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"As a parent of young kids, the first reaction I had was that (we needed) a pedestrian-activated traffic signal so I could cross with my child to the other side," he told Starkey. "I hope you won't write that off."

The town Transportation Board included a signal in its recommendations to the council.

Concerns about a recycling center drove much of the discussion.

The center is one of several features the town added after the town's Community Design Commission first reviewed the application in June.

"When you saw the plan in June, it was really just a blank corner," Starkey said. "It's been developed to a schematic level."

But some council members said that level might be excessive.

"Here you have a big quadrant of the park taken over," Mayor Kevin Foy said. "Why is it such a

big chunk of land?"

Parking issues also raised a few eyebrows.

The town's Greenways Commission advised the council to reduce the number of parking spots proposed to allow for parking groves that would shade portions of the lots.

But potential crowding and problems with the parking groves concept might eliminate that possibility, Town Manager Cal Horton said.

Chapel Hill voters began plans for the park in 1986 and 1989, when they approved bonds that were used to purchase the property.

County voters further set up funding for the park in 1997 and 2001.

If the council approves the permit, the town will submit its final plans to be reviewed by various town departments and outside agencies.

No date for the opening of the park has been set, Spatz said.

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Slow economic growth still likely to create jobs

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Economic growth will slow this year but still will be sufficient to reduce the nation's unemployment rate, business economists say.

In its latest economic outlook, the National Association for Business Economics predicts the economy will expand by 3.6 percent this year and next.

If the projections being released Tuesday prove accurate, that would mark slowing from the 4.4 percent growth clocked in 2004, the strongest showing in five years. GDP measures the value of all goods and services produced within the United States and is considered the broadest barometer of the country's economic health.

"Economic growth in 2005 will moderate but still be solid," said Carl Tannenbaum, chief economist at LaSalle Bank and head of the committee overseeing the economic forecast.

One reason economists give for the expected moderation this year is the belief that a red-hot housing market will cool and mortgage rates will rise. Consumer spending and business investment this year are expected to be solid and to help support economic growth, accord-

ing to the outlook.

Forecasters anticipate that the unemployment rate — which averaged 5.5 percent last year — will dip to 5.2 percent this year and then to 5.1 percent next year.

On the inflation front, consumer prices are expected to rise 2.2 percent this year and 2.3 percent next year. Consumer prices for all of 2004 increased 3.3 percent, the largest rise since 2000.

A deceleration in consumer prices this year is based partly on the expectation that energy prices, which surged last year, will calm down. Forecasters are predicting a barrel of crude oil will cost around \$40 at the end of this year, compared with \$48 a barrel at the end of 2004.

The forecast was compiled before Friday's release of a government report that showed wholesale prices soared in January by the largest amount in more than six years. A government report on consumer prices for January will be released Wednesday.

For all of 2004, wholesale prices went up at a faster pace than consumer prices. Some companies, not wanting to turn off buyers, were reluctant to pass along all of their higher costs to consumers.

PEMBROKE

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Along with the academic and enrollment growth, there recently has been a push by both university and town officials to generate a stronger relationship with the surrounding area.

"Chancellor (Allen) Meadors has done an excellent job in promoting the university and getting the surrounding communities and the legislative delegation involved," Weinstein said.

Milton Hunt, who has been mayor of Pembroke for the last 21 years, said the growth of the university also has helped the town.

"Not only is the university growing, the town is growing from the university," he said.

Hunt added that the town is proud of the university.

"We have a Pembroke Day once a year for the community to come out and tour the campus," he said.

"I just feel that we've got a good relationship with UNC-P."

"The university's important and always has been to the town and community. We look forward to working for them and helping them accomplish everything they want to."

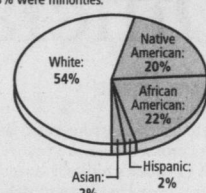
And UNC-P is poised to accomplish a lot in the near future.

A musical theater major has just been added to the list of more than 50 majors offered by the university.

The school of education at the university also is taking strides to ease the state's need for more

UNC-P ENROLLMENT

Of the 4,722 students enrolled in fall 2003, 46% were minorities.



SOURCE: UNC-PEMBROKE DTH/MICHELLE FURLER

teachers.

"UNC-P's school of education is one of only three North Carolina universities to receive exemplary ratings by the Department of Public Instruction," Burnette said.

"Education majors at UNC-P have nearly doubled in the past five years, helping to solve the state's teacher shortage."

Despite the increased enrollment and campus improvement, it is the small class size and intimate learning environment that Burnette said is the school's biggest selling point.

UNC-P boasts a 16-to-1 student-faculty ratio.

"It is the extraordinary level of student-faculty engagement that is our biggest asset," Burnette said.

"UNC-P is and has always been a university where learning gets personal."

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MOVING

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beneficial because of questions that might arise from the October review.

According to the timeline, the board is set to approve final plans in February 2006.

Board members also discussed a new location for an alternative school, now housed on Tryon Street. A site near A.L. Stanback Middle School was suggested.

The board will hold a public hearing on the issue March 7.

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CHURTON

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section of Churton Street that runs north of Hillsborough from the split of N.C. 86 and 57 to Corbin Street, as well as the southern section from the Eno River to Interstate 85.

Hillsborough Planning Director Margaret Hauth said that there is no timeline for the redesign and that it will be at least a year before the Town Board receives a formal report.

Funding for changes could come from enhancement grants and individual businesses, Hauth said.

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Deadline: Friday, March 4

Applications for the seven at-large positions on the DTH Editor Selection Board are available at the DTH Office and the Carolina Union info desk kiosk.

Applicants must be available for an orientation meeting from 6-7pm Thursday, March 31 and from approximately 8:30am-4pm Saturday, April 2 to conduct interviews and make the selection.

All students may apply for at-large positions except current DTH news staff members. If you have any questions about the process, please contact Michelle

Jarboe (962-4086, mjarboe@email.unc.edu) or Paul Isom (962-0520, pisom@unc.edu).



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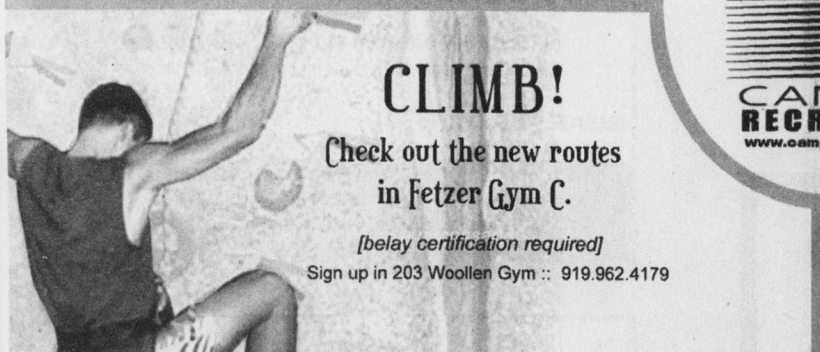
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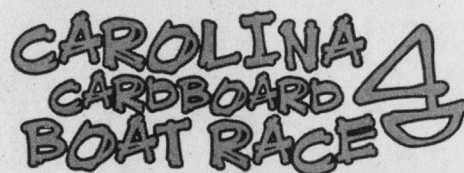
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