

McCorkle Place Gives Glimpse Into University's History

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There's a time machine on this campus. Concentrate very, very hard the next time you're walking past the Old Well, or sitting in the grass near Silent Sam. Ignore the asphalt in the distance and block out the hum of traffic. Look around instead at the giant old poplars and oaks and the archaic buildings that have encircled them for years and years.

Welcome to McCorkle Place, your ticket to the past.

The first stop is Old East. Built in 1793, Old East is the oldest state university building in the nation.

"The early Old East was a very stark, colonial building," said James Leloudis, an assistant professor in the history department who teaches a course on the history of UNC. Old East originally was referred to as "the wing" because it was to be part of a larger structure that was never built.

Leloudis said that a couple of guesses as to why UNC was founded face east had to do with William Richardson Davie's involvement with the Free Masons. Davie was one of UNC's founders and often is referred to as the father of the University.

"(The Masons) were a series of gentlemen's clubs made up of men who were converts to the Enlightenment," Leloudis said. They believed human rea-

son could solve many modern problems.

The building might have faced east toward Egypt and Mesopotamia, which the Masons regarded as the cradle of human civilization. Or, it might have faced east toward the sun and Apollo, the Greek god of light, to symbolize enlightenment.

A short walk across McCorkle Place leads to the second oldest state university building. Red-bricked Person Hall was built in 1797 from a \$1,050 donation by General Thomas Person. Originally used as the University's chapel, it was remodeled in 1934 as an art gallery. The two lion-like gargoyles that glare at passers-by from their perch originally sat on London's Big Ben.

Hill Hall, a white sandstone building

with a red-brick addition in the back, is a McCorkle Place relic with an unexpected past. In 1886, the University consolidated its book collection with the larger collection of the Dialectic and Philanthropic Societies and needed an official library.

"In 1907, President (Francis P.) Venable got money from Andrew Carnegie to create the first real University library," Leloudis said.

But it could house only 200,000 volumes and in less than 20 years, Wilson Library was built. The Carnegie building became Hill Hall, which houses the Department of Music, in 1930. It was named for University benefactor John Sprunt Hill, who was a member of the class of 1889.

Near Franklin Street, the stately pillars of Graham Memorial rise. Graham Memorial was named for Edward Kidder Graham, cousin of Frank Porter Graham and UNC president from 1914 to 1918.

"He brought the ideal of service to the University," Leloudis said. "He believed that the faculty and students should be active in the community."

Graham wanted a place for students to relax. Graham Memorial served as the student union from 1931 until the 1960s.

"There was a huge lounge area with fire places, wood-paneled walls and overstuffed leather couches and chairs," Leloudis said. "It makes the student union we have now look sterile."

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Each proposed ordinance states that panhandling "is disruptive to the safe and convenient use" of public areas, "discourages potential customers from patronizing nearby businesses," "detracts from the character of residential neighborhoods" and "is generally inimical to the public safety and welfare."

Alderman Tom Gurganus said that he favored the first proposal, the strongest of these measures, but added that the second ordinance was the one most likely to pass.

"These people are posing a threat to people living in the area," he said. "They're living in the nearby woods. There's a lot of alcohol and signs of drug use."

Some aldermen said this was not the first time the board had considered a panhandling ordinance. Earlier this year, the board rejected a proposal to outlaw panhandling altogether. Some aldermen thought the ordinance failed because it unfairly impeded on First Amendment rights.

"For me, the act of asking someone for a donation by itself is something that needs to be protected," Alderman Jay Bryan said.

"On the other hand, I am concerned that in our society the way people are reacting to each other is intolerable."

Chapel Hill currently has a law regulating how a person may ask for money on the street, said police Capt. Gregg Jarvis. Panhandlers are within their rights, he said, as long as they are not intoxicated, blocking a walkway or harassing anyone in the process.

A representative at the Governor's Crime Commission in Raleigh said State Bureau of Investigations records showed that no arrests were made for vagrancy last year in all of Orange County.

The Carrboro Board of Aldermen are meeting tonight in Carrboro Town Hall at 7:30 p.m.

Cuban Exiles Preparing For Ouster

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MIAMI — Emboldened by economic disarray inside Cuba and spotty law enforcement in the United States, militant exile groups say they're boosting efforts to topple Fidel Castro by force.

Weapon-laden boats and trucks are being discovered more often in Florida.

In the Bahamas, authorities are finding arms caches buried on their beaches.

Exile training camps operate freely in the Everglades.

Militants also claim bases in Spain, Nicaragua, various Caribbean nations and elsewhere — as well as in Cuba itself.

Alpha 66 says Castro's end is near.

"There is already a rebellion inside Cuba," says Andres Nazario Sargen, chief of the largest exile paramilitary group. "We are in a countdown. It's a matter of 80 or 90 days."

Sargen also said Alpha 66 had staged five recent missions in Cuba, including sabotage ventures. Its resurgence follows the fall of Soviet communism, which left Castro vulnerable. Food, gasoline, medicine and other essentials are scarce.

Another group, Comandos L, launched a high-profile boat attack last October on a beachside Cuban tourist hotel. That came only months after three members were captured while delivering arms in Cuba. One member was executed.

Comandos L is making plans for the anticipated end of the Castro regime, leader Tony Bryant said.

"We are in the process of learning where every general lives," Bryant said.

APPROVAL

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she liked the way Clinton was handling his job on some issues, such as the conflict with Somalia, but did not like Clinton's proposals to raise income taxes and to increase the tax on cigarettes.

"He says he's helping poor people by raising taxes. He's not," she said.

Poler said she supported the president's health-care plan, but she said a tax on cigarettes was not a good way to fund it.

"The cigarette tax is going up, and that's not fair to smokers," she said.

Poler said she had tried to quit smoking several times but could not.

Although she did not vote in the last election, Poler would have cast her ballot for Ross Perot if she had voted, she said.

Poler said she had not participated in the UNC poll.

The poll, conducted by telephone, was sponsored by the UNC Institute for Re-

search in Social Science and the School of Journalism and Mass Communication. It was conducted Oct. 3-7 from a random sample of North Carolinians.

In the February poll, sponsored by the same two groups, 41 percent of respondents said they approved and 36 percent disapproved of the way Clinton handled his job just one month into office.

Journalism professor Phil Meyer said it was typical for presidents' approval ratings to decline once they had settled into office.

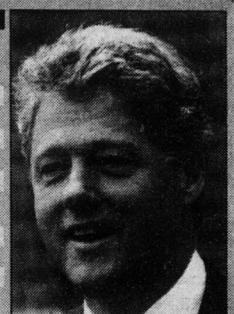
"If you check the historical record of presidents you would find that, indeed, their approval dropped soon after they became president," he said.

Beyle said he thought Clinton's popularity within the state would begin to rise and catch up with the rest of the nation.

Clinton's proposal to let openly gay men and lesbians to serve in the military might be a reason why Clinton's popularity lags behind in the state, which is home to several major military bases, he said.

Do You Approve or Disapprove of the Way Bill Clinton Is Handling His Job As President?

N.C. TOTAL	Approve Disapprove Other		
	35%	48%	18%
BY EDUCATION			
9th grade or less	38%	40%	22%
Grades 9-11	44%	37%	19%
High school graduates	26%	51%	23%
Some college	28%	55%	17%
College graduates	45%	44%	12%
BY AGE			
18-24	24%	51%	25%
25-44	38%	48%	13%
45-65	31%	53%	15%
65+	46%	29%	25%



SOURCE: CAROLINA POLL, FALL 1993

"Remember, this is the state that sends Jesse Helms back to the Senate on a consistent basis," Beyle said. "It's not known as a bastion of moderation or liberalism."

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stages of coming out of the closet and acknowledging their sexuality.

Graham said that without the support group, it would have taken him years to be confident enough to come to terms with his homosexuality. "Before going to the group, I had to deal with my homosexuality totally alone," Graham said.

The support group has an excellent relationship with B-GLAD, said B-GLAD co-chairman Trey Harris. He said most people joined B-GLAD at the conclusion of the eight weeks with their support group.

"The support group is more of a safe environment for those just beginning to come out," Harris said. "B-GLAD is too large to take on the task of being a support group."

This semester's group began Oct. 4. There will be an open meeting at 1 p.m. today for new, interested people at Student Psychological Services in Student Health. After today, all meetings will be closed, Laurillard said.

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