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Students and faculty gather around the flat-screen TV in the Student Union lobby to watch the World Cup soccer tournament. Soccer has gotten a great deal of extra attention during the World Cup — inciting campus visitors, students and C-TOPS attendees to gather around TVs in lobbies in many campus buildings. Nearly every Cup match has attracted a crowd of at least a few dozen people to the Union.

DOT explains Columbia plans

Street widening to begin in 2009

BY TOM HARTWELL
STAFF WRITER

Fed up with cars whooshing close by as they bike up narrow South Columbia Street to their classes, UNC roommates Lauren Joy and Andrea Martin took advantage of a recent opportunity to voice their concerns.

Last Tuesday, Joy and Martin went to Grey Culbreth Middle School, where the N.C. Department of Transportation was hosting a public information session about plans to widen Columbia Street from Purefoy Road to Manning Drive.

The road widening, approved by the Chapel Hill Town Council, would add two sidewalks, two bike lanes and a turning lane.

"We went to show our support for the bike lanes because there are blind curves and it's dangerous," Joy said.

Her roommate agreed. "There have been times when the cars come a little too close for comfort," Martin said.

The two rising seniors rent a house on Chase Avenue, just off South Columbia, and said they bike to school and work when they can because it is better for the environment and because parking on campus is scarce and inconvenient.

Road work is slated to begin in 2009.

Mike Mills, a DOT division engineer who helped develop plans for the project, said there was not much opposition to the plan voiced at Tuesday's information session.

"This one was fairly quiet," he said.

The DOT's original plan for widening Columbia Street, drafted in the mid-1990s, called for two traffic lanes to be added to the street. But public reaction to the extra lanes was unfavorable, and the plan was ultimately rejected by the Town Council in 1998.

UNC Health Care administrators, who favored adding the lanes to improve access to UNC Hospitals, are satisfied with the current plan, said Karen McCall, vice president of public affairs and marketing.

Mills said the turning lane included in the new plan would ease traffic on Columbia Street and provide a thoroughfare for ambulances and emergency vehicles if an accident were to block the road.

Chapel Hill Mayor Kevin Foy said he was optimistic about the project as well.

"This has been a long time coming," he said.

Martin and Joy said that while they might not personally benefit from the road widening, it will be good for the community as a whole.

"Obviously, the project is not going to be finished by the time we graduate," Martin said. "For future students, we think it's going to be an important thing to do, and that's why we went."

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

THIS WEEK

Planning: The Leadership Advisory Committee for Carolina North will meet to continue discussions on guiding principles the University should consider as it plans the satellite campus. Those who wish to speak are asked to sign up outside the meeting hall before the meeting begins. Speakers are limited to 2 minutes, and the number of speakers will be limited to allow for full discussion time. Meeting-related parking will be available in the Kenan-Flagler Business School parking deck beginning at 3:30 p.m.

Time: 4 p.m.
Date: July 6
Location: Kenan Center 204

Prayer group: Awakening Heart, a contemplative prayer group of the Chapel of the Cross, will meet. Newcomers are welcome to join at any time.

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Date: July 8
Location: Chapel of the Cross parish house, 304 E. Franklin St.

Family fun: Hillsborough's monthly family fun day will feature guided tours, historical activities as a part of Orange County Day, 19th century-style games for children, artisan demonstrations, the Hillsborough farmer's market, a sidewalk sale and a wine tasting from the Hillsborough Wine Company.

Date: July 8
Time and location: Event times and locations vary; visit historichillsborough.org for more information.

Walking tour: July's Second Saturday Hillsborough Guided Walking Tour will explore the Alexander Dickson House. The 90-minute tour costs between \$2 and \$6. More information is available by calling 732-7741.

Time: 10 a.m.
Date: July 8
Location: Alexander Dickson

House, 150 E. King St., Hillsborough

Book signing: Chapel Hill author and NPR commentator Michael Chitwood will read from his latest essay collection, "Finishing Touches," as a benefit for the Cornucopia House cancer support center. The event is limited to 60 attendees, and reservations are \$25. Reservations should be made by today by calling 545-9460.

Time: 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Date: July 8
Location: Historic Ashe House, 144 N. Wake St., Hillsborough

Singing lessons: The Chapel Hill Shape-Note Singers will hold their monthly sing-along. All are welcome, no experience necessary. Sacred Harp music books will be shared. Singing school will be held during the first half-hour of the meeting for beginning signers. Call 967-5916 for more information.

Time: 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Date: July 9

Location: Person Hall

Nursing meeting: The Association of Nursing Students will hold its first meeting of the year. Pizza will be served, a guest speaker from the UNC Platelet Donor Center will answer questions about blood platelet donation and events to donate blood platelets and a junior representative will be elected. Membership dues also will be collected during the meeting.

Time: 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.
Date: July 11
Location: Carrington Hall 15

To make a calendar submission, visit www.dailytarheel.com/calendar, or e-mail Managing Editor Meghan Davis at mcdavis@email.unc.edu with "calendar" in the subject line. Events will be published in the newspaper on the Thursday before they take place. Submissions must be sent in by 5 p.m. the preceding Tuesday.

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