

Town board suggests transportation plan

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The Chapel Hill Planning Board voted Tuesday to recommend a 20-year transportation plan, which may be used by the state as a guide for future transportation funding.

The plan, which outlines the town's expected transportation needs for the next two decades, details recommendations that will be reviewed by the Governor's Blue Ribbon Commission on Transportation Needs and Funding. The commission was established in 1979 to study state transportation needs and to develop programs for fund allocation. Chapel Hill currently receives state funds for public transportation, highway maintenance and bikeway construction.

Before the plan can be submitted to the commission, it must be given final approval by the Chapel Hill Town Council. The council is expected to vote on the plan April 28.

"The recommendations are more or less a wish list," Janet D'Ignazio, town transportation planner, said.

"The governor's commission is simply trying to find out what our current needs are."

Planning Board Chairman Roscoe Reeve said the town's recommendations should emphasize the need for public transportation funds. These funds often are ignored by the state because so few areas request them, Reeve said.

The town's proposed plan calls for the addition of 69 new buses to the town's existing fleet of 39 buses. Fifty-five of the buses are scheduled for acquisition in the next five years. The recommendations also included funding requests for 34 vehicles that would be used in the town's shared ride service and E-Z Rider system for older town residents.

The plan recommends the expansion of Chapel Hill's park-ride facilities that provide commuter parking in fringe areas of town. The town has requested the construction of a park-ride lot on N.C. 54 East in the next five years.

Chapel Hill's highway request, which was presented to the state Department of Transportation in a public hearing in Carrboro last month, is included in the transportation needs outline. Topping the town's

highway improvement requests is the four-laning of the U.S. 15-501 Bypass and Manning Drive.

In other action, the Planning Board recommended revision of a plan that would increase citizen participation in the town's community development program.

Based on guidelines established by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, the revised plan increases public access to the program through neighborhood planning meetings and public hearings. In addition, the town would inform the public about the program through community newsletters and media contacts. A telephone hotline also would be formed to answer questions and complaints.

The federally-funded community development program, established in Chapel Hill in 1975, deals with housing needs, neighborhood improvements and social services in the area.

The board also approved a resolution which, if given final approval by the Town Council, would give \$5,000 to the North Carolina Association for the Emotionally Troubled for land acquisitions.

Correspondence courses summer option

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If you want to go to summer school but you really don't want to listen to lectures, attend classes or stay in Chapel Hill, there is a way for you to earn summer course credit.

Independent Study by extension offers correspondence courses to anyone who wants to take college courses at whatever rate, time or place he chooses.

"We get about 2,000 enrollments each year in college courses," Norman Loewenthal, assistant director of Independent Study, said. "The content of the work is close to that on campus and the standards of grading are the same."

IS is a statewide program in which eight UNC institutions participate. It is administered by this University, Loewenthal said. A student here should take a Chapel Hill course, although a course taken through one of the other universities would probably transfer, he said.

Anyone, even if he isn't a student can enroll in the program by mail or at the IS

office in Abernethy Hall. The program is fairly separate from the University, since students register, pay fees and receive course material through the IS office, Loewenthal said.

Students receive an IS manual for the course they select which contains lecture notes, reading and written assignments, grading procedures and information on the final exam, he said.

Approximately 150 courses are offered. Many include a midterm and an average of 15 assignments which are unsupervised, Loewenthal said. The finals are arranged to be taken at any post secondary school by the student.

A student then receives a grade which goes on his record and counts towards his degree.

"Any student doing the work over the summer should make sure it will count toward his major," Loewenthal said.

Most of the courses IS offers are lower level courses, IS Publications Coordinator June Blackwelder said. Many students take correspondence courses instead of summer school to get extra credits or to make up for

deficiencies. Students interested in enrolling in IS courses can look at manuals and textbooks to be used for the course before they actually register, Loewenthal said.

A three semester hour course costs \$85. Book costs are between \$20-25, and postage fees are \$7.

A student may not enroll in more than two courses at any one time, but he may enroll and begin work at any time in the year. Each course expires 13 months from the date the student enrolls, Loewenthal said.

Band's new sound - 'punk-a-billy'

Chapel Hill folk musician George Hamilton V has joined forces with The Broken Heart Band (formerly Hard 'N'ox) to create what band member Danny Coleman calls a new "punk-a-billy" sound.

"We're experimenting with a totally new musical style," says guitar and bass player Coleman. "It's sort of like Hank Williams with a punk rock'n'roll back-up."

Coleman says the new band plays entirely original tunes—"from blues and love songs to good-time up-beat dance music"—and will make its official debut

IS students can submit assignments at their own pace, he said. Assignments are graded by professors or their assistants and returned to the students. An average minimum completion time for students working on a course is three months, and if a student is unable to complete the course by then, he may be granted a six month extension.

Most students find IS very rewarding, Blackwelder said. "They feel like they not only mastered the course, but developed real self-discipline," she said.

Sunday, May 18, at the Sugar Lake rock quarry, southeast of Chapel Hill.

Other band members are Matthew Bahr (drums) and Robert Brown (bass and guitar). Hamilton, a UNC sophomore, plays guitar, banjo and harmonica.

The band's first performances will be at Uptown Main Street in Durham tonight and at Grinderswitch in Durham Friday night. For information about booking the band, call Coleman at 967-5054.

—ANN SMALLWOOD

Honararies name new members

The Society of Hellenas and the Order of the Valkyries, two of the University's honorary societies, recently picked new members.

The Society of Hellenas honors Greek women who have demonstrated outstanding service, exemplary scholarship and strong character in their contributions to Greek life.

Seniors chosen were: Patty Berrier, Susan Biter, Rhonda Black, Sue Blang, Nancy Brooks, Ashley Brown, Debby Butz, Kim Clarke, Amy Colgan, Stephanie Crawford, Kim Curry, Kim Davis, Kathleen Fischer, Debbie Goldsmith, Geni Greer, Marie Joseph, Charlotta King, Martha Sellers, Michelle Sloan, Catherine Stocks, Stacy Stubbs, Kelly Thomas, Nancy Wallace, Heather Weir, Susan Williams and Beth Wilson.

Juniors tapped were: Sherry Bethune, Bonnie Brown, Angela Butler, Brendal Forrest, Linda Goldstein, Teresa Goodwin, Elizabeth Gregg, Bonnie Grizzard, Roxanna Hayworth, Martha Hennessy, Joanne Hock, Mary Bess Jarrard, Joyce Kephart, Sally Kinard, Mary Kirk, Leigh Lynch, Molly Martin, Mary Meizhan, Gale Osborne, Chris

Redmond, Mary Ann Rickert, Helen Rogers, Betsy Schwartz, Harrison Suppler, Lisa Todd and Laura Ziegler.

Alumnae honored for their contributions to the Greek system were Ann Bonner Nebel, Barbara Polk and Shirley Wilson.

The Order of the Valkyries is the University's highest women's honorary society. It selects members on the basis of excellence in leadership, scholarship, character and service.

Seniors selected were: Lisa Callaghan, Catherine Campbell, Catherine Cousins, Judith Emken, Betty Fiser, Rosalind Fuse, Deborah Gray, Eleanor Green, Mary Eloise McCain, Bernadette McGlade, Mary McMaster, Elizabeth Moore, Yolanda Scarlett, Emilee Siddle, Gloria Webster, Heather Weir and Sarah West.

Juniors picked were: Helen Rose Bellar, Bonnie Eure, Elizabeth Goodwin, Barbara Huffman, Gail Osborne, Sharon Parker, Joanna Radwanska and Jennifer Weiss.

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