6/The Daily Tar Heel/Tuesday, April 22, 1986 Pizza deliverer likes job despite hassles



By KATHY PETERS

Charles Held rarely breaks the speed limit, stays up until 2 a.m. every day and needs just a couple more credits to graduate with a computer science degree.

Held is also a pizza delivery man. In his two years of delivering pizzas for Domino's, this blond-haired guy has probably delivered over 12,960 pizzas (that's 45 a night, 6 nights a week). And he doesn't even like the stuff; he never has.

Stranger yet, he's usually on time with the "pies," as he calls them.

How does he make it on time without breaking the speed limit? The answer lies in Held's calf muscles. "You make your time out of the car - running," he said. He glanced down at his smallframed body, and said with a grin, "The rest of me is puny, but my legs are in good shape."

This 22-year-old drives around the Chapel Hill area from 4:30 p.m. to 1 a.m., making deliveries. He said that probably his most interesting experience happened at Morrison dormitory. "It was Thursday night and everyone was partying," Held said. He went to the door with the pizza, a girl opened it and, swaying back and forth, she slurred, "You're late." Then she pulled out a water gun and sprayed him in the nose.

Held usually doesn't mind getting customers who are drinking, because "they give better tips." This time was an exception.

Held has also made late night trips to Troll's and He's Not Here bars. "Last summer, we got an order from the bar at He's Not Here," he said. "There were 6,000 people out there. Everyone was saying, 'Hey-pizzza! That's mine'."

During the last summer school session, Held waited about five minutes for a girl to answer her Morrison dormitory door. Halfway dressed, she complained that the pizza was late and insisted that she should not have to pay. When Held disagreed, she grabbed the pizza, plunked her pillow on top of it and, despite urges from her boyfriend, put the pizza on the bed and sat on a key was stolen from one truck and another lacks brakes. Because the trucks are not running, the deliverers use their own cars and are reimbursed for mileage.

Held began toting pizzas two years ago as a part-time job to support himself while attending summer school at UNC. Now he is doing it full-time, "taking a break" from school.

The first day on the job, Held had to ride around with a senior driver to get acquainted with the roads. He said that he picked up directions quite quickly, especially with the help of a map during the first few weeks.

Not everyone can handle the pizza business. Held said that the worst part of the job is being constantly hassled by "both customers and noncustomers."

Since he was transferred to the Carrboro store July 1, almost 100 employees have come and gone. "It's a really transient business," Held said.

Held's schedule isn't what others would call convenient, either. Since he is a full-time deliverer, he doesn't have time to do much more than deliver pizzas and sleep. He usually hits the sack after work at 3 a.m. and sleeps until 1:30 p.m. From 2 to 4 p.m., he visits friends and runs errands. And then it's back to work.

When he has extra time, Held plays keyboards and guitar. He is looking for a band to join.

The unusual schedules that Held and his co-workers have bring them a sense of camaraderie. He said that a lot of his friends are also his co-workers. "Working the hours you do, your clock gets backward," he said. "You end up going out with the people from work." Domino's "pretty outgoing-party people" workers throw informal parties every other time they get paid, he said.

Domino's 12 drivers at the Carboro store often have to do more than deliver. They are taught how to answer phones and prepare and cook pizzas. "It's conceivable that I could take an order. make the pizza, and deliver the same order" a few minutes later, Held said.

Despite the hassles and bad tips, which usually average 45 cents, Held

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Charles Held, a driver for Domino's Pizza, said he doesn't even like pizza

Not every day is that hectic, and Held keeps his sense of humor about situations that could irritate others. He said Domino's two delivery trucks are a case in point. Held laughed as he said that

likes the pizza delivery business. He plans to stick with his job until he graduates, partly because of its versatility. "The pay is good and you don't spend as much time in one place," Held said.

Visitation program step in right direction

By JEANIE MAMO

Staff Writer

The little visitors were confronted by a suffocating heat as the wide door creaked to a close behind them. They seemed to sense a feeling of hopelessness there, and responded with sagging tails and drooping eyes. For the two puppies, a field trip out of the animal shelter had just landed them into another confine.

"It sometimes scares me to death," said Beverly Dixon, a volunteer for the Animal Protection Society. "You don't know what to expect."

On Thursday afternoons, one or two volunteers from the APS take small puppies and kittens from the animal shelter to visit with residents at the Hillhaven Convalescent Center. Although most researchers agree that interactions with pets can help elderly patients, most of the therapeutic benefits seem lost at Hillhaven, for residents and animals alike.

"I've studied whether pets could do work with Alzheimer's patients," said Betsy Halleck Giduz, a clinical instructor with the Program on Aging at the UNC School of Medicine. "With severely cognitively



impaired patients, I don't think it's therapeutic. With bit a puppy. She put his paw in her mouth - we withdrawn patients with a past history of owning pets, it can be very beneficial. I don't think just bringing a puppy and leaving it in a room really helps."

Touring with the volunteers through the corridors, lined with handrails, the puppies were occasionally greeted by a resident. A hunched over woman, wearing a pink dress, cardigan sweater and slippers came to see the puppy.

"Can you get me one?" she asked volunteer Jan Paddock. "I hope you can get me one." The woman whispered to the puppy, oblivious to Paddock's softspoken explanation of why she couldn't have a puppy.

"I love you, I love you, I love you," the woman told the puppy's nose, as she tried to pull the puppy out of Paddock's arms. Paddock tried to hold on to the blonde puppy, and said quietly, "We don't want her to have an accident." The woman, not hearing, continued to pull, so that the puppy was stretched

"They got a big head, you know that?" she asked no one in particular. "I just love you to death. You're a pretty thing. You want me to steal you? I'll take you away from her."

puppy and visit other residents.

"Well, the cats sometimes have a fit. We try and get calm ones and ones we can carry.

(with each resident)," she said. "I tend to discriminate and spend more time with those patients we are sure about. Some of them hate puppies. One of the ladies

thought she was going to kiss it - and she bit it. It's just so hard to tell."

Dixon walked along, every now and then gingerly peeking into a room, asking if the resident wanted to see the puppy. Nodding toward a woman in a purple pantsuit watching television, Dixon said, "That woman hates animals. She's hit and bitten us before."

Halleck Giduz said she felt the program at Hillhaven was a start in the right direction, but that it didn't reflect the way pet therapy could work.

"You don't want to just plop a puppy or kitten into someone's lap and say, 'Oh, isn't that cute,' " she said. "I find that for the eight million elderly people who live alone, it's better that any prescription drug. You have a lot more long-term benefits than just a pet visitation program. If I were doing a pet visitation program, I would focus on one person and visit for an hour rather than the quicky five minutes."

Part of the reason the Hillhaven visitation program may not work as well as it should is because the volunteers may not be trained to work with the elderly patients, Halleck-Giduz said.

"You either have a lot of animal lovers who don't know about geriatrics or people who know about geriatrics, but don't know how to handle animals," she said. "There are too many inexperienced people working with one or the other. It can be

Outside the center, the puppies seemed to wake up as if from a deep sleep and started to play in the flower beds outside the front doors. They ignored the fact that they were heading back to their cages at the animal shelter. They acted relieved to be walking again.

"This system has a lot of difficulties," Dixon said, glancing back and reflecting on the visit. "I guess it helps some."

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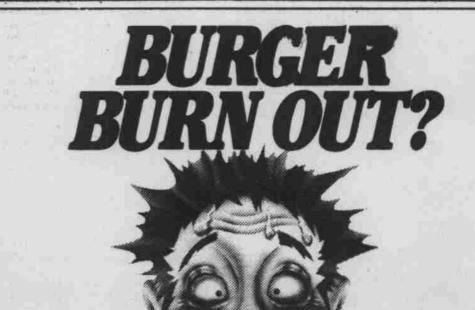
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out like a jump rope between the two. Dixon, watching the tug of war, said, "That lady loves them but she never wants to give them back." Paddock won and the puppy remained in her arms while the woman talked to it some more.

The woman, satisfied, allowed Paddock to take the counterproductive."

"Most of the animals do pretty well," Dixon said.

"Five minutes is about as much time as we spend

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