

1-way streets relieve congestion

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Drivers confused and inconvenienced by the restriping of Columbia and Pittsboro streets in the fall will be glad to know that those alterations have produced their intended effects.

"The changeover was designed to relieve congestion on Pittsboro and Columbia," said Johnny Tapp, street superintendent for the Chapel Hill Streets Department. "It is working fine at this point."

Both streets turned one-way last Thanksgiving weekend, dealing yet another blow to Chapel Hill's "village atmosphere."

Travelers who used to drive south on Columbia Street toward the medical buildings must now turn right onto Cameron Avenue and then left onto Pittsboro Street, finally picking up Columbia at its intersection with Manning Drive.

"Accidents have decreased by almost half since the roads went one-way," said Keith Lohmann, Chapel

Hill Police Department liaison. "Traffic congestion has been reduced considerably on both streets."

"In a year's time," said Lohmann, "Columbia and Pittsboro streets probably have somewhere between 50 and 75 accidents." But since Thanksgiving, there have been only 25 to 30 accidents, he estimated.

Lohmann added that although traffic has decreased on Columbia Street, it may have increased on Pittsboro, which has changed from a side street to a major thoroughfare.

Returning from their holiday last year, students may have been temporarily confused by new one-way signs and freshly painted streets. But the decision to switch the direction of the busy roads came as part of Chapel Hill Town Council's long-term thoroughfare plan, according to councilman David Godschalk.

The total process of changing Columbia and Pittsboro streets took just three hours. All sign changes and reconfiguration of traffic lights had been taken care of prior to Thanks-

giving weekend.

Funding for the changeover came primarily from the state, Lohmann said, because Columbia was a state road and Pittsboro became one when it went one-way.

Pittsboro Street is now a southern extension of N.C. Route 86.

In addition to road construction, the N.C. Department of Transportation has made use of "counter wires" around Chapel Hill — rubber hoses mounted on busy streets to monitor traffic flow.

Periodically placed on highways 15-501 and 54, wires have recently appeared on South and Franklin streets to uncover potential traffic blockage points.

At last count, 15,000 to 16,000 vehicles were using Franklin Street on a daily basis.

Several town council members and past mayoral candidates have suggested making more roads one-way to manage the town's ever-increasing traffic flow.

Cost of soda pop hops 5 cents at campus vending machines

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It used to be convenient to slide two quarters into the Coke machine and pick up your favorite soda. Now you will need an extra nickel.

Triangle Coin Caterers changed prices on its soft drink vending machines from 50 cents to 55 cents just before the beginning of the school year.

"The raise in price is a function of economics," said Bill Parker of Triangle Coin Caterers. "If costs go up, so do retail prices."

"It's an accumulative thing," he added. "The machines do not accept pennies. If our supplier goes up a few cents per case, we have to up prices (in vending machines) a nickel."

Triangle Coin Caterers owns

franchised vending machines in Durham, Northern Wake, South Granville and Person counties, as well as in Chapel Hill and Carrboro, Parker said. There are 30 vending machine locations on campus.

The price is up everywhere in the Triangle area, he said. "There are facilities that have been 55 cents for over a year now," he said.

Tom Shetley, director of Auxiliary Services at UNC, said the University receives 15.2 percent commission on all vending machine sales.

Gross sales in soft drinks alone was \$694,188 for the past year, he said.

"The commissions that the University receives help provide

scholarships for financially distressed students," Shetley said. "Some go to debt liquidation."

"When the food services underwent renovation, some of those commissions went to that, but most went to the scholarship trust funds," he added.

Shetley said vending machine sales had increased roughly 5 percent per year over the last two to three years.

"There will be a slight increase in revenues for the University, and the vending companies will experience an increase, but most of their revenues will be absorbed in their operating expenses," he said.

Triangle also operates cigarette, candy, coffee, milk, pastry and sandwich machines.

Campus Calendar

The DTH Campus Calendar will appear daily. Announcements to be run must be placed in the box outside the Daily Tar Heel office, Room 104 of the Student Union, by noon one day before — weekend announcements by noon Wednesday. Only announcements from University-recognized campus organizations will be printed.

Wednesday

10:00 a.m. Campus Y Horizons will be in the Pit with info about Y committees until 3:30 p.m. Senior Information Day in the Pit until 2 p.m. Find out about senior class activities and sign up for committees.
12:00 p.m. Career Planning and Placement Services will have an

orientation workshop, Job Hunt 101, in 306 Hanes.

12:45 p.m. Career Planning and Placement Services will hold a resume writing workshop, Job Hunt 102, in 306 Hanes.

5:00 p.m. UNC Glee Clubs will hold auditions in 103 Hill Hall. Phone 962-5695.

6:00 p.m. Student Television is holding an orientation meeting in 208-9 Union.

7:00 p.m. AIESEC Officers will meet in 226 Union. Those who cannot attend should call Karen at 967-5643.

Maranatha Campus Ministry presents "A Life Changing Message" by Rusty Russell in Manning Hall.

7:30 p.m. Students for America will have an organizational meeting and Central America Forum in 18 Union.

UNC Gaming Club invites all interested people to an informational meeting in 208 Union.

9:00 p.m. UNC Women's Crew Club will hold an organizational meeting in the Union for all interested rowers.

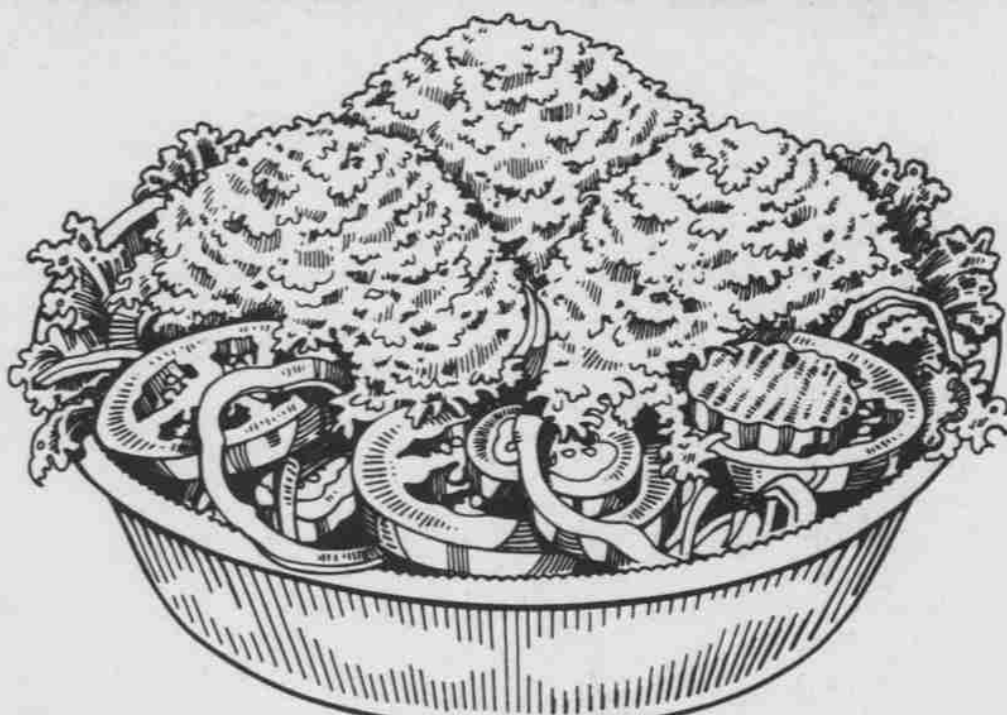
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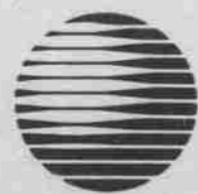
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