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County decision near on new Orange airport



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Horace Williams Airport... proposed Midway Airport might lead to closing of Horace Williams Airport

Summer CGC passes hotdog, bowling bills

By ALISON DAVIS
News Editor

The Summer Campus Governing Council passed two bills last week allotting itself a total of \$631 to sponsor two nights of free bowling and a \$1 all-campus hotdog supper for summer school students.

Summer CGC Finance Committee Chairperson Dan Bryson, who presented the bills to the council, said he did so because summer school students did not see any return on their activity fees.

Bryson originally proposed three bills: the bowling bill, the supper bill, and a bill to allot \$364 for a campus-wide ice cream sundae party. The summer CGC defeated the third bill.

The hotdog supper was later changed to a lunch "to benefit more students," Bryson

said. The CGC did not vote on the change, he said.

Bryson said the lunch, to be prepared by ARA food services, would be changed to include barbecue. According to Bryson, Howard Southerland of ARA rejected the \$291 allotted for the meal because it was not enough to cover the cost to the food service, and said he would prepare the meal at no cost to the CGC.

Southerland was not available for comment.

CGC speaker Bobby Vogler (District 14) said the council looked at what was being done for the summer school students and decided the bowling and supper would affect more students than other types of allocations would.

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By SCOTT WHARTON
and JOHN CONWAY
Staff Writers

Controversy over the proposed Midway Airport continued this week at a meeting of the Orange County commissioners.

Buck Mountain Development Group, which is planning the airport/airpark gained the approval of the Orange County Planning Department, but several citizens opposed putting the airport in Bingham Township.

Since the fall of 1980, Buck Mountain has requested a special use permit to build the private, general aviation airport/airpark on 232 acres of land nine miles west of Carrboro in Bingham Township. Although the site was considered to be in the top third of 69 locations considered by planning staff, the planning board recommended in April that the county commissioners deny the request for a permit.

Lee Mehler of Peloquin Associates, architect for the proposed airport/airpark, presented the commissioners with a scaled-down proposal Thursday which would eliminate the office park originally planned.

Mehler's proposal also included a shortened runway and hangar space for 276 private planes.

Mehler said the airport would accommodate "transient flights to the University," citing football season as a major flight period.

Fred Hazard, an agent for the development group, told the commissioners Buck Mountain would come in well under \$1 million for the construction of the runway and access road. Hazard said his biggest area of concern was "what it will take to keep the runway operating."

Buck Mountain would never have made the proposal if it did not present itself as a long-range profit-maker, Hazard said.

UNC planning director Gordon Rutherford presented two letters to the commissioners to explain the University's position on the airport. The first letter, from Chancellor Christopher C. Fordham to Chapel Hill Mayor Joe Nassif, said the University would close Horace Williams Airport if "an acceptable alternative airport facility has been provided within reasonable proximity to Chapel Hill."

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North Carolina native Chuck Davis pulls volunteers from the audience and leads them in African tribal dance at a mini-concert at University Mall Friday. Sponsored by the American Dance Festival, the concert featured the Chuck Davis Dance Company. Photo by Becky Garrison.

Getting published: a matter of luck

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Publishing a first novel is not easy, but Angela Davis-Gardner of Raleigh credits luck with carrying her through the Catch-22 of breaking into the publishing world.

The catch: it's hard to publish without an agent, yet it's hard to get an agent unless you've already published.

"I sent it to several agents because I'd always thought that getting an agent was the most important thing," said Davis-Gardner. "Some of them like it, but none of them thought it was commercial enough for publication."

Agents, however, cannot always be right.

Davis-Gardner began sending the manuscript to editors, and on the third try she was successful. Her novel was accepted by Random

House, and now, *Felice* has just been published, and is an alternate selection for the Book of the Month Club.

A 1963 graduate of Duke, Davis-Gardner earned her master's in creative writing from UNC-Greensboro. She published several short stories in regional publications, but stopped writing to pursue other interests. Then in 1977, back in North Carolina, she enrolled in a class taught by Doris Betts, author and professor of English at UNC. In that class, she began a story about an orphan being raised in a convent in Nova Scotia, based on her grandmother's actual childhood. That story blossomed into *Felice*.

"Most new writers are now coming out of creative writing programs, and they're being sent or recommended to publishers by their teachers," Betts said. "At least they get looked at."

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