

LOCAL

Bikers rack brains looking for parking spaces

By SUSIE KATZ
Staff Writer

If that daily bicycle trek to campus has turned into a nightmare—welcome to the UNC bike rack zone.

Parking a bicycle on campus has become an adventure for many students who are unable to find a legitimate place to safely lock their bikes.

Trees are popular places to lock up bikes. Penny Bakatsias, a senior from Charlotte, said she locks her bike to trees or just locks the tire to the frame and leans it against a building when she

can't find a spot at a bike rack and is going to be late for class.

"I just wish there were more bike racks," she said. "It's a lot safer for it to be locked to a bike rack or to a pole than it is putting it against the side of a building."

Stephanie Long, a senior from Hickory, said it would be easier to find places to park if other bikers would be more considerate when locking up their bikes to leave space for others.

"(The bike racks) are just too sloppy," she said. "You can't get (your bike) in

and out."

Gretchen Diffendal, Residence Hall Association president, said there may be a way for students to get more bike racks, especially near the residence halls.

"That's why the RHA has enhancement funds," Diffendal said. "It's possible that an area government could request that (to purchase bike racks)."

It would have to be looked into because enhancement rules dictate exactly what those funds may and may not be used to purchase, she said.

John Gardner, transportation planner

for the Department of Transportation and Parking, said, "There are some places on campus where there aren't enough racks. We've documented that."

The freeze on money available to the University makes it difficult to do anything about that, he said.

"The issue is money. We don't have funds identified for bicycle racks," Gardner said.

Gardner said U-shaped racks are the best type to install because they are secure and coated with vinyl to prevent scratching the finish off of bicycles.

Each rack would hold three bikes and would cost about \$60 apiece, not including installation.

Transportation and Parking also has looked at buying bicycle lockers.

People using the lockers probably would be charged about \$35 to \$40 a year per bike to defray the cost of the lockers, which is about \$500 for a locker with compartments for two bikes, he said.

Gardner said the lockers could be a possibility if students or faculty members showed an interest in renting them.

State BRIEFLY

Prison count falls below Supercap level

RALEIGH — The population of North Carolina's prisons dipped Tuesday, causing the Supercap provisions of the Emergency Prison Population Stabilization Act to expire after one day.

The emergency expired when the number of inmates dropped below 18,715. This was the 12th time this year the Supercap has been triggered.

Under the provisions of the Supercap, the Parole Commission is required to include most parole-eligible felons in the pool to be considered for early release.

The prison cap emergency, triggered July 26, remains in effect.

The Parole Commission has until Oct. 23 to reduce the state prison population to no more than 18,153 inmates under that provision.

N.C. Attorney general to visit Soviet Union

RALEIGH — Attorney General Lacy Thornburg will represent the National Association of Attorneys General in an exchange with the Soviet Union to be held in Moscow next week.

Thornburg said with the improving political and economic relationship between the United States and the Soviet Union, the Moscow Conference on Law and Bilateral Economic Relations comes at a perfect time.

"The Soviets are becoming more interested in using laws and legal institutions to achieve democratic freedom, individual rights and free markets," he said.

UNC cancer center receives donation

The Lineberger Foundation Inc. of Belmont has donated \$1 million to the Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center at UNC.

Half of the gift, announced Tuesday, will be used for the center's endowment. The rest will go toward a \$15 million fund-raising drive to add three floors to the Lineberger Building.

Americans fleeing Gulf arrive Thursday

RALEIGH — North Carolina will receive its first planeload of Americans fleeing the Persian Gulf crisis on Thursday, when more than 300 people will use the state's repatriation center to re-enter the United States.

Renee Hoffman of the N.C. Department of Crime Control and Public Safety said 315 to 330 people are expected to arrive on a Boeing 747 at Raleigh-Durham International Airport. Special facilities have been set up in Terminal B, which had been closed more than a year ago as new terminals were opened, she said.

"North Carolina was one of the sites that was chosen because our Emergency Management Division has a real good reputation for dealing with emergencies," Hoffman said. Other displaced Americans have returned to Dulles International Airport outside Washington, D.C., and to Charleston, S.C.

State officials will provide immigration and customs services and virtually any other service the incoming Americans need, including medical care, transportation, communications assistance, food, loans and child care.

"We expect a whole lot of children," Hoffman said. North Carolina had its repatriation program in place long before Iraq invaded Kuwait, she said.

"Our Division of Emergency Management is very proactive," Hoffman said. "They don't sit on their hands waiting for something to happen." However, recent disasters including tornadoes in 1988 and 1989 and Hurricane Hugo last year helped emergency officials hone their skills, she said.

"We've had enough practice dealing with emergencies to know how to handle them," Hoffman said.

— From Associated Press reports

Hildebolt, Heyd strive for communication, unity

By NANCY WYKLE
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Student Congress Speaker Matt Heyd and Student Body President Bill Hildebolt are working to make congress and the executive branch more accessible to students.

The two student leaders are trying to prevent conflicts that occurred last year within student government from happening again.

Former Student Body President Brian Lewis and former Student Congress Speaker Gene Davis had problems resolving conflicts over appointments and

breakdowns in communication, according to a 1989 Daily Tar Heel article.

Heyd said there were many people who returned to government and congress despite the problems last year. "Even with turbulence last year, you see more people returning," he said.

"The elections last year indicated students wanted to be treated fairly by the legislative and executive branches," Hildebolt said he and Heyd communicate well and work well together. "I think the biggest difference between Matt and I, and Gene and Brian is we're really open with each other," he said.

Congress member Jürgen Buchenau (Dist. 3) served on congress last year and said relationships have improved. "Last year we had a lot of last-minute maneuvering and backroom politicking, and that's not happening this year."

Mark Shelburne (Dist. 8), Congress Rules and Judiciary Committee chairman, worked in the executive branch of government under Lewis. He said he was told by student government members to choose between the branches because they didn't think Lewis and Davis could get along.

Buchenau said Heyd has improved

congress' image, but appearances receive too much emphasis. Internal work needs to be done, and members need to focus more on their jobs, he said.

Heyd's method of managing congress has its disadvantages, Buchenau said. "I feel there's a certain lack of (new congress members) don't know rules and they don't know the (Student) Code."

Heyd said he is making many structural changes in congress. "We are trying to make congress more relevant to what's going on," Heyd said.

In the past, congress members have

lost touch with the student body to some extent, he said. This year's congress is more service-oriented, Heyd said. "A lot of them (congress members) feel strongly about going out and doing things for the student body."

Members of congress are evaluating the budget process and are trying to develop a system that treats everyone fairly, Heyd said.

Hildebolt recommended congress listen to students more, Heyd said. Congress is trying to do that through public hearings, he said. "Congress' role is to bring together student opinion."

Sheriff's department gains funds to aid domestic violence victims

By PETER WALLSTEN
Staff Writer

Victims of domestic violence now have someone they can talk with in county government, thanks to a two-year \$40,000 federal Victims of Crime Act grant.

"I'll be there as an advocate to kind of give them advice," said Jan Stone, who began working in the Orange County sheriff's department last Tuesday. "I'll be contacting the (victims) and telling them that I'm here to help."

Stone, originally from Maine, worked for 10 years in Craven County after opening a shelter there for victims of domestic violence. She said the situation here was like the one in the eastern part of the state.

"It's real similar here," she said. "We have the outlying, rural counties with many women who don't have phones or ways to communicate with us."

Stone's job will include working directly with victims of domestic violence to help them prepare for court cases. In addition to working with the clerk of court during the cases, Stone said she was planning to patrol with county deputies to learn more about the community.

Stone will also work in conjunction with the Orange-Chatham Coalition for Battered Women, which was active with the sheriff's department in getting the grant.

"We are very excited about it and

strongly believe it will improve service to battered women in Orange County," said Dana Lindquist, director of development and community relations for the 13-year-old coalition.

Lindquist also said Stone should prove to be a great asset to the community.

"We're also very excited about the person selected for the position," she said. "She has a tremendous amount of experience and expertise, and is well respected for what she does."

Stone will try to make matters simpler for domestic violence victims when they decide to take legal action, Lindquist said.

"The idea is that it's coordination of all the points of the system that battered women are involved with," Lindquist said. "A lot of victims were saying, 'Gosh, if there were just one person that had an overall view of what was going on before I reach the D.A.'"

County officials decided nearly three years ago such a position was necessary in the community when coalition workers asked women staying at the coalition's shelter what types of services would be helpful, Lindquist said.

In 1989 the coalition tracked about 850 cases of assault on females, Lindquist said, adding that the 24-hour crisis hotline received 918 calls during the last fiscal year.

But the statistics are misleading because the coalition is simply incapable

of counting all the cases, Lindquist said. Also, "countless" women never call for help because they are either scared or their abusers are not allowing them to do so, she said.

"We're just looking at the tip of the iceberg with those figures," she said.

County officials are excited about clamping down on domestic violence, Stone said.

"The sheriff's department seems really supportive," Stone said. "The officers all seem supportive and want to help victims. The (district attorney's) office also seems very supportive."

The killing of Dawn Jolly last year focused attention on the issues surrounding domestic violence in Orange County. But Stone said the number of incidents here was not drastically different from anywhere else.

"Pretty much the problems and incidents per population number is going to be about the same," she said.

Many times battered women need an advocate from whom they can get advice because the abusers try to keep their victims from getting help, she said.

"If they're living at home with the abuser, they're going to be, as I say, killed with kindness, because there are periods of reconciliation after the incidents when the victim may decide not to call for help," Stone said. "Or, (the abuser) is going to threaten her and keep her from calling. Really that woman is in danger staying there with the man."

Chapel Hill flag ready for colorful debut

By CHRISTINE THOMAS
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When the newly renovated and expanded Chapel Hill town office building opens later this year, Chapel Hill officials hope they will have a flag to present to the town.

Nancy Preston, Chapel Hill Town Council member and head of the Flag Design Committee, said she hoped to see the flag flying over the town office building in December. Preston has been in charge of the town building committee, which directed the building of the town hall expansion. Preston said that renovations on the older building were still under way.

In December 1989, town council member Joe Herzenberg, Mayor Jonathan Howes and Preston sponsored a petition to the town council for an official town flag design. Preston said she initially presented the idea for a town flag to the council with the idea of having the flag project completed

sometime in December.

According to the petition, the flag would "serve as a symbol of citizens' pride in this special community."

In addition to having a flag at the town hall, Preston said there was a possibility flags would be made available for citizens to purchase. The flag might be flown over other town buildings as well. The council will wait until after the design is approved to make final plans on the actual number of flags purchased and where those flags will be sent.

The process for choosing a flag design began with Howes' appointment of a Flag Design Committee. The seven-person committee consists of two council members, Mayor's Assistant Lisa Price, two members of the Community Appearance Commission and two citizens at large.

The Flag Design Committee began the design process by first meeting to discuss "Chapel Hill and the quality about Chapel Hill as an entity of its

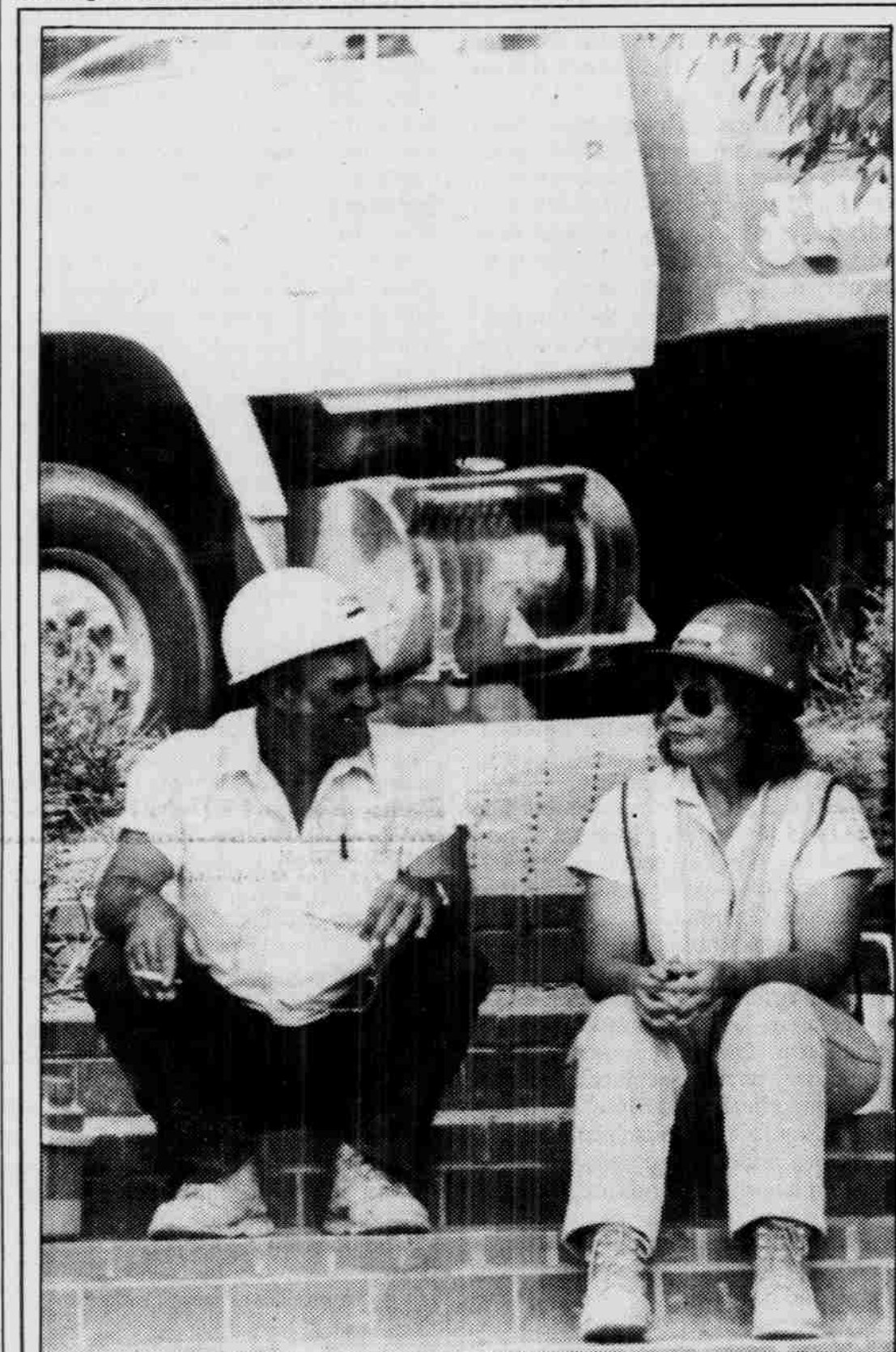
character," Preston said the committee wanted a flag design that typified the ideas they discussed.

After interviewing artists who submitted design ideas, Preston said the selection of designs was narrowed to nine. These nine designs were displayed at the town hall, the public library, UNC Student Stores, Rite Aid Discount Center on Franklin Street and University Mall.

Through an informal vote at these display stations, residents and University students chose the design submitted by artist Spring Davis. His design is divided into three horizontal sections. The upper section is a light blue sky, the middle section consists of a silhouette of town buildings against a chevron of white and the lower portion is green, "which typifies the environmental concerns of Chapel Hill," Preston said.

The flag design will be presented to the public during the Sept. 24 town council meeting.

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All in a day's work

Construction workers Steve Rose and Nancy Wood take a break from work Tuesday afternoon to discuss their progress.

Pavilion on Franklin development continues without project partner

By SHARYN TILL
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The Pavilion on Franklin, a retail complex featuring Ann Taylor, Ralph Lauren Polo, Banana Republic and Laura Ashley stores, continues on schedule despite the withdrawal of partner Davidson and Jones Corp.

West Franklin Preservation Partners remains the only partner in the Pavilion on Franklin project. A spokesman from Davidson and Jones said the firm pulled out because of "business reasons." The company could not be reached for further comment.

Jack Behrman, a West Franklin Preservation Partner, said the project would continue without Davidson and Jones. However, he said, a new partner is needed to complete the project.

"We're looking for financing, which is what Davidson and Jones guaran-

teed," Behrman said. "We are in contact with potential partners."

When asked who might replace Davidson and Jones, Behrman said, "No way would I embarrass any of them by mentioning them now."

The last piece of commercial property for sale on Franklin Street will house the Pavilion. Pledger said the Cat's Cradle, which temporarily occupies that space now, will be moved early next year.

"We'll be working with Frank Heath (owner of the Cat's Cradle) for a permanent place," Pledger said. "It's hard to find 4,000 square feet in Chapel Hill."

The corner of West Franklin, Rosemary and Church streets will support the five-story, 70,000-square-foot retail and commercial center. Joseph Hakan designed the \$11 million development.

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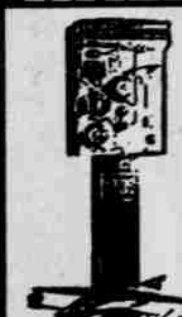
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