

Locals shoot off on hunting plan

Residents worry for safety, peace

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Residents met with local authorities Tuesday night to discuss whether public lands in the Cane Creek watershed should be opened to limited hunting.

Close to 50 people crammed into the Cane Creek Baptist Church's activities center to speak out on the possibility of allowing hunting on a 500-acre tract of land located between Martin and Mount Willing roads in western Orange County.

Ed Holland, Orange Water and Sewer Authority planning director, said officials set up the meeting to receive feedback from those who live around the proposed hunting site. The organization will present the comments to its board of directors Thursday night.

While many nearby residents spoke on the prospect of hunting on OWASA's land from September to November, Ted Hart, who owns property bordered on three sides by the land in question, almost yelled his comments.

"My heart sank when I got a letter from OWASA a week ago saying they were going to allow hunting on that land," he said.

Hart bought his property to have peace and quiet, and he is very upset at the thought of hunting ruining that, he said.

"How would you like it if you were trying to have a family picnic in your backyard and all of a sudden, Bang! Bang!" Hart asked rhetorically. "That's just beautiful, isn't it?"

The N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission's section manager, Wib Owen, fired back.

"Think about it though," he said. "Hunting takes place next to homes all over the state."

Several other people who live near the land stood up to voice complaints similar to Hart's, saying they would be concerned about their peace and quiet, as well as their safety, if hunting is allowed near their homes.

"A number of studies have shown hunting is one of the safest sports out there," Owen responded, sending the crowd into an uproar.

Holland said OWASA bought the proposed hunting land in the early 1980s to mitigate the loss of wildlife habitats caused by construction of the Cane Creek Reservoir.

He said that when the group obtained the permit to construct the reservoir, there was a provision requiring OWASA to allow the public to hunt on the land.

"Our legal agreement is to provide hunting on the reservoir, which we don't want to do," Holland said. "The mitigation land is an alternative to that."

Alamance County resident Brad Andrews was one of the few to stand up for limited hunting but said he would prefer that OWASA just allow hunting on the reservoir land.

"I mean, why is the land around the reservoir so dang special?" he asked.

Mark Marcoplos, chairman of the OWASA board of directors — the group that ultimately will make the decision on the proposal — said the group will try to find a decision acceptable to both sides.

"It's a complicated issue," he said. "I just hope everyone understands we want to do the right thing and give everyone what they want."

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Colleges revisit race in history

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UNC's recent concern with historical figures, catalyzed by a controversial award, is seen by many as part of nationwide reflection on the sometimes uncomfortable past of colleges.

This is a trend at many universities, said Harry Watson, director of UNC's Center for the Study of the American South.

"If (the historical figures under scrutiny) didn't do anything, as flawed as they were, we wouldn't have a University today," Watson said. "We are now entering a period of thoughtful reassessment and discomfort all around."

In February, Chancellor James Moeser charged the Advisory Committee on Naming University Facilities and Activities with the task of formulating a policy for use of historical figures.

He also announced the creation of the Women's Award Committee, headed by former Chairwoman of the Faculty Jane Brown, to explore the possibility of an honor to succeed the Bell Award.

The award, which was retired in December, was named for Cornelia Phillips Spencer, a woman celebrated as instrumental in reopening the University after the Civil War but criticized for writings that justified white supremacy.

Similar conversations on historical entanglements with slavery and racism abound, occurring at both Ivy League institutions and state universities.

Some schools began this process following the civil rights movement. After 1971, the word "Dixie" could no longer be found in the name or repertoire of the University of

Georgia's Redcoat Marching Band after student complaints.

"There's no question that there has been an effort to de-emphasize Confederate heritages ... especially in the past four to five years," said Mark Sklarow, executive director of the Independent Educational Consultants Association.

Sklarow said he has noticed through his work with prospective students that it is difficult to get parents from the North to consider Southern schools.

"Getting rid of rebel mascots, getting the Confederate flag off of schools ... all of these actions convey the message, 'We're not stuck in that era,'" Sklarow said.

But he also said universities run the risk of alienating alumni. The recent actions of universities in Tennessee have sparked such complaints.

At Sewanee: The University of the South, Confederate flags and memorabilia are disappearing from its campus, and a revamped logo features its official name, "The University of the South," in smaller lettering.

Vanderbilt University in Nashville now is fighting a lawsuit by United Daughters of the Confederacy after officials dropped the "Confederate" from the title of "Confederate Memorial Hall," a building donated by the group.

While many universities already have defined their policies of action, other schools are still in the deliberation process.

At the University of Texas-Austin, debate is ongoing about the movement of statues depicting Confederate leaders such as Jefferson Davis and Robert E. Lee from the school's South Mall.

UNIVERSITIES ADDRESS RACIAL PAST

A nationwide trend is evolving as more and more institutions of higher learning are taking steps to put ties to slavery and racism under increased scrutiny.

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	December 2004: Chancellor James Moeser retired Bell Award. February 2005: Moeser charged the existing Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Naming University Facilities and Activities with responsibility of formulating a policy for use of historical names. Moeser also created the Women's Award Committee to discuss the possibility of an award to succeed the Bell Award.
University of Texas at Austin	January 2004: A Task Force on Racial Respect and Fairness report recommended that the university re-evaluate the representation of historical figures in statuary. Minority groups and pro-diversity groups have called for removal of Confederate leaders from South Mall of the university's main building. October 2004: President Faulkner announced creation of committee.
Brown University	2003: President Ruth Simmons was charged "to organize academic events and activities that might help the nation and the Brown community think deeply, seriously and rigorously about the questions raised" by the national debate about slavery and reparations.
Sewanee: University of the South	In recent years, Confederate flags and memorabilia gradually have been removed from the landscape of the college. Its revamped marketing logo includes the official name — "University of the South" — in smaller, less prominent letters underneath a larger "Sewanee."
Vanderbilt University	The university is currently involved in a lawsuit with United Daughters of the Confederacy about changing name of the dormitory donated by UDC from Confederate Memorial Hall to Memorial Hall.
University of Alabama	September 2004: The university held a ceremony honoring Jack Riddolph and William "Boysie" Brown, two slaves who had worked on campus. The university also marked their assumed graves.

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Robert Meckel, UT's administrative communications coordinator, said UT President Larry Faulkner has received nominations for a committee to consider the issue in response to a report.

In 2003, Brown University President Ruth Simmons appointed the University Steering Committee on Slavery and Justice, consisting of both students and faculty, to organize academic events on slavery issues ranging from the national debate on reparations to Brown's early benefactors' involvement in the slave trade.

A report is expected from the committee at the end of the year, said Seth Magaziner, a committee member and junior history major.

He said the committee was formed after Simmons was told on a campus tour that there was no link between the school and slave trade.

"Overall, this is an issue that people are not excited to talk about," Magaziner said. "But I hope that other universities will start to ask questions."

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U.S. military to inquire on attack

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD, Iraq — The U.S. military decided Tuesday to conduct an accelerated inquiry to learn why American troops opened fire, killing an Italian intelligence agent and wounding an Italian journalist he helped rescue from insurgents in Iraq. The attack has strained relations with a key American ally.

The decision to fast-track the investigation came as the mili-

tary also opened an inquiry into the shooting death of a Bulgarian soldier in what appeared to be another friendly fire incident on the same day.

Both probes were an indication of the pressure being brought on the Bush administration by the few American allies in Europe that have steadfastly supported his policies in Iraq.

Italy and its prime minister,

Silvio Berlusconi, sent 3,000 troops to Iraq, while Bulgaria has 460. Both countries have said they will not withdraw their troops, but domestic pressure to bring them home has been growing — especially in Bulgaria where it has become an election issue.

Berlusconi's office said the premier had "expressed the satisfaction of the Italian government" at the U.S. military investigation.

POLICE LOG

FROM STAFF REPORTS

■ An employee of Jersey Mike's Subs was arrested Monday and charged with one misdemeanor count of assault on a female, Chapel Hill police reports state.

According to reports, Henry McLeod, 42, of 100 W. Rosemary St., was arrested at 8:59 p.m. after police received complaints of the assault.

Upon entering McLeod's name into the arrest log, police discovered several outstanding warrants on him from the Wilmington Police Department.

Police spokeswoman Jane Cousins said there is no information available on the warrants issued from Wilmington.

He was held on a \$100,000 bond for the Wilmington charges. He was scheduled to be transferred to Wilmington today.

■ An unemployed Chapel Hill man was arrested Monday on one count each of carrying a concealed weapon, speeding and driving with a suspended license — all misdemeanors — police reports state.

According to reports, Clayton Benjamin Stiebel, 26, of 2401 S. Estes Drive B2, was stopped in his 2003 Mazda Protege going 70 mph in a 35 mph zone on East Franklin Street at Boundary Street.

While searching the vehicle, police found Stiebel to be carrying a handgun, but not a current license.

He was brought before the magistrate and released on a written promise to appear May 17 in Orange County District Criminal Court in Chapel Hill.

■ The ice cream shop Cold Stone Creamery, at 131 E. Franklin St., was the victim of larceny Monday afternoon, Chapel Hill police reports state.

According to reports, an unknown suspect stole the store's tip jar, valued at \$1, and the \$10 that was in it at 2:37 p.m.

■ Police responded to a complaint of indecent exposure Tuesday morning at the Chapel Ridge apartments, at 101 Legacy Terrace in Chapel Hill, police reports state.

According to reports, an unknown suspect exposed himself to an individual at 12:13 a.m. on the walkway of the 700 building.

■ A Raleigh resident was the victim of a pickpocketing Sunday night near West Franklin Street, Chapel Hill police reports state.

According to reports, an unknown suspect pulled the victim's wallet from his pants at 6:30 p.m. near the corner of West Franklin and Church streets.

The total value of the stolen items was estimated at \$47, reports state.

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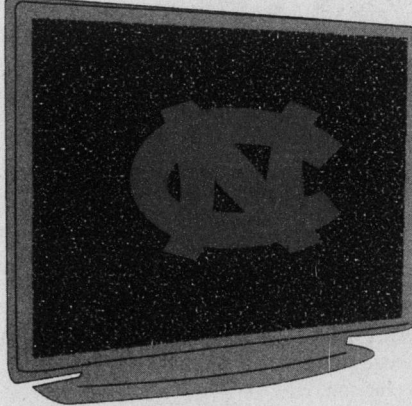
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


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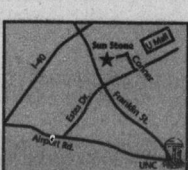
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