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Employees air concerns with parking

■ The Transit and Parking Task Force held three forums to gather input.

BY ANDREW MEEHAN
STAFF WRITER

Proposed price increases for parking permits drew criticism from faculty members at a forum held by the Transit and Parking Task Force.

Three forums were held to allow the public to ask questions, air grievances and make suggestions about the upcoming parking and transit plans Wednesday afternoon.

The meetings opened with presentations by George Alexiou, a member of a consulting firm that advised the task force.

The presentation highlighted proposals for next year, including two extra U-bus routes, a tiered pricing system and free transit for Park and Ride users.

Some faculty members said they were concerned because permit prices were going up at a faster rate than employee salaries.

Todd Hux, a maintenance mechanic with the Physical Plant, said employees did not want a raise in parking prices.

"Mainly Average Joe people are going to be hit the hardest," he said to applause from the audience. "Everyone just wants more of a piece of pie that you've got."

Willie Scroggs, chairman of the task force, said the group tried to find solutions that would be fair to everyone.

Ruth Lewter, chairwoman of Dist. 19 of the State Employees Association, said no one wanted parking prices to increase, but realistically knew they would increase.

She also said employees could not continue to all drive their own cars.

"We as employees are, in a way, spoiled," she said.

Betsy Kane, a first-year law student, said she was happy with the way the task force had handled the parking problem.

"I have rarely seen a plan that makes more economic and policy sense," Kane said.

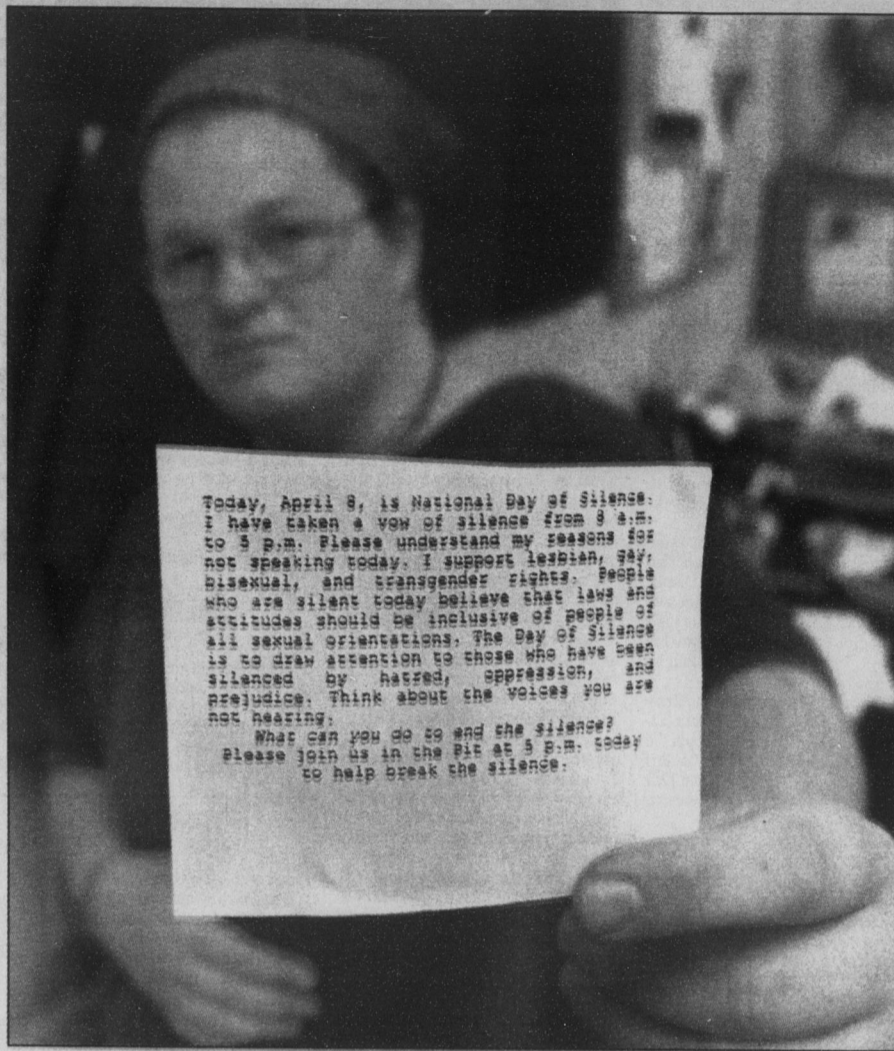
Some faculty members said they were concerned about safety at remote lots.

Scroggs said the task force was taking safety into consideration.

"We will continue to charge the department of public safety to do something about (the safety of lots)," he said.

Scroggs suggested more lights in remote lots and more patrols at those lots, but he said extra security also

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B-GLAD member Christine Williams had notes prepared to explain why she was not speaking Wednesday. She and other supporters of lesbian, gay and bisexual rights took a vow of silence in support of sexual equality.

B-GLAD makes silent statement

BY LESA NAGY
STAFF WRITER

Fifteen members of Bisexuals, Gay men, Lesbians and Allies for Diversity made a statement without saying a word Wednesday.

This was the second year members of B-GLAD participated in the National Day of Silence for which 300 groups from college campuses nationwide protested the daily restraints placed on the homosexual community.

Maria Pulzetti, a student at the University of Virginia, started the event in 1996 during UVA's Lesbian Gay Bisexual Union week. Students who participated in the event Wednesday did not speak from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Instead, participants passed out small sheets of paper which explained that they could not speak because they were participating in the Day of Silence.

"The Day of Silence is to draw attention to those who have been silenced by hatred, oppression and prejudice," the paper stated. "Think about the voices you are not hearing."

At 5 p.m., a large roar erupted when participants gathered in the Pit to celebrate their success after making it through the day without talking.

B-GLAD President Ian Palmquist said the Day of Silence called attention to the homosexual people who were afraid of being chastised if they expressed their sexual preferences.

Amanda Maris, a sophomore from

Columbia, S.C., and a B-GLAD member, said participating in the event showed that bisexuals, homosexuals and supporters could convey their message without verbally expressing it.

Maris said the Day of Silence was also a protest against common uses of language that exclude homosexuals. For instance, she said people tend to ask women about their husbands, assuming that they are heterosexual. "The basic language doesn't accept everyone."

Kurt Davies, a freshman from Whispering Pines, said he participated in the event to remind himself what it was like to be afraid to publicly express his sexual preference. "Also, to remind

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UNC officials warn of PCP-laced drugs

BY SHARIF DURHAMS
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Drugs, such as marijuana and ecstasy, sold in Chapel Hill could have an extra kick — one that is dangerous and potentially deadly for users.

University officials have heard of symptoms from confidential users and suppliers that show that these drugs could be laced with phencyclidine or PCP.

Matthew Sullivan, coordinator of the substance abuse program at Student Health Service, said the drugs caused a vastly different experience than a user might expect.

The officials discourage all drug use, but they want users to know that the dangerous mixtures are in the area.

Dr. Allen Hamrick, who works in SHS Psychological Services, said users and their friends should be cautious.

"If you're using, be careful about your supply. You're not going to be able to tell."

While ecstasy users typically "expect to feel like they're on top of the world," and marijuana users have a positive experience, PCP-laced drugs tend to change things.

Ingested in small amounts, PCP works like a hallucinogen, which can create false perceptions and cause numbness, amnesia and disassociation,

Sullivan said. He said users might feel as if they're stepping out of themselves.

"They end up doing things like standing in front of trains and jumping off buildings because they think they have superhuman abilities," Sullivan said.

Users can become violent, especially as the drug's effects wear off.

Users are frequently hospitalized and can have strong reactions that require hospitalization for 15 days. The residual effects can last for months.

PCP was developed as a veterinary tranquilizer. It has been a major street drug since the 1980s, when suppliers started using it as a way to dilute the drug and sell it for more money.

Sometimes PCP-laced drugs are used to give users a little extra "bang for their buck" by enhancing their experience while on marijuana or ecstasy, Sullivan said. Other times, dealers lace the drugs maliciously.

Judicial Programs Officer Margaret Barrett said most drug cases seen by the Honor Court involve marijuana use.

She has one piece of advice for students who would consider using the potentially contaminated drugs — don't.

"We'd like to think this wouldn't be relevant to people, but it may be," she said. "My main concern is that someone could be harmed in a way that they weren't expecting or that they could be harmed at all."

New ordinance might make development process faster

BY REYNOLDS RICHTER
STAFF WRITER

A new land-use ordinance could soon make large-scale development easier in Chapel Hill.

The Horace Williams Zoning Work Group presented a mixed-use zoning ordinance to the Town Council Monday that would create a procedure for developing tracts 150 acres or larger in size.

Council member Joe Capowski said the new ordinance applied primarily to the development of the University-owned Horace Williams Tract. "Right now, there aren't any

other tracts that size in town," he said.

One goal of the new zoning ordinance is to speed up the developing process for large tracts of land, said Bruce Runberg, associate vice chancellor for Facility Management at UNC.

Developers must now seek individual special-use permits for each facility in a mixed-use development, a process which often takes up to a year, he said.

The proposed zoning ordinance would eliminate the need to seek individual permits, Runberg said. "Although there are several steps, (the new zoning ordinance) would be advantageous to the owner of a large tract," he said.

"If you (developed the tract) with the current process, it would be very cumbersome, and you would have to submit dozens of different special use permits."

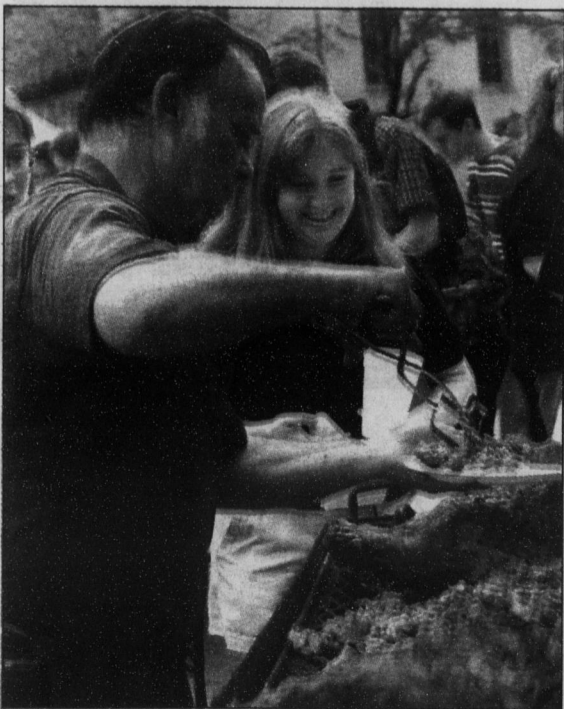
But the plan has a catch. One of its components, the power of the town to create development agreements with developers, needs to be made into law by the state legislature before the ordinance

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Town Council member JOE CAPOWSKI said the ordinance applied primarily to the Horace Williams Tract.

FINGER LICKIN' PIG PICKIN'



Johnny Riley of Allen & Son Bar-B-Q dishes up a helping of barbecue. The TA Appreciation Barbecue was sponsored by student government.

Aid to UNC Hospitals discussed

BY ASHLEY RYNESKA
STAFF WRITER

When the Board of Governors meets for its monthly meeting today, a lot will be on the line for UNC Hospitals.

The Budget and Finance Committee agreed Wednesday to advocate an increase in funding for UNC Hospitals. The amount of funding will be raised on May 11, if the proposal is approved by the BOG.

William McCoy, vice president of the finance committee, said the additional funding would preserve the high quality of UNC's healthcare system. "If we don't restore the funding, there will be a weakening in the hospital's credibility," McCoy said.

Divisions of UNC's healthcare system, like the Clinical Cancer Center and the Burn Center, will remain at UNC Hospitals only if funding is available.

UNC Hospitals also relies on funding in order to provide specialty services, charity care and educational support for UNC.

McCoy said, "If we don't have enough funding, some divisions could be cut off, and the hospitals won't be able to carry on their mission as well as they could."

Ray Farris, member of the budget committee, said UNC Hospitals needed financial support to provide care to all residents of the state, regardless of ability to pay.

Also, the hospital, its patients and its facilities are essential to providing teaching cases for medical students and for attracting new faculty, Farris said.

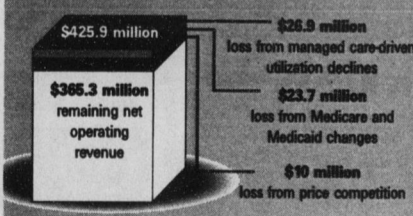
"It is important that the hospitals maintain their high quality of care and education for medical students," he said.

But John Stokes, director of public relations at the UNC School of Medicine, said there was a possibility the BOG could reject the funding proposal.

"I am not going to say that I'm pessimistic about the issue, I just don't want to second guess anything," Stokes said.

Revenue taking a hit

UNC Hospitals is requesting more state funding because a study projects it will experience a \$60.8 million loss from Medicare, Medicaid and market threats by 2002.



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Jeffrey Houpt, dean of the School of Medicine, said he was positive the BOG would support the proposal.

"I am hopeful that the proposal is passed, because increased funding will ultimately affect the medical school students."

According to a report issued by the Lewin Group, the UNC School of Medicine ranks as the fifth highest public school in funding — grossing over \$100 million annually.

If specialized programs receive financial aid, medical students could be exposed to advanced education and training.

According to a N.C. Health Professions Data System report, UNC Hospitals provide the only training program in the state for dentistry.

Furthermore, UNC has trained 23 percent of active N.C. physicians.

"It is important to realize the hospital and medical school are interdependent," Houpt said.

"The health of one affects the health of the other."

INSIDE

Life is an art
Does man make the art, or does art make the man? This week's Divisions looks at how recent films and other art mediums raise the issue of art imitating life and life imitating art. Page 5

Taste of the Carolinas
Pepsi celebrates its 100th anniversary with displays, parades and memorabilia. Page 4

Today's weather
Early thunderstorms; low 70s
Friday: Cloudy and windy; low 60s

Time to apply
Applications for summer editor and next year's desk editors are available at The Daily Tar Heel office. The applications are due Tuesday. Contact Editor-select Sharif Durhams with questions at 962-0245.

Silence is deep as eternity; speech, shallow as time.

Thomas Carlyle