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Sports shop might open on Franklin

By Grant Holland
Staff Writer

Competition in Chapel Hill's sporting goods market may get a little stiffer if Durham Sporting Goods expands to a Franklin Street site, but local merchants are being good sports about the possibility of a new neighbor.

DSG has offered to lease the old Huggin's Hardware store located at 107 E. Franklin St., according to Maria Batista, an administrator for the company.

"The offer is on the table," she said. "Either they're going to accept it or reject it. But the owner (Harry L. McKaig, Jr.) seems confident."

Joel Harper, president of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce, said DSG's move to Franklin Street would be good for the community.

"It's always a good thing to have vacant storefront property filled," he said. "It sounds like it will fit well on Franklin Street."

But Harper added that the store would not represent a large revenue relocation from Durham County to Orange County. For the local economy to be affected, several businesses would need to move to the area, he said.

Batista said DSG planned to offer specialized equipment for a variety of sports.

"There's a need on Franklin Street for a more specific sporting goods store that will go deeper into fewer sports," she said.

"There will be a lot of little shops specializing within the store."

Sam Petrides, owner of Sam's Sport Shop, located at 1129 Weaver Dairy Road, said DSG represented little competition because each sporting goods shop had established its own niche.

"Everyone's got something different," Petrides said. "(DSG) is more of a retail shop, and we're embroidering and screen printing."

Petrides, whose shop was formerly named Franklin Street Sporting Goods, said he relocated his business because Franklin Street did not draw local customers.

"Downtown is a tourist attraction as far as I'm concerned," he said.

Sean Gilchrist, manager of Headline Sports, which recently opened at 306-C W. Franklin St., also said DSG would not provide direct competition for his store.

"We don't carry the same things they do," Gilchrist said. "We cater to professional game-wear."

Chris Howell, manager of Athletic World in University Square, admitted DSG would mean competition but said he considered it healthy.

"Sure, we're not happy about them moving in," Howell said. "But they're good people, and a little competition is good for business."



Slash attack

John Webster, a junior attackman from Baltimore, moves around two Syracuse players for a shot. No. 1 UNC lost to the No. 2 Orangemen, 15-10, in the Carrier Dome Saturday.

Union expansion for BCC called unrealistic

By Jon Whisenant
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A proposal to expand the Student Union to make room for a new black cultural center is not a concrete option, a UNC official and several student leaders said Monday.

Structural limitations make Chancellor Paul Hardin's Feb. 28 proposal to build a 60,000-square-foot addition to the Student Union unrealistic, said John Sanders, chairman of the buildings and grounds committee.

"The Union was not built with any addition in mind," he said. "I don't believe it was built to support any extra stories, either. Some buildings are designed with this in mind, but even then it is rarely done."

The only possibility would be to expand the Union toward the corner of Raleigh and South roads, Sanders said. But he said to make the expansion worthwhile, UNC officials would have to extend it "out into the street."

Officials at a meeting with student leaders said they wanted the addition to be built up from the circle parking behind the Union.

Hardin said Monday that the Union, Chase Hall and the Daniels Building, which houses Student Stores, are possibilities for such an expansion. Daniels was designed so that more floors could be added, he said.

"This is obviously something that we will have to have architects look into, and neither I nor John Sanders can make such a judgment," Hardin said.

Members of a student coalition who demanded a free-standing building for the Sonja H. Stone Black Cultural Center have mixed feelings about the chancellor's proposal and have threatened to take action if this and other demands are not met. On Feb. 24, coalition leaders gave Hardin a 4 p.m. Wednesday deadline to meet demands.

Additional demands include an endowed chair in Stone's name and more support for the housekeepers who filed

a Step 3 grievance in January. Michelle Thomas, BCC student ambassador, said, "I feel certain that he will not ignore our demands, but if he does, we will act upon that then."

Any suggestions are welcome, but the Union expansion is not a concrete possibility, she said. "I would be impressed with it as an offer, and with the expediency of the offer," she said. "But it hasn't been discussed with the Union's long-range planning committee."

Arnie Epps, Black Student Movement president, said that the coalition would respond to Hardin's proposal of the Union expansion if Hardin made a firm offer Wednesday, but the coalition had higher expectations.

"What we are waiting for is an offer for a free-standing black cultural center," Epps said.

The coalition of student groups includes members of the Campus Y, the BCC Facilities Committee, the Sonja H. Stone Task Force and student government.

Calling plan trims Triangle telephone rates

By Carol Davis
Staff Writer

Letting your fingers do the walking became a better bargain Sunday when Southern Bell began experimental reduced-rate, long distance service throughout the Triangle.

Mark Collins, staff manager for corporate and external affairs at Southern Bell in Raleigh, explained that the service would not mean additional charges.

"There is no extra charge, and there is a 50-percent long distance discount on calls made in the Triangle area," he

said. The Community Caller Plus Plan, the most popular plan, offers customers an unlimited number of free local phone calls.

Long distance calls to communities within the plan's region cost half the current long distance rate.

This service will be paid for by the basic line charge, which is \$10.77 per month.

Under the Thrifty Caller Plan, customers' basic line charges will be reduced to \$5.50 per month, but customers will be required to pay for each local

and long distance call placed. Long distance service is available at 50 percent of the current rate under the Thrifty Caller Plan.

But residents will have only 18 months to enjoy the service, a phone company official said Monday.

Steve Clementi, public affairs manager for GTE in Durham, said Southern Bell, GTE and Centel were all involved in the 18-month experiment. The plan will allow residents and area businesses telephone access to Triangle communities at rates lower than those offered by any other available plans.

Chapel Hill customers participating in the plan can call Apex, Cary, Creedmoor, Durham, Garner, Hillsborough, Knightdale, Pittsboro, Raleigh and Zebulon at reduced rates, he said.

Collins' customers were asked to choose plans based on their current calling habits. If customers failed to choose, Southern Bell selected plans for them, he said.

The phone companies sent out ballots to gauge customer preferences, Collins said.

"Two hundred and fifty thousand

ballots were sent out, and roughly 40 percent (of customers) responded," he said. Chapel Hill residents sent in nearly 50,000 responses, he said.

Many University students said that they liked the calling plans and thought that they were convenient.

"(My roommates and I) definitely approve the new plans because we're all from Raleigh, and we had the metro plan," junior Julia Oxenford said.

"I think that's great. I think it'll help people who have friends in other area cities," Doug Davis, a junior from Greensboro, said.

Rocky road to run-off ends in 11 new dorm governors

By Maria Sweeney
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The offices of student body president, Daily Tar Heel editor and senior class president and vice president weren't the only posts still vacant after the first round of elections Feb. 11.

The Feb. 25 run-off election also was necessary to elect several Residence Hall Association dormitory governors, who take office today. Low voter participation in electing the governors and election rules made it difficult to fill the positions, said RHA Co-president Christy Pons.

"Dorm governors are typically elected because of write-ins," Pons said. "Many of the people who voted in the first election failed to write in a candi-

date for their dorm governor." The reduction of poll sites also was a factor in the number of empty seats, she said.

It was more difficult to write in candidates during this year's election because voters did not have the benefit of voting in their dorms, Pons said.

The Elections Board disqualified six of the winning governors in the first election after they failed to follow guidelines requiring them to turn in a financial report about their campaign spending, Pons said.

Co-president Scott Peeler said, "Most of the winning candidates were disqualified because they were written in and didn't know that they had to submit a financial report."

The following new members start

their duty as dormitory governors to-day:

- Craig — Demetrius Belle.
- Ehringhaus — Denny Skipper.
- Hinton James — Lisa Gray.
- Morrison — Jan Davis.
- Granville Towers — Scott Weinstein.
- Henderson Residence College (Alexander, Winston, Connor) — Laura

Allen.

- Morehead Confederation (Cobb, Joyner, Graham, Stacy) — Natalie Hunter.

- Olde Campus (Grimes, Ruffin, Manly, Aycock, Lewis, Everett) — Jill Caporell.

- Scott Residence College (Carmichael, Teague, Avery, Parker, Whitehead) — Thi Vu.

- STOW (Spencer, Kenan, McIver, Alderman) — Kathleen Frandano.

- Mangum — RHA will hold a special election to fill the position. Ten students finished with one write-in vote each in the Feb. 25 run-off election.

Dormitory governors are responsible for voicing concerns of residents to RHA and representing residents in dorm government.

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