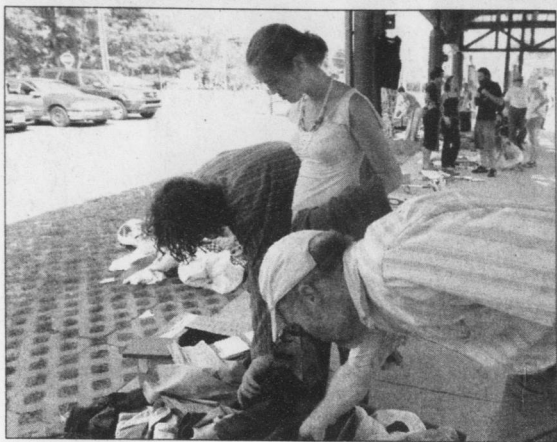


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Chris Shirley (far left) and Geri Hubbe (middle), students at Raleigh Charter High School, look through clothing at the Really, Really Free Market in Carrboro on Saturday. The market also featured services such as free haircuts which even attracted several Western Carolina University students.

Officials: Principal's shoes hard to fill

BY BRIANNA BISHOP  
ASSISTANT CITY EDITOR

Only a month into the school year, the faculty of Chapel Hill High School is facing major changes in the school's composition.

Last week, Mary Ann Hardebeck, the school's principal of five years, announced her resignation, effective in November.

"It was a very difficult decision to make," Hardebeck said Friday. "I'm very attached to the people here."

Hardebeck is taking a position in Virginia as the director of high school education in Loudon County.

"We can have someone to come and replace the vision, but we can never replace her," said English teacher Joanne McClelland.

Hardebeck noted that changes always bring concerns in the short term, but in the end, everything will be resolved.

"In the long term, it's always an opportunity for growth."

Hardebeck led a team of four assistant principals at Chapel Hill



Chapel Hill High School Principal Mary Ann Hardebeck accepted a job in Virginia.

High — Mervin Jenkins, Pat Harris, Karla Eanes and Jeff Thomas.

Thomas said he thought that, because of this team, the process of acclimating a new principal would be seamless.

He said that despite Hardebeck's departure, the rest of the administrators likely would remain on staff.

And the search for their new leader already has begun.

"We will probably think through options for appointing an interim so that someone could come on board as soon as possible and then initiate a comprehensive search for a permanent replacement," Superintendent Neil Pedersen

said.

Pedersen could not say whether the replacement likely would be an administrator from within the school or the district or someone brought in from another school system, as the district has had examples of both in the past.

The search for Hardebeck's successor will involve a multistep application process.

A selection committee will review the applicants and make a recommendation to the superintendent, who will in turn recommend someone to the school board for approval, Pedersen said.

But McClelland said the prospect of bringing in a replacement is mak-

ing some faculty members nervous, citing Hardebeck's ability to meet goals and listen to her staff.

"When you start looking at all of her great characteristics as a leader, then you start to wonder: Am I going to get a person that's going to continue with her vision?" she said.

She said both the teachers and the administrators could help that person adjust by sharing with them Hardebeck's ideas.

And despite her sadness about leaving, Hardebeck noted that change always brings new ideas.

"Change can be very positive."

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Parents, students weigh in on new middle school name

BY OLIVIA WEBB  
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Orange County's much-awaited new middle school won't open its doors until Fall 2006, but locals already are submitting suggestions for its name on the Orange County Schools' Web site.

In a Web survey that ends Sept. 27, community members have the opportunity to fill out a brief form with their ideas for naming the school — which is in late construction phases on a West Ten Road Property in Hillsborough.

County schools spokeswoman Anne D'Annunzio, said ideas already have been collected via the Web site, but that it's not the only source officials will look to for suggestions. "We're going to survey the students, and then the community will be able to vote," she said Wednesday.

After collecting all of the names submitted on the Web site, fourth, fifth and sixth graders at existing Orange County schools will be surveyed for suggestions. Some of those students eventually will comprise the new middle school's student body.

School board member Libbie Hough, whose daughter suggested the name Buckland Middle School, said the opening of the new school has been much anticipated.

"It's an exciting time for any school district when it opens a new school," she said.

D'Annunzio said that a committee of students, parents, staff and

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community members will narrow the selection down to three names.

They will then conduct a telephone survey of parents.

"We have the ability to call all of the parents in the district and give them a choice, such as 'press one if you like name one, etc,'" D'Annunzio said.

"The name selected by the telephone survey will be the final name sent to the (Orange County Board of Education)," she said, "And they have final authority."

"But they'll probably go with the recommendation," she added.

The committee and students also will work together on determining a mascot and colors for the school.

The new middle school will be Orange County Schools' third.

Since 1979, the school board has prohibited naming schools in Orange County after people and asks that suggestions focus on well-known geographical landmarks in the area.

"It makes it more straightforward and non-controversial," said D'Annunzio. "And it's a better way to name a school."

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Coker Hills jumpstarts conservation talks

BY MEGHAN DAVIS  
ASSISTANT CITY EDITOR

Residents of one Chapel Hill neighborhood want to preserve the tree-lined streets and wooded areas of their community.

That's why inhabitants of the Coker Hills neighborhood sat down with former town planning director Roger Waldon on Sunday to discuss turning the area into a

neighborhood conservation district — which would set specific zoning limits to preserve the area's distinct characteristics.

"Walking through Coker Hills, there's a seamlessness that we want to try to preserve," resident Janet Kagan said.

After the Northside neighborhood became a conservation district in February, four other

historic neighborhoods — Kings Mill/Morgan Creek, Greenwood, Pine Knolls and Coker Hills — all petitioned the Chapel Hill Town Council in April to be granted the same status.

The town hired Waldon and his company, Clarion Associates, LLC, to lead the neighborhood conservation project.

Residents say they love the character of the neighborhood and its homes — modest, set far back from the street and far apart from one another.

Coker Hills was established in the 1960s by Henry R. Totten, a student of University botanist William C. Coker, and the Coker College for Women.

"This neighborhood has a mix of residents — some original owners, some new families and some renters," said Marc LaBranche, president of the neighborhood association.

LaBranche said the average house size in Coker Hills is 2,900 square feet.

Waldon cautioned that zoning cannot address every concern the neighborhood might have — it only can set rules on physical

structures.

"Our commonality is to preserve Coker Hills," resident Jill Blackburn said. "But I don't know enough about town rules to know what we're missing. That's what we need to know (from the town)."


Waldon presented residents with a tentative map of the district and asked the neighbors to speak up if they had any suggestions.

He said the next step for Coker Hills is another neighborhood meeting, tentatively slated for November.

After that meeting, the town planning board will draft the zoning regulations, and by April, present them to the council, which will hold a public hearing before voting.

Two of the other neighborhoods also have scheduled a meeting with Waldon: Greenwood will meet at Town Hall on Sept. 21 and Kings Mill/Morgan Creek will meet Sept. 29 at the N.C. Botanical Gardens Totten Center.

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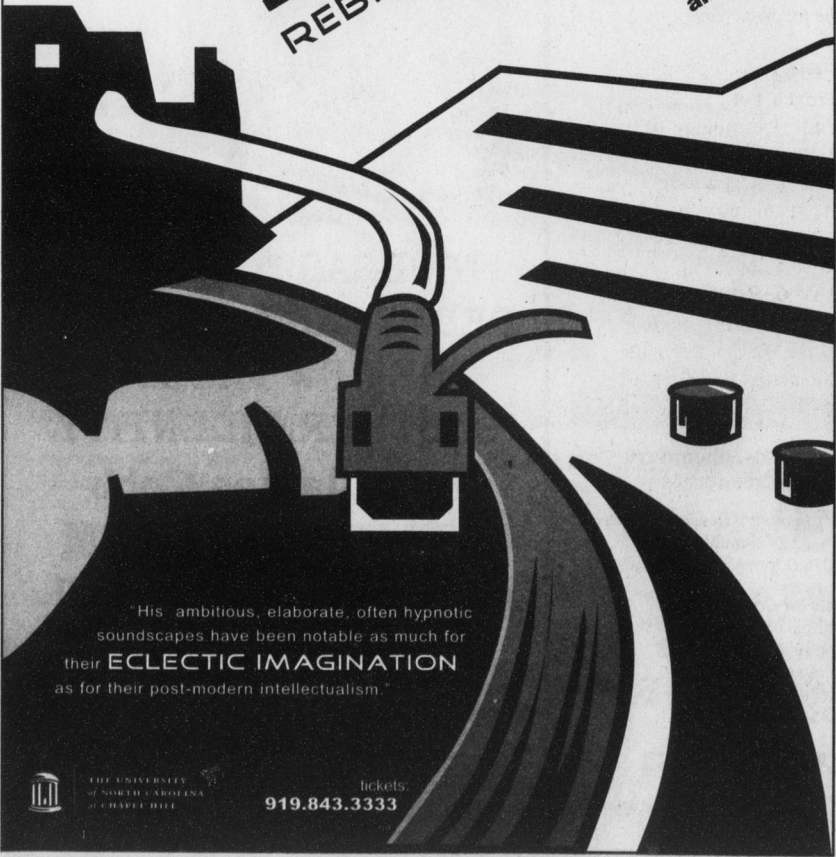
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