illegitimate child, Jackson spoke to more than 100 students and faculty members at the Duke University School of Law.

Standing in front of the crowd in a small, cramped room, Jackson discussed his opposition to President Bush's recently proposed faith-based initiative, affirmative action and his concern over the disenfranchisement of black voters in Florida on Election Day.

He took issue with Bush's faith-based plan, which he said could compromise religious organizations' missions. "In the United States there is a struggle of people of faith," he said. "(To say) I am full of faith, I'm full of love, I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me is not true. Having faith is no substitute for equal protection under the law."

Jackson also touched on affirmative action and other social issues facing the United States. "Most poor people are not black or brown," he said. "They are white, female and young."

"White women cannot be silenced as if affirmative action is a black cross to bear," he continued. "Affirmative action is a majority, not a minority issue."

Jackson, who was a supporter of former Vice President Al Gore in his bid for the presidency, also spoke briefly on health care. "When the maids, janitors and cooks get sick, they do not have health insurance," he emotionally told the audience. "They too dream; they too dream."

And Jackson expressed disagreement with Bush's push for private school vouchers.

"It is a cynical view of education with an outer layer of hope," he said. "It is contradictory to leave children behind. ... There is a high risk in leaving children behind."

After his speech Jackson spent about 30 minutes answering questions from the audience. "He was not even going to take questions," said Anita Brown, speakers coordinator for the law school's external relations. "But because he

did take questions he) showed his openness."

Jackson did not mention his recent scandal and was not questioned about it by students.

"The students were free to ask whatever they wanted," said Mirinda Kossoff, communications director for Duke's law school. "It was not relevant for them to ask him about (his affair)."

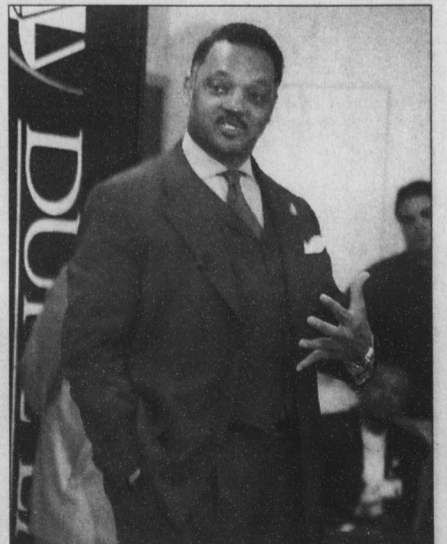
At the end of his speech Jackson received a standing ovation. The crowd was charmed.

"I thought it was inspiring," said Jennifer Westerhaus, a second-year law student from Des Moines, Iowa. "It made me think a lot."

"It was incredibly inspirational," said Effia Aning, a third-year law student from New York and a member of Duke's Black Law Students Association. "I was happy to be there."

And the audience seemed genuinely touched by Jackson's words concerning character and the treatment of others. "When you graduate it will not matter how you treated the dean," he said. "How you treat the maids, cooks, and janitors — the least of these is a measure of character."

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Jesse Jackson speaks to students and faculty at the Duke University School of Law on Thursday.

Edwards' Charges Rise to 58

Dwayne Russell Edwards, a former UNC employee, is suspected of crimes ranging from rape to kidnapping.

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Rape suspect Dwayne Russell Edwards was served with 25 additional felony charges Wednesday by the Carrboro Police Department, bringing the total charges pending against him to 58.

Carrboro police served Edwards, 33, who lives at 100 Rock Haven Road, Apt. M-304, with the charges at Orange County Jail without incident.

Capt. Joel Booker of the Carrboro Police Department said the new charges were the results of probable cause found in several investigations.

"These were just other cases that were under investigation where an investigator found a connection to Mr. Edwards and found probable cause to charge Mr. Edwards," Booker said. Booker said some of the new incidents Edwards is being charged with occurred as early as the Thanksgiving holidays of 2000.

As a result of the additional charges, Edwards has been given an additional \$1 million bond, raising his bond to a total of \$4.1 million.

The new charges include 15 counts of possession of stolen property, four counts of breaking and entering, four counts of larceny, one count of first-degree burglary and one count of second-degree kidnapping.

Edwards, a former UNC employee, was first arrested Jan. 9. He was linked with two sexual assaults and one rape, which occurred in the Chapel Hill-Carrboro area in late December.

The first local assault occurred in Dec. 23 at Ridgehaven Townhomes and the first rape was reported at 1000 Smith Level Road on Dec. 26, according to police reports. Both occurred in Carrboro. The most recent sexual assault occurred at an apartment on Hillsborough Street in Chapel Hill a few weeks later. Edwards was arrested by the Carrboro Police Department shortly after the Chapel Hill police broadcasted a report of the incident.

But he also was charged with armed robbery, first- and second-degree burglary, first- and second-degree kidnapping, larceny, safecracking, financial transaction card theft, possession of stolen goods, obtaining property with false pretense and multiple sexual offenses.

"It certainly draws one's attention," Booker said of the numerous charges.

"It would at least give indication on its face that he was into a lot of things."

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