

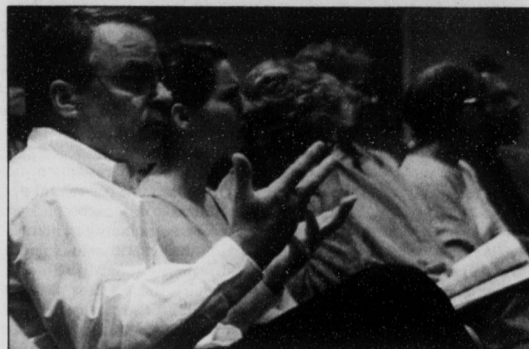
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Town approves UNC growth plan



Gene Pease, president of the Gimghoul Homeowners Association, expresses his displeasure at talks of modifying UNC's Development Plan.

COUNCIL'S 6-2 VOTE CAPS MONTHS OF INTENSE DEBATE

BY JENNY HUANG
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University officials can breathe a sigh of relief.

With what one council member called "violent resentment," the Chapel Hill Town Council on Tuesday approved UNC's proposed changes to the Development Plan in a 6-2 vote.

The council's action came after a four-hour public discussion on Monday during which more than 40 local residents, Town Council candidates and UNC representatives weighed in on the proposals.

The final modifications approved by the council call for construction of an 800-space parking deck in Jackson Circle and a chiller plant and 500-space parking deck near Cobb Residence Hall.

The package also includes the University's support for making pedestrian-friendly improvements to South Columbia Street, a reversal in UNC's previous push to widen the road.

The approved proposal also includes a stipulation that the University will not revisit the possibility of widening South

Columbia — a significant concession from UNC.

Council members added several stipulations to UNC's proposed modifications, including the creation of a town-gown task force to restore Old Chapel Hill Cemetery and the extension of traffic access hours from the Cobb deck to Raleigh Street.

The Development Plan modified Tuesday is a short-term subset of the larger Master Plan, a 50-year strategy for campus growth.

The town approved the original Development Plan in October 2001. UNC officials submitted proposed modifications to the plan in April.

During the past few months, UNC's proposed changes have drawn fire from local residents

who are concerned that the projects will cause increased traffic and noise.

Before taking a vote, council members acknowledged the concerns of local residents and voiced their opinions about the proposal.

Mayor Kevin Foy said that he valued the open town-gown discussions leading up to the council's decision and that thought the University made enough concessions to merit the council's approval.

But in his dissenting vote, Bill Strom said the negative backlash from local residents prevented him from accepting UNC's proposal. "I don't believe it's my role to blindly

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Reddick named to U.S. team

Tar Heel to make World Cup debut

BY BRIAN MACPHERSON
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It's dream-come-true time for Catherine Reddick.

U.S. soccer coach April Heinrichs named her roster for the 2003 Women's World Cup on Tuesday, and the North Carolina defender will represent her country on soccer's biggest stage in the fall.

"I definitely hoped to make it," Reddick said, talking a mile a minute in a phone interview from California. "But I was still surprised. It's still surreal to me because it's been my dream for so long."

Reddick, a senior on the North Carolina women's soccer team, was the only active college player selected to the team. Though still months shy of her 22nd birthday, she has played in 34 international games.

Reddick will miss about a month and a half of the Tar Heels' season while with the U.S. team.

"We actually had a good feeling that she'd make it, and we're incredibly proud of her," said UNC coach Anson Dorrance. "She's the only college kid on the team, so that's an incredible achievement."

Heinrichs, a former North Carolina player, selected a total of six current or former Tar Heels to the 20-player squad: four-time World Cup participants Mia Hamm and Kristine Lilly, veteran team members Cindy Parlow and Tiffany Roberts and first-timers Reddick and Siri Mullinix.

A total of eight Americans will be playing in their first World Cup.

"There are other people going in there with me for their first time, so it won't be too difficult," Reddick said. "They'll be right alongside me going, 'Wow, wow, wow.' We're already doing that. It's absolutely amazing."

Left off the squad were two current Tar Heel forwards: sophomore Lindsay Tarpley and freshman Heather O'Reilly. Both participated in four days of training at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Chula Vista, Calif., and both will

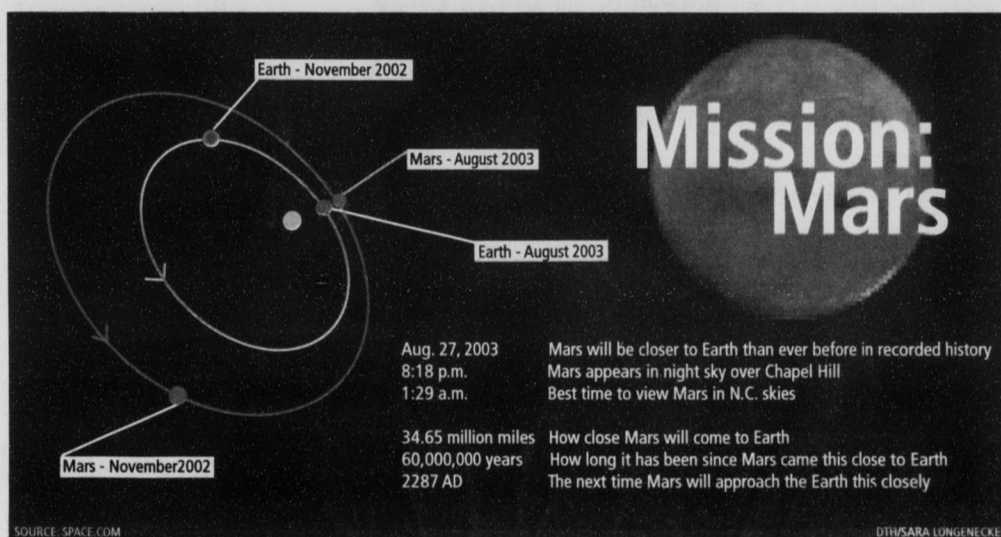
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UNC senior Catherine Reddick, the youngest player selected for the U.S. Women's World Cup team, is a contender to start at left back.

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MARS MAKES A PASS AT EARTH

Morehead viewings already filled up

BY NIKKI WERKING
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Eight-year-old Austin Mack climbed up a heavy metal stepladder Tuesday night and peered into the towering telescope housed in the dome on the roof of Morehead Planetarium.

As the Chapel Hill resident's eyes adjusted to the light, he could see a white spot — a polar ice cap on Mars.

Mack was excited because his father is an astronomer who told him Mars wouldn't be this close to Earth again until 2200.

"It's pretty cool," Mack said. "It's a nice chance to see something (people) will be seeing in 200 years."

Today, Mars will be about 35 million miles away from Earth — the Red Planet's closest approach in 60,000 years. In honor of the event, the Morehead Planetarium and Science Center and UNC's Department of Physics and Astronomy are sponsoring Marsfest 2003, a series of observation ses-

sions that started Tuesday night and will run through Saturday.

Free tickets for the sessions were available Saturday, but all 750 tickets were claimed by 3 p.m. Monday.

"The line was wrapped around the block when the planetarium opened on Monday," said Dan Reichart, professor of physics and a coordinator of the event.

"People just went crazy for it." During the 20-minute observation sessions, visitors have a chance to view Mars through 3 1/2-inch telescopes on one of the observation decks as well as through the 24-inch telescope inside the planetarium dome.

Reichart said that even from 35 million miles, some of Mars' physical features are visible through binoculars.

"If you look closely, you can see some dark spots on the planet and even a polar ice cap," he said.

Planetarium staff members as

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DTH/LAURA MORTON

Hillsborough residents Amy and John Robertson view Mars on Tuesday night during a presentation at Morehead Planetarium.

Panel slams NASA in shuttle report

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WASHINGTON, D.C. — NASA's overconfident management and inattention to safety doomed Columbia every bit as much as the chunk of foam that struck the shuttle with deadly force, investigators concluded Tuesday. Without drastic changes, they said, another disaster is likely.

In a scathing 248-page report coming almost seven months to the day after the spacecraft disintegrated over Texas, the Columbia Accident Investigation Board said the shuttle wasn't "inherently

unsafe" but issued recommendations for a safe return to flight.

"The board strongly believes that if these persistent, systemic flaws are not resolved, the scene is set for another accident," the investigators wrote.

"NASA's blind spot is it believes it has a strong safety culture."

The board said the space agency lacks "effective checks and balances, does not have an independent safety program and has not demonstrated the characteristics of a learning organization." NASA Administrator Sean

O'Keefe, prepared in advance for the criticism, pledged to make the necessary changes. "We are, all of us at NASA, a part of the solution," he told space agency employees.

And President Bush declared, "Our journey in space will go on."

The board concluded that safety engineers used "sleight of hand" tactics even before the Feb. 1 Columbia tragedy to play down the frequency of strikes by fuel-tank foam insulation and that managers pressed ahead because of intense pressure from high up to stay on schedule.

In all, the Columbia investigators issued 29 recommendations to NASA, six focusing on organizational change.

Some of those changes — eliminate as much fuel-tank foam shedding as possible, toughen the vulnerable thermal shielding on the wings, give astronauts inspection capabilities and repair kits — are needed before shuttle flights resume, said retired Navy Adm. Harold Gehman, the board's chairman. The culture issues will

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