

Privatization plans anger OU golfers

PONCA, Okla. — Oklahoma University (OU) President Richard Van Horn's plan to hire a Texas development firm to privatize and redesign the school's golf course has been met with anger and frustration among many local golfers.

OU regents have already given Van Horn the go-ahead to make a contract with Sunrise Golf, a newly formed management company out of Austin, Texas. OU says the Sunrise bid of \$1.78 million was the highest offer.

The OU Ladies' and the OU Men's Golf asso-

ciations have bombarded OU and Norman newspapers with letters trying to stop the Texans. Many dislike plans to redesign the course, which was laid out originally by famed architect Perry Maxwell.

Others protested OU's attempt to privatize the course whose land the Navy used as a training center during World War II.

In a letter to Van Horn, Savoie Lottinville, retired head of OU's University Press, wrote, "One does not barter away expansion lands, even to Texans."

Pa. community considers 27-hole residential project

CHAMBERSBURG, Pa. — Plans to construct as many as 27 holes, a driving range and 200 fairway homes at the proposed Deerfields Golf Club are the subject of discussion for many developers and financiers in the area.

John Brink, the project coordinator, said the project would be built on 600-acre Bingham's Orchards and Gillan Orchards. The site is 10 miles west of Chambersburg

Lindsay Ervin, who is based in Crofton, Md., has signed on as the golf course architect. Once financing has been secured, Brink said ground-breaking could take place as early as spring 1994.

Brink told the *Chambersburg Public Opinion*, "I feel The Deerfields has the potential to be the premier golf course residential project in south central Pennsylvania, primarily because of the strength of the site."

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Ore. town sees course as big money maker

GRANTS PASS, Ore. — Josephine County's Parks and Recreation Department has proposed building an 18-hole golf course to raise much needed revenues.

The county has hired THK Associates of Denver to perform a \$6,000 feasibility study. Building and design costs are estimated at \$2 million to \$4 million.

The golf course would be operated by a private firm. Net revenues are estimated at \$200,000 annually after the first three years, according to Parks and Recreation Department Director Bruce Galloway.

Galloway hopes construction will begin in summer 1994.

Vt. layout could open by 1994

MILTON, Vt. — Pending final approval, work on the first stage of an 18-hole golf course could begin this summer and be open in August 1994.

Milton developer Nick Hurt, who has worked on the project five years, has applied for local and state permits and is awaiting a final hearing before construction can begin.

Lisa Maki of Golf Design Services of Virginia designed the course.

"Milton needs a more diverse cultural and industrial tax base, and this will contribute to that," explained Hurt to the *Burlington Free Press*.

R.I. development to start in fall

HOPKINTON, R.I. — Developer Hal Henry plans to begin construction on a championship golf course this fall.

He also hopes the town will give tax breaks to hotels as an incentive to build.

Although he is uncertain whether the town will agree with the tax breaks, he said construction will start soon.

Henry developed Lindbrook golf course and housing units.