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Town passes front-yard parking ordinance

Violators will be given six months to reconfigure their front-yard parking layout.

BY SHELLEY LEVINE
STAFF WRITER

'Keep off the Grass' signs will not only pertain to passers-by in some Chapel Hill neighborhoods soon.

Monday night, the Chapel Hill Town Council adopted a Development Ordinance Text Amendment, which will impose restrictions on front-yard parking in the town's three historic districts. The ordinance states that within the historic districts — Gimghoul, Franklin/Rosemary and Cameron/McCauley — parking will be restricted to 40 percent of a front yard.

A front yard is defined as the area between the street and a line drawn parallel to the street from the part of the house closest to the street.

In addition to setting the 40 percent limitation, the ordinance designates that the parking area must be clearly defined, covered with an all-weather surface or gravel and not contribute to soil erosion.

Owners of the property violating the ordinance will face the consequences, not the vehicle owners, Town Manager Cal Horton said. "It's the responsibility of the property owner to make sure this

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PAT EVANS
Chapel Hill Town Council member

is adhered to," he said.

The ordinance will go into effect immediately. A six-month amortization period allows property owners time from notification to correct the violation, Horton said. The amortization period allows for this year's leases to run out before student renters have to find somewhere else to park.

Council member Pat Evans said she drove through the historic districts Monday around 10 a.m. She said she did not notice alarming problems of front-yard parking.

"I figured most students would be in class and have their cars parked, and it would be a good time to observe," she said. "I didn't see that many incidents of a problem."

Evans was the only member of the council to vote against the ordinance.

The Historic District Commission must grant a Certificate of Appropriateness for a parking area larger



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Residents of 206 McCauley St. say they have to park in front of their house because there is no more room in the rear parking area. Other residents have complained about car parking in the front lawns of homes.

than 40 percent of a front yard.

Because the ordinance only covers the historic districts of town, Mark

Chilton, council member, asked the manager and staff to research possibilities of broadening it to include the

Northside neighborhood. "This ordinance could be tougher, but it's an excellent start."

Officials say safety plan meets needs

An Emergency Warning Committee member sees no breaks in communication.

BY KERI TARLTON
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While University officials say the need for quick communication is increasingly important when emergency issues threaten the safety of students, faculty and staff, some worry that time constraints impede the process.

To address problems such as the Union Station robbery on Oct. 22, the University employs a 10-member Emergency Warning Committee.

The EWC is responsible for informing the campus community of emergency procedures designed to increase personal safety.

Nic Heinke, an executive assistant for student government, said sometimes the relaying of emergency information from University officials to student government was slow.

"Emergencies are such a rarity," Heinke said.

"It takes some time before all of the committee members can be convened together."

He said this time factor had in some cases prevented the committee from contacting the student government immediately, because plans to address emergency problems took time to formulate.

Heinke also said that in crime-related emergencies, legal issues sometimes slowed the flow of information between the two committees.

"The system is wonderful, but it can always be improved when vital issues such as safety are concerned," Heinke said.

A plan of action for sharing information during emergency situations calls for the committee to "in all matters involving students consult with the president of the student body or his or her designee."

Karen Schuller, safety and security coordinator for student government, is the designated student contact appointed by Student Body President Mo Nathan.

Student government's involvement in emergencies depends on whether the situation considered involved students, she said.

"In some cases, it is not an issue that is relevant to students," Schuller said. "It is a police issue more than a student government issue."

Schuller said student government most often becomes involved in emergency situations when actual steps of recourse can be taken.

For example, student government launched a campaign last year to increase students' safety awareness after

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Students cite frustration about ticket distribution

A misunderstanding left the CAA with no security at the camp-out site.

BY ASHLEY STEPHENSON
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The weather wasn't the only thing that agitated students camping out for basketball tickets Saturday night.

Instead of lining up at designated tables to receive ticket numbers, students rushed the Carolina Athletic Association officials handing out numbers in a mad dash to obtain seats for the University of Virginia, Appalachian State University, and Georgia Tech University games. After that, some students did not receive tickets for all three

games.

Dovlatt Dashtaki, a senior from Greensboro, said she would not attend another camp-out unless changes were made.

"It was absolutely chaotic," she said. "I was very disappointed."

Dashtaki called the ticket distribution very disorganized and said many people did not know where to go. "I had fun, but the set up wasn't organized," she said. "It was very chaotic."

Dan Valenti, CAA co-director of ticket distribution, said a crowd of students mobbed him as he attempted to distribute numbers. "There was this mad rush of students," he said. "We tried to get them to line up at the tables, but they swarmed us."

Valenti said increased security at future camp-outs might curtail the prob-

lems of last weekend's camp-out.

He said future changes in camp-out procedure would be discussed in a CAA meeting Tuesday night.

CAA co-presidents Charlie Roederer and Jason Reynolds could not be reached for comment.

Valenti said campus security was originally supposed to monitor the camp-out, but a misunderstanding left the CAA with no security.

Department of Public Safety officials in charge of camp-out security were unavailable for comment.

"Students don't always listen to other students, but they will usually listen to a police officer," Valenti said.

Matt Wilhelm, a junior from Ellicott City, Md., said this camp-out was his first and last. "I camped out for 12 hours, stood in line in the rain for three

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MATT WILHELM
Junior, Ellicott City, Md.

hours, and ended up in the upper level in row P," Wilhelm said.

Wilhelm said students waited across the street, and when officials announced they had the numbers, students rushed across the street, dodging a University bus and crushing a table.

"I saw somebody hoisting up a piece of (the table)," he said. "I guess some-

body jumped on it."

Valenti said some students were confused about distribution procedure. "Students don't understand that whether they get No. 1 or No. 700, they still have the same chance of getting a good seat."

Emily Tussey, a junior from Winston-Salem, said although there were some problems, the distribution system was much better than last year's method of ticket distribution. "I think they are doing the best they can," Tussey said. "This method rewards the true fans."

Jeff Elliot, senior associate athletic director, said a legitimate — and 6-year-old — reason explained why some students only received tickets to the Virginia game.

Elliot said a mini-season ticket pack-

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Racism, poverty, inequality persist in the South, panel says

BY MARISSA DOWNS
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Scholars, politicians and economists alike agreed that racism, poverty and inequality were still predominant in today's society at a panel discussion Monday.

The panel discussion was part of a two-day conference on overcoming racial inequalities in the South.

George C. Bedell, a trustee of the Jessie Ball duPont Fund that funded the conference, said while he was impressed by attempts made in the 1930s and 1940s to solve problems of

racism, poverty and inequality, he saw a loss of momentum in solving the same problems today.

"We're doing a lot of things that seem to negate a lot of the progress that was made in the '30s and '40s," he said.

Panelist George Autry, president of Manpower Development Corporation, said in terms of labor and economy, the South was stronger than it had been in the past, although the undereducated were worse off. Autry attributed this trend to increasing domestic and foreign immigration.

"This is an economy that is discriminating against the undereducated without regard to race or gender," Autry said. "We are attracting the poor and uneducated. These are the people who are competing with our native white and black uneducated."

But panelist Wendy Johnson, director of Southern Regional Council, illustrated racial inequality saying African



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George Autry, president of MDC Inc., is filmed during the Unfinished Business conference at the Friday Center on Monday.

Americans and Latin Americans are twice as likely as Caucasians to be unemployed.

"We must publicly acknowledge the dramatic inequalities that exist," Johnson said. "The ludicrous notion that we now live in a discrimination-free society must be dismissed."

The panelists suggested changes in legislation, education and economic opportunities as among the South's moral imperatives, but panelist Robert Franklin, president of the Interdenominational Theological Center, said many people were comfortable with the racial separation.

"There is a comfort with the new apartheid," Franklin said. "The black middle class is no longer driving for desegregation and eventual integration."

To promote discussion on these issues, the duPont Fund is sponsoring the conference and five more like it.

Monday's panel, followed by small group discussions, was in anticipation of the 50th anniversary of the first federal commission to declare opposition to segregation in the United States.

Minister David Muhammed of the Nation of Islam said in a small discussion group that alleviating shouldn't mean people must forget the past.

"Slavery is not something that happened 300 years ago. We as black people still suffer," he said. "People always say 'forget the past' but it's not a matter of forgetting the past. We have to remember the past — it's our legacy ... we've got to have dialogue, but the dialogue can't run away from the issues."

National figure delivers speech on race relations

William Winter stressed improving race relations in the Southern culture.

BY LAUREN ALLEN
STAFF WRITER

The first step to improving the country's race relations starts in the south, according to the former Governor of Mississippi.

William Winter, a member of the President's Initiative on Race, delivered the keynote address for the conference "Unfinished Business: Overcoming Racism, Poverty and Inequality in the South," Monday at the Friday Center.

The conference, which concludes today, is sponsored by UNC's Center For the Study of the American South.

"This conference gives us the opportunity to analyze where we've come from, where we are and where we are going," Winter said.

UNC Chancellor Michael Hooker, who introduced Winter, said the center looked for new ways to address problems facing the South.

"UNC has a strong tradition of 100 years of researching issues facing the American South," Hooker said.

"I am extremely proud that UNC can play such a critical part in this effort."

The purpose of the conference was to define ways to deal with racism, poverty and inequality.

Winter said although progress had been made, there was still work to be done to improve race relations in the South.

"For those of us who grew up in the South it is hard to explain the paradoxes we've seen, the most incredible is that of race," he said. "We've come a long way in removing the most oppressive tenants of racism. We can be proud, this is a much better South than 50 years ago, but our work is far from over."

Winter pointed out that improving race relations would prove essential as the country's minority population continued to grow.

"Our capacity to exist as a great nation will depend on our ability to live together," he said.

The solutions to the problem of racism would start in the South, Winter said.

"(The South) may be the best suited to solve the problems that face (the nation)," he said. "Not one of us who has lived in the South in the last 50 years has been untouched by racism."

"I believe we are now in the position to provide the nation with the tools to become one America."

Winter said he believed the conference's goals reflected what the entire country should do to nurse race relations.

"It is now time for all of us, black and white, to move out of the shadows of our dark past to achieve the goals that are larger than ourselves."

Race relations conference
The Higher Vision
1:30 p.m.
The Friday Center

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Professional prowess

Computer science department Chairman Stephen Weiss was named the N.C. Professor of the Year last week. Page 2

Racing towards solutions

Gov. Jim Hunt organized a conference in Charlotte between several national leaders to discuss improving race relations. Page 5

Today's weather

Sunny;
low 60s
Wednesday: Mostly sunny;
mid 60s

Utter originality is, of course, out of the question.

Ezra Pound