

Chapel Hill Police Roundup

■ A Durham resident was walking across the Brendle's parking lot Tuesday when a white Ford Ranger pickup truck drove past her. Someone in the truck snatched her pocketbook from her shoulder, and the truck sped off. Police were not able to find the truck.

■ A Cotton Street resident reported Tuesday that a stray dog was running around in the area, and she had often seen the dog loose. Police picked up the dog, identified as white pit bull with black spots. The dog was taken to the animal shelter.

■ Between about noon and 5 p.m. Tuesday, someone tried to break into a house on Ransom Street. The break-in was attempted at the back door of the residence, and police found shoe prints on the door and a stairway.

■ A Booker Creek Apartments resident reported Monday that her front windshield had been shattered over the weekend. She said the windshield-shattering incident was related to harassing phone calls she had received. Damage to the car was estimated at \$225.

■ Police received a report of an unattended bonfire in Little Frat Court at midnight Tuesday. An officer responded to the area and put out the fire.

■ Two Chapel Hill High School

students were issued citations for larceny Tuesday in connection with two watches being taken from Ivey's in University Mall.

An Ivey's employee saw two suspects take one watch each and leave the store. Each watch was valued at \$59.99. He stopped the suspects in the parking lot and brought them back inside.

Paul Emerson Merchant, 16, of 1516 Crestwood Lane, and Benjamin Carl Patrum, 16, of 20 Village Mobile Home Park, were arrested and cited for larceny.

■ A North Street residence was broken into Tuesday. The thief removed a screen from a window and went into the house, and three pairs of inexpensive earrings were stolen. No other items were reported as being stolen, and the thief left through the front door of the house.

■ Someone took a six-foot Christmas tree Monday night that had been placed at the entrance to Timberlyne Shopping Center at Weaver Dairy Road.

■ An Old Oxford Road resident reported that raccoons were scattering his trash every night. He said the raccoons had already destroyed two garbage cans, and he wants the animals caught and removed from the area.

— compiled by Will Ling

Areas may be designated as historic

By THOM SOLOMON
Staff Writer

Two Chapel Hill neighborhoods have the potential to be designated as historic districts, according to reports released by the Chapel Hill town manager's office.

The Cameron/McCauley and Northside neighborhoods were studied by consultant Mary Reeb. The town hired the private consultant in April to conduct the study.

"Interest in both neighborhoods to protect them against road development and inappropriate structure development prompted the study," Reeb said.

In her report, Reeb said the Cameron/McCauley neighborhood

has 25 significant historic structures. The Northside neighborhood does not have a significant number of historic structures, but it does have early 20th-century homes that Reeb said contributed to the character of the area.

"The Northside neighborhood displayed a unity of design and overall character," the report said. Reeb recommended that appearance controls or a neighborhood plan may be more appropriate for this area.

Reeb concluded the Cameron/McCauley neighborhood qualified for historic district status.

Historic districts regulate the exterior design of buildings and

exterior landscape features such as walls, fences, light fixtures, utilities and signs in order to protect the historic features of the buildings and their environmental setting.

Completion of the reports was a first step in exploring techniques for preserving these neighborhoods. Next, action was taken at the Nov. 14 town council meeting to refer the report to the Historic District Commission, town planner Arthur Jackson said.

The commission will review the study during its Dec. 8 meeting, but Jackson said he does not expect a final decision until next year.

The town's 1986 Comprehensive Plan goals and objectives call for the

preservation of existing neighborhoods. The primary intent of the 1986 Land Use Plan for central Chapel Hill is protecting existing residential neighborhoods from redevelopment and from expansion of existing non-residential uses.

On Jan. 28, 1987, the town council requested an investigation of the possibility of creating historic districts in the two neighborhoods. A donation of \$2,000 by the Chapel Hill Preservation Society in June 1987 helped fund the project.

Citizens petitioned in 1979 to have the study done for the Cameron/McCauley neighborhood and in 1985 for the Northside neighborhood.

A 'Safehouse' for troubled children

By L.D. CURLE
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The National Child Rights Alliance (NCRA), a national children's rights organization with headquarters in Durham, is sponsoring a sanctuary for troubled children and a therapy group for abuse victims.

The sanctuary will be called the Safehouse, and it will be similar to a halfway house for runaways and abused and neglected children, said Kathy Wolfe, acting director of the NCRA.

The house will be in Durham County and will serve the Triangle

area, she said. "The Durham County sheriff reports about one runaway a day," Wolfe said.

The NCRA is trying to raise about \$500,000 by next September to get the Safehouse off the ground, she said. The organization will use fund-raising events, corporate donations, grants and individual donations to raise the money.

Ruth Gregg said the organization's self-help therapy group is the most important thing the NCRA does outside of its social and political activism.

Gregg, co-chairwoman of the

group, said she first came to NCRA for the self-help when she realized her troubled life had resulted from an abused childhood.

"It's so good to be in a room of people who know where you are coming from," she said.

The organization is the only one of its kind directed by survivors of abuse and neglect.

A main objective of the alliance is to heighten awareness of the magnitude of the child abuse problem. The NCRA also tries to make people aware of how ineffective the current system of action is.

"The public is not aware of how much there is, and they are also not aware of what can and cannot be done," Gregg said.

Abuse victims have to deal with the Department of Social Services (DSS), whose hands are often tied by red tape, she said.

Wolfe said children often slip through the cracks, and the Antwyn Wesley case is a tragic example. Wesley was the Durham child who was literally shaken to death earlier this year. The DSS said this case was out of their jurisdiction, Wolfe said.

Christian purpose guides business dealings of Chick-fil-A

By AMY WEISNER
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Rarely does a company that grosses \$240 million and ranks first in consumer surveys openly profess a Christian purpose.

Seldom does a company increase its sales by three times the industry average while closing on Sunday, one of the most profitable days of the fast food week.

But Chick-fil-A does.

Famous for pioneering the boneless chicken breast sandwich in 1967, Chick-fil-A brought its Christian management style to University Mall Tuesday.

"We try to be very discreet about sharing our faith with our employees, such that we're careful not to be offensive," said Dan Cathy, Chick-fil-A's senior vice president of operations and the son of founder and chairman Truett Cathy.

"We're more concerned about living out the Christian faith, operating our business on Biblical principles and having a positive influence on people's lives in that way," Cathy said.

Because of the company's openly

Christian philosophy, Cathy said some people jump to the wrong conclusion that Chick-fil-A displays Bible verses on the restaurant walls, hands out religious tracts and prints scripture verses on its bags.

"We've been more concerned with keeping that (religion) low profile, trying to live it out rather than try to preach about it all the time," Cathy said.

The Atlanta-based company — one of the largest family-owned companies in the country — has received nationwide recognition for its people-oriented approach to business.

But not everyone appreciates Chick-fil-A's approach, in particular its policy of closing on Sundays so its 17,000 workers can worship if they choose.

Many mall owners have challenged Chick-fil-A's decision to close all 385 restaurants on Sunday because its lease is determined by a sales percentage per square foot. Sundays are shorter but busier work days in which stores can do a tremendous amount of business.

But University Mall spokeswoman

Vicky Hannah said this is not a problem in the Chapel Hill restaurant, because Belk-Leggett, another mall store that is closed on Sunday, and Chick-fil-A bring in so much business.

Cathy, who is a Sunday school teacher and chairman of the Board of Deacons at First Baptist Church in Jonesboro, Ga., said Chick-fil-A generates more sales per square foot in six days than other mall food chains can in seven.

Chick-fil-A restaurants, selectively subleased to operators for only \$5,000, are in great demand. Over 1,000 applications were submitted for the 19 restaurants opened in 1988, Cathy said.

Chick-fil-A only leases its fully-stocked, fully-equipped restaurants (valued at \$250,000) to operators who will not own any other business and will manage the restaurant on site.

Though restrictive, these management standards have proven successful for Chick-fil-A, which boasts a turnover rate of only 5 percent for the position. Other Chick-fil-A employees turn over at a rate of 50

percent, compared to the fast food average rate of 300 percent.

Founder and chairman Truett Cathy's employment incentive programs are largely responsible for Chick-fil-A's workers' satisfaction with their jobs.

"I've always believed that developing people is much more important than developing profits," he said. "If you develop your people, profits will naturally follow. It's people that make a business succeed."

Whether it means sending operators and their spouses to posh resorts such as the Greenbriar in West Virginia, offering scholarships to young employees or treating workers and their families to a steak dinner the night before a restaurant's grand opening, Truett Cathy develops his people.

Cathy, the entrepreneur and Sunday school teacher, adopted the idea from his mentor Martha Berry, the founder of Berry College in Rome, Ga., where Chick-fil-A sends 109 former student-employees to college.

Berry believed that it was important to develop the heart, head and hands of a person, Dan Cathy said.

It must be Christmas time: Artists' latest albums hit the stores

A strange thing happens each year at Halloween time: all the stores bring out their Christmas paraphernalia. Forget your calendar — stores run on the commercial calendar. It's sort of like auto companies which bring out 1990 models in 1988 — we're really not meant to understand it.

But gosh darn it if it's not already December, and only a few more shopping weeks left before the holidays are really upon us. Just the perfect time for the record companies to release all the upcoming vinyl tinsel. And some of it's even Christmas music.

One of those holiday releases is Inevitable Music's *Celtic Christmas II*, an album featuring Celtic harpist Kim Robertson and which is the "sequel" to last year's, you guessed it, *Celtic Christmas*. But this isn't your run-of-the-mill album of reshaped

Julie Olson Albums

carols.

Robertson is joined by cellist Virginia Kron, and together they perform a variety of international Christmas music. Just a sampling of this global smorgasbord includes "Pastourelle," from 13th-century France; "As Joseph Was A-Walking," an American folk carol; "Verbum Supernum," a plainsong; "Christ ist erstanden," from medieval Germany; "Jesús Ahatonhia," a Huron Indian carol; and "A la Nanita Nana," a Spanish carol. The album also includes some more traditional songs, such as "Away in a Manger," "Silent Night" and "We Three Kings."

But even the traditional carols contain no lyrics; it's entirely instrumental. And the result is fantastic. The two have weaved together a beautiful synthesis of classical instruments and traditional carols very rich in tone, depth and emotion. It's just the perfect thing to listen to cuddled up in front of the fireplace roasting holiday chestnuts or doing whatever you do cuddled up in front of the fireplace. In a few words, it's highly recommended.

Seventies songwriter-singer Kenny Rankin has a new album out, titled *Hiding in Myself*. This is obviously jazz-influenced pop, running along the lines of the sometimes synthetic sounding rock-jazz. It's also very, VERY mellow. Or maybe melodramatic would be a better description.

For example, the lyrics from the title track are as follows: "I've been so alone all my life, couldn't give my heart to anyone." The whole song follows along that general direction,

until the very end when Rankin whispers "I love you." Run and hide: it's the Air Supply of your nightmares! Of course if you like that style of music, by all means go out and listen to it yourself. It's just not a torture that I would personally recommend.

But hey! Like, you know, like pass the cappuccino — it's PROGRESSIVE . . . it's progressive folk. Like, the Waterboys just released a new album, their third total, titled *Fisherman's Blues*. The boys from Ireland have been searching the isles for their Irish roots, following the lead of the Pogues, Christy Moore and now U2 — sort of.

And they seem to have found those roots. In so doing, they have produced a cacophony of folk sounds — using fiddle, mandolin and harmonica in addition to the traditional rock guitar and drums — which is a definite break from their earlier more

rock-oriented music. *Fisherman's Blues* is a combination of traditional Irish music plus the rock anthems for which they are better known.

The selections vary from the upbeat title track song "Fisherman's Blues" to the passionately sung "We will not be Lovers" to the very folksy "And a Bang on the Ear." When I first listened to this album I thought to myself, "Gee, they sound like someone I've heard before." Then I realized it was the Waterboys themselves that they sounded like.

Education

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scores, the students who fail to gain admission to the schools will be students who would not have completed the programs anyway, Taylor said.

"We do not think it is right to admit a person into a program under virtually false pretenses," he said.

The passing scores do need to be raised, but the BOE should consider the effects that raising them would have on the state's smaller regional schools, said Charles Coble, dean of the School of Education at East Carolina University.

"Essentially (the passing scores) are not screening students out," Coble said. "Currently, 95 percent of the students who take the tests (at ECU) get into the education school. I think the scores should be raised, but I don't think the NTE Battery One and Two should be the only measures. In some respects, this threshold is lower than academic requirements for the education major."

Raising scores would not have as

big an impact upon larger schools such as UNC and N.C. State University as it would upon regional schools such as ECU and Pembroke State University, Coble said.

"If you get the NTE as the final evaluation, you're going to eliminate a number of students who would make fine teachers," Coble said. "The missions of UNC and ECU are different: one is intended to help a particular region, and the other is geared to fostering the needs of the entire state."

"I would call for tolerance — to recognize the possible effects upon some possibly very fine teachers. In our rush to increase these test scores, we need to make sure we don't rule out entire classes of people from the teaching profession."

The BOE and the Department of Public Instruction will closely monitor the effects of raised scores on the pool of potential teachers, said James Chavis, vice chancellor for student affairs at Pembroke State University and a member of the task force and the BOE.

"I don't think there's any question in anybody's mind that the scores will be moved," Chavis said. "Two percent and 4 percent are just too low."

The 35th percentile is a good goal, but the state may not be able to attain this level immediately, Chavis said.

Predicting the potential effects of raised scores on the pool of potential teachers is difficult, said Mary Wakeford, coordinator for special projects for the UNC School of Education.

"It all depends," Wakeford said. "If raising the score has the secondary effect of attracting more academically qualified students, the pool would not be reduced. If the same pool of students were to take the tests, the pool could be reduced."

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