

Dogs, cats

Vaccinations to be checked

The Chapel Hill Humane Society will begin a door-to-door check today to verify whether the town's cats and dogs have been vaccinated against rabies.

The owner will have three days to get the animal vaccinated and call the society if the animal has not been vaccinated.

The reason for the check, officials say, is that a rabid bat was turned in to the Orange County Health Department recently and they want to prevent a possible spread of the disease.

Although officials say they do not want to prosecute pet owners, the pet can be impounded if it is not vaccinated in the three-day time period. The pet owner will have to pay a fine and make an appointment with a veterinarian

before he will be allowed to take the animal home.

"People ought to care enough about their animals to pay \$10 for a vaccination," said Carolyn McKay of the Humane Society.

The Humane Society expects to find many cats which have not been vaccinated against rabies, despite the fact that cats have been included in the rabies ordinance for quite a while. This is the first time cats will be checked for a vaccination.

The Humane Society held two clinics in July at which animals were vaccinated for \$4.50. Another clinic is planned tentatively for October.

—KAREN HAYWOOD



Area cats without vaccinations face impoundment ... Humane Society to start door-to-door checks

Problems surround new stoplight plans

By LUCY HOOD
Staff Writer

Plans for a stoplight at the crosswalk at the NCNB Plaza continue, despite funding problems and protests from UNC Student Government.

A resolution to place a crosswalk and stoplight in front of Morehead Planetarium and a stoplight at the NCNB crosswalk was passed by the Chapel Hill Town Council in June.

Since then, the North Carolina Department of Transportation has conducted a study that showed the NCNB stoplight to be feasible. The funds needed to install the light are not easy to obtain, said Dwight Kelly, traffic engineer for the state highway department.

"We're still trying to get the money from Raleigh to build the stoplight. We have a critical situation with our funds," Kelly said.

He added that each highway project must compete statewide to obtain a position on the highway department's priority list for funds.

Although plans for the stoplight are under way, mixed feelings remain among members of the Town Council, UNC Student Government and the Transportation Board.

Council member Marilyn Boulton said she and her daughter almost were hit crossing at the NCNB crosswalk. "When you almost get hit yourself, it makes you realize the danger. It (the stoplight) will not get here soon enough for me," she said.

Bruce Tindall of the Transportation Board said he did not think a stoplight was necessary, however. "I like it the way it is, because pedestrians have

priority," he said.

Student Body President Bob Saunders said he also opposed the NCNB stoplight. The additional stoplight will cause the state to have to synchronize six consecutive lights on Franklin Street, he said. This will increase the danger to pedestrians because people will try to beat the lights instead of slowing down at the crosswalks, he said.

Saunders said he planned to work with Tindall and the Transportation Board in an effort to convince Town Council members that the stoplight is dangerous and that they should reverse their opinion.

Student Government and Tindall do, however, support the crosswalk and pedestrian-activated stoplight at the planetarium. A pedestrian-activated stop light will turn red only when a pedestrian presses a button on the light pole. Student Government had been asking the Town Council to approve a crosswalk at the planetarium and considers this a success.

"It is really a Pyrrhic victory for us," Saunders said.

Kelly said Chapel Hill has asked the highway department to study crosswalk conditions before one is built at the planetarium. The study, which involves a count of the number of people crossing the street and the number of cars traveling on Franklin Street past the planetarium, will begin this fall.

"We must wait until school gets back in. We're waiting for the most opportune time," he said.

No date has been set for the stoplight or the crosswalk. Each awaits funding or studies.

Married students lose day-care program

By BETSI SIMMONS
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Some parents who live in Odum Village married student housing are upset by the sudden discontinuation of an after-school day care program in which their children were enrolled for the fall.

James D. Condie, director of University housing, announced last Wednesday that the Community Service Building which the University was providing free of charge for the after-school program would not be available again this fall.

The after-school program, developed a year ago, was an experimental extension of the Victory Village Day Care program already provided for the residents of married student housing, Mary Bridger, director of Victory

Village said. Between 10 and 15 Odum Village children participated in the program last year.

Bridger added that although the University provided the space at the Community Service Building, the parents paid fees to run the service.

Lydia Lewis, manager of student family housing, said the decision was made after a great deal of thought and consideration.

"Last spring some problems arose," Lewis said. "Guidelines were set up for the program that were not carried through."

"There was a continued unacceptable condition of the day room and complaints from other Odum Village residents about the condition of the room," she said.

A pressing need for use of the building by the Odum Village residents and the

Department of Housing for department meetings and staff workshops was another reason for discontinuing the program, she said.

Lewis said that although it might seem like a poorly timed decision, other day care alternatives for the parents were looked into before the decision was made.

"We found that both Glenwood Elementary and Frank Porter Graham (Elementary School) had after-school programs with plenty of openings," she said.

Parents of children enrolled in the canceled program are unhappy about the decision, however.

"I am planning to go to the (Odum

Village) Aldermen's meeting and file a complaint," Audrey Meadows said. "Children's messes, such as spilled drinks, are not exactly destruction of property."

Meadows plans on suggesting to University housing that they hire a custodian to clean up after the children and add the cost to the parents' fees.

David Carpenter, another resident of Odum Village, said that as recently as two weeks ago his daughter was assured a place in the program.

"They canceled it without any notification at all to the parents," he said.

Public policy gets curriculum status

The newest curriculum on campus is teaching students how to shape public policy.

In August 1979, Public Policy Analysis was established as an independent curriculum, no longer associated with the Interdisciplinary Program.

Thirty students currently are enrolled in the program. Last spring, the program had its first graduating class. Four students earned degrees in public policy analysis.

The curriculum emphasizes ethics in forming public policy, Professor Duncan MacRae Jr., chairman of the program, said. It also encourages students to consider others' welfare when making policy, MacRae said.

"The notions of right and good are important for public policy analysis," he said. "We want people to ask 'What's good for the country, the world, the state?'"

Many students in the program are double majors and most double in political science and economics, MacRae said. Introductory courses in macroeconomics and microeconomics are prerequisites for entering the program.

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