

Old Book Corner caters to every taste and budget

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There is a bookstore in Chapel Hill where you can buy *Paradise Lost* for twenty cents. Or for a larger sum—\$1,600 to be exact—you can pick up a copy of *The Order of Dieting of Horses*, printed in 1580.

If your literary tastes and budget fall somewhere within these two extremes, The Old Book Corner, seller of used and rare books, is the place to go. The store, located on East Rosemary Street behind the NCNB Plaza, also specializes in North Carolina historical material.

Civil War material is abundant. Jefferson Davis' signature is on sale for \$50 and his two-volume book, *Rise and Fall of Confederate Government*, sells for \$45. There are also noteworthy first editions, such as F. Scott Fitzgerald's *Tender is the Night*, valued at \$70. A 1926 National Geographic book, *Cattle of the World*, is listed at \$40. Also, there is just good, cheap reading, like the 1897 publication *Guesses at the Riddle of Existence*, for \$1.25.

The most expensive book in the store is *The Order of Dieting of Horses*, which actually contains another volume—*The Order of Curing Horse Diseases*. Manager Michael Barnes said he bought the 400-year-old book from a friend, who found it at a flea market. The book is valuable because of its age and condition, he said.

But age usually has nothing to do with value, Barnes said. He showed as an example a 1964 publication—*The American Drawings of John White*, which he values at \$750. The price of the two-volume set is due to its scarcity—only 600 copies were printed. Barnes said color illustrations and pleasing layout also increase a book's value.

First editions can also be valuable because of emotional attachment and appreciation in value, Barnes said. But the primary source of value is the popularity of the author or subject, he said.

Recently, The Old Book Corner made the largest sale in its history. For \$6,000, the store sold a copy of *Swann's Revisal*, which, according to Barnes, was the first book printed in North Carolina. It was published in 1751.

Discovering such rarities is what keeps Barnes' enormous curiosity satisfied. "Every day something comes along to keep me interested," he said. He got into the book business in 1975, when he "married the boss' granddaughter."

"The boss" is the owner, Mrs. Paul Smith, who has been selling books with her husband for nearly 50

years. The Smiths began their business in 1932 in Cape Cod, where they owned a gift shop.

"I didn't like the customers and I didn't like souvenirs," Mrs. Smith said. "We couldn't stand the idea of people taking home compressed versions of Cape Cod, so we switched to books."

After their store survived the Depression, the Smiths began business in the South during the winter. They tried Key West for a few years and after a "complete flop" in New Orleans, came to Chapel Hill in 1950.

"We were both university dropouts, but we liked the community here," Mrs. Smith said. The couple, then in their forties, bought The Intimate Book Shop, which was situated at the present Sadlack's location.

The Smiths first dealt with used books when they bought the Intimate and eventually, old books became their main interest.

"The more we did it, the more fascinated we got with it," Mrs. Smith said. When the Intimate Book Shop was sold in 1967, the Smiths kept the used volumes which occupied a corner of the store and set up business in the present location.

Mrs. Smith said the appeal of used books is in their uncertainty.

"I've found terrible books in good places and good books in bad places," she said. She has explored attics and improbable places throughout North Carolina in search of literary rarities. In 1963, the Smiths' book searches proved extremely profitable when Mr. Smith recovered a German book about the Mississippi River from a Wilmington chicken coop. The volume later sold for \$2,300.

But today, Barnes does most of the book-hunting. His trips around the state in search of old collections are a major source of the volumes which keep his shelves stocked. Barnes said most of his books come from out of town. "Otherwise, I'm just recycling books in Chapel Hill, which you can't do for long," he said.

The Old Book Corner advertises in major cities around the state and has connections around the South which keep the store informed of large collections for sale. Barnes said he looks for "the best editions, usually the first," and for books that are in known quantities.

Books from private presses are often collectors' items because private presses carefully limit the number of editions printed, and because the quality of printing and art is good, he said. Also, volumes from private presses are frequently signed by the author.

"I try to be selective with the books I buy, since the place is somewhat smaller than Kenan Stadium,"



Mrs. Smith runs The Old Book Corner ...used, rare books are specialties

Barnes said. He estimated there are 6,000 volumes in the front room of the store, and that he sells about 18,000 books a year. His customers are a "balanced mixture of students looking for good, cheap reading and collectors looking for valuable books." He also sells through mail order catalogs and to libraries.

"It's much easier to sell a \$300 book than a \$3 one," Barnes said. He said the University community supports a relatively large market for collectible books. The recent opening of a welcome competitor—The Book House on West Franklin Street—may help make the market still larger.

Charles Blackburn, part owner of The Book House, agrees. "People who like book stores will go from one to another," he said. "I wish there were five or six to attract people from larger cities." His store, which occupies three upstairs rooms across from the University Press, specializes in Southern and outdoor literature and has an entire room full of cheap paperbacks.

Blackburn said most connoisseurs of literature collect books for personal pleasure rather than for investment. "They don't increase in value as much as a savings account," he said.

But Mrs. Smith said she can't derive much personal pleasure from her valuable volumes. "I like to read while I eat and I get butter and crumbs all over the pages," she said. "So I don't read the valuable books often." She said she prefers mystery stories.

Rise in crime arrests may affect 'village' image

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Crime arrests have increased 24 percent in Chapel Hill since this time last year, and area residents and law enforcement officials have mixed opinions concerning the cause of the increase and the effect it will have on the image of this "village" town.

Doris Wilson, a Chapel Hill resident for 28 years, said Chapel Hill has become more like a small city and less like the Village in regard to crime. She said now she locks her house and car more often than before, and she blames young people for the crime increase.

"The teen-agers and adolescents are exposed to more drugs," she said. "It exposes them to more crime."

But Chapel Hill residents who moved here from larger cities sometimes have a different view of Chapel Hill. James LeVberg is one of these. He lived in Durham for two years and grew up in a small town near Philadelphia. "Sometimes I lock my car and sometimes I don't," he said. "In Philadelphia there are certain places where you wouldn't walk into a McDonald's—in the daytime."

Although some people do feel safe here, the feeling of security may not be totally justified, according to figures from the Chapel Hill Police Department.

"Economically, times are hard," said Dave Hill of the police department. "It is more difficult for people to find jobs."

Hill also said he saw a relationship between the increase in the population in Chapel Hill and the rising crime rate. And there are seasonal trends for crime, he said.

"In hot weather, domestic violence increases," he said. "More assaults occur due to alcohol."

The football season brings its own particular crime. Hill said five to seven cars are broken into during each home football game. And during the holidays, when many students are out of town, many fraternity and sorority houses are broken into, he said.

But Chapel Hill also has seen an increase in the number of crimes which do physical harm to victims such as rape and murder. Two murders have occurred in Chapel Hill this year, one on

Franklin Street and the most recent one when an elderly man shot his son after his son attacked him. "Most murders are a spontaneous-type thing, usually a result of domestic disturbances or conflicts of temper," he said.

The central business district of Chapel Hill is the location of most crimes, Hill said. Rape, however, usually occurs in the outlying areas of town, the outer edges of campus and other deserted areas.

Tom Havener of the Orange and Chatham counties district attorney's office said that office has worked

diligently to deal with crime, particularly rape.

Two dozen rapes are reported each year in Orange County, Havener said. As of five years ago, not many of these were being solved.

But Havener said the appointment of Wade Barber Jr. as District Attorney and Ellen Scouten as assistant district attorney in charge of rape turned that around. Now Orange County does an excellent job in solving rape cases as compared with other counties, Havener said.

Noise complaints no problem this weekend

By **RACHEL PERRY**
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If last weekend's activities are any indication, the uproar concerning Chapel Hill's noise ordinance soon may be laid to rest. Police reported that the football weekend remained quiet, interrupted by noise complaints from a few citizens.

Both police and fraternity members agreed that compliance with the noise ordinance ran smoothly Saturday night. Various fraternity presidents earlier had expressed concern over the possibility of excessive noise during their post-game parties Saturday.

After last week's meeting with Mayor Joe Nassif and members of the Town Council, Inter-Fraternity Council President John Blumberg said, "We feel definite pressure from the town; they feel the noise ordinance is being violated, and that they would take strong measures if necessary."

However, strong measures apparently were not necessary Saturday night. Officer R. Hobbs of the Chapel Hill police

said that "in general, everything was quiet" Saturday, and that there were no complaints early in the evening.

Captain Howard Pendergraph, the supervising officer Saturday night, said that police did measure decibel levels at both the Delta Kappa Epsilon and Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity houses at approximately 3 a.m. Sunday and found both to be above the allowed decibel limit. The DKE house, whose jukebox measured 65 decibels, was asked to turn its music off, and complied readily, Pendergraph said. The SAE house, asked to lower its music level, complied also.

Blumberg said that the fraternity system had been working together to find methods to improve fraternity compliance with the ordinance prior to last week's meeting with Nassif.

Earlier reports of police aggression and unwillingness to cooperate with fraternities while closing down various parties last week caused concern among fraternity members at last week's meeting with town leaders.

New distribution system brings short ticket lines, close ID checks at gate

By **STEPHANIE BIRCHER**
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The new football ticket distribution plan is working better than its old counterpart. That was the consensus of several ticket officials and students after Carolina's first football game Saturday.

The new distribution system allows students to present two student IDs and athletic passes at the ticket office and receive two tickets.

Although picking up the tickets was easier, ushers had to be posted at the stadium gates to check student identification more closely. Students were required Saturday to present student IDs, athletic passes and their tickets to enter the stadium. Students without IDs were required to bring driver's licenses or other picture IDs with temporary UNC IDs.

But Carolina Athletic Association President Charlie Brown said he did not think the ushers checked IDs closely enough.

"People can get their friends in still, so at the next game, the ushers will be checking the IDs a lot more closely," he said.

Brown said he handed an usher his ID upside down and the usher didn't even

flip it over to check his picture.

Several of the ushers asked that students present only their IDs and tickets, waving aside the instructions to check athletic passes.

"It really isn't necessary if the person shows a valid ID card. Besides, they couldn't have gotten the ticket without an athletic card. It just slows things up at the gate," one usher said.

Several ushers interviewed before the game said they were checking IDs closely and had not turned anyone away. Students had been warned that the ID check would be more thorough than last year, and ushers said they believed that, the new policy deterred people who weren't UNC students from using student tickets.

Students interviewed at the game by *The Daily Tar Heel* said they had had to wait to pick up tickets only about five to 15 minutes, and that the new policy meant the end of missed classes.

"It's a fantastic improvement from last year," UNC senior Jim Brenner said. "I think I waited in line for 15 minutes. Even if you can't get there (to the ticket office) or spare 15 minutes, you can get somebody else to do it for you."

Authorities still looking into what caused Granville fire

A fire occurred early Sunday on the seventh floor of Granville Towers-South.

Investigation of the cause and of the extent of damage is "still not completed," said Captain Mathew Merricks of the Chapel Hill Fire Department.

Smoke damage and burned carpet were evident yesterday. Officials and employees of Granville would not comment about the fire.

Two alarms preceded the actual fire, reported at 4:06 a.m. The fire

department listed the 1:55 and 2:30 a.m. calls as no fire/no damage.

Three pumper trucks responded to each alarm, Merricks said. An ambulance and police car were also on the scene.

Tonya Daniels, a resident of seventh floor, said she went to turn out a light and smelled smoke. She was met by Karen Sederstrom, the resident assistant. After sounding the third alarm, Sederstrom asked for something to break the glass covering the fire extinguisher, Daniels said.

Rain raises lake level, increases water supply

University Lake rose 20 inches as a result of the Wednesday night rain which saved the Orange Water and Sewer Authority from calling for a voluntary, countywide water conservation program.

As of Wednesday, University Lake, the primary source for OWASA, was 36.5 inches below normal. This low level was enough to lead OWASA officials to consider Phase I of the drought ordinance which calls for a voluntary conservation program.

Everett Billingsley, executive director for OWASA, said the lake had risen 20 inches by Friday, leaving it only 16 inches below the normal level. Runoff

should continue to drain into the lake for three to six days after the rain, Billingsley said.

"This (the 20-inch increase) puts us in a right good position this time of year," Billingsley said. "September, October and November are historically dry months and heavy use months."

The additional water use is caused by the full operation of the University and town since school has started, he said.

In addition, the lack of rainfall leads more people to depend on the town water supply to water lawns, Billingsley said.

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