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Obstacles: University must obtain permit, raise funds for athletic center

Rebates given Tripling crisis over...for now

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Second of a two-part series on the proposed UNC student athletic center.

Before the University can proudly show off a proposed new student athletic center it must pass two major obstacles.

The first hurdle will appear this spring—most likely in April, say UNC athletic officials—when the University presents its plans for the facility to the Chapel Hill Town Council to apply for a special-use permit. The permit is necessary for the project to proceed any further.

After the special-use permit proceedings—if the University is granted such a permit—the next step will be to raise \$21 million for construction of the center.

Fund-raising activities will begin after June 30, 1980, when the University's current fund drive, the Carolina Challenge for general endowment, comes to a close, said John Temple, UNC vice chancellor for business and finance.

The new facility is scheduled for completion in 1985, although UNC Director of Athletics Bill Cobey said there's much to be done before then.

"We hope to launch our fund-raising next July," Cobey said. "We hope to start building the facility by the summer of 1982 so that will give us two years to fund raise and do all the design."

Because of differences in opinion with residents of Mason Farm Road, near the site picked for the athletic center, some people expect the University to have difficulty in acquiring the needed permit during the special-use permit hearings.

"I think it could be a heated battle, but I don't think it ought to be," said Town Council member Jonathan Howes. "The potential is there. The burden of proof is on the University."

"The University would have preferred not to have the building under special-use regulations, but now that has been done and it's up to them to produce," Howes said.

The requirement for the special-use permit was placed on the University after the land for the project was rezoned from residential to University-A last January. That rezoning came after vocal protest from Mason Farm Road residents, who said that when the land was purchased for \$500,000 from the late Dr. H.G. Baitly in 1974, an oral agreement implied an athletic center would never be built there.

In recent interviews, two Mason Farm residents were less vehement than in the past in their dislike of the project, but expressed concern that an athletic center would disrupt their neighborhood.

"We're going to look at the design and see how it affects our neighborhood," said Col. Wesley Egan, who lives at 1303 Mason Farm Road. "We're going

to lobby (against the facility)."

"We're of course interested in what the plans are," said Dr. Richard Wolfenden of 1307 Mason Farm Road. "We don't know exactly what they are. We're hopeful that it's going to happen in such a way that it won't be a threat."

Elizabeth Baitly, wife of the late Dr. Baitly, has told the Chapel Hill Town Council and University officials that a non-written agreement was made when the land was purchased stipulating that UNC would not construct an athletic center on the property.

Mrs. Baitly, who declined recently to talk about the matter, has said her husband, a former faculty member of the UNC School of Public Health, wanted the University to use the land for a medical or science building.

Dr. Baitly made the announcement of the verbal pact at a meeting of Mason Farm residents several years ago, Egan said. "All my knowledge comes from what Mrs. Baitly says," Egan added.

"I was not at that meeting," Egan added. "They made the statement that the University said they would not put up a coliseum there. They're (the Baitlys) certainly reputable people. I know Mrs. Baitly and I'm sure Mr. Baitly was."

Both Cobey and Temple said there is no basis for believing such a verbal agreement ever was negotiated.

"There is none to the best of my knowledge," Cobey said. "And it's been checked out. The principals who were involved in negotiating that land have been talked to and there's no agreement—verbal, written or otherwise."

"She (Mrs. Baitly) is a very fine person," Temple said. "She and I have talked many times, and she fully believes what she says. I was not involved at the time of the negotiations. Mrs. Baitly says there was (an agreement). People on the University side say there's not."

According to Mike Jennings, planning director for the town of Chapel Hill, the University must present four findings of fact during the special-use public hearings to receive an affirmative vote from the Town Council. The burden of proof, Jennings said, are:

- That the facility will not affect the health and safety of the neighborhood.
- That the facility meets all other town ordinances, such as for height, bulk and placement.
- That the facility will not devalue adjacent property.

• That the project is planned to be in general harmony with the area in which it's located and in the general plans for development for Chapel Hill.

"The University is going to have to show very

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Internship office planned

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The College of Arts and Sciences and the Division of Student Affairs plan to tap the University's discretionary contingency fund next summer for money to develop a centralized internship program on the UNC campus, said Samuel R. Williamson, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

The discretionary contingency fund is an internal source of money for the University that is supported through gifts from private sources.

"I'm an advocate of this program, and we're definitely going to ask for some money to set it up on at least an experimental basis," he said.

Awareness of the need for a central program on campus to coordinate student precareer internships resulted from a proposal for a centralized internship office that was developed by Ruth Bernstein, program coordinator of the Precareer Experience Program in Nash Hall.

Bernstein sent copies of the proposal to officials in the College of Arts and Sciences and the Division of Student Affairs in August.

Bernstein contends in her proposal that such an office is needed to "provide the liberal arts students at UNC with a viable chance in today's job market and restore public confidence in the liberal arts education."

Other advantages of a centralized office are that it would eliminate duplication within departments that maintain separate internship programs, enhance communication on campus between the University and its students, and give students a chance to experiment with a career before they get out of school, Bernstein said.

The major difference between a proposed centralized office and the existing PEP program is that the office would have the power to coordinate all internships available to UNC students, Bernstein said.

Bernstein's proposal called for a budget of \$10,700 and for the centralized office to be set up within the College of Arts and Sciences. Since sending that proposal to the College of Arts and Sciences and the

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Mike O'Koren scores on a dunk shot against Deacs

Carolina claims tight win over troublesome Deacs

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The Wake Forest Demon Deacons spent more than three quarters of Wednesday night's game with Carolina playing their typical spoiler role, but the Tar Heels' Al Wood decided he and the rest of the Carmichael crowd had seen enough.

Wood grabbed a pass from Dave Colescott in full stride, took off for the basket at the foul line and, while in the grasp of Wake's Benny McKaig, threw up a highlight-film prayer that broke a 58-58 tie. Two free throws after the intentional foul put UNC up by four with 7:21 left, and the Tar Heels hung on for their first Atlantic Coast Conference win of the year, 72-68.

But only after Mike O'Koren stole a Mike Helms pass with 43 seconds left, leading to Rich Yonakor's dunk, was Carolina safe—up by six with only 20 ticks remaining.

Al's play broke their backs," O'Koren said after the game. "It kind of swung things around." The senior forward said Wood's play was more crucial than his steal.

"That was probably the turning point if you want to call it that," Wake coach Carl Tacy said. "We're very happy to have won a well-played game." Carolina head coach Dean Smith said. "I think we just pulled it out."

"Al's four point play was a big factor," Smith said. "Three would have been enough, but I'm happy we got four."

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The key shot: Al Wood throws up a prayer

'DTH,' Fund Office dispute audit fee

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A nine-month dispute between *The Daily Tar Heel* and the Student Activities Fund Office over a \$5,000 auditing fee is awaiting the decision of an independent arbitrator after the two parties failed to reach a mutually acceptable settlement.

The conflict arose when SAFO Director Frances P. Sparrow sent the newspaper a \$5,000 auditing bill in April 1979 for fiscal year 1978-79 without an itemization of the services rendered.

Saying the charge represented an 800 percent increase over the previous fiscal year—up from \$1,000—the DTH business office refused to pay without an explanation, which SAFO declined to provide. The DTH claimed that the \$5,000 charge was not relative to the size and non-profit nature of the newspaper, which has a \$311,000 annual operating budget.

SAFO disperses all student activity fees earmarked for student organizations and provides bookkeeping services for each. Last fiscal year—mid-May 1978 through mid-May 1979—almost \$496,000 was distributed through SAFO. *The Daily Tar Heel* received 16 percent of that amount, or about \$70,000.

After he received the \$5,000 bill, DTH Business Manager Grant Duers said he sent SAFO a \$2,500 payment in June 1978, although year-end financial statements had not been sent to the newspaper. When the statements were received in July, Duers said that the income statements revealed that \$5,000 was missing from the newspaper's administrative account even though he had released only \$2,500.

All monies dispersed from the newspaper's accounts are supposed to be authorized by the business manager, Duers said.

"We didn't get the services that we were being charged for," Duers said Wednesday. "As far as I'm concerned, the end of the financial year was ruined because we got no financial statements until July."

Duers said SAFO also sent late financial statements the year before and the \$1,000 audit fee charged for fiscal year 1977-78 also was taken without authorization.

Sparrow declined to comment this week.

When the DTH demanded that the unauthorized \$2,500 be returned, a general meeting of those involved was held Aug. 2 to



Frances Sparrow



David Stacks

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—Grant Duers

Downtown parking lot still empty

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Even though Franklin Street merchants, University students and other residents often complain about the shortage of parking in downtown Chapel Hill, there is one parking lot downtown that the owner—the town of Chapel Hill—cannot fill.

The town opened its third municipal parking lot, which has yet to generate much business, in late October on West Franklin Street. The town's other two lots are located on East Rosemary Street.

Despite earlier studies showing a need for parking in the West Franklin Street area, the parking lot rarely has been more than half full, Chapel Hill Assistant Town Manager Tony Hooper said. On an average day only 15 of the lot's 66 spaces are occupied at one time, Hooper said.

"In part (the problem is) the location of the lot and in part it is because the lot is new," he said.

Ladd Baucom, vice-president of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce, which long has argued for more downtown parking as essential to the survival of the central business district, said the empty parking spaces can be attributed to lack of publicity about the lot.

In attempt to increase awareness of the

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