

# Carrboro residents upset over lane plan

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Recently announced plans in Carrboro that include the establishment of bike lanes on Hillsborough Road have resulted in a conflict between citizens and the town.

The disagreement is between the Carrboro Board of Aldermen and a group of citizens whose homes are located on Hillsborough Road.

The town has proposed replacing the sidewalks that had been planned for the project along Hillsborough Road with bike lanes, and this has resulted in complaints by residents at recent town meetings.

Camille Andrews, a resident of Hillsborough Road, said, "In 1984, the board of aldermen first voted for the plan to improve the roads, and

this included the construction of sidewalks.

"We are opposed to the extreme increase of Hillsborough's width and doing away with the sidewalks, not against the idea of bike lanes in Carrboro or the town's plans."

Andrews said she plans to contact the citizens who have shown an interest in this issue and draft a letter and petition to send to the board of aldermen.

The area surrounding Hillsborough Road is a residential area, and the sidewalks are important for school children walking to and from Carrboro Elementary School, Andrews said.

"What we would like to see are modifications in the current plan for

Hillsborough Road, including a lessened widening of the road," she said.

"If they can't make modifications in their plans, we would rather they scrap it," Andrews said. "I guess what we are asking for is a little modification or nothing."

Joy Neville, another resident of Hillsborough Road, said, "We are going to end up with two parallel traffic lanes with narrow bike lanes on each side and that is just going to look foolish."

Citizens have addressed their concerns not only to the board of aldermen but have also taken their complaints to the North Carolina Department of Transportation (DOT), she said.

"We have received a favorable response from the town and the state," Neville said. "They listened to our worries and were not negative to our suggestions."

Alderman Frances Shetley said, "The board is very concerned by the worries presented by the residents. It is a very serious problem and will have a real impact on the success of the project."

Town officials are investigating the complaints voiced by the citizens, and the town plans to discuss the problem with the DOT, she said.

"Hillsborough Road is especially needful of sidewalks because all they have now are narrow dirt paths, which are dangerous and tend to flood after rains," Shetley said.

# UNC survey tries to predict election victors

By JAMES BENTON  
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"Who will you vote for in the election Tuesday? How do you feel about passenger train service in North Carolina? Do you think journalists should reveal an anonymous story source in a trial?"

UNC students have been asking people across the state questions like these for the Carolina Poll, a scientific survey of 900 N.C. households conducted twice each year.

Since Sunday, students under the supervision of the Institute of Research in Social Science and the School of Journalism compiled data on North Carolinians' opinions on the upcoming election and several other issues. The data will be released today.

The poll was started in 1975 by journalism professors Robert Stevenson and Richard Cole. Students from journalism and graduate research classes are chosen to conduct the surveys and compile information from those interviewed, Stevenson said.

Student participation is part of the class requirement, and the students gain experience in interviewing techniques and research compilation, he

said.

Student pollsters expressed different opinions about the polling. Martha Sharpe, a junior from Emerald Isle, said she received varying responses from people she had called.

"Somebody asked if I was selling magazines," she said. "Others have really cocky attitudes about their political preferences, like 'Hell yeah, I'm voting for Jordan.'" Still others hang up or refuse to answer the survey, she said.

Sharpe said her survey session was boring, because only six people in a four-hour session fully answered the survey. But the survey information should prove valuable to undecided voters, she said.

Melinda Watts, a junior from Chapel Hill, said taking part in the survey was fun but some participants became bored with the questions. Watts said some people also started conversations, like a woman from Pender County who complained to Watts about her arthritis and cataracts.

But Watts agreed that the information could help influence undecided voters. Watts said she had heard of people who had been influenced by political advertisements. When

released Friday, the poll information "will do better than the 30-second spots," Watts said.

Phil Meyer, Kenan professor of journalism, said the poll's purpose is to show students how polls work and to accurately predict, within a margin of error, the Tuesday presidential and gubernatorial elections.

"If we do it right, we expect to be within four or five percentage points of the election count," Meyer said.

Meyer will be able to see firsthand whether the national election results predicted by the Carolina Poll are

accurate, because he will be in New York next week as an election analyst for CBS News.

Meyer said the 1988 election will be the third election he has covered as an analyst. He has also covered the 1984 and 1986 elections, he said.

Meyer said he enjoys analyzing elections because it allows him to see data before it's broadcast. And when he sees whether the data from the Carolina Poll is accurate, "I'll know whether or not to come back to UNC," Meyer said.

# Festival to offer taste of Japanese culture

By JAMES COBLIN  
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Students will be able to sample many areas of Japanese life Sunday at the seventh annual Japanese Cultural Festival, from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Great Hall, sponsored by the UNC Japan Club.

The UNC Japan Club and Japanese language classes, in cooperation with Japanese people in the Chapel Hill community, will host the free festival, said Hayumi Higuchi, the Japan Club's faculty adviser.

The festival will feature demonstrations from many areas of Japanese culture. Martial arts, like karate and aikido, will be demonstrated, and musicians will play Japanese drums, which are quite different from American and African drums, Higuchi said.

The public will be able to experience first hand different aspects of Japanese arts and traditions.

There will be a workshop in origami, Japanese paper folding. Calligraphy and black ink painting workshops will allow participants to create samples of their own to take home. A Japanese tea ceremony will also be open to public participation, Higuchi said. The products of a

flower arranging workshop will be on sale afterwards, he said.

A slide presentation will focus on impressions of Japan, including the people, places, and general areas of interest.

Japanese books, crafts, and various traditional objects will be displayed. The festival will also include a valuable display of Court Dolls, Higuchi said.

The workshops and demonstrations will be presented by UNC students and community members.

Students may purchase an authentic Japanese meal at the festival. Tickets will go on sale at 1 p.m. for \$5. The meal will feature a vegetable dish, a meat dish, sushi, salad, and rice. Japanese desserts and cookies will be sold individually.

At least a hundred tickets have been sold already, said Amanda Alexander, Japan Club publicity director.

The purpose of the festival is "to share the cultural aspects of Japanese culture," Higuchi said. "We hope to inspire different organizations, if other foreign countries do the same thing to promote more international understanding."

Membership in the Japan Club is

## Academic Accolades

■ **Forrest Mixon**, adjunct professor of the Department of Environmental Sciences and Engineering, has been named the 1988 recipient of the Research Triangle Institute Professional Development Award.

■ **Eric Ballenger** of Raleigh has been named the 1988 Hollingsworth Scholar at the School of Pharmacy.

The renewable \$5,000 award is given annually to a pharmacy student in the bachelor of science program based on academic qualifications, moral and ethical character, service and leadership skills.

■ **Judith Bennett** and **Keith Burridge**, associate professors in history and cell biology, respectively, have been awarded Phillip and Ruth Hettleman Prizes for Artistic and Scholarly Achievement by Young Faculty.

The awards carry a \$5,000 stipend each, and honor the achievements of junior tenure-track or recently tenured faculty members.

■ **Christine Howe**, research associate professor in the Curriculum in Leisure Studies and Recreation Administration, has been appointed to a three-year term as associate editor of The Journal of Leisure Research and has been reappointed to a three-year term as associate editor of The Journal of Park and Recrea-

tion Administration.

■ **Milly Barranger**, chairwoman of the dramatic art department, has been appointed to the editorial board of the Tennessee Williams Journal.

■ **Daniel Okun**, Kenan professor emeritus of the Department of Environmental Sciences and Engineering, will serve on the National Academy of Science's Committee on Human Rights. He will represent the National Academy of Engineering.

■ **Katherine High**, assistant professor of medicine and pathology, and **Robert Golden**, assistant professor of psychiatry, have been named the recipients of the 1988 Jefferson-Pilot Fellowships in Academic Medicine. The School of Medicine faculty members will receive \$12,000 over the next four years to support research and scholarly activities.

■ **Michael Flynn**, assistant professor of Environmental Sciences and Engineering, has been awarded the Shell Career Initiation Fund Grant. Flynn will use the grant, worth \$45,000 over three years, to start a research program in industrial ventilation.

■ **Edison Liu**, of the Lineberger Cancer Research Center, has been awarded a three-year, \$87,000 special fellow grant from the Leukemia Society of America. Liu is assistant professor of medicine at UNC.

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open to everyone interested in learning and discovering more about Japan, Alexander said.

Some of the club's activities have included a talk by UNC professor Norris Johnson on the relation of Japanese gardens to Zen Buddhism and religion, talks on Japanese nutrition and cuisine, and various movies on Japan, Alexander said. A workshop on the traditional No Dance is being planned.

About 75 percent of the club members are American, and about 25 percent are Japanese, Alexander said. The club circulates fliers around campus and anyone interested is welcomed to attend weekly meetings

at 5 p.m. Wednesdays in 407 Dey Hall, Alexander said.

The club and members of Japanese language classes also meet with local Japanese families to discuss culture and to discover what Japanese families are like, Alexander said.

About 40-50 students per week are involved in this local exchange program, Higuchi said. These visits are useful for the cultural experience, and also provide a valuable connection to local Japanese businesses, she said.

"We are just a group of people interested in increasing our knowledge of Japan and the Japanese community," Alexander said.

## Tickets

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will do something about that. Obviously, the hard-core basketball fans will be on the lower level."

Brown said he doesn't anticipate a large increase in the number of students who spend their Sunday afternoons on the Smith Center sidewalks camping out for tickets. Most students should be able to get tickets even if they don't camp out, he said. "We don't usually have a problem giving tickets to students,

except for the State and Duke games," he said.

Only one game, against Duke, sold out last year, Geer said. "I don't think we'll have a lot of trouble for the other games," she said.

Another new policy the CAA has established is the elimination of block seating for large groups, such as residence halls or campus organizations. Geer said blocks were unfair to students waiting in line for tickets, since block seats are often not filled after they're distributed.

More than one-half of students in blocks didn't show up to claim their seats last year, Geer said. "If the students waiting in line knew that, they'd be furious," she said.

The CAA's Carolina Fever committee occupies the only block in the student section this year, Geer said.

The organization is open to all students, and only 70-75 people from the 800-member organization sit in the block on a rotating basis, Geer said.

The pep band, on request from Head Basketball Coach Dean Smith, has been moved closer to the floor, in the area under the goal beside the UNC bench. They will occupy rows from the floor up, and Carolina Fever will sit behind them, Geer said.

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