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Boarding house owner recalls 47 years of change 95 year-old businesswoman has taken in boarders since World War II

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The white house located at 206 W. Cameron Avenue is more than a boarding house — it's a symbol.

For 47 years, this two-story house has been a home to Josephine DeLancey, a woman described by a former boarder as "a lady who represents the best of what we admire in a caring lady."

Eight UNC students call the house home. The students, members of the UNC Fellowship of Christian Athletes, rent the eight spare bedrooms in DeLancey's house.

When the American Tobacco Co. expanded near her Reidsville home in 1942, DeLancey moved to Chapel Hill, bought the house from the Sigma Chi fraternity and went to work for what was then the Bank of Chapel Hill. She has been renting out rooms ever since.

DeLancey, 95, has seen many changes in Chapel Hill and the University in the past 47 years. Back then, rent was \$2 a week, the schools her children attended were right behind her house and Charlie "Choo Choo" Justice was

running through, over and around anyone not wearing Carolina blue.

"Chapel Hill was just a village then," she said.

Rent is now \$115 a month, Chapel Hill schools are spread throughout the town and "Choo Choo" Justice is nowhere to be found on game days, but DeLancey is still Mrs. D., as her boys call her.

Although all DeLancey's boarders are male, she once rented the basement to women. "They would help me with the housework," DeLancey said. "The boys are responsible for cleaning their own rooms and getting their own meals." Sometimes she has to remind one or two of her boarders in a tactful way, as she did Chris Dillon, a law student who has lived in DeLancey's house for three years.

Dillon, who lives in the front bedroom, said he once walked out of his room and tripped over a broom. He said he knew it was time to clean his room.

DeLancey, said she doesn't cook much anymore but enjoyed making cakes and sausage biscuits for the boys.

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said. "When they are going out, they will ask if I need anything or if they can bring me something."

Living with eight boys has certainly kept DeLancey on her toes. Dillon doesn't mind admitting that he still has to cheat to beat her at Scrabble. "She's the cat daddy at Scrabble," said Jimmy Boggs, a second-year boarder at Mrs. D's.

Dillon said DeLancey, who has three

children of her own, used her experiences to send ideas to Bill Keane, creator of "The Family Circus" cartoon.

At Dillon's request, DeLancey brought out issues of U.S. News and World Report in which her political views on former President Ronald Reagan have been quoted twice.

A very modest Mrs. D. showed off an award she won for a poem she wrote. "That's a joke," she said.

DeLancey's other hobbies include watching basketball and football games on television — especially Carolina games. One of her favorite teams is the Boston Celtics. "I used to never miss them, but when Larry Bird stayed out, I quit watching," she said.

Most of all, DeLancey likes watching the Carolina games in which some of her boarders have played. She has had several to watch over the years. Former Carolina athletes like basketball player Steve Hale and football player Rob Rogers have called Mrs. D's home at one time.

DeLancey said she hated to see a school year come to an end because it meant most of her boys will be leaving because of graduation or summer vacation.

The boarders who are leaving or do not remain over the summer decide who fills the vacancies for the next year. "They do a good job picking nice young men. I don't worry about the boys," she said.

Watching DeLancey with her boys, it is easy to see how special she is to them.

"She's the sweetest lady," said Michael Spangler, a boarder of two years. The men said they treat her as one of the boys, which means she hasn't been able to escape some of their practical jokes over the years.

"You know the Oreo cookies, don't you?" DeLancey asked. "Well, one time the boys scraped the white filling out of those and put toothpaste in the middle. I ate one and said, 'I've never tasted a peppermint flavor before.'"

"It's different from any boarding house — because of Mrs. D.," Dillon said.

"It's real homey," said Gary Welch, a first-year boarder.

Kurtis Gentry, another first-year boarder at DeLancey's, said, "This is so much better than a dorm. We have our own room, eight guys you can always count on, cable TV, parking and Mrs. D."

Hakan says commission ready to help Carrboro businesses

By KEVIN GREENE

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Joe Hakan, president of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Downtown Commission, said in the commission's meeting Wednesday that downtown Carrboro merchants lack unity, but the Downtown Commission wanted to make itself available to Carrboro merchants.

"We're here for them when they want us," he said.

The commission's board of directors met at the Western Sizzlin at 304 W. Rosemary St. During the meeting, the board received a committee report on the role of Carrboro merchants in the commission.

According to the committee report, the Carrboro Merchants Association has a strong feeling of resentment toward the Downtown Commission. Carrboro merchants feel they are not directly involved with the actions of the commission.

The report called for dropping the Carrboro name from the commission's title because it is not representing Carrboro merchants, but the board took

no action on the recommendation.

In other matters, the commission passed a motion to co-sponsor and partially pay for a beautification plan for downtown Chapel Hill. The streetscape plan calls for the addition of benches, bike racks, and bus stops through downtown Chapel Hill.

The commission has designated \$4,000 of its \$119,000 1989 budget for streetscaping, while the Town of Chapel Hill has budgeted \$25,000 for the plan.

The Chapel Hill Town Council will review a plan at its next meeting to hold a designer's meeting to establish goals for the beautification project.

Town staff member Dave Rossler said the workshop would include local design professionals who would develop a range of plans and specific ideas for downtown beautification. The workshop, or charette, would be held in a downtown building and be open to the public, he said.

"The charette would display the data and drawings of the design professionals so as to encourage public input,"

Rossler said.

The main purpose of the event, which has been proposed for mid-January, is to serve as a base for a conceptual master plan for streetscaping. The local landscaping architect hired to oversee the streetscaping plan will also direct the workshop, paid for by the Town of Chapel Hill.

The commission also agreed to find a convenient area to hold the event and to supply refreshments to the designers.

"Things are not being done now because there is no master plan for downtown beautification," said Debbie Dibbert, co-director of the commission. She said she strongly supported the idea of a workshop.

Committee Chairman Ken Jackson reported on progress of a proposed parking facility for the Town of Chapel Hill. Chapel Hill architect Mike Hining has been selected to design the facility, which is planned to include between 325 and 350 spaces.

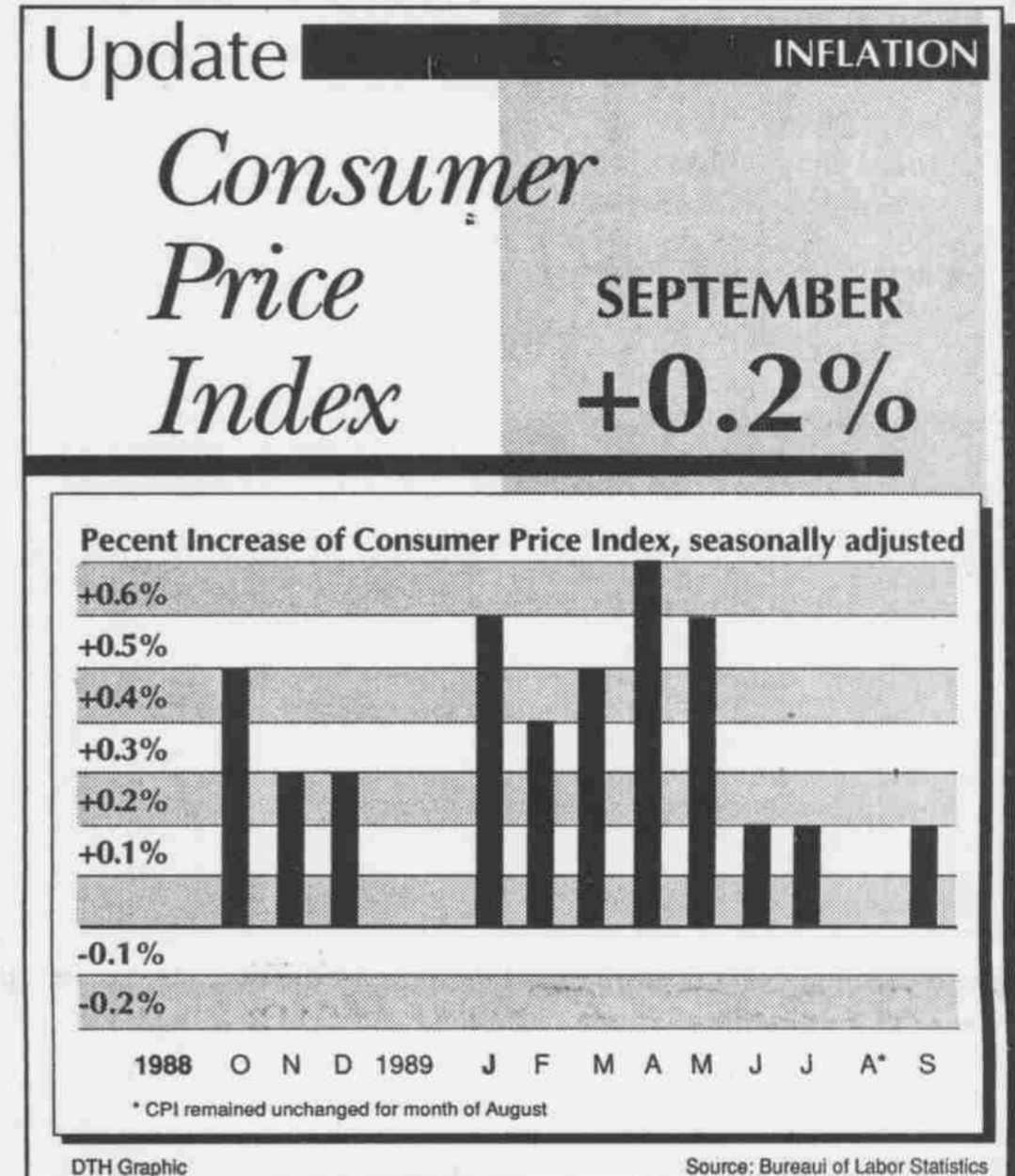
The committee is also forming an

advisory committee to provide an outlet for ideas from special interest groups. "We wanted to form an advisory committee in the initial stages of the project in order to defuse concerns of special interest groups and to avoid possible lawsuits," Jackson said.

Jackson said the committee is deciding the potential for building retail space on top of the parking facility. He said the decision needed to be made in the early stages of development so electrical and plumbing needs would be considered in the design-making process.

As for the cost of the facility, no specific prices were stated, but Jackson said the facility "would pay for itself in less than five years."

Board members also discussed the need for more fund-raising activities for the commission, which came up nearly \$16,000 short in pledges last year.



'Volatile' stock market falls 6 points Wednesday in moderate trading

From Associated Press reports

NEW YORK — The stock market drifted through a mixed session Wednesday in an atmosphere of uncertainty after Tuesday's dramatic swings. The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials slipped 5.94 to 2,653.28.

Advancing issues outnumbered declines by about 9 to 8 in nationwide trading of New York Stock Exchange-listed stocks, with 784 up, 700 down and 474 unchanged.

Volume on the floor of the Big Board came to 155.65 million shares, down from almost a third from the 237.96 million shares traded Tuesday.

The Dow Jones industrial average plunged about 80 points in early trading Tuesday and then rebounded to recoup most of its loss, finishing down only 3.69 points. Analysts said Tuesday's trading typified the market's recent volatile behavior that has put many investors on their guard.

In addition, traders seemed reluctant to make big commitments in advance of the government's report on the gross national product for the third quarter of 1989. The report is scheduled to be released today.

The figures are expected to show a continued slowing of economic growth, possibly setting the stage for lower interest rates and raising questions about the outlook for corporate profits.

The brokerage firm of Smith Barney, Harris Upham & Co. estimates the third-quarter GNP will show an increase at an annual rate of 1.5 percent to 2 percent after adjustment for inflation.

Stocks

DOW JONES INDUSTRIAL AVERAGE

2653.28
down 5.94
Volume: 155 million shares

NORTH CAROLINA STOCKS

| COMPANY | CLOSE | CHANGE | HIGH | LOW | WK. AGO |
|------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| BellSouth | 53 3/8 | - 1/4 | 53 1/2 | 53 1/4 | 53 |
| Duke Power | 52 1/2 | — | 52 1/2 | 52 | 51 5/8 |
| Food Lion | 11 | + 1/8 | 11 | 10 3/4 | 11 1/8 |
| Liggett | 10 1/8 | + 1/8 | 10 1/8 | 10 | 9 7/8 |
| NCNB Corp. | 49 1/2 | - 1/4 | 49 7/8 | 49 1/4 | 49 5/8 |

WEEKLY TREND

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Career Corner:

University Career Planning and Placement Services will not hold its regular resume drop Oct. 30 because companies will not interview during Thanksgiving break. The drops will resume Nov. 7.

Suit against Troll's thrown out; CSCU posting steady growth

By TOM PARKS
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Paliouras Enterprises Inc.'s suit against Troll's Inc. was dismissed Tuesday when neither party showed up at the scheduled hearing, according to court records.

Gary Hughes, owner of Fred's Bar at 157 E. Rosemary St. and a former minority owner of Troll's, said the suit stemmed from a misunderstanding with Paliouras Enterprises, the owner of the bar's lease.

The misunderstanding was cleared up before the suit came to trial.

Hughes has been the bar's owner since last month when he buying out the former majority owner of Troll's. Paliouras Enterprises sued to evict Troll's Inc. last month and revoked the bar's lease for nonpayment of rent. Another lease was then granted to Hughes after he became the bar's sole owner.

CSCU growing steadily

The student-run Carolina Students Credit Union (CSCU), located in the Frank Porter Graham Student Union, has 296 members after two years of operation.

It also has made 34 loans to students and presently has assets of more than \$338,000. Seventeen of the 34 CSCU loans, totaling \$16,000, are outstanding.

CSCU had an initial membership of 12 and asset base of only \$120.

Senior Cameron Cooke, chairman of the union's board of directors, said present membership is slightly lower than the projected figures, but he was happy with the union's progress.

"I'd say we're doing fairly well," he said.

Shift Manager Maria Cattafesta said the CSCU, chartered in April 1987, has made loans to its members for bikes and computers. But the majority of loans were personal loans made to members, she said.

"Everything is geared towards the students to help them as much as possible with their financial needs," Cat-

Carolina Students' Credit Union Rates

SHARE CERTIFICATES

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| 30-89 Days | 8.000 simple |
| 90-179 Days | 8.020/8.349% |
| 180-269 Days | 8.035/8.366% |
| 270-364 Days | 8.035/8.366% |
| 365 Days | 7.895/8.214% |

Compounding is daily. Rates subject to change daily.
\$100 minimum deposit. Insured up to \$100,000.
Rates for longer terms and larger principals are available.

LOANS

| | |
|---------------|--------|
| Share Secured | 10.00% |
| Co-Signer | 13.00% |
| Travel | 16.00% |

Hours: Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Sat. 12:30 p.m.-2 p.m. Phone: 962-CSCU
CSCU is not affiliated with UNC-CH
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tafesta said.

Cooke said the CSCU has long-range plans for checking accounts and an Automatic Teller Machine, but is presently concentrating on internal improvements. Cooke said the CSCU wanted to make sure they are handling the services they offer now in a professional manner before they try to offer new services.

The CSCU handles members' checking needs with credit union checks. The member comes in the day before he or she needs a check and fills out a check log with the necessary information. CSCU will then make out the check. The student can pick it up the next day or have the credit union mail it out, Cattafesta said.

The credit union's appeal to students is in the \$10 minimum account balance and the direct billing of student accounts, according to CSCU's founders. Loans to students begin at a \$200 minimum.

CSCU is a nonprofit organization staffed by student volunteers. It is fully recognized by the National Credit Union Administration. Each account is insured up to \$100,000.

Professor wins software award

Associate Professor Frank Dominguez, director of the foreign language laboratories in the Department of Romance Languages, won an award earlier this month for Spanish Micro-Tutor, a program he designed.

Dominguez' program won the distinguished software award in the Spanish category. The awards are sponsored by the National Center to Improve Postsecondary Teaching and Learning and was announced Oct. 17 at EDUCOM '89 in Ann Arbor, Mich.

The program was one of 22 out of 200 entries to receive awards. The awards are designed to recognize excellence in software applications available to college students.