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## Students Skeptical of Tar Heel Parking Services

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Students are willing to pay almost any price for parking due to UNC's notorious shortage of spaces.

But some students are lamenting more than the cost as they expressed disappointment, frustration and anger with the spaces they bought from a private company.

Several students filed complaints with Chapel Hill and University police after they saw the facilities provided by Tar Heel Parking, which advertised on campus that they had spaces to lease.

"The lot is nothing but torn-down buildings," said freshman Daniel Cook. "I wouldn't dare leave my car there."

Cook and others said the lot was filled with rubble, and that the lot had no security present and no lighting.

But Tar Heel Parking owner Gus Mueller said the condition of the facility is not his fault.

"There was a building on the front of the lot condemned in January and torn down last week. They piled the rubble in the front of the lot, but we can't control what the state does," he said.

Students also complained about how the sales were handled.

Fliers advertising the company were slipped under doors in residence halls, which prompted a University investigation into potential violations of UNC solicitation rules.

"Any kind of solicitation must be approved by the University – this obviously was not," said University police Maj. Jeff McCracken. "We've made (the owner) aware of the University policy and told him it's not to happen again."

Cook said the flier made him think the company was valid.

"I thought my (resident assistant) had put it under my door, so I thought it was legitimate," he said.

Once students contacted the company, representatives were sent to campus to finalize the sale.

Both Cook and freshman Deone Powell said a man in a blue BMW came to their residence hall and accepted a cash payment of \$300 for a year's lease, a transaction that Cook said concerned him enough to make him take down the BMW's license plate number.

Powell said the agent who handled the sale

also passed along false information about the parking facility.

"They told me where I could park and said it was only a mile away, but it is actually 2 1/2 miles," he said. "It's just a piece of grass with some demolished building on it."

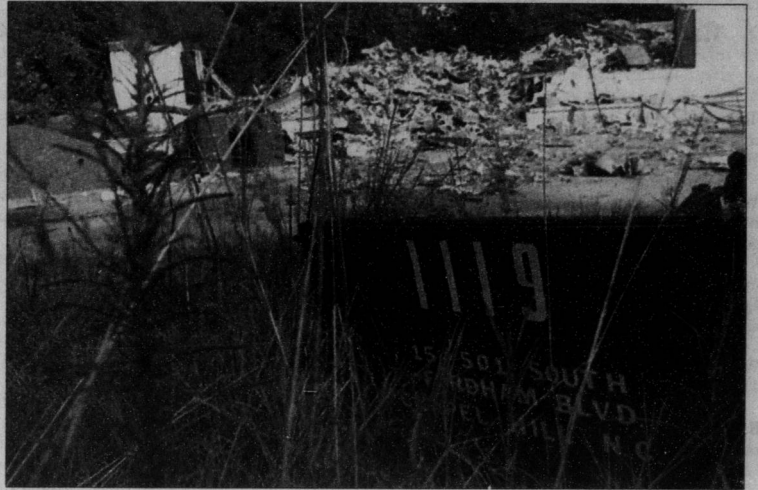
Students also complained about the lack of security at the site. The fliers advertise "24-hour security personnel," which Mueller said would be put in place soon.

"There will be lighting and security people throughout the lot at night as soon as Duke Power puts back our electricity," he said. "The Orange County Sheriff's Department also patrols the area, and we are near a major intersection."

Mueller added that he had been in the parking business in Chapel Hill for four years and has never had a security problem.

But Cook said Chapel Hill police officers told him that was not the case. "(The police) said there was a parking facility there last year and cars got broken into all the time – it's a ripoff."

Mueller said dissatisfied students would not



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Several UNC students have recently filed complaints with the Chapel Hill Police Department concerning parking facilities at this lot owned by Tar Heel Parking.

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## Cops Nab 4 For Crack, Marijuana

In a joint effort, area police arrested suspects in what is said to be a high drug-trafficking area in Carrboro.

By KELLIE DIXON  
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Four people now are awaiting their second court dates after being arrested for a total of 15 drug-related charges.

Twenty-two dosage units, equaling 6.7 grams of crack cocaine and 7.8 grams of marijuana, were seized by the Carrboro Police Department and the Chapel Hill Police Department on Friday. The officers served multiple warrants and took the suspects to Orange County Jail.

Carrboro Narcotics Investigator A.C. Ligo said the suspects made their first appearance in court Monday to determine bond.

Ishmael David Hamilton, held in lieu of a \$10,600 secured bond, and Recardo Dashund Burnette, held in lieu of a \$10,000 bond, are still in jail. Katana Yarnell Warren and Michael Lanrius Hooker were both released in lieu of a \$1,600 secured bond each, Ligo said.

Hooker, 21, of 213 N. Graham St., was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of marijuana, growing and maintaining marijuana plants and resisting arrest.

Hamilton, 17, of 501-A Edwards Drive, was arrested on two counts of possession with intent to sell and deliver cocaine, possession of marijuana and resisting arrest.

Burnette, 23, of 2074 Lystra Church Road, was arrested on two counts of pos-

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This is a sketch of the residential college for first-year students that will be built on South Campus, a key part of the Master Plan. Students are expected to move in fall 2002. The buildings were designed by Hanbury Evans Newill Vlattas.

## South Campus Gears Up for Growth

By KIM MINUGH  
University Editor

Students living in South Campus might think they're isolated now.

But UNC officials say students living there in the future will be right in the middle of campus culture.

As UNC's Master Plan gets into gear, students will witness a complete transformation of South Campus, a living experience that has served as a rite of passage for many UNC students.

The plan, the late Chancellor Michael Hooker's dream for extensive University growth, will first materialize in the shape of four new residence halls adjacent to the four existing high rises. Students are expected to move into the new halls in fall 2002.

"Besides constructing some of the most contemporary dorms in the country, this will be the cornerstone of changing the way people think of South Campus," said Dean Bresciani, associate vice chancellor for student services.

"This is part of a long-range plan for making South Campus reflect the beauty of North Campus and become the hub of student activity."

Gone will be the days of brick and cement monsters, 10 flights of stairs and hot, humid rooms. In their place will be air-conditioned residence halls three to four stories high, housing 200 to 250 students per building.

Study lounges and conference rooms, to be used as classrooms, also have been incorporated into the blueprints.

Bresciani said construction should begin by early October, depending on the length of the bidding process by construction companies, which begins today.

The buildings were designed and drawn by Hanbury Evans Newill Vlattas Associates, an architecture firm from Virginia.

Bresciani said much attention was given to beautification of the buildings, which will boast Neo-Georgian architecture similar to that of North Campus structures.

He said outdoor patio areas will also improve

the quality of living for South Campus residents.

Bresciani said the purpose behind South Campus' facelift is a desire for an increased community feeling among residents.

"We are changing the feel of South Campus by creating a smaller, more intimate atmosphere as well as the opportunity to take classes on South Campus," he said. "It will be more convenient than any other place on campus."

Bresciani denied that providing classroom facilities on South Campus will perpetrate feelings of isolation, especially for freshmen.

"By having more students on South Campus it will increase the level of vibrancy and allow us to develop other things to make it a more exciting place on campus."

A complete renovation of the Ramshead parking lot is also slated to boost the morale – and the economy – of the area.

Carolyn Elfsand, associate vice chancellor for auxiliary services, said a multitiered parking lot

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## Copytron Delays Stall Schedules, Frustrate Faculty

The Franklin Street business has apologized to professors and students for problems allegedly caused by changes in ownership.

By JASON ARTHURS  
Staff Writer

Many students making the trek to Copytron's West Franklin Street store to buy course packs are returning frustrated – and empty-handed.

But students aren't the only ones who say they're being inconvenienced by Copytron's recent merger with Booktech, a Boston-based company.

Professors and faculty in several departments say they have been forced to adjust their classes due to late-arriving course packs, syllabuses, study guides and lecture notes. The Copytron-Booktech merger took several weeks longer than expected, causing the delays.

While Booktech officials said they were aware of the problems and have done their best to correct them, some professors are still dissatisfied with Copytron's services.

Mary Lynn, an associate professor in the School of Nursing, said sending course packs from Chapel Hill to Boston to be printed has caused the delays.

"(Copytron) didn't do it the way we asked them to," she said. "They are just wasting a lot of money. They could have saved a lot of money if they did it here so they could check with us and make sure they were doing it right."

Lynn said Copytron had printed the wrong number of problem sets she needed for her class. She added that they printed them double-sided, not leaving room for students to answer the questions.

Stephen Encarnacao, the chief marketing officer for Booktech, said Booktech lost roughly \$20,000 per week in shipping costs because of delays caused by the stalled merger.

"It is our fault, and we apologize profusely," Encarnacao said. "It cost us a fortune because we had to overnight (mail) everything."

Booktech acquired Copytron on Aug. 3 in an effort to extend its company across the South. Copytron has locations at 50 colleges and universities, mostly in the South.

The merger also cost many Copytron employees their jobs, with the majority of workers being laid off and not replaced, said Copytron employee Eric Morin.

Morin said he is one of the few employees who got to temporarily keep their jobs because he is the only person who knows how to run the specialized machinery.

"The store has been really unorganized, and they can't keep management in here," Morin said. "Ever since they sold the store, they laid off everyone but the core people."

Morin said because all the production is now done in Boston, any problems are out of the store's control.

History Professor Michael Hunt said his students had trouble getting some lecture notes and study guide questions, though he was able to put notes in the library and on the Web.

But for other departments, the delays and errors have caused more serious problems. "It's really been a disaster for us," said School of Nursing secretary Mandy Hollowell. "The students went up to Copytron to buy syllabi, and there weren't any."

Hollowell said she has had extensive dealings with both Copytron and the Booktech office in Boston after crucial class materials arrived late or were incorrectly delivered from

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## Residents Demand Say in Master Plan

By KATHRYN McLAMB  
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Eight-year-old Graeme Durovich sat quietly at Monday's Chapel Hill Town Council meeting holding a homemade sign reading on one side "Leave Wellow Hill School enuf alone" and on the other "They paved neighborhoods and put up a parking lot."

About 50 residents, including Graeme, attended the meeting to voice their concerns

regarding UNC's Master Plan and its effects on adjacent communities. Residents presented the council with a petition of about 200 names, calling for a public hearing on the matter.

"At least some of the drafted plans call for the literal taking over of neighborhood land," said Ken Broun, who spoke on behalf of the concerned residents. "We see a problem in the possible purchase and demolition of homes."

"This isn't a 'not-in-my-backyard' concern. If these plans were to go forward, it would be

our front yards and living rooms, too."

Community concern stems from the proposed Master Plan, which residents fear could expand University property into areas already claimed by residential neighborhoods.

Karen Durovich, Graeme's mother and a resident of Westside neighborhood, said her children are concerned about the threat to their elementary school, Willow Hill.

"They want other little ones to be able to continue going to school there," she said. "If

they take away neighborhood, they take away some of the charm of Chapel Hill."

Broun explained why community members wanted a public hearing. "The community has heard the overall plan," he said. "What we would like them to do is answer specific questions but also have the opportunity for members of our community to follow up on these questions."

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David Dunham