



Stuart Jenks selling plaques of fatality figures

## Fatalities artist back; figure plaques sold

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The mysterious artist who in October painted Chapel Hill streets with 12 outlines of bodies returned Tuesday.

This time, Stuart Jenks Jr., the UNC art student who admitted he drew silhouettes at the site of 12 fatal traffic accidents, set up a stand in the Pit and sold fired porcelain plaques of the figures, which are similar to police crime scene drawings, on them.

Jenks said he wanted to sell the plaques to raise the \$138 he owes the city to cover the cost of painting over the outlines.

"I did it to pay my debt to society—literally," he said.

Thirty-nine plaques were sold at \$1 a piece before University police informed Jenks it was against University policy to sell such items on campus. After talking with police, Jenks gave the plaques away free.

The artist said he would have been more successful if he had sold oatmeal cookies with the design of the traffic fatalities on them.

Jenks' display included a sheet on which he had drawn an outline of a traffic fatality in color and a map with gold stars on it pinpointing the location of the fatal accidents. Color photographs of his art work and newspaper articles about his work were also exhibited.

Reaction to his enterprise was mixed. Jenks said, "Some people were quite supportive and some were very angry." He said one passerby called him "a psychotic asshole."

Jenks said one journalism student commented sarcastically that he had made it easier for journalism students to get information from the police.

When Jenks began his painting project, he called the Chapel Hill police asking for information about traffic fatalities. Police thought he was a journalism student. As a result, student reporters are now required to present identification to potential sources.

People bought the plaques for different purposes. One planned to hang it on his wall, another wanted to hang the plaque at the top of his Christmas tree and another purchased one of Jenks' creations to wear on a string around his neck.

In October, Jenks started his art project which puzzled local police for several weeks. On Oct. 27, Jenks told police he was the traffic phantom and explained why he did the drawings.

"I did it to make people more aware of traffic fatalities hoping they would drive more carefully," he said.

No charges were brought against Jenks, but he was required to pay the city for the cost of repainting the sites of the outlines.

### Extra charge added to rent

## Odum Village upset over parking fee

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Odum Village aldermen are upset not just with University utility rates, they also are dissatisfied with a \$4 monthly parking fee the University includes in their rent.

Residents in the Village, which houses married students, feel the parking fee is unfair and that they should not be charged to park their cars at home.

"The other students in dormitories are at home, too," said William D. Locke, administrative officer for the UNC Traffic Office. "Are we going to discriminate against the single students just because they're not married?"

Locke said University administrators met in 1974 to determine how students should be charged for parking. "At that time we decided to make the married-student housing parking lot a zone in itself."

"We agreed that instead of charging \$6 a month like we do for other students, or \$54 per year, that we would automatically include \$4 into their rent if they owned a

car. That \$4 automatically goes into the Traffic Office's trust fund," Locke said.

"Since the University maintains the parking lots and provides safety and security on these lots, I feel the University should charge the married student housing just like the others," Locke said.

Village residents have also been complaining about a traffic hazard in the Village on Hibbard Drive. The street connects Manning Drive and Mason Farm Road. Villagers complain that hospital employees drive at high speeds on the road, which presents a hazard for

small children who may be outside playing at that time of day.

Locke said there are several traffic bumps on Hibbard Drive and that he is not aware of any problem. "There are playgrounds where the children are supposed to play," Locke said.

## WXYC needs help, input from students

There's more to a radio station than disc jockeys. And WXYC (FM-89), UNC's student-operated radio station, is asking for student help and input.

"There's a myth that if you don't have an FCC (Federal Communications Commission) license, you can't work at 'XYC,'" said station manager Gary Davis. "That's far from the truth—you only need a license to be a jock."

Davis said the station needs student help in production, news, sports, music, engineering and other areas.

Bob Walton, WXYC music director, said the station also wants student input in the form of letters and phone calls.

"There's a way we can be THE student radio station," Walton said. "We can change, or we can stay the way we are. The point is

we need to know what the students want."

Davis said the station also is seen by some as a "clique of RTVMP majors, not open to outsiders."

"That's just not accurate. I'm a math major and Bob (Walton, program director) is a poli sci major," Davis said. "We're actually just a very diverse group of people who are interested in music."

For those who would like to become disc jockeys, the FCC examination will be given Dec. 6-7. Applications must be mailed by Nov. 20. More information is available at the WXYC offices in the basement of the Carolina Union.

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