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Residents continue to criticize community park proposal

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Staff Writer

The proposed Southern Community Park is still in need of funds, and the plan continues to draw criticism from some members of the community and nearby residents.

Chapel Hill Parks and Recreation Director Mike Loveman said he didn't anticipate receiving funds for the proposed park for several years.

The park, proposed in February 1989, would be located on a 78-acre site south of Chapel Hill on the corner of U.S. 15-501 and Dogwood Acres Drive.

Loveman said he was unsure of when construction of the park facilities would begin. The town could pass additional bond funds, or the Chapel Hill Town Council could approve using some of the funds from the 1989 parks and open-space bond to support the project.

"It's hard to predict when construction will take place," he said. "I think the funding issue is driving the construction."

The town has the authority to borrow \$3.5 million from the 1989 bond, but the money may not be used for park construction without the council's approval, he said.

"That money was initially designated for purchase of land only, but it could be used for construction of facilities," Loveman said.

The present plan for Southern Community Park consists of four building stages to be completed over 20 years.

Two soccer fields, three softball/hardball fields, and support facilities such as restrooms and parking should be built in the project's initial stage, Loveman said.

Gerry O'Donnell, who coordinates a team in the Cellular-One summer soccer league and coaches area youth soccer teams, said he was not optimistic about the immediate development of soccer fields.

"We're going to be without soccer fields for an indefinite period of time," he said. "The soccer fields, and whatever else was scheduled to go into that park, have now been put on the back burner."

The town risks losing the \$35,000 federal grant that is specifically allocated for the development of soccer fields, he said.

"If they don't start building by the end of this calendar year, they're going to lose (the money)," he said. "The federal agency is saying, 'if you can't use it, there's lots of other people around the country that can.'"

The town owns 14 baseball fields, but no soccer fields, he said.

"It makes me angry to look at that ratio and think that they never intended, until I approached them, to build any soccer fields," he said. "There were five baseball fields going in the park, no soccer fields, which says to me how much they know of what's going on in the community."

Soccer is extremely popular in the Chapel Hill area, he said. The town is not recognizing the need for more and better facilities.

(Soccer players and supporters) are our taxpayers too, just the same way softball and baseball players are, and they have 14 baseball fields," he said. "There are more tennis courts than are able to be used, and there are basketball courts all over the place, but there are zero soccer fields."

O'Donnell distributed petitions to area sporting good stores requesting that soccer fields be built. He will take copies of the petitions to the town manager and to the mayor's office, he said.

Some residents of Dogwood Acres, especially those who live on Dogwood Acres Drive, said they were concerned that the park would bring traffic into their neighborhood.

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Churches, students begin constructing new Habitat house

By Laura-Leigh Gardner
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The Orange County chapter of Habitat for Humanity has begun work on its 16th house with the help of local churches and the University's student chapter.

The United Methodist/UNC Student Partnership house will be located east of Hillsborough off U.S. Highway 70.

A ground-breaking ceremony was held Feb. 23 at Orange United Methodist Church. Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin March 23, but will probably start April 6, said John Krall, a spokesman for the United Methodist Church Partnership.

Established in 1984, Habitat for Humanity of Orange County, Inc., (HHOC) is part of a national Christian housing ministry that builds homes for people who could not otherwise afford a house, said HHOC spokesman Curt Boylan.

Habitat builds homes when it raises funds on its own or when a partnership raises the money for the group, Boylan said.

Habitat's latest project results from a partnership of six area Methodist churches and the UNC student chapter of Habitat. The partnership is building a home for the Lunsfords, a family of five children being raised by their grandmother.

The United Methodist/UNC Partnership house marks the first time area

Methodist churches have worked together on a Habitat house, said Bill Miller, the project's coordinator.

Krall said volunteers from the United Methodist/UNC Student Partnership and members of the Lunsford family would work on the house together.

"Habitat is not as much a charity as it is a partnership," Krall said. Families help with construction and pay for the house when they move in.

Boylan said the houses were completely paid for when the families moved in. Families pay an interest-free mortgage to Habitat, which in turn uses the money to build other houses.

Habitat tries to build the homes around different families' needs, Boylan said. "Each home tends to be unique," he said.

The group recently built two homes joined by a common wall for a woman who had 10 foster children, he said. The woman owned one house and rented the other. When the children grow up, Habitat will stop renting the second house and sell it to another family, he said.

Miller said working on Habitat houses was rewarding. Because groups work on houses from start to finish, volunteers see the positive impact they have on society, he said.

People interested in working on the house should call Miller at 929-3868.

Campus Calendar

TUESDAY
7:45 a.m. UCPPS announces paid, full-time summer internships with Carolina Telephone and Telegraph and First Wachovia Student Financial Services. Resumes accepted at the UCPPS office in 211 Hanes Hall TODAY ONLY until 3 p.m. More information in internships files in 211 Hanes.

2 p.m. JOB HUNT 102: Resume Writing Workshop will be held in 306 Hanes.

3:30 p.m. "U.S. Urban Underclass Data." Ed Bachman and Andrea Bohlig, Center for Employment and Economic Growth, will present a short course in 02 Manning.

4 p.m. JOB HUNT 104: On-Site Interviewing Workshop will be held in 209 Hanes.

UCPPS will hold a Careering Ahead workshop for freshmen, sophomores and juniors in 306 Hanes.

5 p.m. The UNC Juggling Club will meet in Carmichael Ballroom. Everybody is welcome!

5:30 p.m. The Asian Students Association will have its weekly meeting in 206 Union. The fashion show video will be shown. All officers and committee chairs need to meet at 5:15 p.m. for an important meeting.

6 p.m. International dinner! Great food, great company. We do this the first Tuesday of every month. Don't forget! Second floor of Carmichael Residence Hall.

Interested in being an Orientation Counselor? Come to the Olde Campus interest session in Manly Lounge. Join the bunch!

6:30 p.m. Order of the Bell Tower will meet in 211 Union. New and old members plan to be there!

7 p.m. The UNC Chess Club meets tonight and every Tuesday night on the second floor of the Union.

Want to join the bunch? Come to the Granville Area Orientation Counselor Interest Session in fourth floor South Lounge. Find out more about being an OC.

Attention all TARP members and anyone interested! Come help us with Recycling Week 1991 tonight in 205 Union. Important for all area coordinators to come, or call Lynnie or Susan.

7:30 p.m. Student government offers free tutoring in CHEM 11, BIOL 11, STAT 11 & 23, MATH 22, 30 & 31, ECON 10, French 1-4 and Spanish 1-4 today and every Tuesday. Come to second floor Dey Hall until 9:30 p.m.

8 p.m. Come hear the experiences of someone who was in Iraq this past summer. Join UNC Young Democrats for a slide show and discussion on Iraq in 211 Union. All are welcome!

8:30 p.m. The Carolina Indian Circle will discuss Culture Week 1991 and elect officers for 1991-92 Academic Year at the meeting tonight in 212 Union. All members are urged to attend!

ITEMS OF INTEREST
It's a YACK ATTACK! UNC's official yearbook, the 1991 Yackety Yack, is on sale now! March 4-8 in the Union.

Carolina Fever members: Interested in becoming a Fever director for the coming year? If so, come by the office to sign up for an interview. Interviews will be held Monday through Wednesday. All interested active members are welcome to apply.

Carolina Week By Week calendar wants you to submit black-and-white photos for next year's edition. Send photos to 01 Steele by April 16. If we use five or more of your pictures, you will receive a free edition. So start shooting!

Carolina Students Credit Union has American Express Traveler's Checks for Spring Break! Visit 103 Union Monday through Friday 10 a.m.-3 p.m. and Saturday 12:30-2 p.m. to get yours!

The UNC Orientation Department is now recruiting fun and interesting people to serve as Orientation Counselors for 1991. Come to any interest session or call the office at 962-8521 for more information! Go bananas!

Nominations requested: Chancellor's Awards for Excellence in Student Activities and Leadership. Forms are available at the Union desk, Campus Y, Office of Leadership Development (01 Steele) and Office of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs (104 Steele). Nominations are due by Friday, March 8.

The Tar Heel Recycling Program announces that today's Mobile Drop is near the gravel lot behind the School of Public Health/Rosenau Hall for newspapers, glass and aluminum.

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War

Air Force transport and flew to the gulf emirate of Bahrain, to be examined aboard a U.S. Navy hospital ship there.

The U.S. military reciprocated Monday's prisoner release by announcing that 300 Iraqi prisoners held by the allies would be freed Tuesday or Wednesday.

At least six Americans remain as prisoners, and 35 are still listed as missing in action. The allies say they hold more than 63,000 Iraqi POWs.

Many of the Iraqis deserted from their front lines during the air campaign. The Baghdad government declared an amnesty for deserters Monday, but U.S. officials said no Iraqi soldier would be repatriated against his will.

Sketchy and sometimes confused

reports emerged from southern Iraq about the anti-government rioting that exploded there over the weekend.

Witnesses said violent protests occurred in at least eight cities, stretching from Iraq's second-largest city, Basra, northward to the holy city of Karbala, 50 miles south of Baghdad, and in some

RAs

the flier would be distributed to the entire housing staff.

"This was really a first step," he said. "We wanted the chance to address new RAs. Where we take it from here, we'll be discussing."

The authors also want an open forum to be held to give all RAs a chance to express their concerns about the compensation cuts, Corson said. "An open forum will never hurt the facts."

Anne Presnell, SRC area director, said she had not received a flier and did not want to comment about it until she had a chance to read it.

places the dissidents took over government buildings.

The loyalist Republican Guard forces "are destroying everything in front of them. If anybody shouts from a building they knock it down," said Jordanian photographer Mahar Hakawati, heading from Basra into Kuwait.

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