The Daily Tar Heel

HAVING A BALL

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TODIC of the

Week:

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ike many American boys, I spent summer evenings getting bitten by mosquitoes in left field. I wasn't allowed to chew gum at home, so game nights war-ranted an entire pack of Big League Chew. Sometimes I played first base, sometimes third.

I wasn't a pit

Nor was I a hitter.

The only time I remember standing at the plate is when a giant bumblebee landed on my nose and stung me. I stood in shock, and watched strike three sail past me.

Still, I had fun playing baseball when I was young. Somewhere along the way, I lost my faith. I wish I could say it was because I am not a baseball player. I'm not a basketball player, yet I still love to play and watch.

I've never even played a game of football, yet I'm always on the couch on Sundays in the fall. (My roommates will tell you I'm always

on the couch.) Real baseball seemed to lose its appeal about the same time metaphorical ba eball emerged

"How far did you get with Suzie?"

"First base – she's a prude." Actually, I was just as terrible at metaphorical base

ball. I was hit by more pitches than anything else. With girls on my mind, I had little time to think about George Brett's on-base percentage against the Houston Astros' bullpen.

Throughout high school and college, I didn't have time for a game that moved at such a slow pace. I demanded action. (And I was finally starting to get some.)

For years I threw around the "b" word when describing baseball: "Baseball is as boring as a Catholic wed ding.

But as life became more stressful, I began to appreciate the slower elements of life. Shakespeare Red wine. PBS.

Baseball is timeless. And there lies the beauty. (All you who don't wear a watch know what I'm talking

about.) Go to a game and forget about your trouble I guess I'm starting to believe in baseball again thanks to the Durham Bulls. I don't come to every game. I don't

follow the team when I'm not at the game. I guess you could say I'm a fair weather fan.

I'm still not sold on Major League Baseball. When you know that your team (the Kansas City Royals) will never make the playoffs before the season even begins, it's difficult to be enthusiastic. I'll still go to the games, though.

Like those Cub fans that pack Wrigley Field every game, despite a perennially mediocre team, I love the atmosphere. And the Italian sausages.

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"Let's play two."

DANIELE EUBANKS

Ake me out to the ball game, take me out to the crowd, buy me some peanuts and crackerjacks ...

Now that's an idea for a date.

You might get the idea that girls don't like baseball too much, what with the whole no women actually play-ing the game and all, but I don't think I'm the only female that really gets into it. Summer just doesn't seem complete without baseball and all its accounterparts.

and all its accouterments. I mean, strapping young bucks running around in tight pants, hot dogs, sunshine and, of course, that intoxicating golden nectar. For the price of a movie you're guaranteed

at least three hours of sensory stimulation, maybe more if you're lucky enough to find

your teams tied in the bottom of the ninth. Plus, it's okay to be a glutton, because a mack-free inning is pretty close to sacrilege. I

Baseball think they must put something in ballpark food - it's so darn good.

In addition to all the consumption, baseball is good for society. It brings people together, you know, for the home team. In an age where loyalty is becoming more and more uncommon, it's good to see people get fired up about anything.

Baseball is also doing a really good job fighting against ageism. The oldest coots in sports (besides golf, but I don't really think that counts) can hang in this game, and it's so nice to see families all squished into the bleachers together. I think it's one of the few ways to get teenagers to venture into the parental no fly zone and for both parties to return unscathed.

My own dad is a veritable baseball-aholic, and looking back on all the games we went to as I was growing up, I'm amazed at how many hours we clocked actually talking. Female baseball fans might not be as well versed in the

tatistics and logistics of the game as our male counterparts, but hey, it doesn't require testosterone to enjoy it. We get into stuff like uniforms and dippin dots a little bit more. That can be dangerous, though. I'll never forget the

day they carried my mom out of the stands stone cold unconscious with a mouth full of iced cream. Focused on her tasty treat, she never saw the ball coming Now, a lot of girls complain about all the scratching,

spitting and general crassness that goes on at a baseball game. Well, in my opinion it's not so bad. And come on now, the getups those poor boys wear have got to be uncomfortable. Imagine wearing some-thing like the Madonna cone bra thing for three hours in the sweltering heat, girls. If we can just overlook the nitty gritty parts, the whole baseball experience is really fun. All that stretching and shouting is actually pretty good. So here's to baseball - helping boys and girls play ball

in the finest American tradition

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UNC-Chapel Hill to become a minister.

However, he discovered he hated acad-

emic studies but loved activities such as

participating in Carolina PlayMakers,

singing in Glee Club and playing in the band, so he switched his major to music.

Neilson ratings top ten, and it has never been off air since it went into syndica-

tion. Entertainment continued to be more lucrative for Griffith. He starred in

the TV series "Matlock" which began in 1986. In 1997 he won a Grammy for his gospel album, "I Love To Tell the Story." Griffith is still active these days.

Baxley said the exhibit's mission was to

document the various lives of one UNC

In 1960 the hit TV series "The Andy Griffith Show" began. In its eight-year run, the show never dropped out of the

GRIFFITH

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The exhibit opened on Friday with a speech delivered by Neal Brower, author of a book on the fictional town of Mayberry. About 100 people showed up for the opening, and around 200 visited the exhibit last weekend.

"It's been phenomenal. I knew when we planned it, it'd be well-received, but I had no idea there'd be so much interest," Baxley said.

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dunking booth and the giant Tiger inflated in front of the 200-year-old Alexander Dickson house.

In addition to the crafts vendors and food stands, two sound stages provided live music and entertainment hosted by a local Elvis impersonator. Six different bands played over the course of the humid Saturday afternoon, serving up

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In researching, much of the material came from Wilson Library itself. Through the Mount Airy Visitor Center they found Emmitt Forrest, a childhood friend of Andy Griffith who lent many of the arti-facts of the exhibit. "I accumulated a lot of the items during my early years here, when we were in school together," Forrest said. "Now I buy off eBay."

However they were acquired, the artifacts, information, photographs and other items all come together to tell the story of Griffith's life, which began in Mount Airy in 1926. After his childhood in his hometown, Griffith enrolled at

everything from beach music to swing. Hog Day was started by the Hillsborough Chamber of Commerce to raise money for its booster activities in 1991. Last year, Hog Day broke the Guinness World Record for the World's Largest Barbecue Festival. Activities included the area's largest Antique Car Show, educational exhibits and nonprofit booths and a baking contest.

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Twelve-year-old Josh Hartzog of Chapel Hill makes an over-the-shoulder catch Tuesday afternoon during a drill at Carolina Baseball camp. Instructors at the camp teach kids in grades six through nine the fundamentals of all the game's positions over a four-day period in Boshamer baseball stadium.

Locals Discuss Growing Pains

Internationalist Books and **Community Center hosted a** teach-in on the Master Plan for Chapel Hill residents.

By ASHLEY WILLIAMS Staff Writer

Chapel Hill citizens recently convened to discuss developments with the UNC Master Plan outside of the towngown sphere

About twenty-five people squeezed into the Internationalist Books and Community Center Friday for a "teachin," a dialogue on some of the controversies surrounding UNC's Master Plan effect on the Chapel Hill.

"UNC's plans for construction on the main campus and Horace Williams tract will have a bigger impact on our community than any other single develop-ment in our past or the foreseeable future," said Internationalist Advisory Board Chair Ruby Sinreich.

The Internationalist, 405 W. Franklin Street, is a non-profit organization run by volunteers and one part-time man-ager and serves as a small, independent bookstore that organizes programs for

the community. For this Chapel Hill citizens were invited to attend in order to develop a better understanding of UNC's development plans.

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But some representatives said it was not the place of Student Congress to propose specific measures for the state

Governments has already passed a resolution condemning tuition increases

Senate would raise tuition by five percent for the University, in addition to an



Topics discussed included UNC's Master Plan, the Horace Williams tract and UNC's rezoning request, associat-ed protest petitions, the threat of leg-islative zoning exemptions, and a brief history of town-gown relations in Chapel Hill.

Some citizens expressed concerns over the fast pace of the rezoning which could get the project approved at a very accelerated rate.

Adam Sotak, who received a master's degree in social work at the University, presided over the meeting along with Sinreich, who also graduated from UNC in 1993

Eric Knight, an N.C. State University Student serving as an intern on the publicity committee for the Internationalist, also helped in organization. "It seemed the University was trying

to circumvent the democratic process, thus taking away citizen's power in deciding what happens to Chapel Hill," Knight said.

Two panelists, Kirk Ross of the Chapel Hill News and Dan Coleman of Orange-Chatham Sierra Club, the joined the discussion and were available answer citizens' questions.

During the meeting, environmental issues were discussed due to the amount of new construction expected.

"A hundred years ago UNC didn't look at its land and say let's put a build-ing everywhere" Coleman said. Another concern was the predicted

increase of four percent for next year already approved by the Board of Governors

Young said he was glad not only to see the resolution pass, but also because of the meeting's turnout, with 12 members attending, which he said was much higher than usual for summer sessions. "I thought (the meeting) went very

well," Young said. Speaker Mark Townsend, Dist. 12, also said he was pleased with the turnout. "Generally, over the summer

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traffic increase on Weaver Dairy Road which will serve as one of the main arteries of transportation to the Horace Williams tract.

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The need for collaboration between the University and the town was also

"I remember when UNC thought the University's interests were good for the town's interest," Sinreich said. "What is the University without the town and what is the town without the University?"

One citizen shared her view on the lack of communication between the two

groups. "Chancellor Moeser talks about UNC being a world class University but has never mentioned what it will do to Chapel Hill or Orange County," said Elaine Barney of Westwood Drive.

Project Manager of Campus Project Manager of Campus Planning Linda Convissor was the lone university representative, presenting charts and maps diagraming the UNC Master Plan and the Horace Williams

Before leaving the meeting, Convissor said, "I may disagree with some of the conclusions reached tonight, but I think there is nothing better than discussing things happening in your own back yard."

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we just appropriate money," Townsend said. "It was a pet project to get a lot of representatives to show up." He said Congress meets once each summer school session. The next meet-ing is scheduled for July 10.

In other business, Congress appropri-ated to two student organizations a total of \$800 in student fees out of the \$2500 available in the fund for next year

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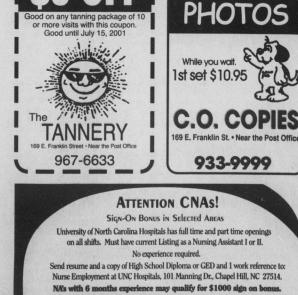
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The increase proposed by the NC

alum, and judging from the initial public response, they had done so successfully. "We've tried to talk about his life and career from childhood to his most recent Grammy," she said. "It gives patrons a great overview of his whole career

"A thrillingly, thorough

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