

Carrboro set to re-examine open spaces

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Members of the community will get at least two chances to sound off on the future of Carrboro's parks and open spaces.

The town wants to review its 11-year-old Recreation and Parks Master Plan. In doing so, it will hold at least two open-house sessions — one Saturday at the Century Center and one Wednesday at Town Hall. "I think it's like anything else; at some point, there needs to be a time where you sit and re-evaluate," said Recreation and Parks Director Anita Jones-McNair.

McNair said plans covering things as comprehensive as a town's open spaces are usually relevant for only five to 12 years.

She added that factors such as the acquisition of new land and facilities — the town has added both in the last year — caused the need to examine the plan.

With the acquisition of the Adams Tract, a 27-acre open space that runs along Bolin Creek, and the new Martin Luther King Jr. Park, under construction off Hillsborough Road, McNair said now is the time to look and see what the town might do next.

The master plan officials develop will serve as an aid for long-term community planning.

"A master plan is basically a tool or guide so that those of us who work in these departments can recall and keep in check what our goals are and why," said Lori Taft, Orange County recreation and parks management director.

She added that plans are also helpful when the town applies for grants from higher levels of gov-

ernment.

The town convened a master plan work group that will help assemble a comprehensive plan. And it's hired Haden Stanziale, a planning and civil engineering company based in Charlotte, to handle consulting duties.

"Our role is to do a recreation needs assessment and look at existing facilities and greenways and where the town would like things to go in the next 10 years," said John Wood, the consultant working with town officials.

Along with the master plan work group, Wood will help examine current trends, facility uses and ways Carrboro can work with other towns and cities to accomplish its goals.

He said the open houses reflect the goals he and the work group have in store for the future.

The master plan will also help locals concerned about land conservation — one reason why the Friends of Bolin Creek will attend Saturday's open house.

"Our primary concern is that plans for the park and preserve will be a part of the master plan and will be given appropriate consideration," said Dave Otto, vice chairman for the group.

The group is also concerned about Chapel Hill's greenways because they extend through Carrboro along Bolin Creek.

Chapel Hill's Parks and Recreation Director Kathryn Spatz said her town's master plan includes expanding the town's greenways along with similar infrastructure in other municipalities.

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Year's final art exhibit has a competitive flair

Art hand-picked by set of judges

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The verdict is in. For the students whose art is now on display in the Union Gallery, it won't bring money or widespread fame — just a chance to display their work in a key University building.

But most said the recognition and honor will do.

The Union Gallery's latest exhibit features the winners of the second annual Carolina Juried Show and features work by about 15 students.

"Last year was the first time we tried something like it," said Courtney Kotsionis of the Carolina Union Activities Board's Gallery Committee.

"It worked out really well, and we're working off of last year's idea. Basically, the whole purpose is to get other majors involved and to show their work."

The pieces on display were hand-picked by four jurors specifically for the event.

Jurors divided pieces into different categories, including craft pieces, avant-garde work, conceptual art and digital prints.

The jury comprised two professionals from the local art community, including a member of Flywheel Design of Durham and a curator from the Ackland Art Museum.

The other two jurors were University alumni and art majors.

The first-place winner is a piece by Elizabeth Christiansen titled "Trapped," a ceramic sculpture in the shape of a closed, laced-up corset with red roses inside.

The description beside the piece states that it's meant to provoke



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Sophomore Jenny Lee Privette looks at artwork in the Union Gallery on Thursday afternoon. The current, final exhibit will run until April 30.

thought on the situations in which women often find themselves in modern society.

Matthew Weiss, a junior anthropology major, received second place overall for his sculpture, "Efficiency of Line."

"I was a little disappointed I didn't get first," Weiss said, laughing.

"I've never won anything before as far as my art is concerned."

Sophomore Katie Almiral, a double major in psychology and art from Oak Island, received third place overall for her piece "Eye Candy."

Almiral said that after she learned about the Juried Show from several friends, she entered on a whim. Her win, she said, was unexpected — especially because she broke her mold to make a comment on the commercialization of the female body.

"It was actually a huge surprise to me," said Almiral. "It's not a typical piece for me, not my typical palette and colors."

Weiss, however, said he just entered his piece to be able to view his art among work from his peers.

"I've taken a lot of art classes, and I just wanted to see where my art would stand with other people's art and what other people thought of it," he said.

A variety of pieces have adorned the Union Gallery this year, from an exhibit focusing on hair to giant posterboards honoring U.S. troops who died in the war in Iraq.

But this final exhibit, participants said, is a celebration of work done by students from across the University's spectrum.

"It's just to give people an outlet to show their work, to encourage people to show their work and to reinforce Carolina art," Kotsionis said.

The display, which went up April 4, will stay on the Union's walls until April 30.

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UNC softball defeats Pirates

Cox fires 2-hitter to shut out ECU

FROM WIRE REPORTS

GREENVILLE — North Carolina senior Jessica Young provided the game's only offense with a three-run home run in the top of the sixth to give UNC a 3-0 win against host East Carolina on Thursday.

A one-out single by Erin Dudley and a two-out intentional pass to Casey Testa set the stage for Young, who homered to the opposite way over the right field wall. She provided a big bang for

SOFTBALL	3	Heels, who
UNC	3	offensively challenged Tar
ECU	0	Heels, who have struggled at the plate all season.

Despite being limited to only two hits by Tar Heel star Crystal Cox, East Carolina (43-12) had multiple opportunities to score but left the bases loaded three times and stranded a total of 11 runners in the game.

Paige Baggett singled in the second inning, as did Leigh Savoy in the third, to account for ECU's two hits.

In the circle for the Pirates, sophomore Keli Harrell scattered five hits over seven innings and struck out three, yielding two of those five hits in the sixth.

Cox, a junior, earned the victory for the Tar Heels (25-20), striking out seven batters in a complete game effort while walking eight — another brilliant outing for North Carolina's ace pitcher.

The Tar Heels were able to rebound after suffering a 2-1 loss at Campbell on Wednesday, as the three-run sixth-inning outburst proved to be enough to sink the Pirates.

North Carolina returns to action this weekend in a three-game set against Atlantic Coast Conference foe Virginia Tech.

The series kicks off with a Saturday doubleheader starting at 2 p.m. at the UNC Softball Complex.

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Legislation will take on Patriot Act

BY MICHELLE MENDONÇA
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A bipartisan union reintroduced a bill to Congress on Tuesday that could limit the powers of the USA Patriot Act, 15 parts of which will expire in December.

But the Bush administration isn't willing to back down.

During a press conference Tuesday, Attorney General Alberto Gonzales said he hopes the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee will uphold those portions of the act but that he'll work with senators.

Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, is one of the main sponsors of the Security

and Freedom Enhancement Act.

"Senator Craig believes the Patriot Act is needed to fight crime, but he also believes there needs to be some sideboards to ensure that the American freedoms, which thousands have died for, are not infringed," said Dan Whiting, a representative for Craig.

The Patriot Act came before the Senate in 2001, shortly after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Most lawmakers agree that it's a valuable tool in fighting terrorism, but many have misgivings about some of its stronger measures.

Feingold was the only senator

who voted against the Patriot Act when it came before the chamber in October 2001. In a press release, he stated that he thinks the SAFE Act "permits the government to conduct necessary surveillance, but only within a framework of accountability and oversight."

Christopher Pyle, a politics professor at Mount Holyoke College and an expert on the Patriot Act, said he supports the SAFE Act.

"The Patriot Act violates the Fourth Amendment ... and I'm opposed to circumventing the Constitution," he said.

According to a press release,

Feingold said the SAFE Act is intended to provide "the checks and balances that were missing from the Patriot Act at the time of its initial passage."

The SAFE Act would not eliminate many of the controversial aspects in the Patriot Act such as the library clause, wiretaps and the "sneak-and-peek" searches, only limit them.

"A large problem with the Patriot Act is the definition of terrorism is very broad," Pyle said.

The SAFE Act intends to limit this broad definition where any federal or state crime can be con-

sidered domestic terrorism.

Whiting said the SAFE Act would accomplish awareness of the dangers surrounding the Patriot Act.

"There is a great potential for abuse with the Patriot Act," he said. "The SAFE Act will safeguard future generations."

Whiting said Craig is optimistic the bill will pass. "It has much more support already than before (in 2003) and we think people are warming up to it."

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State legislature to debate in-car cell phone limitations

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The right to chat on cell phones while driving soon might end for state residents.

A N.C. House bill proposes the ban against using phones while on the road, following similar legislation popping up in states across the country.

North Carolina's bill would prohibit drivers from using cell phones while on public streets and highways. It would go into effect Dec. 1.

The bill still would allow the use of hands-free sets, and it also would permit emergency calls.

Rep. Alma Adams, D-Guilford, one of the bill's sponsors, said the bill wouldn't ban hands-free phones because it's the act of holding a phone, not that act of talking, that's the problem.

"I don't know that talking in and of itself is a distraction, because

you can be driving and talking to a passenger," Adams said.

Lawmakers acknowledged that it might be too hard to determine what an "emergency situation" is. But police could do things such as looking up people's call logs to determine whether they were in dire need of talking on the phone.

Rep. Earline Parmon, D-Forsyth, also a sponsor, pointed out that those in an emergency would be on the phone for a brief moment.

"You're not going to be driving down the highway and talking to 911 for any length of time," Parmon said. "Certainly if there's an emergency, you would need to pull over."

The bill comes after many other states passed legislation banning the use of phones while driving, with New York leading the way in 2001.

Christine Burling, spokeswoman with the N.Y. DMV communications office, said the state has given

about 300,000 tickets to drivers who have violated the legislation in the past four years.

"It's a traffic safety issue, so everything behind the law is really to enhance the safety on our roadways," she said. "I would say overall, it's been effective."

Despite residents' best efforts to be cautious while driving and chatting, experts agree that a law forbidding the act is the best way to minimize the dangers of distraction.

"For most people, legislation is the only thing that's going to stop their actions talking on a hand-held cell phone," said Lt. Glenn Miner, spokesman with the N.Y. state police.

But some N.C. residents might see a ban as an attack on their rights or a hindrance to their work.

"A lot of people are in business, and you can't drive three hours and not make a call — you lose three hours of business time," said Rep.

Bonner Stiller, R-Brunswick.

But laying the bill out for discussion could spark debate and more studies about the use of cell phones.

"It just makes sense to discuss the issues, and if it's not plausible and data doesn't show that people's lives are in danger, then we, as legislators, are to act accordingly,"

Parmon said.

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