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American expands air service to RDU

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Triangle commuters will soon have expanded airline service. American Airlines has designated the Raleigh-Durham Airport as the site of a second major north-south connecting hub — a move which might eventually result in more than 175 flights a day to 53 cities and create as least 1,275 new jobs in the Raleigh-Durham area — American officials announced yesterday.

American officials say the expansion is a step in creating a "viable transatlantic service" to the area and making Raleigh-Durham Airport "an international gateway in the future."

American currently operates two major hubs serving east-west traffic

flow at Chicago and Dallas-Fort Worth. The Chicago airline operates 224 flights a day to 65 cities, the Dallas-Fort Worth operating 300 flights to 90 cities. The Raleigh-Durham hub will be a complementary hub to a similar connecting nine-gate mini-hub under construction at Nashville, Tennessee.

Michael W. Gunn, American's vice president-passenger sales and advertising, said the two-hub strategy for route development in the East grew out of months of intensive research and analysis. "The new hubs are part of an overall strategy for growth in the Eastern U.S.," Gunn said.

Raleigh Mayor Avery Upchurch gave his vote of confidence to the American's new growth strategy. "This makes a tremendous impact on

this area as (Raleigh-Durham Airport) becomes a hub of commerce for eastern North Carolina," Upchurch said.

Gunn said American plans to have the Raleigh-Durham hub operating by July 1987, while the Nashville hub will begin as a nine-gate hub in the spring of 1986 and expand to 15 gates in mid-1987.

"Taken together, Nashville and the Raleigh-Durham collectively will give American access to virtually every north-south market of any importance in the eastern portion of the country," Gunn said.

To support its growth plans, American has on order 62 McDonnell Douglas Super 80 airplanes and 17 widebody Boeing 767s totalling more than \$50 million in new aircraft,

Gunn said.

Gunn also said that American estimates spending more than \$60 million on a new T-shaped, 300,000 square foot terminal west of the existing terminal complex and next to the new runway nearing completion. The terminal will open with 15 gates and an ultimate expansion capacity of 25 gates as the hub acquires a larger volume of business.

The new terminal complex will feature a 1,000-vehicle parking garage, a two-level roadway system connecting it to the airport and a 74,000 square-foot main terminal building connected to concourses by a 242 foot long hallway.

American is also franchising American Eagle Airlines, a commuter airline, which will operate out of

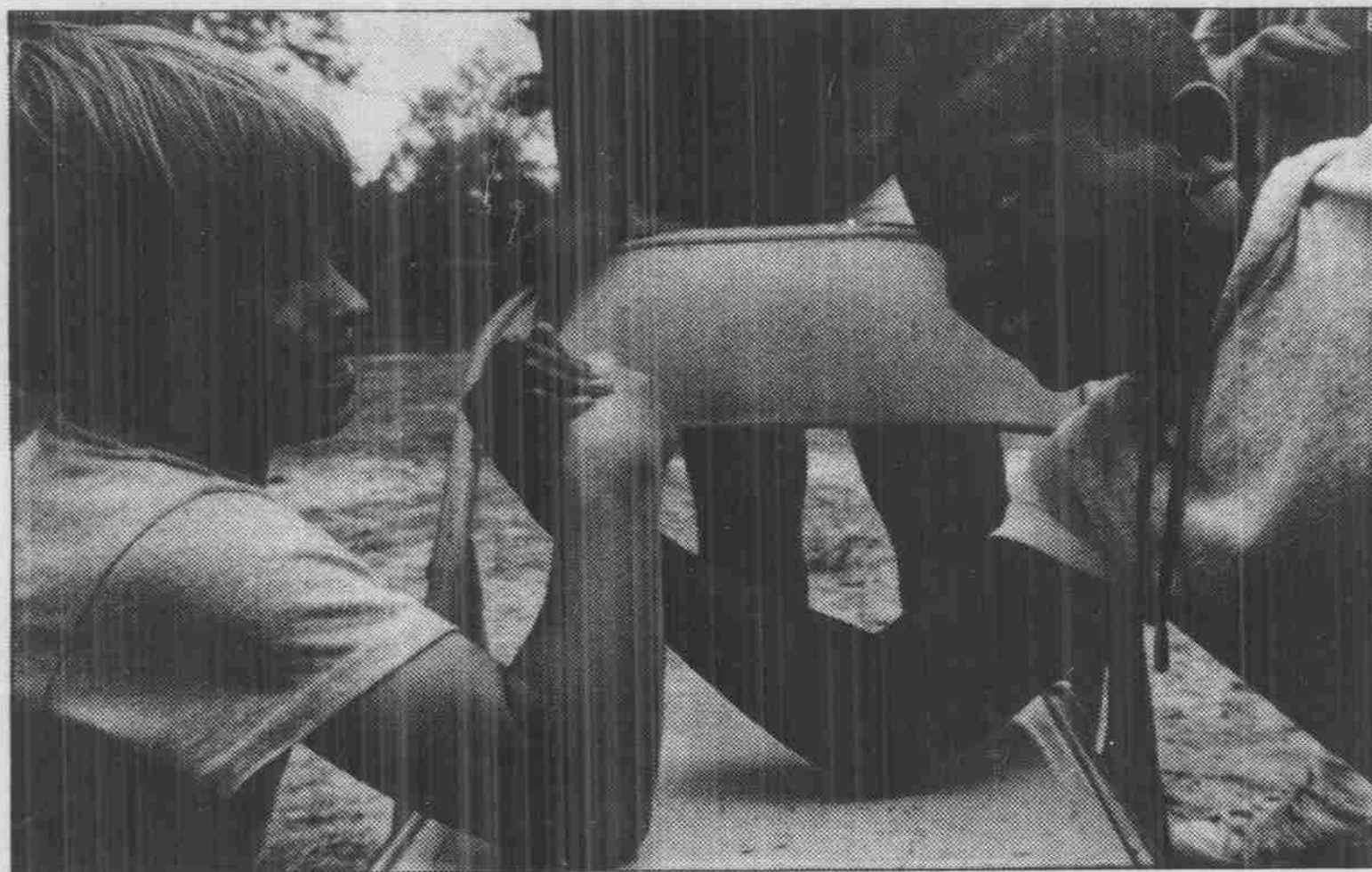
American's hub terminals, to help feed traffic into the Raleigh-Durham hub from smaller regional communities.

Gunn said the American Airlines-Raleigh-Durham partnership is founded on strong mutual confidence and promises a bright and profitable future for both the airline and the Triangle.

"With the establishment of the new north-south hub Raleigh-Durham will become one of the nation's principal aviation crossroads," Gunn said.

William Clement, Chairman of the Raleigh-Durham Airport Authority, and Governor James Martin both praised the airline's commitment to the local community.

Grip 'n' Grin



Tar Heel/Jonathan Serenius

Carlos, right, battles Willie in a tough arm wrestling match as their friends watch.

BOT looks at fraternities

By Lane Mitchell
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The Board of Trustee's Student Affairs Committee addressed deteriorating fraternities and hazing on the Chapel Hill campus during the Board's regular meeting in the Morehead lounge Friday.

According to Maurice J. Koury, committee chairman, corporate presidents of four or five fraternities will visit UNC-CH in mid-August to start work on a campus-wide renovation plan aimed to remedy the "horrible condition" of Chapel Hill fraternities.

After examining the condition of both fraternity and sorority houses during a tour last spring, the committee found several deteriorating fraternities, Koury said.

Donald A. Boulton, Dean of Student Affairs, said most UNC-CH sorority houses and the newer fraternity houses along Finley Golf Course Road were in good condition,

but renovations must be made on the problem houses located in Big Fraternity Court on Columbia Street and Little Fraternity Court on South Columbia Street. Since late 1983, two UNC-CH fraternity houses have been condemned: the Phi Lambda Phi house at 107 Fraternity Court and the Delta Tau Delta house at 111 Pickard Lane.

Koury said the committee hopes that meeting with fraternity representatives will help clean up the fraternities. "We hope this meeting will help get rid of the eyesores in the community," he said.

Student Body President Patricia Wallace said that although no immediate plan had been drawn up by the committee, the renovation plan that results from meeting with the four or five select corporate fraternity presidents will be available to all fraternities.

Koury said, "We feel like if we can get the ball rolling on these four or five (fraternities), the others will take heed — to be competitive."

During the board's discussion, George R. Ragsdale, chairman of Trustees, asked Vice-Chancellor Boulton to investigate and provide a report on hazing to Koury's committee. Koury said he would also meet with Chancellor Fordham and Vice-Chancellor Boulton two weeks before the August 23 regular board meeting to evaluate the existence or extent of hazing on the Chapel Hill campus. "Hazing is something we might not know anything about because the condition of hazing is that it be kept a secret," Koury said.

Boulton said that hazing had occurred since fraternities were founded and in spite of state laws against hazing, he hears of several incidents each year.

Funds donated for scholarship

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A High Point surgeon and his wife have established a \$1 million scholarship fund to aid students at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, University officials say.

"The Dr. Philip Bibb and Betsey Durland Davis Scholarship Fund" will award scholarships to worthy North Carolina students, who would not be able to attend UNC without such assistance. The fund will be held as an endowment; hence, only the income it generates will be used for scholarships.

Eleanor Morris, director of student aid at UNC, said the number of students will depend on the annual income available. She said the University Student Aid Office, along with faculty working with scholarships, will evaluate a candidate's financial needs and academic achievements in high school for the amount of each grant.

The awards will not exceed 50 percent of a student's annual expenses. The first awards will be made for the 1986-1987 school year. The scholarships will be awarded annually and are renewable.

Morris said the candidates must maintain academic standards and continue to need financial aid in order to be considered for renewal.

The Davis gift will count toward the \$10 million goal of "Foundations for Excellence," the fund-raising drive being conducted by the Arts and Sciences Foundation Inc. for the University's College of Arts and Sciences.

"This gift to the University is an expression of both generosity and vision," said Christopher C. Fordham III, chancellor at UNC. "It will assist worthy students and enable the University to continue its tradition of outstanding students in perpetuity. It is a marvelous benefaction from two wonderful people and is an inspiration to us."

Morris said gifts that provide for scholarships have become critically important because of shrinking federal funds. "The University must have scholarship funds like these to aid able and deserving students so that an education at Chapel Hill can be a realistic dream for every young person in North Carolina," she said.

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