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Speaker condemns white supremists

By TERESA KRIEGSMAN

On June 4, a cross was burned on a field of East Montgomery High School while graduating seniors were filing out of the stadium. It was the fourth cross-burning in Montgomery County in 1986.

On June 14 in Macon County, a security guard at the Church of the Creator, an American Nazi compound in the mountains near the Georgia border, fired a dozen rounds from a rifle into the car of a Georgia couple who had stopped on church property.

Racially motivated incidents like these are not uncommon in North Carolina, according to Christina Davis-McCoy of North Carolinians Against Racist and Religious Violence (NCARRV).

Davis-McCoy, who spoke to a group of students Tuesday in a forum sponsored by Black Student Movement, said North Carolina had been designated the "most Klanactive" state in the nation by the National Anti-Klan Network. "There is a wave of permission that

is currently happening in this state that bigoted violence is all right . . . " she said. "We've learned here in North Carolina that silence means permission."

But the KKK is not the only active white supremacy group. Many new groups are emerging in the nation and taking hold in North Carolina. These include the Southern National Front, which was formed by leaders of the now-defunct White Patriot Party; and the Arian Nations, which is a national, church-based group that uses religion to support its racial views. Davis-McCoy said these groups are especially dangerous because they recruit youths into their ranks.

Since 1979, NCARRV has documented over 400 racially motivated incidents. These include legal activities, such as KKK rallies, and illegal activities, such as harassment and intimidation.

Davis-McCoy said North Carolina has the most Klan activity because the government allows it. "Whenever the government takes a strong enough stand on this, it's going to stop," she said.

Government officials have taken some steps to ensure more involvement with this issue. Gov. James Martin signed an executive order in October establishing an 11-member task force to examine the problem of extremist activity in North Carolina, but the group has not met yet.

Davis-McCoy said the governor's task force would concentrate on many of the same areas dealt with by NCARRV. She said both groups were concerned with raising the level of public consciousness about racial violence, monitoring the activities of extremist organizations and developing a uniform reporting and recording system for violent acts. They are also studying present laws governing racial violence and suggesting new policies to combat these incidents.

Davis-McCoy said the public also should get involved in preventing racially motivated violence.

"It's time for right-feeling, rightthinking white people to come together with right-feeling, rightthinking black people to say it's not going to happen in our community," she said. "We need to tell (our elected officials) that we're not at all happy that this is happening in 1986 in America."

Davis-McCoy suggested that concerned citizens write their congressmen and senators about racially motivated violence, and she said student activism also could help bring the issue to the government's attention.

"None of us are safe," she said. "As long as one of us is under attack, we're all subject to it," she said.

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Survey of bus ridership helps to route funds

By SUSAN JENSEN

Results of a Chapel Hill Transit transportation survey taken last month show that about 10,000 riders use the town's bus system daily, David Bonk, transportation planner for Chapel Hill, said last week.

Of the routes serviced by the system, the U route, which runs through campus, and the J route, which services U.S. 15-501 Bypass and various apartments in Carrboro, have the highest number of riders, Bonk said.

"We really haven't seen any shifts in these routes from last year's survey," he said.

The results of the survey will be presented to the Chapel Hill Transportation Board in December or January. More complete conclusions from the survey will come in a few weeks. Alpha Phi Omega fraternity members gathered most of the ridership information, riding the various routes at peak and non-peak hours. For years, the highest passenger usage has been on the U route, since it runs more often than any of the other routes, said Robert Godding of Chapel Hill Transit.

between the University, Chapel Hill and Carrboro to determine how many people board in these areas, Bonk said.

"This is done to determine the fair share of cost that these areas should pay for the service," he said.

"The survey is primarily used for our budgeting purposes," Godding said. "We use it to determine what subsidies are required to support the particular routes."

The survey results show which routes are more productive, pinpoint any shifts in usage and check the accuracy of the daily counts taken by the drivers as passengers board, Bonk said.

Chapel Hill Transit established two new routes over the summer, the P route and the L route, because of apparent needs uncovered in last year's ridership survey. The transit system has also worked with Mary Clayton, the director of transportation at the University, to relay the S route on campus, Bonk said. It will reconsider its reduced and mid-day routes, he said. As the University expands, the number of employees, who would need to use the bus system at times when the students are not here, will also increase, so route schedules will need to be re-evaluated, Bonk said.

"We really have to wait and see in terms of what the University might request and the on-going development of Chapel Hill," he said.

Rumor has it that the Greenfields housing development will be asking for services in the future as well, said Bonk.

The system will acquire 12 new buses in the spring, seven of which will replace older buses, which will provide more flexibility, Bonk said. nine routes. The S and U routes are

Chapel Hill Transit currently runs University-run and cover only the campus and Manning Drive near

N.C. Memorial Hospital.

Student Congress spending nears advised funding limit By KIMBERLY EDENS

Staff Writer

Student Congress has allocated close to its advised limit of funds for student activities, but the shortage will have no effect on the operations of Student Government, according to John W. Williams, student body treasurer.

Approx. Student Congress spending April-November spending

The transit system operates under a joint cost allocation program

Chamber lines up parade to Christmas tree lighting

By DAN MORRISON

Although it has resolved the problem of where to put Chapel Hill's first town Christmas tree, the Chamber of Commerce has not yet decided who will light the 12-foot live evergreen.

"We haven't really discussed who will be lighting the tree as of yet," Sherri Powell, a spokeswoman for the chamber, said Monday.

The tree-lighting ceremony will highlight the weekend's festivities, which include the 1986 Chapel Hill-Carrboro Christmas Parade on Saturday, Dec. 6.

The evergreen, complete with ornaments, will be placed at the corner of West Franklin and Church streets in Chapel Hill. The parade will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday.

The Christmas tree will be lit at 7:30 Friday night, and the ceremony will last until 9. The Downtown Merchants Association of Chapel Hill will provide apple cider and cookies.

The tree, donated by the Amity United Methodist Church in Chapel Hill, will stand from Dec. 4 to Dec. 27.

The decision to mount it at the Franklin and Church streets location came after much debate among chamber members, Chapel Hill and

Carrboro town merchants anu WCHL-FM radio station.

The chamber originally sought to close off the main block of Franklin Street, but the idea was rejected because it would create traffic flow problems.

WCHL then offered to mount the tree on its land near Eastgate Shopping Center, but Chapel Hill and Carrboro merchants complained that it needed to be placed in the downtown district of one of the two towns.

The chamber finally agreed Nov. 12 to put the tree at the present site.

Sylvia Butler, organizer of this year's parade, said she was excited about the new addition to the traditional Christmas event.

"We have invited nine area church choirs to sing for us; the University Methodist Church will perform a handbell ceremony, and the Binkley Baptist Church will be doing a brass ensemble," Butler said Monday.

This will be the first year Chapel Hill has anything like a tree ceremony, Butler explained.

"It was an idea I came up with after last year's Christmas parade," she said. "I thought it would be nice to have some type of community event at this time of the year, and I brought my idea to the Chamber of Commerce."

"There is no danger; there is no problem," he said.

Williams said he advised Student Congress last May that it could allocate \$35,819.12 for student activities. This estimate was based on the net worth of the government at the end of the last fiscal year, minus a \$40,000 cushion required by treasury law.

It was then up to the congress members to decide how much of the money they would actually spend and how they would spend it, Williams said.

The congress had spent \$33,921 as of Nov. 7, leaving their advised balance at \$1,898.12. Williams said that the balance is not binding and that there is more money which congress members can appropriate if they decide it is necessary.

The balance is supposed to last until the end of the fiscal year, Williams said. The fiscal year ends May 15, but the Student Government account will not realize the new student fees until August, he said.

"That is a direct reflection of a fiscally irresponsible congress," Williams said. "In my opinion, what they should have done is allocate \$20,000 this fall, and leave \$15,000 for the spring. Now when people come up for money next spring, they're not going to be able to get it."

Jody Beasley, chairman of Student Congress's finance committee, said the large amount of appropriations was because of great need on the part of student organizations. "Many student

1983 \$19,270 1984 \$5,704 1985 \$5,656 1986

year to date \$33,921

organizations were turned down last year for equipment that was desperately needed," he said. The congress appropriated

\$14,540 to WXYC and \$8,324 to the UNC Marching Tar Heels, Williams said. "Our total expenditures probably wouldn't have been so high if we hadn't given so much to the band and WXYC," he said.

Organizations that request money will be little affected by the theoretical lack of funds, according to Jave Sitton, Student Congress speaker. "We're not going to be able to allocate large sums of money to any organization," she said, "but we certainly have enough money to operate successfully. We should be able to meet needs as they arise."

Beasley agreed. "In very few cases, it may cause the congress to be more conservative," Beasley said.

The congress has invested about \$15,000 in a Raleigh selfhelp credit union. This money can be withdrawn if it is needed, Sitton said. "In effect, we have \$17,000 that can be allocated if necessary," she said.

Williams said that some of the money was going to be pulled out of the credit union, but not simply so it can be allocated. "If the Student Congress directed me to turn over the money, I would have to do it," he said, "but I would advise them not to spend it."



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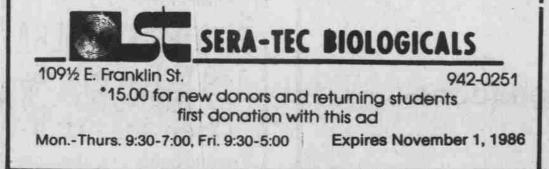
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