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Kemp plans measures for HUD

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Jack Kemp, secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, has released details of his plan to reform the department and correct the administrative failings of former department secretary Samuel Pierce.

The details of what went wrong at HUD under Pierce are still coming to light in an investigation by the Employment and Housing subcommittee of the House Government Operations Committee. Pierce pleaded the Fifth Amendment in hearings Tuesday and failed to clarify his testimony given before the subcommittee in May without an attorney, which has been repeatedly contradicted by subsequent witnesses and documents, according to Graham Dodds, a spokesman at the office of Rep. Ted Weiss, D-N.Y. Weiss is a member of the committee.

The committee questioned Pierce about his management practices and possible ethical infractions that may have contributed to fraud and indiscretion at HUD, Dodds said.

In a brief statement, Pierce said he could not do without counsel. "Initially, I believed counsel to be unnecessary because I thought the subcommittee's proceedings would be non-adversarial and non-accusatory," he said. But now, the subcommittee sees him as a target, Pierce said.

One issue that has brought considerable scrutiny to Pierce involves a housing project in Durham. The federally subsidized apartment for the elderly, known as "Edgemont," was built as a renovation of the Durham Hosiery Mill.

The developer testified earlier to the subcommittee that HUD had promised money to the project in 1982 but later retracted the offer. The money was later made available at Pierce's request, HUD officials have said.

The project was a great success and very effectively met the needs of the Durham area, said Jim Tabron, executive director of the Durham Housing Authority. But the development was a very expensive undertaking with the price coming to \$70,000 per unit, he said.

The committee is concerned about the project, because approval for funding was denied through normal channels at HUD. However, Pierce overrode the decision after speaking with Durham Mayor Charles Markham, a former Pierce law associate, who supported the program. In response to this news, Tabron said that this sort of contact use happens all the time in government and it is not bad unless someone gains an unfair advantage.

Jack Price, also with the Durham Housing Authority, agreed that the project was a success but questioned the high price of its construction. The project cost \$200 per foot compared with an average of \$40 per foot in other housing developments, he said.

This discrepancy indicates considerable waste and financial indiscretion, including money that was used to grease political wheels, he said.

The investigation has also revealed that prominent Republicans and friends of Pierce used their association with Pierce to win contracts for developers. Fees in excess of \$300,000 were paid to some of Pierce's associates.

The Justice Department has begun 618 individual investigations of theft and fraud involving HUD, according to a source at the Justice Department who asked not to be named.

Kemp, Pierce's successor, recently released a four-point plan to reform HUD. The plan includes ending discretionary funds, which are accounts in the HUD budget that can be used to finance projects only with the approval of the secretary. In the past, these funds were not awarded on a competitive basis. Now, Kemp plans to award these funds competitively with sealed bids, said an anonymous HUD source.

Kemp also plans to publish all funding decisions in the Federal Register and hire more auditors to monitor internal accounting. He also wants to require all agents of HUD who deal with property valuation to be bonded to insure honesty and credibility. Fraudulent property valuation is the focus of most of the Justice Department's investigation.

No one at HUD would comment on whether these changes would include purging of other officials or increasing HUD's budget to pay salaries for the additional auditors.

Chapel Hill wins federal funds for park

By KATHERINE SNOW
Staff Writer

The National Parks Service has approved a \$35,000 federal grant to Chapel Hill to help develop a 50-acre park on the south side of town.

"We thought this was a reasonable amount and we are very glad to get it," said Mike Loveman, director of Parks and Recreation for Chapel Hill. "We would have loved to apply for more money, but we knew there was a lot of competition."

The parks service's Land and Water



Outdoor drama

Patricia McEachern takes her French 21 class Anouilh's 'Antigone' in front of Wilson Library on Wednesday afternoon.

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Donations needed to finish shelter renovation

By CHRISTINE THOMAS
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The InterFaith Council (IFC) hopes to collect \$109,000 to complete renovations on the Community Shelter and the new site of the Community Kitchen with about six months left on the project, IFC President Jim Souder said.

The Old Municipal Building on the corner of Columbia and Rosemary streets, which houses the shelter, has been under renovation since Sept. 15, Souder said. The total cost of renovation, which includes removing asbestos and improving the interior, will cost approximately \$526,000.

After the Resolute Building Company, the Chapel Hill-based general contractor, completes the work, the IFC anticipates it will cost \$993,000 to

maintain the shelter and kitchen, Souder said. One-third of this maintenance fund and a portion of the construction fund came from federal grants allocated by the town of Chapel Hill, the Orange County Board of Commissioners, the town of Carrboro and private funds.

"I am optimistic about the financial success of the shelter," Souder said. "As far as the operation of the shelter is concerned, I don't see any problems. It will be better equipped to serve people."

The controversial idea to renovate the old building instead of relocating the shelter was suggested by the mayor's commission and the Chapel Hill Town Council.

The council and other town groups suggested other sites, but opposition from prospective neighbors and town

zoning requirements convinced the council not to move the shelter. Souder said he hoped the business community would react favorably to having the shelter nearby.

During renovation the homeless are being housed in two separate locations. The men's shelter is a dormitory arrangement above the Community Kitchen on Merritt Mill Road. A temporary shelter for women and children is being operated in the basement of the University United Methodist Church.

"We're lucky — the University United Methodist Church took in the female and child guests and have done a beautiful job as host to our clients," Souder said.

Peggy Pollitzer, chairwoman of the shelter program, said the renovation

involved "tearing out the insides of the building."

After the structural renovation is complete, the electrical system and the majority of the plumbing will be reworked. Air conditioning and an elevator will also be installed in the building.

"We (the IFC) hope to have facilities for men and women, a commercial kitchen, a dining area which will seat about 72 people and lounge areas for people to use," Pollitzer said. "There will also be offices and meeting space on the second floor."

Pollitzer said she hoped to expand the medical program that already exists for the shelter. The present medical clinic is conducted one night a week by Orange-Chatham Comprehensive Health Service (OCCHS) and the

Family Practice unit at North Carolina Memorial Hospital.

Chris Moran, staff consultant and coordinator for the shelter, said the renovation plans were going well and operating on schedule. Moran said he had two main expectations that he hoped the shelter would satisfy.

"My largest expectation is to be able to operate the shelter and kitchen together under one roof in a facility designed for those needing assistance. Second, I hope to keep the facility open as often as we can using the existing staff and volunteers."

Moran also said he wanted the shelter to assist visitors who need information, but basically he wanted to "get people off the streets."

Davie re-roofing progresses as part of six-building project

By CHRIS HELMS
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The re-roofing of Davie Hall should be completed within two weeks to a month depending on weather conditions, according to University construction officials.

Repeated patching had originally failed to stop rain leaking into Davie, so the entire roof is being taken off and replaced, said Jim King, a University building inspector. The re-roofing has closed off pathways on the New East side of the building.

The Davie roof has needed repair for some time, according to psychology graduate student Ken Graetz, whose office is on the third floor of the building. "It had been leaking for a year and a half before they came (to repair it last month)."

Graetz said that last semester expensive electronic equipment in Davie had to be covered with plastic to keep the water from damaging it. He also said there were leaks in the psychology reading room and leaks that hit student computers.

The re-roofing of Davie Hall is only part of a University project to re-roof six buildings, said Ed Willis, director of construction administration.

The other buildings scheduled for repair are Chase Hall, Howell Hall, the Morehead Planetarium, the Undergraduate Library and Carroll Hall. The entire project will cost \$690,000, he said.

The re-roofing project began in April and is expected to be completed within several months, depending on the weather, he said. The re-roofing of Chase is almost complete and work on Howell began three weeks ago.

Only one end of the Morehead Planetarium will be re-roofed; the Undergraduate Library roof will be completely replaced; and the Carroll Hall roof will be partially replaced, he said.

The project, originally scheduled for completion by November, has had rain delays that may push back completion into the winter. Inspector King said that



Elwood Thigpen works on a tar machine outside Davie Hall

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rain has been a problem at Davie because two layers of rock will be used, and the first must be dry before a second

can be put down. King said rain was also a problem for the workers because, "If it rains, they can't work."

City Police Roundup

In Chapel Hill:

• A woman reported to police Tuesday that a group of people had followed her from South Square Mall in Durham to Time Out at University Square. She could not describe the subjects and no further action was taken.

• A woman informed police that after shopping at the Timberlyne Food Lion, she had discovered her wallet missing. The woman said she paid for her purchase and placed her wallet in one of her grocery bags. When she returned home she could find neither the bag nor wallet. She contacted Food Lion, but they could not locate the bag.

• Responding to a call at E-5 Townhouse Apts., officers found a four-foot-long lizard. The lizard was transported to the Chapel Hill Animal Shelter.

• A man contacted police Tuesday when he heard what he thought were gunshots on Weaver Dairy Road near Carol Woods. Officers searched the

area and found no one. There are no suspects at this time.

• Police received a report Wednesday from a man who said his bicycle had been stolen. The bicycle had been parked behind Spanky's in an unlocked, fenced-in enclosure. The bike's front wheel was locked in place to the frame, but the bike itself was not secured to any fixed object.

• Evie Hsu was served a warrant Tuesday for concealing a bottle of natural fiber diet pills at the Rite Aid located on East Franklin Street. The total value of the bottle was \$6.99. Hsu was released on a \$300.00 unsecured bond.

• An employee of the Chapel Hill Public Works Department told police Tuesday that someone had removed three signs and stands, and 37 cones from construction sites on Emory Road and Codrington Drive. Police have no witnesses or suspects at this time.

—compiled by Steven Adams

Campus Police Roundup

Charles White, 36, of 120 Merritt Mill Road, was arrested at Davis Library Tuesday at 9:05 p.m. on charges of first-degree trespassing. White was belligerent and resisted arrest. Additional charges were assault on a police officer, resisting, delaying and disorderly conduct. White was placed in Orange County Jail under \$750 secured bond. A bicycle he claims belongs to him is being stored in the UNC compound.

• At about 1:45 a.m. Sunday, fighting broke out in front of the Student Union. Crowd size was estimated at 200 to 400 people. During attempts to break up the fights, gun shots were believed to be heard from the vicinity of Stadium Drive. University officers, with the assistance of Chapel Hill police, cleared the area of people and vehicles. No arrests were made and no injuries reported. Officers were un-

able to verify who was responsible for the possible shots.

• Jewelry valued at \$305 was stolen from an unlocked room in Teague Residence Hall while the owner was out. A missing wallet and contents valued at \$80 were reported stolen from the same room Saturday at 11:43 p.m.

• While two women were in the women's restroom of fourth floor Davis Library Friday at 9:18 a.m., someone slid a photograph under the door.

• A woman was bitten by a cat near Wilson Hall as she attempted to pet it. Police called the Animal Protection Society, which sent workers to catch the cat. The cat could not be located, and a trap was set for it. The woman was treated for the bite at Student Health Service.

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