

## Group promotes downtown interests

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The Chapel Hill-Carrboro Downtown Commission is attempting to determine the needs and wants of businesses and the residential community in downtown Chapel Hill and Carrboro.

The commission recently issued a survey to Chapel Hill-Carrboro residents and business people to receive some input on how they feel the downtown area could be improved.

Debbie Dibbert, co-director of the commission, said they have received 482 responses, and the results will be released Tuesday.

The survey was in the Chapel Hill Newspaper from Feb. 24 to Feb. 26 and was placed in 30,000 Village Advocates on Feb. 19. The commission's survey was also available at several campus locations, Dibbert said.

The information obtained from the survey will be used to determine which development ideas would succeed, which stores are being shopped at, what type of stores are being demanded, and basic likes and dislikes of visiting downtown, Dibbert said.

The commission will then actively recruit businesses not being represented downtown and deal with the other problems facing downtown Chapel Hill and Carrboro, she said.

The commission was organized by the Public-Private Partnership and is composed of 23 people representing the business, University and residen-

tial areas of the community.

The purpose of the commission is to get more people to come downtown, and it is concerned with all the interests of the people in Chapel Hill, Dibbert said.

Other projects the commission is working on include alleviating parking problems, the trolley, downtown promotions and an inventory of the square footage of commercial space and rent levels, Dibbert said.

The commission is funded this year by several contributions. A special tax district is proposed to raise money for future funding, Dibbert said.

Business people in the area said they supported the commission and said the survey was another step in reaching its goal.

"I think the Downtown Commission is a step in the right direction," Wallace Kuralt, owner of the Intimate Book Shop, said. "I think anything that will help out downtown is good."

Danny Fox, president of the Downtown Chapel Hill Association, said he supported the commission, which the association has been working closely with since it was formed.

"I think they are well on their way to accomplishing things that have been needed for a long time," Fox said.

The commission and the association have members represented on both boards, and Fox said this bolstered the role of the association.

"The commission has more political impact, a higher profile," he said.

That helps us (the association).

The association was formed about 10 years ago to increase merchant trade downtown and make it a better place to shop and visit, Fox said. It was formed because merchants felt the Chamber of Commerce could not address all the problems of merchants.

Perry Dowd, owner's assistant at Spanky's Restaurant, said the commission served a purpose that the association has not always been able to serve.

"Someone is always available as a contact for merchants. They (the commission) are addressing the day-to-day needs of the town."

The association did that as best as possible, but there was no permanent secretary. There was never a permanent location," Perry said.

But many businesses said they had mixed feelings toward the Downtown Commission.

"It is encouraging that a lot of people are involved in the revitalization effort of downtown," Alicia Hardin, manager of Johnny T-Shirt, said. "We hope what brings business to downtown will rub off on us."

Many of the issues the commission deals with, however, are not issues Johnny T-Shirt employees are concerned with, Hardin said.

"A lot of people have different opinions of what the Downtown Commission should be and what can and can't be solved by them," she said.

Grant Kornberg, one of the owners of the Hardback Cafe & Bookstore, is one of those people.

"I have questions concerning their reasons for being," he said. "I don't feel they're representative of who they claim they're representative of."

Kornberg said he doesn't dislike the commission, he just wants answers to some of the questions the existence of the commission poses, such as funding and in whose interest they are really acting.

"They're acting in their best interest, not necessarily my best interest," he said. "I have no problem if they are doing it for themselves if they say that's what they are doing."

The commission does not always seem to be interested in all the needs of the community, especially students, Kornberg said. The Hardback's clientele is mostly from the University.

"This town wouldn't be here if it wasn't for students," he said.

"I know some of these people (on the commission) and they're great folks," he said. "But that doesn't give them the right to decide for us."

Kornberg said he questioned who gave them the authority to make these decisions for downtown.

"What gave them the idea Chapel Hill needed to be revitalized?" he said. "It's a wonderful little town — a wonderful little village."

The Downtown Commission may not be the answer to the complex problems of downtown and many questions need to be answered, Kornberg said.

"I'm very much against it," he said. "I am not on their side."

## Campus Y plans hunger fund-raiser

By JAMES COBLIN  
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The Campus Y Hunger Action Committee will sponsor its second annual Hunger Clean-Up fund-raiser to support local and national efforts to fight hunger, said Dalya Massachi, co-chairwoman of the Campus Y Hunger Action Committee.

The Hunger Clean-Up project, sponsored by the National Student Campaign Against Hunger, involves 109 campuses across the nation, including Wake Forest University, UNC-Greensboro and Appalachian State University, she said. The national program is in its fifth year of existence, and UNC will participate for its second year this spring, she said.

The fund-raiser will take place April 15 with teams of about 10 members gathering to do community service work in the Chapel Hill area, Massachi said. Collecting canned food, collecting old clothes, painting pre-school classrooms and helping to clean up low-income housing were among last year's projects, Massachi said.

The goal for this year is to have 150 people work on the project, with each person being sponsored for at least \$30, Massachi said. Last year 75 people worked to raise \$2,000, she said.

The money is divided equally between the local and national efforts, Massachi said. Half of the money will go to the National Student Campaign Against Hunger, which is in its second year of supporting a project to dig wells for fresh water in Ethiopia. The wells average between \$500 and \$1,500 to dig, Massachi said.

The other half of the money will go to the Inter-Faith Council of Chapel Hill, which sponsors relief work for people without food by providing food pantries and long-term support for needy families. Money will also go to Orange County Social Services, Massachi said.

The participants in the project acquire sponsors for the amount of time which they will work. The project takes place on April 15 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., and after the community work the volunteers will all meet back at the Campus Y for a picnic, she said.

The project does not have any volunteers yet, Massachi said. "We are encouraging friends to get together in teams to work on the fund-raiser."

The project is coordinated by the Campus Y Hunger Action Committee, but all campus organizations are encouraged to send teams.

## Marshal, committee applications available for Class of 1990

By JAMES COBLIN  
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Applications for students interested in being senior marshals, project coordinators and committee members for the Senior Class of 1990, are available at the Student Union desk, according to class officials.

Applications should be filled out and returned to the Union by March 27. Applicants may then sign up for interviews, said Bobby Ferris, senior class president-elect.

All rising seniors are eligible for the different positions. The senior

marshal position is both honorary and service oriented, and most marshals serve as project coordinators. Committee members are not definite positions, Ferris said.

"We will decide who goes where after we determine what we have to work with and who has experience in what areas," he said.

Between 32 and 40 applicants will be accepted as marshals, Ferris said.

Senior Class President Steve Tepper outlined qualities interviewers would look for. "People with enthusiasm and ideas of ways to make a difference. Not only people who can work to achieve something, but the mind to create something."

Ferris said one important aspect of the marshal position would be to act as ushers for this year's May commencement.

"We want people who are energetic and excited about the University and want to give something back to it," Ferris said.

Tepper said a minimum of three hours of work per week was required of marshals. Most spend about eight

hours a week, not only in the office but also in outside time, he said.

The senior class has a set number of marshals, but the organization of committees and projects will change as Ferris and Greg Zeeman, senior class vice president-elect, set their goals, Tepper said.

The new senior class is going to have many new projects and will expand many of the existing projects, Ferris said.

"People who want to make a difference should seriously consider

applying," Tepper said.

Kenna Cloninger, a senior marshal who is co-chairwoman of senior year, said as a marshal she gained a great deal of experience pulling things off with little money and trying to please as many people as possible.

Senior class marshal Lana Lewin said, "I learned how to meet people I didn't know and to work with them as a team."

Merry Penegar said: "I now understand the administration better; they have been very receptive to our projects. Most of the things we do

are not controversial. They help the University."

Tepper said the senior class committees covered a wide range of things including the class gift, alumni relations, career facilitation, philanthropy, homecoming and commencement.

Senior marshal Cathy Ollie said students could be involved in other things and still serve in a senior class position. Students shouldn't worry about not having time, but they should not do it halfway, she said.

## Senior officers seek author to renew class poem tradition

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The Senior Class of 1989 is searching for an author for a senior class poem, one of the many senior traditions class officers have been working on restoring to the University this year.

"We would like to bring back old traditions," said Steve Tepper, senior

class president. "The senior poem seemed to be an interesting thing to bring back."

The purpose of the poem is to leave a lasting, literary impression of the class, Tepper said. In addition, the poem should inspire unity within the class and memories of the seniors' four years at UNC.

Class officers have received a very positive reaction from seniors, said LuAnn Hyatt, co-chairwoman of the Class Commencement Committee. "We hope that by bringing back the tradition now, it will carry on successfully for further years."

The Senior Class would like to bring back other Carolina traditions. "We are starting our bicentennial and want to bring back some of the long-standing traditions of the University," Hyatt said.

Other revived senior traditions include the Fall Germans Dance and

Senior Day.

Members of the class said they were in favor of a class poem.

Sarah Alam, a senior from Elizabeth City, said: "It will bring back some tradition. Hopefully, it will motivate traditional feelings toward the class and bring some sentiment for the future."

Joe McCall, co-chairman of the Class Commencement Committee, said the poem should instill the ideals and spirit of the class. "It will promote

unity. It is also a way for individuals to get involved."

Tepper said any senior could submit a poem for consideration. "We don't want to limit it to just poets. We will be judging its overall impact, and not just its literary skills. It won't be judged like an English teacher would judge it."

The poem should include something with which the class can identify, Tepper said, and it should contain feelings about being a senior.

### Virus

far, Gardner said. The virus was first discovered in the Undergraduate Library Macintosh labs but hit the MSC Davis Library lab software hardest, Langfahl said. "Ninety percent of my software was contaminated. (But) we are 100 percent virus-free now."

The virus has only affected software files, not files created by computer users, Gardner said. "It damaged some of the applications

themselves and some of the system files. So far it hasn't destroyed any documents created by users."

Lab assistants at labs with Macintosh computers are checking students' diskettes for the virus with a software program that determines what files, if any, are infected, Gardner said.

Students with infected diskettes are told to go to the Microcomputer User Service Office to have the contaminated files deleted, he said. "The only

way to vaccinate the diskette is to delete the bad stuff off it."

Students probably could erase the files themselves, Gardner said. "But just to be safe we like to take a look at it to make sure it's done correctly."

The MSC will check for the virus for the next two or three weeks, Furelles said. Software in residence halls will also be checked for the virus, he said.

Deleting application files should

not cause problems for users if they made back-up copies of the programs when they bought them, Gardner said.

None of the sources could say where the virus originated. Several said it may have come from electronic bulletin boards and national computer networks, where users copy shareware or freeware that may be infected. Shareware is software users pay for after trying it. Freeware is software users may copy without cost.

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