

Board seeks new zoning regulations

Wallace Kuralt paid an extra \$17,000 in order to set up a \$2,000 trailer.

BY JIM VINSON
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The Carrboro Board of Aldermen began the process of re-examining zoning regulations at Tuesday's meeting. Wallace Kuralt, owner of the Intimate Bookshops on Franklin Street and in Eastgate Shopping Center, said he bought a mobile home for his newly wed son and found out after the fact that existing zoning regulations cost him between \$8,000 and \$10,000 more than expected.

He said regulations specified the home was to be taken off axles and wheels and surrounded by a masonry foundation in order to preserve appearance, rather than add structural support. The roof's dimensions also had to be increased and steps had to be built on both sides, but none of the changes had safety reasons. All are simply for cosmetic value, he said. "We put it behind the house where nobody can really see it, not even us," he said. "It sounds like a move just to keep people from putting up trailers."

Alderman Hilliard Caldwell said he was part of the board that created the aesthetic ordinance 10 years ago but the zoning regulations were out-dated. "I admit it was a mistake making such stringent rules regarding mobile homes in Carrboro town limits," he said.

Although Kuralt said he was unhappy about the money he was forced to pay for the visual improvements to the mobile home, he was glad the aldermen have been discussing changing the ordinance. "A number of (aldermen) were upset that we were subjected to unfair restrictions," Kuralt said.

Kuralt said he had been in the area for around 30 years, and at that time the land on which he lives was not part of Carrboro.

Now, though, Kuralt receives all the services provided by Carrboro and is subject to the town's jurisdiction, so the mobile home must fit the zoning regulations, Alderman Jacquelyn Gist said. "If this had been a pre-existing condition, then it would've been grandfathered in, but since it wasn't a pre-existing structure, it wasn't exempted," Gist said about the mobile home.

She said the ordinance existed to restrict large business, but as a zoning ordinance, it still applied to all residents. "It seems ridiculous, on the surface, that Kuralt had to pay \$17,000 to move his son and his son's new bride into a \$2,000 trailer," Gist said. "The ordinance wasn't meant for this, but unfortunately it has done it."

Campuses shoot for arid, extra dry rushes

Students question how effective dry rush will be as it only lasts a short time.

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The drive to implement dry rush spreads far beyond the boundaries of UNC.

Those in charge of overseeing rush point to the Interfraternity Council as their main weapon in the anti-alcohol push.

"IFC executive officers walk around during rush events for men," said Cori Pemberton of Colorado State University.

"There's no alcohol during rush."

On the other hand, David Swick, a member of the Delta Sigma Phi fraternity at the University of Texas at Austin, said the IFC needed to rethink their dedication to enforcing dry rush.

"There's definitely more they can do to enforce rules and policies," he said. "Until they do, rules will continue to be broken."

Cathy Marcel, the director of Greek affairs at Louisiana State University, said despite the death of a pledge member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon on Tuesday after apparent binge drinking at a party to celebrate the end of rush week, the school strictly enforced its dry rush policy.

"We make every effort to see that rush is dry, and it is," she said.

"We have been known to check out after-hour parties, and if we find violations we will fine the parties involved."

A member of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity at University of Texas at Austin, who wished to remain anonymous, said dry rush was not as easy to enforce as some made it appear.

"Formal rush is more than just rush week itself," he said.

"Basically IFC just wants a schedule for what you do during rush week and that is the only thing that's dry."

He said he thought the idea of a dry fraternity was pushing the edges of the envelope.

"As far as making fraternities dry, that is a silly notion because the campus is not dry," he said.

"Why can't the fraternities drink if other people on campus are?"

Tom Lorz, assistant Greek liaison for Colorado State said he realized dry rush was impossible to enforce.

"It's relatively well-complied with, but we are joking ourselves to think that it is completely dry," he said. "Outside are those events that people sneak off to like bars and parties."

"At some point there is no way that can be policed."

Lorz said violations of the dry rush policy could usually be detected through simple word of mouth.

"Freshmen have no loyalty to these organizations; they have loose lips," he said. "They go bragging back to their friends and it filters up, and the IFC finds out."

Lorz said the IFC would follow up on any alleged violations of which they learned.

"We will call up the fraternity and let them know we are aware and they will get in serious trouble," he said.

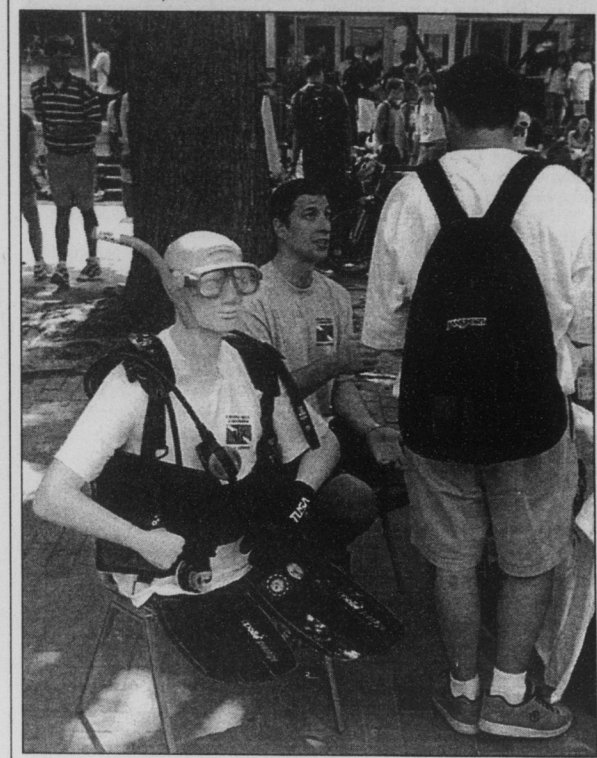
Though some universities seem to grapple with the idea of a completely dry rush, other schools' officials said they strictly adhered to the policy.

"Our rush is completely dry, for men and women," said Kyle Pendleton, the

Greek liaison for San Diego State. Pendleton said he thought getting caught participating in a wet rush was one of the most serious offenses.

"There are two things that a fraternity or sorority can lose their charter over quicker than anything else; those are hazing and wet rush."

20,000 CLUBS UNDER THE PIT



Peter Bolish talks to a potential scuba diver at the sports club fair Wednesday. Students hoping to join their favorite sport crowded the Pit.

County not planning its own welfare plan

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Orange County will not be one of the counties to take advantage of the new welfare reform law, which essentially allows some counties to design and implement their own welfare systems.

Kevin Fitzgerald, director of the state Department of Social Services, said the new bill would strengthen the current Work First program and allow counties to develop their own programs.

"The flexibility of the bill will allow counties to look at their specific economy and remove the barriers to welfare reform," Fitzgerald said.

But not all counties are interested in creating a local welfare program.

"The counties that are interested must send a letter of resolution to the House that indicates their interest," he said.

"So far, 31 counties have submitted a letter to the House," Fitzgerald said, adding that Orange County was not among them.

Martha Prior-Cook, director of Social Services for Orange County, said the Department of Social Services board supported the Senate plan, which proposes statewide eligibility requirements.

"Welfare eligibility should be the same statewide," Prior-Cook said.

"The same basic support should be offered to recipients no matter where they live."

Orange County Commissioner Margaret Brown said she did not support individual welfare systems because

they could lead to certain inequalities among counties.

She said that individual plans could cause some counties to have really good programs and others to have poor programs, depending on the resources in a particular county.

"This could cause people to gravitate to counties that have better programs," Brown said.

"Welfare should be like taxes, the same throughout the state."

Phyllis Gibbs is a county commissioner in Guilford County, one of the counties that submitted a letter of resolution to the House.

"I think that because we are better attuned to the needs of our community we can develop a better program than someone sitting in Raleigh," Gibbs said.

Graduate students gain new leadership program

Fifty graduate students have signed up for the 15 weeks of workshops.

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Graduate and professional students now have the opportunity to benefit from the Carolina Leadership Development program, which has traditionally served undergraduates.

"Carolina Leadership Development has had very strong programs for undergraduates for the last 18 years, and we wanted to expand those programs to graduate and professional students," said Paul Ilecki, assistant dean for academic and students affairs in the graduate school.

The program is a series of approximately 15 workshops, each lasting 1 1/2 hours, which will be held throughout the academic year.

Students will have the opportunity to develop an understanding of their own leadership skills and increase their knowledge of the core skills of a successful leader.

"The graduate school, in conjunction with the Carolina Leadership Development, is offering for the first time ever leadership development seminars developed for and targeted at graduate and professional students," said Katherine Kraft, president of the Graduate and Professional Student Federation.

Cynthia Wolf Johnson, associate vice

"We want to provide graduate students the opportunity to gain strength in leadership."

CYNTHIA WOLF JOHNSON
Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs

chancellor for Student Affairs and the director of Carolina Leadership Development, said, "The training workshops have clearly taken into place the fact that graduate students may have had prior work experience."

Ilecki said the program was established to enhance the skills of graduate students as they prepare to enter the work force after graduation. He also said the program would help the students become more effective leaders on campus.

With any leadership development forum, the goal is to enhance and develop necessary skills to manage and organize people, Kraft said.

"I think it is very beneficial to our campus to recognize that the educational needs of our graduate students aren't limited to library and bench-top skills," Kraft said.

The program has generated plenty of excitement, Ilecki said.

"We have had a tremendous response, with over 50 preregistered students," he said.

The classes seem to be offering useful skills, said Richard Allen, a fifth-year graduate student in neurobiology.

"It looked like something I could use in my teaching and my career," he said.

Allison Boney, a second-year graduate student in chemistry said she was looking forward to the experience.

"I thought it would be a great opportunity to work with people outside of science and have a voice in the graduate-student community."



Graduate and Professional Student Federation President KATHERINE KRAFT said the programs would give students organizational skills.



Jamie Dowd (right), who was charged with cheating and plagiarism, was found not guilty during a mock hearing by new members of the attorney general's staff and the Honor Court on Wednesday.

Honor Court holds mock hearings

BY ELLIE MCGINNESS
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New members of the attorney general's staff and the Honor Court are testing their skills this week in a series of mock hearings.

Honor Court cases are confidential, and normal hearings are closed to the public. Mock hearings provide an opportunity to view the system.

In a mock hearing Honor Court members stage a case and try a defendant based on fake charges.

"These cases are made up by senior council members and the students are then assigned to be on the investigative or the defense councils," said Anna Jett, who is in charge of the training process for the new members.

Judicial Programs Officer Margaret Barrett said, "Much of the work for the

case is done before the actual hearing."

Attorney General Charles Harris said the mock hearings provided good practice.

"These mock hearings are important because they give the new staff a chance to really experience the system and because it is an informative process for other students involved," Harris said.

In one particular mock hearing, a student was accused of cheating on a political science exam. The student pleaded "not guilty" to the allegations.

Antoine Acklin, a sophomore biochemistry major from Raleigh, acted as the investigative council and called two witnesses to support the charges that were brought against the student.

Jett said as part of a new method the Honor Court was recruiting freshmen and graduate students to play the roles of witnesses.

The student was defended by Rebecca Close, a sophomore from Spartanburg, S.C.

"This is really just a test flight," Close said. "But I have really enjoyed learning about the process, and I think it is a great experience for me since I am planning to go to law school."

Lydia Putnam, an Honor Court member, and Zia Zareem, a new Honor Court member, deliberated and returned the verdict as "not guilty."

"Sometimes we will have very sticky situations where we will deliberate from anywhere to 15 minutes to 4 hours," Putnam said.

Harris said applications for the attorney general's staff will be available in February.

Acklin said, "It is a great opportunity to get involved and experience the process of being judged by your peers."



BRIEFS

Stories from the University and Chapel Hill

School of Public Health to offer online sessions

Students and public health practitioners who have access to the World Wide Web can participate in the School of Public Health's first live Internet conference on Sept. 11.

"Immunization Update 1997" will be broadcast three times via the Internet.

The first session is from 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.; the second from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.; and the third from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The broadcast is prepared by the school's Center for Distance Learning and Health Communications.

The conference will provide updates on new vaccines and vaccine combinations and review the recommendations from the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices.

For more information, call 966-9881.

SHS health class series to focus on headaches

Student Health Service and Glaxo Wellcome Inc. will sponsor a series of health education classes this fall.

The classes will be held on Mondays, and students need to register by the Thursday before.

There will be three classes on asthma education, one on migraine headaches and one on stopping smoking.

They will be held from 5:15 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the Health Education Conference Room on the second floor of the SHS building.

For information about the classes or to register, call 966-6573 during regular office hours.

Carolina Union presents performing arts series

The Pan African Orchestra will open the Carolina Union's 1997-98 Performing Arts Series on Oct. 14.

This season's lineup includes the Stuttgart Philharmonic Orchestra with piano soloist Misha Dichter, the Western Opera Theatre's "Carmen," African dancer Koffi Koko, the Parsons Dance Company, the Broadway musical "Grease!" the RTE Irish National Radio Orchestra, the dance troupe Nucleodanza.

The Marcus Roberts Trio will also be featured.

Season tickets are on sale, and individual tickets will go on sale Sept. 3.

The box office is in the Student Union.

For more information, call the box office at 962-1449.

Women's Center to host writers' open-mike night

The Orange County Women's Center will hold its monthly "Speak Easy" open-mike night for female poetry, prose and memoir writers at 21 Henderson St. on Aug. 29.

The open-mike session will be from 8 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Parking is available.

Please contact Jenn Barr of the Women's Center at 968-4610 or Phyl Sheridan Bushnell of the Sonorous Press at 933-9357 for more information about the programs.

Chapel Hill service group recruits new members

The Chapel Hill Service League is now recruiting members for the upcoming 1997-98 service year, which will begin in September.

Prospective members who want to learn more about the Service League are invited to attend a social on Sept. 2 at 7:30 p.m.

Call Martha O'Connor at 942-1499 or Vallie Cosper at 929-5290 for an invitation, location and directions or for more information.

This year, new members will attend a league meeting on the third Monday of each month.

In addition, a training meeting will be held on the second Monday of each month.

Crisis Center to begin local rape support groups

Support groups sponsored by the Orange County Rape Crisis Center will begin in early September and run for about eight weeks.

For more information about any of the center's support groups, contact Karen Oneal at 968-4647.

Counselors at the crisis center also recommend calling their 24-hour crisis line at 967-7272.

Poetry readings reappear in Durham book shop

First Tuesday Poetry readings will once again be held at the Regulator Book Shop at 720 9th St. in Durham on Sept. 2.

Asheville poet Richard Chess and Lucinda Grey, the managing editor of the Southern Poetry Review, will lead the series.

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