

Changes to Bus Schedules, Stops Begin Today

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Several changes to the Chapel Hill Transit bus lines will take effect today as the Triangle Transit Authority assumes operation of the Green Line and new bus stops begin service for all routes serving University Mall and the Southbridge Neighborhood of Chapel Hill.

The Green Line has been operated by Chapel Hill Transit for 2 1/2 years under contract to the Triangle Transit Authority. Chapel Hill Transit, funded by the towns of Chapel Hill and Carrboro and by the University, will turn over the operation of the line to the TTA today.

Chapel Hill Town Council member Joe Capowski said the transfer of route operation would not affect Chapel Hill financially.

"It was revenue neutral," Capowski said. "We just changed them what it cost us to run the service. The TTA physically did

not operate that bus. Now, the TTA has bought its own buses to use on the route."

The Green Line will continue to follow the same schedule on its route between UNC Hospitals and Research Triangle Park.

One of the new bus stops will affect riders going to University Mall, including those on the weekday F and G lines and the Saturday C, F, D/J and Blue lines. Passengers will be dropped off and picked up at the shopping center's new bus stop. The new stop is located along the sidewalk between the K&W Cafeteria and Belk's department store.

The bus stop is being relocated to allow for the construction of a new entrance to the mall, said David Alston, spokesman for Chapel Hill Transit.

Alston said Chapel Hill Transit hoped to put up a bench and shelter for the new bus stop if it was approved by the University Mall management.

The new location of the stop will not

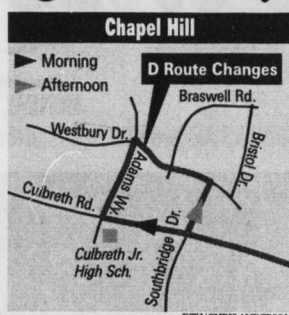
affect the arrival or departure times of the buses.

The schedule of the D route service to the Southbridge neighborhood of Chapel Hill will change today to accommodate the route's new layover point, which has changed from Westbury Drive to Culbreth Middle School.

Trips scheduled to arrive at or depart from the neighborhood before noon will go to the middle school before servicing Southbridge. The departure times from the Southbridge stop of the D route schedule in the 1994-95 Chapel Hill Transit Guide should be used to determine when to catch the morning buses.

Afternoon trips will run a reverse loop, serving Southbridge before the middle school. Afternoon buses will serve Southbridge at the published arrival times for the Southbridge stop of the D route.

The new Eubanks Road Park and Ride lot for the North-South Express should open at 6:30 a.m. today as originally



planned, Alston said. He said construction delays were to have postponed the opening until February.

The lot will accommodate 400 cars. Buses will leave every 20 minutes during morning and afternoon rush hours and every 30 minutes during the rest of the day.

Nike, Smith Sponsor New Carrboro Basketball Court

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The children of Carrboro got a new place to play following the dedication of Carr Court on Saturday, thanks to Nike Inc. and UNC men's basketball coach Dean Smith.

Smith and Nike provided the funds for the construction of a new basketball court off of Brewer Lane, replacing the previous court, which had only one basket. The cost of the project was estimated to be between \$20,000 and \$30,000.

"The prior court was only a concrete slab," said Don Lockerbie, chairman of the Olympus Group, which develops sports facilities and participated in the Carr Court project.

Lockerbie said he thought that Carrboro had been selected because of Nike's prior involvement with athletics at the University. Last fall, Nike signed a \$4.7 million deal with the UNC athletic department. Lockerbie said that John Lotz, assistant athletic director at UNC, had worked closely with Nike to construct the new basketball court.

"It was my understanding that Nike, which has a strong relationship with the athletic department (of the University), selected a place to provide a town-gown

relationship," Lockerbie said. The new Carr Court is part of Nike's nationwide initiative PLAY, Participate in the Lives of America's Youth, which sponsors the development of athletics in communities.

PLAY is co-chaired by Olympic athlete Jackie Joyner-Kersey and Michael Jordan. The Carr Court project is the eighth in the nation sponsored under the PLAY program.

"The focus (of PLAY) is to encourage communities to increase their involvement in sports. Nike is the corporate leader in developing sports in areas where sports would be beneficial," Lockerbie said. He said he thought the court would be well used.

"There were 50 to 60 kids at the dedication ceremony. I would expect two to three times that many to use the court," he said. "I think the community will find the court comfortable to play on. It is no longer a hard concrete slab."

The pad for the new court, which took two and a half months to construct, is made of recycled Nike athletic shoes.

Lockerbie said he thought the new basketball court would be a place where the community could come together as well as a place where UNC athletes could become involved by volunteering their time.

V Foundation Donates \$100,000 to Lineberger

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Bob Valvano, brother of late N.C. State University head basketball coach Jim Valvano, said that other than some "really horrendous golf," the Jimmy V Celebrity Golf Classic held in Cary this summer was a huge success.

Frank McCann, executive director of the tournament, backed that up in a big way Dec. 21 by presenting \$350,000 to the V Foundation set up by Jim Valvano before he died of cancer in April 1993.

Representatives of the foundation presented \$100,000 each to the UNC Lineberger Cancer Center, the Duke University Comprehensive Cancer Center and Sloan-Kettering Memorial Hospital in New

York.

The V Foundation, whose mission is to fund cancer research and spread awareness of the disease, had come under fire in recent months for allowing its license to expire and for being slow to spend any of the money it had collected on charities.

These donations marked the group's first major allocation of funds.

Dr. Joseph Pagano, director of UNC's cancer center, accepted the donation to UNC.

He said the money would be used toward the construction of the James Valvano Cancer Research Laboratory in a new building at the center.

"I think it was terrific," Pagano said. "It's a good example of the kind of teamwork needed for cancer research to be

successful."

Dr. Gerold Bepler of Duke University Comprehensive Cancer Center said the money allocated to the Duke center would be used to further research on lung cancer, which he said killed more people each year than any other cancer.

Duke head basketball coach Mike Krzyzewski was on hand to present the check to the Duke center.

He said Jim Valvano would have been proud of the foundation's efforts. "Instead of just talking the talk, we're walking the walk."

The inaugural Jimmy V Celebrity Golf Classic, held at Prestonwood Country Club in Cary in August, attracted more than 40 celebrities and 30,000 spectators, more than twice the expected number.

The charity golf tournament likely will be conducted at the same time next year, said Bob Lloyd, president of the V Foundation.

In other business Dec. 21, V Foundation officials announced the organization would be moving its headquarters from New York to an unknown location in the Triangle.

Lloyd said the generally positive environment of the area and the fact that Valvano had reached the height of his coaching career here had prompted the move.

One of the first responsibilities of Keith Inman, who was named the new director of the Jimmy V Foundation Dec. 21, will be to select the exact location for the headquarters.

Jones said that while the University was willing to negotiate, it was not interested in rewriting the contract.

"There is a contract. We are willing to talk about how we might better define the meaning of the contract," he said.

"We're not looking to rewrite; we're looking to remove any ambiguities that may exist."

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in leadership." He said the committee would expect the next chancellor to remain in the position for "the five to seven years you hear about classically."

Harris also used the press conference to respond to several issues surrounding the committee's dynamics. The committee is perhaps too large, he said. Other universities have typically used 10- to 12-person committees, compared with UNC's 22.

"Some people just can't spend as much

board officers and town officials," Billingsley said.

"Things that are understood at the time are not necessarily understood now. It may be time to revisit those decisions."

Although there has been mention of legal action in order to change the contract to make the University accountable for these availability fees, Billingsley said he did not feel that would be necessary.

"That's being conjectured," he said. "The University is our biggest customer, using 30 percent of our services," he added.

"We have a good relation with the University."

"I don't want to anticipate the legal action."

"The OWASA board and the University administration are quite capable of reaching an adequate understanding."

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Billingsley said that OWASA had established a committee to discuss the possibility of altering the contract with University officials but said that the committee had not met yet because of the holiday season.

Julie Andresen, chairwoman of the OWASA Board of Directors, said the committee would work to clarify the points of the contract in order to negotiate with the University.

"We have established a committee of the board that will study legal advice with our attorney and negotiations which have been ongoing between the University and OWASA which the board did not know about," she said.

Andresen added that she was not altogether clear on all of the issues relating to the debate.

Billingsley said UNC had been able to negotiate the exemptions because of its financial stake in the water and sewer service in the county.

"(The University) owns the water system and half of the sewer system, and in negotiating the price, the people making the decisions entered into this contract," Billingsley said.

"UNC felt they were selling these utilities at a depressed rate and thus they were entitled to these exemptions."

He said OWASA was debating altering the exemption policy because the system was outdated.

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