



The lines at both the Student Stores (above) and the Intimate Bookshop (l. and r.) have been very long this week due to that twice-a-year phenomenon — mass book-buying. UNC students have spent hours waiting in line just to empty their wallets. Most students would agree there is little truth to the sign in the Intimate — there is no 'Humor' in buying books. (Staff photos by Leslie Todd)

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Local towing laws challenged in court

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UNC graduate Rick Gibbs is fighting the custom of towing "improperly" parked cars and has won a preliminary court battle.

"Everyone's used to paying \$10 if their car gets towed," said Gibbs, a former student living in Chapel Hill. "They think it's right but it isn't."

Gibbs' car was towed from Cedar Court Apartments in Carrboro August 18. He was visiting friends in a private home across the street and parked in Cedar Court's driveway.

"There was no sign saying parking was illegal and I wasn't blocking the drive," said Gibbs.

Robert Oakes, Cedar Court Apartment manager, called Burch's Auto Servicer in Carrboro and had the car towed.

Oakes said movers had complained their van could not get out of the driveway because of Gibbs' car.

When Gibbs was told he would have to pay \$10 to get his car back, he contacted Chapel Hill attorney Steve Bernholz.

"I called Bernholz, not because I thought it was illegal for them to make me pay," he said, "but because I thought that Oakes could have found me and avoided towing it."

Bernholz advised Gibbs to make a complaint to the magistrate in Chapel Hill. The magistrate issued a warrant for Oakes and Bill Burch, owner of Burch's Auto Servicer.

Burch and Oakes were charged under North Carolina General Statute 20-105 which prohibits the taking of a vehicle with the intent to deprive the owner of its use but "without intent to steal." The statute, known as the "joy riding law," makes the crime a misdemeanor and can carry a two year jail sentence.

The case was prosecuted in Hillsborough District Court on August 31 by Assistant District Solicitor William Graham. Gibbs appeared as a "witness for the prosecution."

Graham charged that "cars may not be

towed just to move them but for the towing companies to make money."

Testimony revealed no moving van was present in the Cedar Court parking lot when Burch towed the car. And "no parking" signs were not displayed in the lot.

Oakes and Burch were found guilty of "illegal taking of a motor vehicle with intent to deprive the owner of use." They served notice of appeal. A tentative appeal date was set for Tuesday.

Bernholz, who "represented Rick just to help him get his car back," called the case "classic." He said it could have tremendous effect on existing towing practices.

"There is some question," Bernholz added, "about the legality of charging the owner of the car for the towing. No ordinance says anything about the owner of the car paying, and it's just a matter of custom."

Bernholz said there is a statute which makes unauthorized parking on a private lot illegal "provided a sign, not less than 24 inches by 24 inches, is displayed at the entrance" that parking is illegal. The law, N.C. Statute 14-401.9, makes this illegal parking a misdemeanor with a possible \$10 fine but says nothing about towing.

Another law, passed by the 1971 legislature, allows a duly authorized police officer to have a car moved if it is blocking a public road or right of way.

Both laws provide for issuance of a warrant but do not mention charging a towing fee.

Bernholz speculated University towing policies could come under the North Carolina statutes. He said a court test would be required.

Weather

TODAY: partly cloudy and mild; temperature ranging into the low 80's; 10 per cent chance of rain this afternoon. 20 per cent chance of rain tonight.

300 women participate in rush

Almost 300 girls are participating in fall rush, a decrease of more than 100 from last fall.

Julie Jones, assistant dean of women and Panhellenic advisor, said the decrease is because second semester freshmen were first allowed to take part in rush last spring. Therefore, fewer sophomores are going out this fall.

Sororities have revised their method of rushing this year to stimulate interest in the Greek system and to recruit campus leaders. Miss Jones outlined rush procedures Friday afternoon.

Instead of the usual formal personal "presentation", sorority sisters are



A lady shopper browses through the Goodwill Store in Durham. The store is located at 1121 West Main Street, across from the East campus of Duke University. Most of the items in

the store are sold at prices which are within student budgets, and free delivery is provided for large purchases.

Goodwill Store products sold at bargain prices

by Harry Smith
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Are you sleeping on the floor? Or perhaps living out of a suitcase? Do you have to furnish an apartment on a student's budget?

The Goodwill Store in Durham may be just the place you're looking for.

Goodwill Industries of the Research Triangle trains and employs handicapped workers who recondition contributed merchandise.

All goods are at bargain prices. Reupholstered sofa beds and couches start as low as \$49.50. Reupholstered chairs begin at \$14.50.

The store, at 1121 W. Main St. is across from the East Campus of Duke University. Both BankAmericard and Master Charge are accepted. Free delivery is available for large purchases and

delivery for other items can be arranged. Mattresses, both new and sterilized used ones, are also available at the non-profit store, as are beds, chests, and reconditioned small appliances.

Brevard Brown, executive director of Goodwill, pointed out Goodwill Industries is unique among welfare organizations because it takes persons off welfare rolls and enables them to become self-supporting.

Brown explained the employees are trained in laundering, dry cleaning, shoe and furniture repairing, and television and radio repairs.

Brown said Goodwill provided employment to 141 handicapped persons last year. "More than \$100,000 was paid in wages to the workers, and total expenses for the operation exceeded \$239,000," he said.

Sales of the donated material in the Goodwill stores provided \$213,000 of the operation's expenses, with the balance coming from grants and a United Fund allocation.

The sales room will be open Monday, Thursday and Friday nights until 9 p.m. through Oct. 8. The store opens at 9 a.m. and closes at 6 p.m. other nights.

Brown said a direct toll-free line (942-3141) had been installed to enable persons in Chapel Hill to telephone the store.

Anyone wishing to contribute articles may call Goodwill for collection service, or they may put the articles in one of three collection boxes in Chapel Hill, Brown said.

The boxes are located in Eastgate, across from the Glen Lennox Shopping Center, and at the A&P Food Store on Airport Road.

Library contains 60,000 volumes

by Lynn Smith
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Robert Burton House Undergraduate Library is a "functional and serviceable collection designed especially to fit the needs of University students in their early years."

That's the way University Librarian Jerrold Orne describes it in an introduction to the library guide. "This place can serve as the final staging ground from which you will move into able and fruitful use of the entire universe of library resources on this campus and beyond," he said.

House Library has a working collection of more than 60,000 volumes. This usually is sufficient for general research required of undergraduates.

If more detail is needed, students can go to Louis R. Wilson Graduate Library or one of the departmental libraries (usually located in the department's classroom building). The library system is one of few places on campus where a freshman has exactly the same privileges as a graduate student or a professor.

When there's a choice, library officials advise use of the undergraduate library. Everything is computerized there — less work for student and staff.

To find information on a specific topic, look in the card catalog (in front of the main entrance).

Other aids can be found in the reference section, located on the right of the catalog. General and subject encyclopedias, language dictionaries and

guides, biographical dictionaries and periodical indexes will be found in this section.

Digests of world news and the Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature offer up-to-date information on current issues.

Maps near the stairway tell where books are located. Bound periodicals are behind the reference section. More current issues can be checked out at the circulation desk.

Many dramas, speeches and poetry selections are available on records. Students can check out recordings and earphones at the desk to the far right. Special phonographs are on the main floor for student use.

Other facilities aiding research are microfilm readers and copying machines. Elevators for the handicapped are also available.

"If a student has trouble finding anything, he should ask at the information desk (to the left as you go in the door) or pick up a library guide," said Kent Kirkland, a night supervisor. "Freshmen and transfers shouldn't be embarrassed. The new people will naturally have lots of questions. We'll do the best we can to help them out."

The library staff has at least two workers behind the desk every hour the building is open — 172 hours a week.

The library has a seating capacity of 1,758, including 630 individual desks and 208 lounge chairs. Reading lounges and a specific area for smokers are downstairs.