

Area transit provides service for handicapped

By BETH OWNLEY
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Through the E-Z Rider service and fixed accessible route buses, the Chapel Hill Transit system has provided transportation to the community's handicapped citizens for 10 years.

The E-Z Rider service includes two lift-equip vans and several sedan vehicles. E-Z Rider, which is demand-responsive, picks up disabled people at their homes in Chapel Hill and Carrboro on weekdays. Of the 300 people who are eligible to use this service, about 100 use the E-Z Rider service daily. To be eligible for this service, a person must have a mobility impairment certified by a physician.

Bob Godding, director of transportation for Chapel Hill Transit, said that the first accessible fixed route buses were purchased in 1980. These buses have lifts to carry wheelchairs. Fourteen accessible fixed bus routes are in use. Handicapped people pay half the regular fare to use these buses. Students and youth receive the same discount.

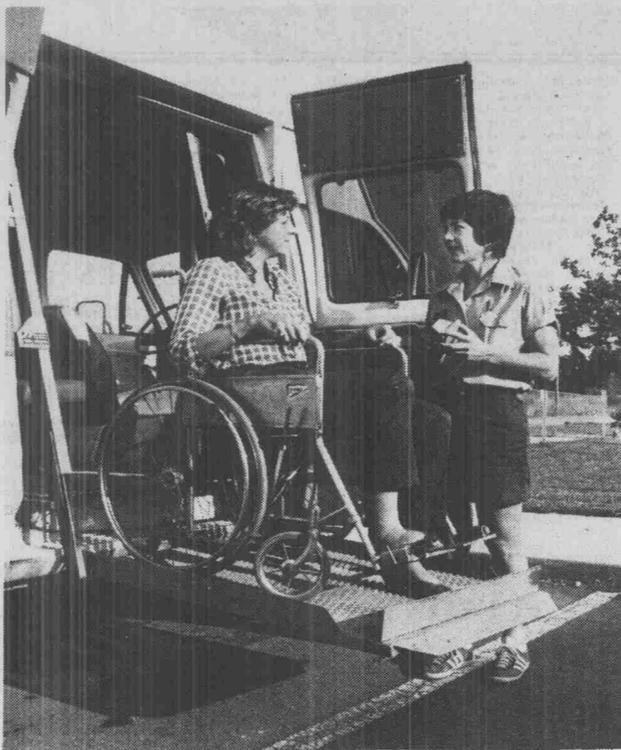
The transit system issues a quarterly report which includes patron evaluation

of the E-Z Rider and fixed accessible route services.

The E-Z Rider service is particularly useful to off-campus students. Gwen Howell, a graduate student in the School of Education, said she had no difficulty receiving authorization to use the vehicles. Howell, who has used E-Z Rider for two years, said that the service is very beneficial to her. "It has allowed me to continue going to school when I might not have been able to."

Gary Sidbury, a graduate student in Public Health, has used the E-Z Rider service for four years. Sidbury said that while E-Z Rider is a good service to have, he would like to be able to reserve fixed times to use the vehicles. Bookings are done on a first come, first serve basis, Sidbury said.

Thandi Ziqubu, a patron of E-Z Rider since last August, said she has no problems with the service. "If I call them in good time, I have no problems arranging for them to pick me up. I don't expect them to be at my beck and call." Ziqubu, a graduate student in the School of Pharmacy, said she would not have managed without E-Z Rider because the bus stop was far away.



Linda Kay (R) shows Margaret Dunn the benefits of the E-Z Rider.

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CGA: banner stolen out of fear

By STEVE FERGUSON
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A Carolina Gay Association banner was stolen from the Pit Tuesday night, and CGA members said the vandalism reflects a homophobic attitude on the UNC campus.

"It's not like it's something of value," said Jerry Salak, CGA outreach coordinator. "They took it down because they don't like us advertising. They see us advertising something big and blatant, and it just infuriates them and scares them."

Salak said he reported the theft to both campus and Chapel Hill police, who said they would be on the watch for the 14-foot by 12-foot poster. Salak said he didn't expect the banner to be found.

The banner, which cost about \$20, was strung between two trees in the Pit and advertised a CGA membership drive lasting through Friday, as well as an all-campus dance with free beer at Craige dormitory from 9 p.m. until 2 a.m. Friday. Salak said he believes it was stolen sometime after dark.

A homophobic attitude, or fear of homosexuals, is evident at UNC, especially when the CGA requests funding from the Campus Governing Council each year, Salak said. People attending the CGC budget hearings often protest the fact that the CGA gets any money at all, and the CGA also gets prank phone calls at its office in the Student Union, he said.

"It was an act to stifle our efforts," Salak said.

CGC spending time on money

By DAVID SCHMIDT
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Agreeing to be more judicious when allocating money this year, members of the Campus Governing Council's Finance Committee Tuesday night delayed funding for a campus voter registration incentive drive until more information is provided.

Members also discussed at length a plan to sell stock owned by the CGC.

"I want to establish really firm credibility and efficiency in the Finance Committee," Chairman Wyatt Closs said. "I don't want anything railroaded through, if possible."

In opening remarks, Closs also expressed a desire to support Student Legal Services with a new student fee or fee increase, have Finance Committee members pass a test on campus treasury laws, and get bulk postage rates for student organizations and offer them fund-raising workshops.

The Student Affairs Committee failed to get \$550 in funds for its voter registration incentive drive when Ron Everett tabled the motion so Closs could receive more information about its specific plans. The proposal would promote competition — among CGC districts, for instance — to register student voters, with some sort of prize for the area accomplishing the most.

"Registration has its inherent incentives," Kenny Williams said. "You can't pay people to vote. That's ridiculous."

"It's hard to approve without a plan," Everett said. "It would just be throwing out money."

ROTC members receive honors

The UNC Air Force ROTC Detachment 590 recently held awards ceremony to honor those cadets excelling in academics or personal achievement.

The following cadets were named to the Professor of Aerospace Studies List for their outstanding performance in academics for the past semester: Mark Caudle, Mike Donaldson, Philip Fittante, Mike Fry, Frederick Knops, David Lee, Andrew Little, Oscar Vaughn, Jonathan Warren, and Felicia Washington.

The following cadets were awarded the Air Force ROTC Honors Ribbon for their superior academic performance for two consecutive semesters: Philip Fittante, Mike Fry, Frederick Knops, David Lee, Jonathan Warren, and Felicia Washington. The Air Force ROTC Marksmanship Ribbon was awarded to Cadet Stanley Brown for his excellence in small arms training.

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ment complexes, according to Beverly Thorndyke, a pharmacy major from Lumberton. She said Kensington residents would be housed temporarily at Foxcroft, Laurel Ridge and the Village apartments.

The Village Apartments are already home for some Kensington residents whose condos were originally scheduled for a later completion date. All students are continuing to pay their monthly rent of \$175 while Benchmark/Atlantic Co. leases the temporary apartments, according to James.

As frustration from move after move grows, for future Kensington residents, dissatisfaction with Kensington employees increases also. Denise Johnson, resident manager of the condominiums, has become the focus of criticism for some. "Denise Johnson needs an attitude adjustment because she's very rude," Tindol said.

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