

## Weather

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## Rams' Club officials say exit plan report doesn't require action

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A report, commissioned by the Rams' Club to study ways of easing traffic congestion after Smith Center events, was presented only as a recommendation to UNC's planning office, Rams' Club officials said Wednesday.

It will only be implemented if it fits into the University's long-term land-use goals, said Moyer G. Smith, associate athletic director for the Educational Foundation Inc.

The report, completed last August by Kimley-Horn and Associates Inc.,

recently drew criticism from Odum Village residents concerned by the plan's proposed "special event backdoor driveways." Routed through the Village, the 10-foot-wide exitways would disrupt the quiet neighborhood atmosphere of married-student housing, residents have said.

Smith, who could not be reached for comment until Wednesday, said the plan was commissioned by the Educational Foundation Inc. last year to find ways to deal with chaotic traffic conditions after games.

"We presented this study, or

report, to the (UNC) planning office, and that's where it ends," he said. "These were only recommendations — they would have to implement it."

Smith also stressed that only two of the four proposed 10-foot wide "walkways" or "driveways" described in the report were ever considered. Only one of the three exits described as exiting from the F-lot through Odum Village was recommended, as was a second exit from FR — lot opening directly onto the bypass, Smith said.

"It was no more than one exit out of F-lot," he said. "We never even

considered recommending every (exit in the report)."

The Educational Foundation Inc. can't implement the recommendations in the report — they can only present them to the University for consideration under the standard procedure, Smith said. "(The report) was presented as some things we would like to see done and the University takes it from there," he said.

The Smith Center is owned by the University, although it was built with funds raised by the Educational

Foundation Inc., he said.

Claude E. "Gene" Swecker, associate vice-chancellor for facilities management, said Friday that "to my knowledge there are no approved plans for the exits."

David Bonk, transportation planner for the town of Chapel Hill, said Monday that any plan for exit routes west of the Smith Center would require a modification of the special-use permit issued by the town of Chapel Hill when the arena was built. He said any such requests would not be greeted favorably by

the town.

Smith said the exits may not be built in the immediate future, but he would not say specifically which of the recommendations the Rams' Club wanted UNC to implement.

"It probably won't happen," he said. "But who's to say what will happen in the remote future? The Educational Foundation has no control."

The future of the report's recommendations will not be known until UNC completes its own long-term land-use plan, Smith said.

## Boom not bad for town

By SCOTT GREIG  
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While no small community can absorb the impact of massive growth without reverberations, the biggest problems right now in Chapel Hill may be less growth-oriented than people think.

Traffic congestion and high housing costs have been aggravated by a population boom that will continue until 2000, but other negative side effects that residents have feared are failing to materialize.

Most surprising of all is that the incidence of major crimes went down between 1981 and 1985. Between those four years, major index crimes such as murder, rape, robbery and assault dropped 18.5 percent, compared with a 14.3 percent drop nationally.

Police spokesman Keith Lohmann said this statistic goes against what most people take to be a foregone conclusion about growth: as a city or town grows, so does its crime rate.

"You would think that with the growth being seen in Chapel Hill that the crime rate would rise," Lohmann said. "That just has not been the case though, until 1986 that is."

The crime rate last year suddenly rose 8 percent.

"I don't even want to hazard a guess as to why it happened," he said. "There's really no way to know."

### Worsening Existing Problems

With the absence of an increase in serious crimes, traffic congestion and the spiraling cost of housing are some of the most noticeable deterrents to living in Chapel Hill.

But town officials concede that these problems were here before the building boom of the 1980s.

The quality living environment and the high-tech employment base at Research Triangle Park have made Chapel Hill attractive to residents and businesses.

The growth rate in Chapel Hill alone rose 30 percent between 1970 and 1980.

Leonard Van Ness, executive vice president of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce, said the biggest boom in development in Chapel Hill began in 1982, when an eight-year drought in housing construction came to an end. The drought was caused by several factors, including two



Heavy traffic was inevitable for Chapel Hill — even before it began to grow DTH/Julie Stovall

## Growth and Development

- Monday: Housing picture
- Tuesday: A changing image
- Wednesday: Planned growth
- Thursday: Side effects
- Friday: Goodbye, village

national recessions (1974-5 and 1980-2) and high mortgage rates.

"Virtually no apartments were built between 1974 and 1982," Van Ness said. "This eight-year dry spell created a great pent-up demand for housing and rents went sky-high."

"That all came to an end, finally, and the boom came in the form of multi-family housing units. People started saying that this growth was putting a strain on the roads that serviced those development areas, but the fact of the matter is that the town hadn't built any new roads in 30 years and that's what the real problem was."

"There are no negative side effects to the growth that Chapel Hill is experiencing."

### Cars Pile Up

Van Ness said the roads in Chapel Hill were congested before the

growth and the traffic situation now, although exaggerated, is at the point where residents cannot ignore it any longer.

David Bonk, town traffic planner, agreed with Van Ness and said the hardest-hit roads were those that serviced new housing developments.

He gave the U.S. 15-501 Bypass between Chapel Hill and Durham, N.C. 54 between Chapel Hill and Raleigh, and Airport Road as examples of these congested areas.

"The bypass (15-501) has always been over capacity," Bonk said. "The additional traffic being attributed to growth is only making it worse."

But although the increased traffic has brought an increased number of accidents with it, Bonk said the accidents are usually "safe accidents."

"What you have now is a situation where the roads are more crowded and traffic moves slower," he said. "That means that you are going to have more safe accidents like rear-end scrapes and fewer spectacular high-speed crashes where people are getting seriously hurt."

However, Bonk said air pollution from automobile exhausts has worsened.

Town planners will take advantage of the completion of I-40, the widening of the U.S. 15-501 Bypass and the push in advertising for the Chapel Hill Transit system to alleviate traffic jams.

Bonk cautioned that these tactics will not decrease traffic flow as much as they will spread it out more evenly.

"I-40 will just make Chapel Hill more accessible and shift the traffic to different areas," he said.

Although the transit system carries only about 5 percent of travelers in Chapel Hill, it is aimed at relieving pressure on the busiest roads, such as Airport Road and Franklin Street, he said.

### Penalties of Popularity

Michael Luger, visiting associate professor of city and regional planning at UNC, echoed comments made by Van Ness and said one has to examine the past history of the Chapel Hill housing market to understand why it is so expensive, or as Luger said, why it seems so expensive.

Luger said Chapel Hill is so popular, with so much to offer prospective residents, that a process called capitalization takes place. Capitalization in the housing market occurs when people relocating in Chapel Hill willingly spend more on a house than that house may actually be worth somewhere else.

He cited UNC and Duke University as educational advantages, adding that parents are also impressed with the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools.

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## Reagan to meet with panel reviewing NSC

From Associated Press reports

WASHINGTON — President Reagan will meet Monday with the panel he named to review the role of the National Security Council in carrying out his policies toward Iran and other countries, the White House said Wednesday.

Spokesman Larry Speakes also announced that the Jan. 29 deadline for the panel to complete its investigation and report to the president has been extended to Feb. 19. The panel is known as the Special Review Board.

Speakes said Reagan is expected to review White House files with counsel Peter Wallison before the session with Tower and two other panel members, former Secretary of State Edmund Muskie and former

National Security Adviser Brent Scowcroft.

Reagan is expected to answer panelists' questions about his recollections of how the clandestine arms sales program transpired, Speakes said.

The three-member board was named by the president on Dec. 1 less than a week after Attorney General Edwin Meese III revealed that some proceeds from the arms sales had been diverted to Nicaraguan rebels. It was directed to report by Jan. 29 on the role of the National Security Council staff in carrying out sensitive diplomatic and intelligence missions such as the secret arms deals.

Speakes said the deadline was extended to Feb. 19 at the board's

request "due to the large amount of documents that the White House and others have provided them" and the need to interview more witnesses.

The board so far has interviewed nearly 40 officials and former officials and plans to interview 15 or 20 more, he said.

Board spokesman Herbert Hetu said the panel traveled to Plains, Ga., to meet with former President Jimmy Carter, but there was no immediate indication of how lengthy the interview would be or the precise nature of the questions planned for the former president.

The panel plans meetings later this week with former Presidents Richard Nixon and Gerald Ford, Hetu said.

Reagan held his second meeting

Wednesday with David Abshire, the retiring U.S. ambassador to NATO, whom he called home to serve as his special counselor on the arms sale issue. Abshire was scheduled later Wednesday to meet privately with Sens. Daniel Inouye, D-Hawaii, and Warren Rudman, R-N.H., the chairman and vice chairman of the Senate select committee probing the Iran-Contra affair.

In response to questions, Speakes said White House Chief of Staff Donald Regan did not attend Reagan's separate meetings with Wallison and Abshire.

Some members of Congress have questioned whether Regan played a role in the behind-the-scenes Iran arms operation and there have been some calls for his resignation.

## Flu catches on; SHS prepares for worst case

By JUSTIN MCGUIRE  
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Although a large number of students have contracted the influenza virus currently hitting the campus, only a few have needed overnight care, according to Student Health Services officials. Only "one or two" students are currently in the infirmary, said Dr. James McCutchan, director of the Clinical Medical Section of SHS.

Most victims of the virus have had temperatures between 101-103 degrees, although a few have gone as high as 104, McCutchan said. The typical case has lasted from 48 to 60 hours, he said, but coughing has been lasting much longer in most cases.

However, the number of patients seen for influenza by SHS has been large, McCutchan said. The week before last, 25 cases were seen. Last week the number grew to 125.

McCutchan estimated that 125 to 200 cases would be seen before this week is over. "And that only includes those we've seen," McCutchan said. "I'd say there are probably two students who have the virus and don't come in for every one that does."

"Most of the students have not been (too) sick . . . to take care of themselves," he said. McCutchan said that at one time, when most students were living in dormitories,

this might not have been the case. But with so many students now living in apartments where they have easy access to stoves and refrigerators, students are better able to take care of themselves, he said.

McCutchan said the virus is affecting students so heavily because most students have no immunity to it. "It has not been common in the United States since 1956, so anyone under 35 has probably never had it and hasn't become immune to it," he said.

McCutchan said although few infirmary beds have been needed so far, a contingency plan has been set up in case things get worse than officials now fear they will. This plan would involve setting up 40 to 50 beds in a lounge at Morrison Residence Hall to handle any overflow from the infirmary, he said.

"So far, we've located floor space and identified where the beds are," he said. McCutchan said that in the past, members of the resident staff at North Carolina Memorial Hospital and students from the nursing school have helped out when extra beds have been set up.

McCutchan said that any student exhibiting symptoms of influenza should go to SHS. "The virus is not that bad, but for someone who's got it, it's bad enough," he said.

## Virginia guards too much for Tar Heels

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For baseball purists, seeing the letters 'D' and 'H' paired together evokes feelings of anger and powerlessness. After the way Virginia's blip-quick backcourt of Donna Holt and Daphne Hawkins performed Wednesday night, the North Carolina women's basketball team could claim the same.

Holt and Hawkins, a pair of junior guards who are "Designated Hitters" in their own right, posted 30 of their combined 44 points in the decisive second half as 6th-ranked Virginia toppled North Carolina, 73-63, before 480 fans in Carmichael Auditorium.

The win left the Wahoos with a 15-1 overall mark, 5-0 in the Atlantic Coast Conference. The Tar Heels, who lost to Virginia for the second time this season, dropped to 9-6 and 3-3.

"Their guards are just so quick," said UNC coach Sylvia Rhyne-Hatchell. "They not only hurt us offensively, but so many times passes we threw to what seemed like open players ended up in their hands. Quickness is everything."

Holt, a 5-5 fireball from Chicago, was the more potent of the pair. She contributed five assists and six steals in addition to her game-high 26 points.

Hawkins, a 5-6 lefty from Beltsville, Md., had 16 of her 18 points in the second half, when Virginia outscored the hosts 43-32 after trailing by one at intermission.

Despite the sizzling showing from

her guards — Holt and Hawkins hit 18-of-28 shots from the field — Virginia coach Debbie Ryan shrugged off any suggestions of brilliance on their part.

"That was a normal game for them," Ryan said. "Both of them have the green light to shoot anytime they want as far as I'm concerned. They recognize the difference between a good shot and a bad shot. It's up to them."

The key stretch in the game was a five-minute period midway through the second half in which the Cavaliers ripped off nine straight points in the midst of a 15-4 run. Airtight defense by the Wahoos was the determining factor.

After Chrissy Watts hit a backdoor layup at the 11:15 mark to pull UNC within 48-45, Virginia got stingy.

Kirsten Anderson hit an eight-foot jumper to begin the Cavs' run, which featured back-to-back breakaway steals and layups by Holt. North Carolina's Dawn Royster and Kathy Wilson slowed the surge momentarily with a pair of baskets that made it 57-49, but Hawkins got free for a pair of short-range bank shots and Holt pushed the score to 63-49 with a 17-footer at the 4:11 mark.

The Cavaliers then nailed 8-of-8 attempts from the free-throw line in the final minutes to preserve their double-digit advantage.

"I'm real disappointed in our performance," said Hatchell. "As far as preparation, we couldn't have done any more. But our level of concentration and a lot of mental aspects held us back."

*I like to be alone sometimes, hoping that someone will miss me. — Bud Court*