

usually unwise to approach a snapping turtle in the wild. "People are able to get closer."

The center also cares for box turtles, spotted turtles and wood turtles, most of which are confiscated pets and therefore cannot be released into the wild. In the next room are tanks housing corn snakes bred for the pet trade.

Most of the birds and mammals under the wing of Wildlife Care were nursed back to health by wildlife rehabilitators throughout the

them to sleep," he said. "It's kind of the worst part for us."

Most of the animals under the Wildlife Care department's care are not named, except for the domestic animals, such as the rabbits.

"It's important not to give the idea that these animals are pets," Taylor said.

Every bird or mammal at the facility has a story. Most

safe to handle them.'

Jef Taylor
Wildlife caretaker

Another of the site's rare flying birds is a 10-week old great horned owl — a newcomer to the Wildlife Care center who is already very

"imprinted" — a term used to describe how comfortable a wild animal is around people.

The owl, still fluffy in the front with his baby down, was dropped off at the Blue Hills Reservation in a cardboard box, and then passed

an older bird used to being in the wild, and sometimes older birds who come the farm after an injury can be used for exhibits, but not for educational purposes.

"We need for the animals to be very used to us so it's safe to handle them," Taylor said.

And as the new great horned owl flaps his wings and hops from the top of one computer monitor to the other, it looks as though he's getting used to people.

Said Wright: "Right off the bat he has no fear."

Church plans for renovations

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December 2005.

It was these concerns that the Parish Committee and the Rev. Roger Paine sought to address Monday night.

As a precursor, Paine likened the current situation to a party game of two truths and a lie, where players make three plausible statements of fact, one of which is a lie. He said that truth is that there is one less member than 10 years ago and that 20 members spent four

years developing a master plan that includes interior and exterior changes, many parts of which, like parking improvements, are complete.

The lie is that the Parish Committee has made a decision to build an addition to the Stearns Room.

As examples of growing needs, he cited the Sunday School, where enrollment had increased from 57 to more than 200 children, and the recent hiring of an assistant minister, Claire Phillips-Thorn.

"Healthy couples and churches (sometimes) need to have a fair fight — but only after everyone takes the trouble to know what they are talking about."

Bob Green, a member of the Parish Committee, presented two years of study covering what members groups and congregation have said about space needs. For the Sanctuary and Stearns Room, these included improvements to cramped choir space, dedicated music storage, a handicapped accessible bathroom, larger meeting rooms and improved kitchen space. External improvements would

consider minimal visual impact to the sanctuary building, a roofline that sheds snow away from walkways and provision of natural light and sense of outdoors in the Stearns Room.

The Parish House needs included additional offices, space for administration and five adult meeting rooms designed to be shared with the Sunday School without requiring time consuming set up and tear down.

Sunday school teacher Kemon Taschioglou voiced support for improved classroom facilities more in keeping with a sophisticated fifth grade environment where permanent poster and map displays, Internet connectivity and self-directed learning groups are the norm. Kenton Ide, chairman of the Stewardship Committee, cautioned fiscal constraint, suggesting focus on the Parish House and the external revenue that may result from certain improvements.

Other members spoke out against the motion, expressing concern for rising annual costs and the short time frame available between now and fall for an in depth analysis. Deacon Ben Wells found broad support for his question on how the task force would decide, "What is a 'need' as opposed to a 'want?'"

Peggy Marsh considered that the list of hardships were somewhat exaggerated and the cost of the interim study was a significant amount.

"I would hate to see outreach turn into in-reach," she said.

All comments, observations and suggestions were duly noted on two large flip charts during the discussion, which concluded with a voice vote that required a show of hands to decide the result.

After the meeting, Bob Green said he was satisfied that the task force could now move forward to begin the process of answering two key questions, "What will it cost and what is the congregation willing to pay?"

Asked about the vote, Paine said he was, "Glad the vote succeeded so we can now take a look."

He went on to say that, after the initial designs introduced last December had resulted in pushback and rumors he wanted the Parish Committee, "to have a chance to hear what's out there." He also felt satisfied that, "Some worried people were here tonight to see for themselves."

Paine now expects the task force to come up with a short list of needs.

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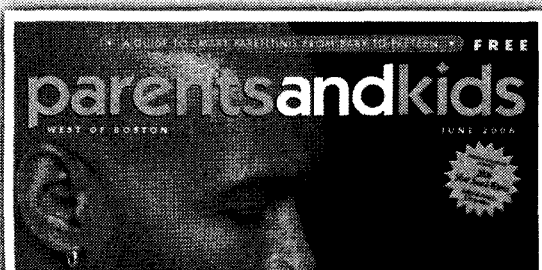
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Class of '06 dismissed Grads encouraged to 'go and change the world'

By Stacey Hart
Staff Writer

Despite dark clouds rolling in and a light rain starting to fall, nearly 350 graduates of Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School received their diplomas June 1 at Featherland Park.

Before hundreds of family members and friends escaped to their cars and homes to avoid getting caught in the storm, School Committee member Eileen Glovsky congratulated the Class of 2006.

"Take the lessons you have learned at L-S about tolerance, diversity, freedom and democracy with you when you leave and share them with others

'Change is an opportunity for growth. It'll be the ending of one chapter and the beginning of another.'

Kate Sherrer
Student speaker

who haven't experienced the L-S thing," she said.

Be proud to have finished school and completed a significant journey, Glovsky told

the students. Success in school is just one step in the success of life, she said.

Glovsky encouraged the graduates to use the next few years to figure out how they are unique from others.

"Each of you have something very special to offer the world. Share your talents with those less fortunate," she said.

As the wind picked up and dust from the baseball field at Featherland Park began to swirl, the ceremony continued with two students being given the honor to give graduation speeches.

Ajueny Galuak, a graduate who moved to Lincoln from the

Sudan, spoke to the crowd first in her native tongue and then in English.

"It's important for me to tell my classmates, go and change the world and make the world a more peaceful place," she said.

In order to achieve success,
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Photo by Joseph Marcus
Sudanese Lincoln-Sudbury student Ajueny Galuak received a standing ovation after delivering the first of two graduation addresses during commencement exercises June 1.

First Parish to look into renovation

By Geoff Moore
Correspondent

After more than an hour's discussion, members of the First Parish in Lincoln voted at their annual meeting June 5 in favor of appointing a task force to recommend options for renovation or replacement of the Stearns Room in the White Church, and for renovation of the Parish House.

The vote of 36-15 authorized a budget for the task force to prepare design sketches and to return to the congregation in the fall with an estimated cost for each option.

Anyone passing through Lincoln's historic center on Bedford Road will be aware of the cluster of imposing buildings that lend character to this sensitive area. Two prominent buildings, the White Church and the Parish House, belong to the First Parish in Lincoln. What may not be apparent are the growing and competing needs for space within those buildings and the concern generated among the congregation by conceptual modification drawings made available in
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