

Aldermen make headway on drive-throughs, budget

Computer group seeks new leader

■ The spokesperson would voice the group's opposition to the computing initiative.

STAFF REPORT

The search continues for a spokesperson for People for Computational Freedom, the coalition of students and staff opposed to the current design of the Carolina Computing Initiative.

The group's former spokesman, Michael Neece, moved to Maine, PCF member Drew Gilmore said. Neece's decision was for personal reasons, not for problems within the group, he said.

"There's no discord at the organization," Gilmore said. Out of a group primarily composed of Macintosh users, Neece brought a different perspective to PCF, said Jackie Kylander, a PCF member.

"Michael was a PC user, so he could reach PC users," Kylander said. "This is too important an issue to boil down to a Mac-vs.-PC issue."

In their search, PCF members want someone who can continue to articulate their opposition to the computing initiative and who can build support from administrators and students.

"We'd like to get someone who is faculty or a professor, someone who'd have a little more voice around here," Gilmore said. The new spokesperson would continue the group's publicity efforts, including advertisements in The Daily Tar Heel during summer sessions and at the beginning of the fall semester.

Though the group does not currently have a spokesperson, members have not stopped their drive to improve the computing initiative. Gilmore and Kylander recently met with Elson Floyd, executive vice chancellor, who heard their concerns.

"He didn't commit to anything, but he did listen to us," Gilmore said. During their meeting, Gilmore and Kylander showed Floyd the newest Mac desktop, an Ethernet-ready machine that would not be allowed under the computing initiative, Kylander said.

"Here's a \$1,200 machine that really smokes, but you're not going to let us use it," Kylander said. The spokesperson's job will be to keep options like that one in the open, she said. "The only way to fight this is with information."

BY COVELL DAY
STAFF WRITER

After almost four hours of discussion on the budget, the Carrboro Board of Aldermen finally agreed on a decision regarding the controversial drive-through window ordinance.

The ordinance, which the aldermen unanimously supported Tuesday night, has been on the board's action agenda since January 1997. The final ordinance revised the permitted zones and permit requirements for businesses that include drive-in or drive-through windows.

But the majority of the aldermen's time was spent discussing additions and cuts to Town Manager Robert Morgan's proposed budget for the 1998-99 fiscal

year. Morgan's original recommendation was for a two-cent tax increase. After the aldermen discussed all its recommendations for additions and cuts, \$166,821 was added to the budget, which would cause a 2.37-cent increase.

Carrboro Mayor Mike Nelson challenged Morgan to find some minor cuts



Carrboro Town Manager ROBERT MORGAN originally proposed a two-cent increase in the town's 1998-99 fiscal budget.

by the council's next meeting June 23 to get the increase down to 2 cents.

Human needs were a major concern for Alderman Jacquelyn Gist during the budget discussion. When Alderman Alex Zaffron proposed cutting back the administrative staff for the new Town Center, the position of youth coordinator came under fire. The coordinator organizes activities for Carrboro adolescents.

"It's something we've been trying to do for 12 years that keeps getting undercut, bureaucratized," Gist said. "I'm not going to let this position die." Although she was able to save it, the center's program support assistant was reduced to a part-time position.

Another controversial topic for the

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Carrboro Board of Aldermen

council was the amount of money that should be allocated to technological developments. Gist questioned whether the amount of funds recommended was really necessary. "I'm not sure technology always increases productivity," Gist said. "I'm not fighting technology, but

an awfully lot of our money is going here." Morgan assured Gist that the spending would be done carefully.

In other business, the council unanimously authorized an architect to proceed to the construction drawing phase on the Town Center. The board also approved Weaver Street Market and the Carrboro Art Committee's request for the temporary closing of East Weaver Street from 10 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. and of West Weaver Street from 1 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. for Weaver Street Market's birthday celebration and the music festival planned for June 21.

The council postponed discussion of other items originally scheduled on the agenda because of the prolonged discussion on the budget.

Books add life to owner, community

■ The Intimate Bookshop caters to students, local literary fans and their pets.

BY EMILY HORTON
STAFF WRITER

The Intimate Bookshop has long been a haven for book lovers and window shoppers alike. Now, as owner Wallace Kuralt's store is in the midst of a sale that needs success to keep its business alive, the phrase "community support" takes on new meaning.

"We've had great support from our friends and customers for 40 years," said Kuralt, who began working in the bookshop in 1958 during his second year as

a student at UNC.

Kuralt soon became manager, and in 1965, he and his wife bought the store from Paul and Isabel Smith.

"I joined the bookshop looking for some way to make some living money," Kuralt said. However, he said he became so attached to the store that it was hard to get away.

"It was Christmas every day," Kuralt said. "It was so fascinating in the back room with all the new packages coming in."

As the passing years saw the bookshop change numerous Franklin Street locations, beginning with its original locale above Sutton's Drug Store in 1931, Kuralt's enthusiasm for the business never faltered.

"When I joined the shop, the whole thing was less than half the size of this downstairs," he said.

After a fire in the shop in 1992, the Intimate Bookshop moved to its current location on Franklin Street.

"We thought we'd died and gone to heaven," Kuralt said. "There were two whole floors — we thought we'd never be able to fill all the shelves."

The shelves were filled, however, in a year's time, and the shop consistently drew in "interesting people."

"He really opened it up from the little

bookstore that it was to what it is now," said Katharine Morgan, a business major from Chapel Hill who graduated in May. Morgan, who has worked in the Intimate for three years, said she remembered coming into the shop as a child with her parents.

"I think it's a very community-based store, and I think it's always been (one)."

A glance at the wall next to the stairs of the bookshop reveals photographs of customers' pets, along with their names and breeds. A sign hanging on the front door reads, "Don't forget to bring your dog in next time for a biscuit!"

Ashley Barnes, a junior psychology major from Davidson said she enjoyed "being able to take time out of your day to browse and look at everything." She added, "My dog likes it, too."

The bookshop, one of the few stores on Franklin Street to provide a repose for pets on a summer day, began tacking up pictures of its staffers' pets because they liked them so much, Kuralt said.

Inventory from the Intimate at Eastgate Shopping Center is currently being transferred to the downtown location, but Kuralt said, "The way the sale comes out will help us determine (what will happen.)"

Keeping one of the stores open, he said, "is certainly our goal."

Freedom Bus rolls into town to battle economic injustices

BY MICHAEL STEEL
STAFF WRITER

DURHAM — The UNC Housekeepers Association joined several area groups in welcoming the New Freedom Bus to the Triangle on Saturday night.

The bus, sponsored by the Kensington Welfare Rights Union, visited the area to highlight the injustices caused by welfare reform, downsizing and poverty in conjunction with the 50th anniversary of the U.N. Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

"This is an opportunity for us to unite with other poor people to issue a strong call for economic justice," said Larry Farrar of the Housekeepers Association. "We're poor people. Many of us have been on welfare or will be on it. Privatization is a constant threat to our jobs," Farrar said. "The New Freedom Bus allows us to fight the struggle against poverty on an international basis."

Housekeepers are among the lowest-paid state employees. Starting pay is below the federal poverty line for a family of four, and the most a housekeeper

can earn is only slightly above it.

After a press conference Saturday evening, members of the bus tour attended First Calvary Baptist Church in Durham.

Other local participants included the City Workers of Durham and Southerners for Economic Justice, a grassroots organization dedicated to fighting welfare reform.

The New Freedom Bus kicks off a weeklong series of local events culminating in a March for Bread, Jobs and Justice at the State Capitol today.

The U.N. Declaration, signed by the United States, guarantees the rights of all people to food, housing, medical care and living-wage jobs.

The Kensington Welfare Rights Union is a multiracial organization of the poor, unemployed and homeless fighting for survival needs.

The New Freedom Bus stop in Durham was part of the monthlong Economic Human Rights Campaign.

"As this country faces the devastating fallout from welfare reform, we must demand the reality of freedom in all its forms, freedom from hunger, homelessness and unemployment," campaign spokeswoman Cheri Honkala said.

On July 1, a group of poor people and advocates will march across the George Washington Bridge into New York City and present documentation of alleged human rights abuses to an international body.

For the record

The June 4 article, "Cable, Ethernet to be ready by fall," should have stated that by spring semester, residence halls will have Ethernet and all but eight will have cable. Also, the photo, "Preview of special games to come," should have identified David Mitchell, a Special Olympics swimming coach from Jacksonville.

The Daily Tar Heel regrets the errors.

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