

BSM choir provides members with an outlet and an in-group

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Some students come to Carolina for the academics, others come to watch the basketball team, but junior Rhonda Baker came to be in the Black Student Movement Gospel Choir.

"That's what made my decision," Baker said. "I applied nowhere else." With 60 active members, the BSM Choir works twice a week at two-hour practices, which often last longer than that. It just finished months full of practices for its fall concert last Sunday.

"I make time for (the choir) because it's a relief," Antoinette Dunlap, a junior from Charlotte, said. "It takes your mind off your schoolwork."

The choir sings popular spirituals, as well as songs written by group members, like sophomore Kent Brooks. Brooks, who is the pianist for the choir, has written a piece titled, "Lord of All."

"I was obsessed with doing some writing for the group last year, and that song came to me in my sleep."

Whether members write songs for each other or just make it to practices, there is a sense of unity in the choir as they come together to sing

and have fellowship.

"We care about each other, and we don't get to see each other that often, but when we do get together it's just like one big happy family," Danny Lytle said. "I think the enthusiasm and the excitement and the energy that comes through in the music is there because we're so happy when we're together."

Practices are intense, with Lytle waving his arms to direct, but there's time to laugh and joke.

After rehearsal, the group holds hands in a circle and airs its ideas and concerns, praying for a sick friend or a test the next day. The choir booms the verse, "there is no failure," and it describes their attitude.

"The choir started 16 years ago and has ballooned into a cultural organization that sings gospel music, which is an important part of the black culture," Ray Wallington, BSM Choir president, said.

The choir holds auditions in the fall and spring and takes members based on positions that are open.

The BSM is not exclusively for blacks, and the choir has two white members. "It shows that blacks and whites can work together and mingle on this campus," Baker said.



Danny Lytle directs the BSM fall concert Sunday afternoon

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Carrboro roads to be re-routed

By SUSAN JENSEN
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Three months after a tentative plan was laid out for converting several Carrboro streets to one-way, the Board of Aldermen will meet Dec. 9 jointly with the Travel Advisory Board and Downtown Development Commission to discuss the proposal for re-routing downtown traffic.

The Board of Aldermen agreed in September to present a proposal to the Advisory Board and Development Commission which would make Weaver, Main and Roberson Streets one-way.

About 25,000 cars traveled Main Street each day in 1984, and 12,000 traveled on Weaver Street, said Jim Dunlop, transportation planner for the town.

"The one-way streets will relieve congestion on Main Street, westbound," Dunlop said. "Currently, traffic backs up considerably in the evenings."

The proposal will make Weaver Street westbound and Main Street eastbound between the intersections of Roberson and Laurel streets. Roberson would become northbound.

There would be three new traffic signs installed to replace existing lights, and on-street parking would be added on Weaver and Main streets.

But this would be only a temporary solution, until the Advisory Board could develop a more permanent one, which would entail actual construction of new streets, Dunlop said.

The proposal would cost approximately \$115,000, which would be acquired through the state where state roads are concerned and through bonds on local roads, Dunlop said.

Previous suggestions have been cast out by the Advisory Board because they would have cost too much, he said.

The problem of traffic congestion continues to rise with the population and will not disappear, Dunlop said. "Changing these streets to one-way would prevent drivers from having to wait through a few cycles of lights," he said.

The meeting on Dec. 9 will be open to the public, although the proposal will only be presented, not debated, he said.

Avery residents suggest changes

By MARY PARADESES
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A new policy to elect a vice president along with the student body president next year was introduced at the forum for mid-campus students last week in Avery Residence Hall.

Parking and traffic problems, lighting and the bricking of man-made walkways on campus were also discussed at the forum.

Rob Friedman (Dist. 16), said a vice president could ease the student body president's workload. Also, a qualified vice president could continue the president's duties if the president should resign.

Currently, the Student Congress speaker would succeed the president upon his resignation. Several Student Congress members have said a speaker wouldn't be qualified for the student body president's position.

Friedman asked students whether a vice president should be elected on

the same ticket as the president, or if he should run independently. "There are problems with either form of election," Friedman said. "If you elect the vice president independently, you run the risk of the president not getting along with the vice president."

"On the other hand," Friedman said, "the president would need to choose a vice president from the other part of campus for diversity if the vice president were to run on the same ticket."

Also at the forum, a student said police enforcement of speed limits in the Avery area, as well as other parts of the campus, should be more strict. Students said more crosswalks in the area, along with enforced speed limits, would make crossing the road safer.

Stephanie Ahlschwede (Dist. 14), said she planned to find out where students stand on such issues.

Students also said that parking on Stadium Drive, which was recently changed to allow two-way traffic, creates a traffic hazard. Several blind spots make it dangerous to back out

of the spaces, which could harm both drivers and pedestrians.

Students at the forum approved of a parking deck being built, but Residence Hall Association President Ray Jones said the University lacked the necessary funds. Also, University officials would be unwilling to destroy the scenic beauty of the campus, he said. According to Jones, a new parking deck would cost approximately \$22 million, or \$500 or \$600 per space. Jones also said that the cost of the new hospital deck has almost been completed, and there is now the added expense of the new Police and Parking Office building that has made the parking deck an impossibility.

Other suggestions for the campus included more lighting behind Avery and around the baseball area near Avery, as well as improved lighting in front of the Bell Tower. Ahlschwede also suggested a phone between Avery and Ehringhaus. The forum closed with disapproval of the University ruining the campus by placing bricks on every man-made walkway.

Funds open up possibility of shelter for the homeless

By SCOTT GREIG
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The Chapel Hill Town Council officially referred \$50,000 in Community Development Funds to the office of the town manager Friday, thus clearing the way for repairs to public housing and the possible opening of a permanent shelter for the homeless.

The town is receiving these additional funds as a result of Congress overturning the deferral of \$500 million in Community Development funds nationwide.

Chris Berndt, a representative from the Community Development program, said \$25,000 will be used to renovate public housing in Chapel Hill. The remaining \$25,000 will become a challenge grant for the Interfaith Council to use as "a starting block" in buying a facility they can turn into a permanent shelter for the homeless, she said.

The present shelter, a temporary facility, is located in the

basement of the old police building at the corner of Rosemary and Columbia streets.

Berndt said the IFC has been looking for a permanent shelter but have not been able to find a suitable location and have temporarily given up their search.

IFC will also transfer control of the shelter from itself to another service organization because they lack the necessary manpower.

According to Berndt, the IFC should begin their search for a permanent shelter again next spring.

A spokesperson for the Chapel Hill Housing Authority said the authority isn't definite about what it will do with its \$25,000.

The council held a public hearing on the funding at their Nov. 10 meeting. Neither the public nor the council offered discussion before Town Manager David Taylor was officially given charge of the money.

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the defense budget was cut.

"We're not going to solve our problems until we stop squandering our money on death," he said, referring to U.S. defense expenditures.

Spock, who became involved with politics while protesting the Vietnam War during the 1960s, is a proponent of nuclear disarmament and is involved with nuclear activism.

"My feeling is very strongly that we must get rid of nuclear weapons," he said.

"We have a president and a secretary of defense who say that nuclear war can be won," he said. "If you think a nuclear war can be won . . . you take much more risk."

He recommended a program of greater political activism.

"We have to become more politically aware," he said. "If we want nuclear disarmament, it has got to be done by activism."

He encouraged the audience members express their views on political issues by writing to senators and congressmen.

"There's a wide range of things you can do," he said. "The important thing is to choose the thing that's comfortable for you, do it and keep on doing it."

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The elder Kim came to power in 1948 with the backing of the Soviet Union after the peninsula was divided at the end of World War II. The 1950-53 Korean War deepened the acrimony between the two Koreas, and 40,000 U.S. soldiers remain in South Korea to prevent another war.

Kim, known as "The Great Father Leader," created a personality cult unrivaled in the Communist world since the death of Chinese leader Mao Tse-tung in 1976. Portraits of Kim hang in nearly every household and public building, and a pilgrimage to his birthplace, Mangyongdae, has become an almost required ritual in North Korea.

Kim created one of the world's most closed societies. No western reporters are known to be based in Pyongyang.

An Austrian trade representative in Pyongyang, reached by telephone Monday from Peking, said "so far there has been no indication whatsoever" that Kim was dead.

"There is no movement on the streets," Wolfgang Entmeyer said. "I went through Pyongyang twice today, there was no sign of any military movements. . . . There really was nothing unusual . . ."

Seoul also appeared normal, although national police were on special alert, and the South Korean military was on its usual high state of alert.

Reports Kim was shot dead were denied by North Korean embassy officials in several places, including Peking and New Delhi, India.

"We know that President Kim II Sung is working and healthy in North Korea. That story is completely made up by somebody. It is not true," said Kang So Yong, the first secretary at the embassy in Peking.

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