

## news

### Village continues efforts on local TV system

By David Thompson

Village Cable, Chapel Hill's new cable television franchise, is experiencing no major problems and should complete its installation in Chapel Hill by Dec. 1, a Village Cable official said.

George Grills, director of engineering for Village Cable, said approximately half of the underground construction has been completed.

"The dry weather we've been having helps us," Grills said. "Being underground in the rain would mess up people's yards, and the machines could get stuck in the mud." Aerial construction would be too dangerous in the rain, he said.

Currently, parts of the Carol Woods, North Forest Hills and Timberline areas have hookups to Village Cable. Approximately 500 homes now receive the system, with more expected soon.

Grills said the next major areas to receive Cable will be the Booker Creek and the North Lakeshore areas. "Portions of North

Lakeshore were turned on this week."

Plans now call for cable service to eventually, include Estes Drive, Colonial Heights and Colony Woods.

If necessary, more employees will be hired to install the system in homes, Grills said. Approximately seven to ten residences can be connected daily by one crew.

The University has not yet granted a franchise to connect dormitories to a cable system. However, Grills said, the Odum Village section has a master antenna system already completed. A cable company only would have to run one connection to hook up Odum Village.

In addition, Village Cable and Alert Cable, which serves Carrboro, are pursuing other areas of Orange County not presently covered, Grills said.

Village Cable also announced last week that KTVU, of Oakland, California, an independent station, would be replaced on the system by WOR-TV of New York. WOR, among other things, televises games of the New York Mets, Knicks and Rangers.



Staff photo by Sharon Clarke  
Installing cable hookup  
...service progressing

### University BOG to meet Friday morning

By Jac Versteeg

The Board of Governors of the University of North Carolina will elect a new chairman at its meeting Friday. William A. Johnson, the current chairman, has served the maximum four years in that post and must step down.

The board also will elect a vice chairman and secretary.

The Board of Governors consists of 32 members elected by the General Assembly and charged with managing the affairs of the 16 institutions in the University of North Carolina system.

The new tenure regulations approved by the board of trustees of UNC-Chapel Hill at its June meeting probably will not be considered Friday, said Helen Wettach, assistant to the vice president for academic affairs.

Wettach said the proposed changes in UNC-Chapel Hill's tenure regulations might be considered at the Aug. 8 meeting.

In other business, the Board of Governors will:

- Consider establishment of a program in computer and information sciences at North Carolina A&T University in Greensboro.

- Consider establishing a University Graduate Center at Elizabeth City State University.

- Consider a request from Bertha Maxwell, head of the Afro-American program at UNC-Charlotte and Democratic candidate for the state Legislature, to permit her running for a school board seat.

- Consider a report on capital improvements projects at six universities. The projects concern small renovations, none of them at UNC-Chapel Hill.

### State studying plans to build crosswalk

By Jeff Bowers

The proposal for a new crosswalk on Franklin Street near Morehead Planetarium and a signal light at the existing crosswalk near NCNB Plaza is now in the hands of the N.C. Department of Transportation, a Chapel Hill town spokesman said Tuesday.

"The council has asked the state to study the feasibility of the crosswalk (near the Planetarium), but no deadlines were given," said Greg Feller, administrative assistant to town manager Gene Shipman.

"The study will take place this fall after school is in session," said Dwight Kelly, division traffic engineer for the state Department of Transportation. "We'll count the pedestrians who cross the street at

this area. We want to conduct the study when the most pedestrians are crossing," he said.

The Department of Transportation has already studied and recommended the signal light at the NCNB crosswalk. With the town council's approval of the light at a June meeting, the state is free to install the light.

"We have contacted the state and requested a crosswalk light," said Harold Harris, town director of public works.

"The state does not have the funds right now. However, the crosswalk is on the state's schedule as soon as funds become available."

Division engineer Kelly said the signal light is still subject to the approval of the Department of Transportation finance office in Raleigh. "I'll be meeting with the finance people in Raleigh to see if they can finance the installation of the light. They must agree before we can take any action," he said.

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