

Stoplights to save fuel by flashing

By MIKE MCFARLAND
Staff Writer

Energy conservation and driver convenience are the two reasons Chapel Hill officials give for changing some of the town's stoplights so that they flash caution during the late night and early morning hours.

From 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. each day, lights at the intersections of Graham, Henderson and Hillsborough streets with Franklin Street and the intersections of Rosemary Street with Columbia Street and South Road with Country Club Drive are changed from stoplights to flashing caution signals.

Town Manager Gene Shipman has recommended to the Town Council that lights at the intersections of Cameron Avenue, McCauley Street and Manning Drive with South Columbia Street, which are also on the flashing signals, be returned to regular stoplights because of the heavy early morning traffic. The council will consider the request at its meeting tonight.

Shipman said the original changes came at the request of the state Department of Transportation which asked cities to determine which



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intersections could use flashing signal lights during the late night and early morning hours and if these changes would increase fuel efficiency. The Chapel Hill Police Department then determined which lights could be set to blink.

Council member Bill Thorpe, who requested on Sept. 8 that Shipman do a report on the feasibility of switching lights, said the changes were made for the "convenience of people driving at that time."

The council also will consider a resolution that lights at the intersection of Pittsboro Street with McCauley Street and Cameron Avenue with Raleigh and Ransom streets be switched to a flashing signal.

Class changes upset computer students

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Many undergraduate computer science majors are upset with new course changes in their curriculum, Student Government Chancellor's Committee Coordinator Danny McKeithen said recently.

"These changes will dilute the value of an undergraduate degree in computer science," he said.

Four courses in computer science have been dropped from the undergraduate curriculum, although one will remain as an elective. Several other courses in math, physics, statistics, operations research and computer science have been added as requirements. Also, juniors must maintain a C+ average or better in certain courses in order to register for courses at the senior level.

The changes force students to earn a graduate computer science degree in order to get a good job in the computer science field, McKeithen said. "This is one of the most profitable degrees UNC has to offer. With these new changes, the undergraduate curriculum will lose a great deal of its competitiveness," he said.

The changes have been approved at the various math departmental levels and have been given an informal approval by the math department dean.

Student Government Action Line has received several calls from computer science students opposed to the changes

and 15 students have visited the Student Government office to complain. Many of these students had not planned to go on to graduate school, McKeithen said, and are upset because the changes have been made without student input.

About 60 students have voiced strong concern over the grade requirement change, said Missy Schach, a computer science major. "We don't think it's fair the way they went about handling this. The changes seem to be so cut and dried."

"It just doesn't seem fair (to students who have) already started in the computer science curriculum," Schach said.

But the decision to change the curriculum was made for economic reasons, mathematics professor William Mann said.

"There is more demand (for courses) than supply," he said. "We just don't have the people to teach (the dropped courses). There is more pressure on the computer science department than their resources can satisfy."

Computer Science Professor Stephen Pizer said the new curriculum will take a strain off the graduate program. "This University is not in the business of vocational training. We are here to broaden fundamental education. This new program is much more in that spirit."

Faculty Council holds first meeting of year

By ELIZABETH DANIEL
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Chancellor Christopher C. Fordham III and Daniel Pollitt, chairman of the UNC faculty, spoke on the progress and problems of the University Friday at the faculty's first meeting of the academic year.

During the meeting, a report was made concerning the establishment of a faculty club, and several amendments were made to the faculty code.

At the Faculty Council meeting, which immediately followed the general meeting, the council approved a resolution supporting the complaints of the UNC-CH Librarians' Association. That group objected to the UNC Board of Governor's proposed policies for University employees not covered by the state Personnel Act.

Both Pollitt and Fordham also briefly addressed the University's commitment to affirmative action.

Fordham said the search committee for the University's new affirmative action officer was

"making good progress" and that it should have an announcement in a few weeks.

Pollitt commended Fordham for his "great concern for affirmative action." Pollitt also said the advisory committee on affirmative action was being re-established.

During the general meeting of the faculty, Jack Sasson, professor of religion, reported on the Faculty and Staff Recreation Association's work in organizing the faculty club.

He said the association was investigating leasing the current Zeta Tau Alpha sorority house for use as a faculty dining room-gathering place.

The faculty unanimously approved the establishment of a committee on research, a change in terms of the officers on the administrative boards of the General College, the College of Arts and Sciences and the graduate schools; and a minor restructuring of the Educational Policy Committee.

During the meeting of the Faculty Council, action was taken on the librarians' complaint about the state's proposed personnel policy for University employees exempt from the state Personnel Act.

The council approved a resolution stating that "there exists serious concern regarding the proposed employment policies and more time should be given in resolving these issues before a final draft is submitted for approval by the Board of Governors."

The employees' main complaints with the regulations are:

- Employees exempted from the state Personnel Act are employed at the will of the chancellor.
- There is no appeals procedure for employees who are fired.
- The definition of annual leave is awkward and allows for only 10 days of vacation.

Carrboro vote

Saunders, coalition work for bus tax

By BEVERLY SHEPARD
Staff Writer

Student Body President Bob Saunders has not been spending his Sunday nights alone. At least once a month he may be found representing student concerns as the only student member of the Carrboro Coalition.

The coalition traditionally has been known as a liberal group. But Saunders said he did not see the coalition as liberal. He defined the coalition as a "group of public officers and citizens whose common goal is to ensure that all citizens, particularly newer citizens like students, have a voice that is heard."

"I don't think the coalition is liberal for the sake of being liberal," Saunders said. "They want to include as many people in the decision-making as possible. If that's liberalism, then I'm all for it."

Saunders said he thought the transit system in Carrboro had improved substantially. He said the coalition had been a significant force behind that

improvement.

"I'm attracted to the coalition because of its continued support for the bus system," Saunders said. "Carrboro has worked for a strong bus system since my freshman year. The idea of split routes doesn't really increase the service. It just makes for more efficient service."

In a November referendum, Carrboro will attempt for the fourth time to establish a separate transit tax for its bus system. Previously, the town has depended on state and federal revenue sharing funds to finance the system. The referendum would levy a tax of not more than 10 cents per \$100 property tax to support public transportation.

Saunders called the referendum the "true test" for Carrboro's transit system. The referendum would lessen Carrboro's dependence on outside funds, Saunders said. Revenue sharing funds vary yearly and may be terminated he said.

"A separate transportation tax would ensure a stable bus system. It would be easier to meet the demands for public

service increase," Saunders said.

Action Line, sponsored by Student Government, is planning to go through the phone book calling Carrboro students to remind them about the voter registration dates, Saunders said. After Oct. 6, Action Line will be calling students to explain the referendum.

Saunders said he also was considering delivering letters to students door-to-door before the referendum campaign. The Carrboro transit system was among the issues included in a Student Government questionnaire circulated among 3,000 students during Orientation. Of those polled, 65 percent of the Carrboro residents favored the tax.

"The bus system, when it was inaugurated four or five years ago, changed the social landscape here, and that was the first commitment Carrboro made to what the town can do for its citizens," he said. "The decision to inaugurate a bus system has to have an organized effort of people pushing for a bus system. That's one of the functions



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the coalition has initiated in the past." Saunders said he believed the student body supported a strong bus system and that student involvement like his possibly could strengthen it.

"(The coalition) stands for increasing as many people as possible in the workings of town hall and to me, that means students will be included," Saunders said.

Chancellor to be installed on University Day

The formal inauguration of Christopher C. Fordham III as chancellor of the University will highlight University Day ceremonies Oct. 12. Since University Day falls on a Sunday this year, no classes will be cancelled for the festivities. The day is the anniversary of the 1793 laying of the cornerstone of Old East, the first state university building in the nation.

UNC President William C. Friday will preside over ceremonies in Memorial Hall at 2 p.m. Scheduled speakers include Fordham; John Jordan, chairman of the UNC Board of Governors; and Hargrove Bowles, chairman of the UNC Board of Trustees.

An original piece of music, "Commemorative Anthem," has been written by music student Samuel Dean Johnson with lyrics from two works compiled by Carl Stam, UNC music instructor. It will be sung by approximately 150 singers from the Carolina Choir and the Men's and Women's glee clubs. They will be accompanied by a brass choir and an organ.

An academic procession headed by UNC Faculty Marshall Stirling Haig, professor in the Department of Romance Languages, will open the program. There also will be a presentation of distinguished alumnus awards.

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20 Consistent
21 Good condition
22 Gardner
23 Ditty
24 Colorless

DOWN
1 Jewish month
2 Ruin
3 Russian city
4 Awkward
5 In a weak way
6 Paper vestment
7 Jewel or attache
8 Feasted
9 Consider
10 Dangled
11 Dismounted
12 Prevalent
13 Vigorous
14 one
15 Frolics
16 Dressed to the —

27 Stop talking
31 Ranch help
32 Nile queen and name-sakes, for short
33 New Guinea seaport
34 Mary Baker
35 Bright student
36 Supply
37 Knight
38 Bitter medicinal powder
39 Split
40 Resign
42 Speculators

43 Dam it!
44 Stiff hair
45 Certify
48 Approved
52 Even with utmost effort
54 Passage
55 Cruzes
56 Volcano
57 Cord-like
58 Chic
59 European valley

23 Kind of sale
24 Korchno's game
25 "I've —!" (phrase of disgust)
26 Previn
27 Lucid
28 Martini garnish
29 Flutter
30 Requirements
32 Brags
35 Desk items
36 Zoo inhabitants
38 Make — for (run to)
39 Proportion-al relation
41 Good-looking
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