

Campus and City

Across the Campuses

Chain reaction

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Honor students at the University of Kentucky constructed a paper chain that lined major campus sidewalks to publicize a recent fund-raising campaign for student programs.

Nicknamed "the Great Chain of Being," the 700-foot chain was constructed of hundreds of individual rings of paper. Each individual ring represented \$1 contributed to the fund-raiser, which raised money for honors students' grants and projects, said Mary Ann Cooper, an administrative assistant at UK.

"We sent out a mailing to all of our parents, alumni and faculty on campus," she said in a telephone interview. "For every dollar that was donated, a ring was added to the chain. It was stretched along the major sidewalks on campus."

The paper chain was the students' idea and helped produce a tangible symbol for the fund-raiser, Cooper said. Through the students' efforts, the fund-raiser collected over \$2000.

Once the fund-raiser was completed, the chain was dismantled and the paper from it was recycled, Cooper said.

Play-Doh spells exam relief

CINCINNATI — Law school students at the University of Cincinnati who are stressed-out from studying for their final exams can take a break and go play in the law library's play room.

The law library has stocked a room with games, toys, puzzles and Play-Doh to help students unwind from studying, said Taylor Fitchett, director of the library.

"We noticed students were very frustrated around exam time," she said in a telephone interview. So to remedy the students' exam frustration, the library began serving soft drinks, coffee and candy in one of the library's rooms.

The room, which usually serves as the Urban Morgan Human Rights room, was also stocked with toys, games and coloring books for the students to play with while relaxing, she said.

"All the stuff that you played with when you were a child (is there)," Fitchett said. "About a week before exams, we put the stuff out."

Most students spend no more than 20 minutes in the room, and do not get too distracted from their books, she said.

"It's just a stress reliever," she said. "The students really love it."

Fitchett first began providing toys for students when she was the law librarian at the University of Alabama Law School. The toys helped the law students do something mindless after hours of studying, Fitchett said.

Library party honors book

IOWA CITY, Iowa — Ever been to a party where the guest of honor was a book? Ever been to a party in a library?

The University of Iowa recently held such a party to celebrate the arrival of the school library's three-millionth volume. The book, "Printing for Theatre" by the late Adrian Wilson, was honored by such notable guests as the library staff and University of Iowa President Hunter Rawlings.

Staff, faculty and students were also invited to celebrate the arrival, said Barbara Dewey, assistant to the university librarian. Wilson's wife and daughter were also present for the festivities, she said.

The University of Iowa features the largest library in the state of Iowa and one of the largest research libraries in the Midwest, Dewey said.

Prize dorm room chosen

TEMPE, Ariz. — Students at Arizona State University recently held a contest to determine the best dorm room on campus.

The contest, nicknamed "Better Dorms and Gardens," was originally supposed to be a promotion of ASU's housing department, said Cindy Metzger, residence hall association president, in a telephone interview.

The ASU housing department was preparing a new booklet on university housing and wanted to feature pictures of decorated rooms, she said.

Out of this, the contest for best room was born, Metzger said. The RHA picked one winner, and included at least one room from each of the nine residence halls in the booklet, she said.

The winning room featured bunk beds, framed posters and was clean, she said. "It looked like something you'd really like to live in."

One surprise was the large number of entries from men's rooms and resident assistants' rooms, she said. "It got people to clean up their rooms," Metzger said.

Metzger said ASU's residence halls house nearly 5,000 students.

— compiled by Sandy Wall

Fraternities to begin 'dry rush' today

By DIONNE LOY

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Fraternities across campus have planned activities for the formal "dry rush" period which began today at 7 a.m. and will end Jan. 30 at 7 p.m.

The "dry rush" policy, unanimously passed by the Inter-Fraternity Council in December, bans all alcohol from rush functions. Even if fraternities end rush early and issue their bids before the end of "dry rush," they still may not serve alcohol to their pledges until after 7 p.m. on Tuesday.

The IFC met Tues. night with all fraternity presidents and rush chairmen to clarify points of the policy. Many fraternities had misconceptions, said Rob Beatty, IFC president.

"There's a lot of unclear points," Beatty said. "For instance, some thought

that alcohol was only prohibited on the fraternity property."

Beatty said UNC fraternities were receptive to the new policies. National organizations also were in support of "dry rush," he said.

"UNC was one of the last remaining major campuses with wet rushes. The national organizations are very supportive because of high priced insurance coverage," Beatty said.

The first time a fraternity violates the policy, it will receive a warning. For the second violation, the fraternity will be placed on social probation and it may not mix with a UNC sorority for one month. If the policy is violated a third time, the fraternity will receive two months of social probation.

"IFC has been working closely with the Panhellenic Council, and the so-

riorities have agreed not to mix with a fraternity on probation," Beatty said.

"We've thought about fining, but how do you go about it? We'll just have to wait and see how it goes — the success lies in the priorities of the fraternities."

Beatty said he hoped that "dry rush" would cause the fraternities to use their imaginations and creativity. "Maybe it'll show that there is more to a fraternity than just drinking beer."

Sigma Phi Epsilon has planned dinners, a slide show, a pig pickin' and home-made chili during the Super Bowl for Rush Week. Also, for the last few days, rushees will spend an hour or two with the brothers in a semi-formal setting to learn more about the fraternity, said Glenn Cole, president of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Cole said that members were satisfied with the policy. "The guys are ready to settle down into their classes. They might even be grateful for the break."

Members of Lambda Chi Alpha also agree with the policy, Ken Pilla, rush chairman, said. "It might not work for all the fraternities, but we have no problem with it."

"Lambda Chi already has strong policies against alcohol. We'd rather see guys out here able to have fun without it," he said.

A non-alcoholic ice-skating mixer, comedian night and a triathlon are some events included in the fraternity's Rush Week, Pilla said.

Phi Gamma Delta also plans to include athletics in their rush events with a three-on-three basketball tournament

and a pool tournament. An acoustic band and several planned dinners are also on the agenda.

"No alcohol at rush functions is our national policy," said Hart Miles, president of Phi Gamma Delta. "I think it's going to work. Alcohol isn't necessary for people to get to know each other."

Some fraternities, however, do not think the policy will work this year.

David Harvey, president of Delta Sigma Phi, said the IFC was not completely organized in the implementation of the policy.

"The fraternities did not get to look at the written policy until Jan. 19. Half the fraternities have violated half of the policies without even knowing it."

The fraternity plans to host date functions without alcohol, dinners and sporting events, Harvey said.

Survey questions faculty on research time

By SARAH KIRKMAN

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The academic affairs committee of the student government executive branch is conducting a faculty survey to determine if UNC faculty face problems balancing research and teaching.

Ruffin Hall, director of the academic affairs committee, said student government had become aware over the past year that faculty members may be dis-

turbed about the amount of research they are doing.

"We have no desire to cause upheaval," Hall said. "If no problem exists then it's fine. We just want to see if a problem exists."

The survey will be given randomly to 500 professors, associate professors and assistant professors in two to three weeks, said Tracy Lawson, a member of the committee.

The survey asks faculty about the amount of time they spend on research and classroom activities and about research funding and administrative duties. It also contains space for faculty to include suggestions and detailed information about their concerns.

The academic affairs committee plans to hold a forum after reviewing the results. The forum will allow both students and faculty to express their

views and address issues not included in the survey.

Stephen Baxter, Kenan professor of history, said he thought most faculty members try to do their best in both research and teaching and do not find the two to be in conflict. "None of us have enough time," he said.

James Wilde, associate professor of economics, said teaching and research were complementary because the re-

search may benefit the teaching. He also said that research can interfere with class preparation time. "It's a question of how do I use a two-hour period on Wednesday afternoon?"

Harry Gooder, chairman of the Faculty Council, said he thought the survey was a good idea, particularly for professors in the College of Arts and Sciences, because they have the most contact with undergraduate students.

Aldermen approve study of rail system

By MARY PERIVOLARIS

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The Carrboro Board of Aldermen voted unanimously Tuesday to approve a study of the Triangle Rail Service, which would reduce rush hour and event traffic congestion by 25 percent.

The proposed system would run through Carrboro, Chapel Hill, Durham, Research Triangle Park, Cary, Raleigh and Garner. Although state and federal funding would pay for the cost of construction, the local government would be responsible for operating costs.

Jim Clark, president of the Durham-based coalition Save the Water, spoke to the board about the service. Clark said the construction of a light rail passenger train system linking Raleigh, Durham and Chapel Hill was an alternative to road construction that would preserve clean water and air. It would be better than the state Department of Transportation's (DOT) proposed outer loop roads that would affect the drinking water supply and use up more land, he said. Paved surfaces could result in runoff into drinking water supplies.

The "Triangle Express" would cost \$300 million — less than half the cost of road construction at \$750 million. The mass transit system can achieve

the same transportation goals of the roads for less money while keeping water and air pollution at a minimum, Clark said.

The light rail would help Carrboro businesses, he said. He added that a parking deck and transportation services should be available at the transit stations and that local vendors such as taxi and bus companies would benefit financially.

"This is not a replacement of the automobile," Clark said. The light rail is an alternative to fighting rush-hour traffic, especially on Interstate 40, and would attract commuters by offering cellular phones, facsimile machines and work areas.

But alderman Hilliard Caldwell said he was unsure about the local benefits of the light rail system, and alderman Jacqueline Gist questioned provisions for security for the system.

Clark said the Triangle Express would be a modern station with adequate security provided by the transit authority and not the local police departments.

In other business, the board voted against making a counteroffer to sell two acres of Westwood Cemetery property to the U.S. Postal Service.



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Cash for a cause

Senior Reggie Taylor and sophomore Jeff Carmon of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity present a check

to social worker Sherree Drezner and Verla Insko of the Sickle Cell Anemia Clinic.

Town council postpones S. Columbia St. decision

By JOHANNA HENDERSON

Staff Writer

The two-lane stretch of South Columbia Street between Manning Drive and Purefoy Road will remain two lanes for now.

The Chapel Hill Town Council unanimously passed a resolution Tuesday night that postpones for one year the decision on whether to widen South Columbia Street.

The council requested the extra time

to further review improvement alternatives and to identify sources of funding for the project.

South Columbia Street is a state road, and the \$3 million part of the project planned by the N.C. Department of Transportation (DOT) would be paid by the state. This includes two extra traveling lanes with a center turning lane or a center median. Money for bike lanes, sidewalks, and bus pull-offs would have to be provided by the town.

"We don't have \$2 million sitting in the kitty now," council member Art Werner said.

The council seemed to agree that none of the options facing them were desirable.

Council members were frustrated that the plan offered by the DOT was the only alternative the state would pay for.

Mayor Jonathan Howes said, "This isn't quite what we asked for. We want it improved, but we don't want it to

look like Airport Road."

Council member Joe Herzenberg said he had watched South Columbia during rush hour. He said he saw little congestion but thought it would increase if the road was widened.

Council member Julie Andresen said that the road was not congested but that the surface and the shoulders were in poor condition. She expressed frustration that DOT would not provide money for these improvements.

Earlier that evening a motion by council member James Wallace to accept DOT's solution and money had failed to pass by a 6-3 margin.

Wallace said he did not approach the proposal with enthusiasm, but he realizes that traffic is going to increase whether the council likes it or not. "Why don't we accept what is given?"

Council member Alan Rimer agreed with Wallace, saying one year is a long time to wait before making a decision.

Proposal calls for expansion of drug education in schools

By CHRISTINE THOMAS

Staff Writer

With the war against drugs raging throughout the country, members of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro School Board heard a presentation Monday encouraging them to expand drug education programs for elementary and middle school students.

Board member Carolyn Horn said Monday's presentation concentrated on expanding the professionally produced Quest program. Horn said the program has been introduced into the fourth and fifth grade curriculum as a pilot program.

"The Quest program employs not just getting a knowledge of drugs and the effects of drugs," she said, "but also skills such as relating to others, increasing self-image, resisting to peer pressure and forming better relationships with others."

In addition to the presentation by Susan Spalt, health coordinator for city schools, parents also made a presentation. Parents, as well as teachers, are receiving the proposal enthusiastically, Horn said.

The funding for Quest will come from the local school budget, but Horn said it was mentioned at Monday's meeting that Quest will compete for funding with other programs.

Horn said the board recommended that the Drug Abuse Resistance Educa-

tion program, a nationwide program supported by police departments, be adopted as part of Quest.

Jim Huegerich, crisis unit supervisor for the Chapel Hill Police Department, would be the supervisor of the DARE program for Chapel Hill if it is instituted in Chapel Hill-Carrboro schools.

"This (DARE) is a dynamic program that is blossoming statewide," Huegerich said. "Communities, police departments, teachers and parents are all excited to see it coming."

The emphasis of DARE would be to educate fifth graders in the five elementary schools in Chapel Hill and the one elementary school in Carrboro. A uniformed officer would be trained to teach young people to be prepared for exposure to drugs, Huegerich said.

The four areas of learning in the program are basic information about drugs, tobacco and alcohol; decision-making skills; resisting peer pressure and alternative ideas to drug use. Huegerich said teaching these skills to young people at an earlier age would provide

them with strength to make decisions later in life.

He said he hoped to see the program in schools in the fall of 1990 and officers in the schools this spring to get acquainted with the teachers and the schools. After the school board provides approval to start the program, Huegerich said he would like to evaluate the compatibility of the officers with fifth graders.

Under the recommendation of the school board, the officer who is chosen to teach in the schools would participate in both the DARE training and Quest training this summer.

The state of North Carolina would fund the materials and training for DARE, and the salary of the DARE officer would be paid by the local law enforcement agency.

Huegerich said 15 officers had applied for the one DARE position. Some of the criteria for selecting the DARE officer are writing and communication skills, commitment to the program and commitment to being involved with young people.

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State Rep. Hackney files for re-election

By ERIC LUSK

Staff Writer

State Rep. Joe Hackney, D-Orange, has announced he will seek his sixth nomination for one of the two available seats serving the 24th House District.

Anne Barnes, who occupies the other seat in the 24th District that serves Orange County and ten townships in Chatham County, has also announced her plans to run for re-election.

Hackney and Barnes are the only two contenders to announce their candidacies. The last day to file is Feb. 5.

In a statement released Jan. 12, Hackney cited his experience and seniority as his main reasons for seeking a sixth, two-year term.

"I believe I am in a position to make substantial contributions to the public debate on issues of importance to the future of North Carolina, and of importance to our district," he said.

Hackney, who lives in Chapel Hill, has also announced interest in running for Speaker of the House in 1991 if he is re-elected. Reps. Robert Hunter, Jack Hunt, and Joe Mavretic, the present speaker, have also expressed plans to run for the position.

Tim Kent, executive assistant to the speaker, said Mavretic would seek re-election as speaker if elected

to another term. Candidates must receive at least 61 of the 120 possible votes from House members to win the position.

Hackney said his reasons for pursuing the speaker position stemmed from his desire to unify a divided Democratic party within the House.

Hackney spent most of the last session of the General Assembly working on issues concerning the environment and criminal law and said he hoped to follow up on his projects if re-elected.

"One of my goals is to follow up on an aggressive solid waste bill that assists local governments with this growing problem," he said. "I also hope to further advances in environmental matters and women's issues, such as pro-choice legislation."

Barnes said she thought Hackney was esteemed by most House members and well respected for his expertise on environmental issues.

"Obviously everyone doesn't agree with all that he says, but most respect his credibility," she said. "He is well regarded and is trusted by most of the members."

In addition to his duties as a representative in the House, Hackney operates a 100-acre farm in Chatham County and practices law in a private firm in Chapel Hill. He graduated from the UNC School of Law and began his practice in 1970.