Carrboro OKs access road

Road would go through park

BY JENNIFER POGUE

The Carrboro Board Aldermen gave the green light Tuesday for construction of a con-nector road through yet to be constructed Hillsborough Road Park that would link Hillsborough Road

ty plans for the park, which will occupy a 10-acre piece of land on Hillsborough Road across from

committees have Planning raining committees have focused mainly on the parking sit-uation. According to the plan, parking will run along the new road, which will be built along an existing roadbed to minimize pave-

The board voted to research allowing parking along only one side of the street, building a drop-offisland where children could exit

totaling \$457.40. WCU Student Government

Association President Heather List said she has been involved openly

in the decision, citing a tuition forum during which student gov-

ernment and administrators addressed student concerns. UNC-Charlotte students aren't

in favor of a tuition increase, but UNC-C Student Body President

Stefanos Arethas said he thinks it's only a standard reaction from stu-

dents based on their lack of infor-

mation about the problem.

Mayor Mike Nelson said he expects to reduce the number of spaces planned, hoping instead that patrons will choose to walk to

the park.
"I believe we have come up with a plan that respects the need for recreation space in Carrboro," Nelson said.

Nelson said a connector road is necessary in that area because all other roads that connect to Hillsborough Road between Blueridge Road and Pathway Drive are dead ends.

The lack of connector roads can hamper emergency vehicles by adding several minutes to response times, Nelson said.

Alderman Jacquelyn Gist, who cast the lone dissenting vote against the connector road plan, said she strongly opposes building the road because of high construction costs and space constraints within the park.

Without the road, the park would cost the town about \$750,000, according to Anita Jones-McNair, Recreation and Parks Director.

Gist said her preferred plan would feature parking lots at both

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ends of the tract of land, which she says would occupy 1 acre compared to the 3 acres a connecting road ould require.

Gist said she doubts emergency vehicle access has been a problem in the Pathway Drive area

Instead, she said the board approved the connector road merely to comply with the Connector Roads Policy. The policy, conceived over a decade ago, was designed to help link new and old was of Combour for both according to the content of the conte old areas of Carrboro for both aesthetic and practical purposes.

"(The policy) is a good idea in theory but needs to be looked at situation-by-situation," Gist said.

Alderman Diana McDuffee supported the connecting road plan. McDuffee, who lives on Pathway Drive, said there is significant need for another road.
Without the connection, only

Parkview Avenue and Spring

Valley Road would provide vehicu-

The next decisions to be made concern facilities Hillsborough Road Park. Nelson said he hopes to discuss the park within the next six months, after the budget is decided.

Carrboro Town Manager Steven Stewart said the park could be designed as active, with more facils such as game fields, or passive,

with more open space.

Nelson and McDuffee both suggested the construction of a soccer

field in the park.
Gist noted that it would be nice to have a soccer field but said that she hopes to keep the park open to everyone. Both Nelson and Stewart agreed that the community would decide what went into the park.

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with NCSU's caution and predicted that students will receive few dividends from tuition increases The net return that the campus gets is negligible. It's just another

write them a blank check.'

SHELTER

agement of the shelter immediately. "We need to get this task force moving. We need to take more of a direct control of what's happening."

Commissioner Moses Cary agreed with Jacobs that the interim period should be used for planning the future operation of the shelter. "I would encourage us to make a decision tonight that buys us some time," he said.

Margaret Brown, chairwoman of

the board, said she strongly believes APS should not continue to manage the shelter, even during the five-month interim period. "I don't have any confidence in the organization.

Link said that the recommenda tion was based purely on the con-

cept of interim operation and that the board should treat it as such. Humane Society members and residents who spoke at the meeting were critical of APS.

Dean Edwards, director of the society, said his group would do the best job making "decisions that will affect the lives of thousands of animals. We're very staunch in our support of animals," he said.

Beverly Rockhill, a former vol-unteer at the shelter, said she stopped volunteering at the shel-ter because of APS' treatment of

customers.
She said she was sick of "apologizing for poor management or insensitive behavior."

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excluded from the Raleigh City Council ballot because of his age he was 20 years old when he ran

He later successfully sued to get his name on the ballot because he

would turn 21 by the term's start. "(The age restriction) seems unfair for students, especially in areas like Greenville, where onethird of the population is students and they have no say on their city council," Ducote said.

Stevens said those who are eligible to vote, marry, write a will or be drafted also should be able to run

"I'm not sure if the public would elect them, but they ought to have the right to seek office."

Younger candidates are more in

said Amanda Devore, ASG's vice president for legislative affairs. "A lot of students feel the effect of decisions made by city councils and the House," she said. Legislators' response to the bill

touch with student-related issues

has been relatively favorable so far, Ducote said. "They have been willing to talk about it, and I think it resonates well with them."

But there might not be support across the board. Rep. Edith Warren, D-Pitt, expressed mixed sentiments about the proposed legislation. legislation.

"Students have a great contribu-tion to make while in school in regards to elected office," she said. "But there also needs to be a certain level of life experience.

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RADIOTHON

Herman said.

The radio stations also will ask listeners to make a donation of about \$20, which Herman said is a reasonable amount. "I think that's a fairly small donation, and to raise a lot of money off small pledges is

The Simpson family emphasized that raising money for the hospital is important to them.

I know how much the kids in the hospital need the money," Rebecca said. "It's a way to say thanks."

She said that during her time in the hospital, doctors and nurses made her feel at home, and her parents agreed that the treatment was extraordinary.
"We've had such a phenomenal

experience there, seeing how much they've given and how much they need," said Emmaline Simpson

Rebecca's mother.
"We want to do what we can to

help them get what they need."

Jeff Simpson said the kindness of the hospital staff played a role in his decision to help with the radio-He said that his family has done

other, unseen things to help cancer patients but that "this is a visible thing."

He added that he hopes to stay

involved with the hospital in the future. "I would like to, if they'll let me," he said. "They might not like me as much as I like them. Fortunately, I have a wonderful daughter."

Rebecca said she also would like to volunteer with the hospital in the future to help raise muchneeded money and to offer a message to cancer patients.

"I hope that I can show people that there's always hope and they

that there's always hope and they can get better," she said.

"Even if you're staying at the hospital, it could be worse."

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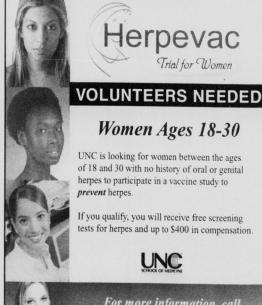
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and Pathway Drive.
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ment additions.

cars safely and including traffic calming features such as speed bumps.

TUITION

They don't see the justification

Despite Arethas said he sees a definite need for tuition hikes. "If we want to be at the level we want to be at, the funding has to be there," he said.

N.C. State University students have been the leaders in opposing campus tuition hikes in the UNC system. They are facing a proposal similar to UNC-CH's.

"Given the economic climate ... this would be the worst time to raise tuition," said Amanda Devore, a member of NCSU's Tuition Task Force. "A lot of parents of students have lost their jobs, not to mention "They just hear, 'You pay this, now you have to pay this," he said. their way through college students that are trying to work

his reservations,

The NCSU Student Senate assed a resolution Nov. 12 condemning a tuition hike. Student members of the Tuition Task Force also voted against the hike, along with Tom Stafford, vice chancellor for student affairs, and accounting

Professor Harriette Griffin.
"I think if you look across the system, other students aren't really supporting an increase," said Natalie Duggins, assistant to the NCSU student body president. "Traditionally, universities base their decisions on what Carolina does. ... That's a sad way to run our

Jonathan Ducote, president of the UNC-system Association of Student Governments, concurred

drop in the bucket."

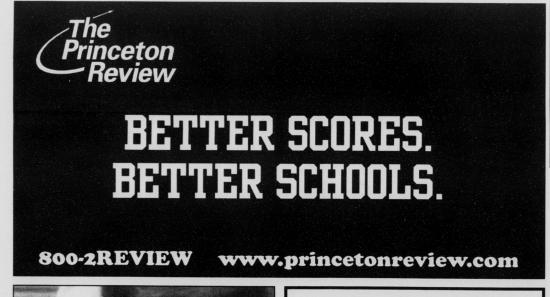
Ducote said he attributes the

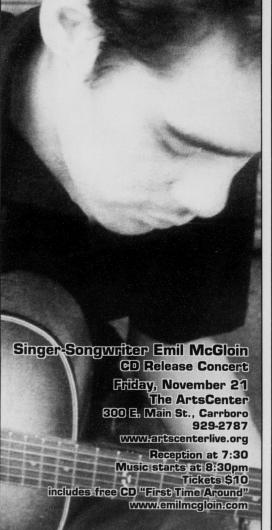
varied reactions to tuition increases at UNC-system schools to whether the various student body presidents think students can afford the increases.

"People are asking for tuition

increases, and they are providing loose justification," he said. "They are essentially asking students to

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