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Escort service to begin tonight

by Ann Berman
Staff Writer

Due to an alarming number of assaults on campus, an escort system will begin today at 8 p.m. in the Undergraduate Library.

Steve Saunders, RCF (Residence College Federation) chairman, calls the security on campus "the greatest problem on campus right now." RCF is sponsoring the escort system.

"People don't know how big the problem is," emphasized Saunders. "The first step toward solving this problem," Saunders said, "is to get people concerned."

The service will be located in the front

left corner of the library. Escorts will be available from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Kate Whittington, who is working on the escort project, asked all male students who are interested in becoming escorts to contact her or Steve Saunders at the RCF office in Suite C of the Student Union.

A training session for the escorts was held Sunday night. According to Saunders, this training session educated escorts about problems on campus and gave suggestions of action for escorts to take if any problems arise.

Saunders suggested three rules for all women on campus to follow in order to decrease the possibility of assault:

- Do not walk alone.
- Walk in well lighted areas.

- Report any attacks that do occur. "All girls should walk with someone, and not alone at night," stressed Saunders. "If you want to use the escort system, that's what it's there for," Saunders said. "If you do not use it, then walk with friends or in a group of people."

The arboretum and the path leading around Kenan Stadium have been found to be highly dangerous areas, according to Saunders. He urged coeds to "stay on the well lighted paths." Interested groups are working toward lighting poorly lit areas, through the Student Affairs office, Saunders added.

"An average of three assaults per week are being reported, and we feel sure two or three more assaults are also occurring which are not being reported."

Saunders urged all people who are attacked to report it immediately. Whittington added, "If the assault is reported as soon as possible, the police may be able to pick up suspects."

"The problem does not only concern women but also men," Saunders added. "Men should also be concerned. They should realize the rate of assaults, and instead of walking a girl only halfway back to the dorm, they should take her all the way to the dorm. Men can help more than women can," he stressed.

"The escort system is not an answer to all the problems," Saunders admitted, but he thinks it will help. The system is on a trial basis and will continue through the end of the semester. "The system may be expanded or changed later on," Saunders added.

Any suggestions on the system should be given to Whittington or Saunders at the RCF office in Suite C of the Union.

"There has been too much covered up about the assaults," Saunders noted. Lately, however, the Dean of Women has published a list containing the names of those assaulted, he added.

Weather

TODAY: Partly cloudy, highs in the 70's, lows in the 40's; probability of precipitation 10 percent today, 20 percent tonight.

War protests continue

United Press International

One week after the U.S. bombing of Hanoi and Haiphong, the strongest wave of antiwar protest since the Cambodian invasion still appeared to be in full swing Sunday. More demonstrations, strikes and

antiwar activities were being planned. At the University of Maryland, where some 175 were arrested in demonstrations Monday through Friday, the scene was relatively quiet. The National Guard began pulling out one-third of the 800 troops it stationed on the campus.

In New York, the Student Mobilization Committee hosted an Emergency National Student Antiwar Conference at New York University to formulate plans for further action.

At the University of Louisville, students said they planned to persuade other students to boycott classes.

Joint effort needed

Bus system best solution here

by Lynn Lloyd
Staff Writer

As facts, figures, reports, suggestions and complaints continue to mount concerning the traffic congestion and parking problems in the Chapel Hill area, the only solution appears to be a bus transit system involving Chapel Hill, Carrboro and the University of North Carolina.

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro-UNC Transportation Commission was created in 1969 by Mayor Howard Lee to study various community bus systems, and to make a final report to the Chapel Hill Board of Aldermen of their studies. Due to the lack of knowledge of transit systems, the commission hired consultants to do the study.

Time pressed as alternative systems were looked at, and it was too late to present a final plan to the community to vote on in the May 6 election. In August of this year, three alternative plans will be presented to the Aldermen from which the final plan will be chosen.

Earlier this year, a study was conducted by an advisory committee to the commission to find out the demands and needs of the local residents in relation to transportation. The study showed there is a definite need for a bus system in the whole area. Transporting

students to campus is one of the main problems. The study also has shown that most traffic routes converge on the campus.

The parking problems on campus have spread to downtown Chapel Hill, creating further traffic congestion and many angered people. Students and concerned citizens have submitted various plans of their

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own creation to the commission for study in hope of finding a solution to the problem quickly.

In April of 1971, the Transportation Commission ran a bus system that failed after three weeks because the revenues were not paying for the cost of running the buses. Lack of knowledge of the bus routes, high rates and the desire that most people have to drive their own car were the main reasons few people rode the buses.

When the final plan is chosen by the Board of Aldermen, it will be presented to the Chapel Hill-Carrboro community as a referendum in September. It will be left up to the people to approve it.

Members of the communities of Chapel Hill and Carrboro and representatives from UNC are serving on the commission. It has taken input from all three to work at solving parking and traffic problems, and it will

take all three to carry out the final plan that is chosen.

Terry Lathrop, chairman of the commission, said the commission is "looking at a transportation system for both towns and the University. It's not likely we can support two or three bus services in Chapel Hill. It will cost too much."

The need is here, the solution is close at hand, and a federal grant from the Department of Transportation are all reasons why a bus transit system in Chapel Hill can be successful.

But there is one obstacle - UNC has made the statement that it does not want to get involved in "non-University matters." The facts are before our eyes - the University cannot say that parking problems, traffic congestion and transportation are not University matters. Most traffic routes converge on campus, and most of the people needing transportation are students. To alleviate parking problems on campus and to avoid the high costs of new lots, UNC needs a bus system.

It is essential that UNC get involved. Working alone can only create more problems in relation to transportation.

Working together with the citizens of Chapel Hill and Carrboro, the members of the University community may solve one of the biggest hazards now facing all three areas.



Apple Chill Fair activities got underway Sunday with an open air concert by the UNC concert band in Polk Place.

The band, directed by Major John Yesulaitis, will begin its annual tour of the state today. (Staff Photo by Tad Stewart)

Day care center evicted by church

by Lynn Lloyd
Staff Writer

A local day care center, the Community School for People Under Six, is searching for new quarters after having been evicted by the church in which it was housed.

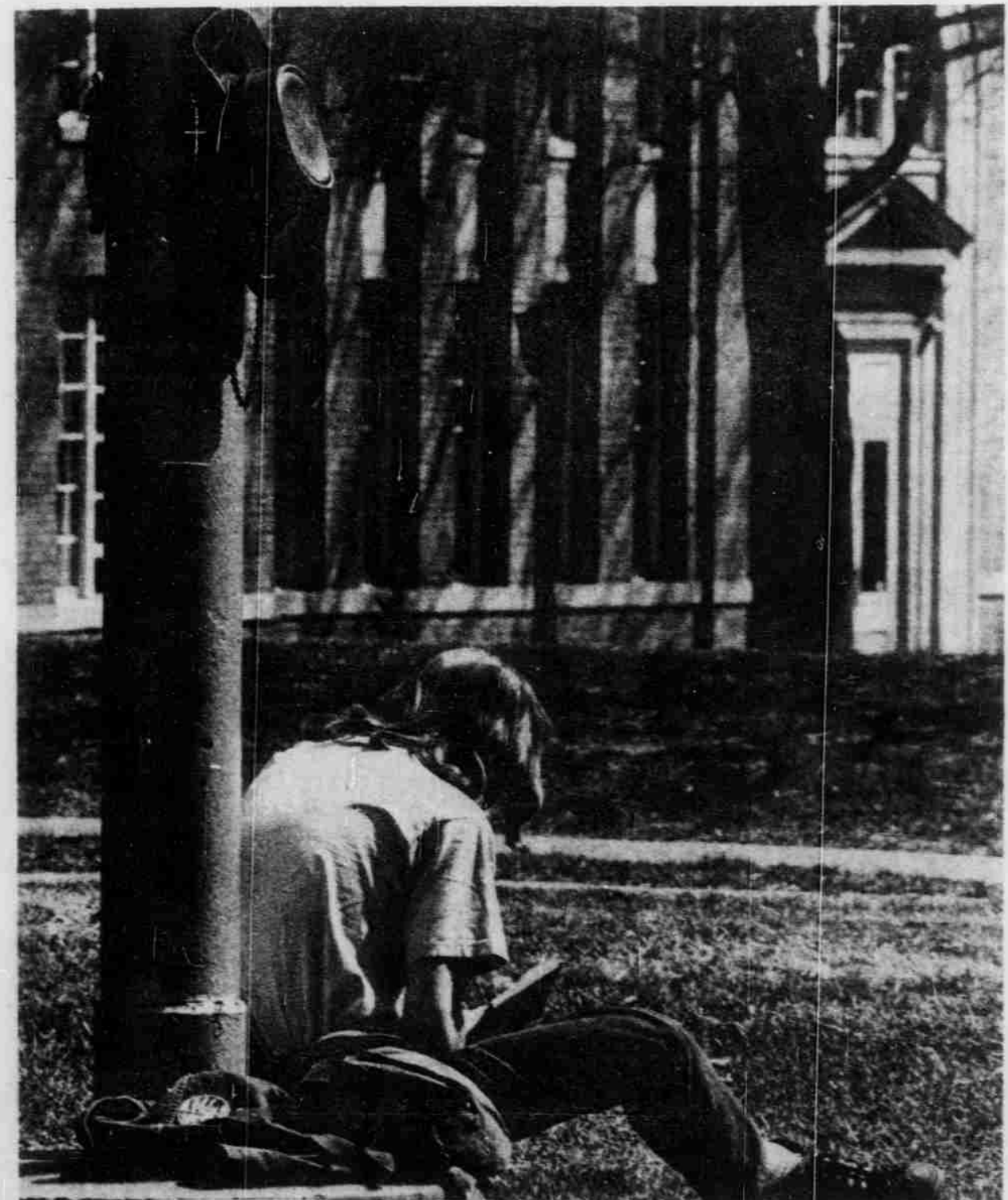
The center, which was located in the basement of the First Baptist Church of Chapel Hill on Roberson Street, was evicted by the Board of Deacons and Trustees of the Church April 13.

The eviction came as a result of difficulties concerning payment for the use of the building and utilities, "and the maintenance problems of a school housing 40 active and happy children," said Patti Paddock, one of the school's workers.

"The Chapel Hill - Durham community is in desperate need of day care facilities," she said. "As one of the few federally approved day care centers in Chapel Hill, the school responds to the needs of the community by serving low and moderate income families with a full program of quality education."

"The school has faced repeated crises since its inception; and despite our mounting problems, we continue to operate and to expand our present programs."

The school was started in September of 1970 as a result of a strike by cafeteria workers on the UNC campus. A group of women workers wrote a proposal asking UNC for a day care center. When UNC said it could not take the center as one of its "top priorities," the women began looking off-campus for a school "that would serve people regardless of their income," Paddock said.



With exams coming up soon, UNC students like this one are finding it necessary to just stop and catch up on the semester's reading. (Staff Photo by Cliff Kolovson)

Warren Carson

BSM selects new chairman

by Charles Jeffries
Staff Writer

"After all, this is a Black Student Movement and what we must do is move."

Warren Carson, 21, a junior English and history major from Tryon, is the new chairman of the Black Student Movement (BSM). He used those words to describe what he hopes to do in the coming year as chairman of the BSM.

Carson ran unopposed in the BSM elections March 8. He is a tall, medium built fellow whose Afro makes him seem even taller. His belief in blackness extends even further.

"As black people here in the University, we must demand respect in everything we participate in, and above all, we must demand the respect of the administration," he said.

Carson sees lack of communication as the major factor in the inability of the BSM to function more fully. He hopes he can improve the communications gap that exists in the group with some new programs and increased discussion among the members.

Carson says he ran for BSM chairman because he could lead "the group to better recognition," not in the sense of limelight, but by being a more visible group on the campus.

Most of the past chairmen of the BSM have had to make priorities. Carson is no different. He sees his priority as being the development of better relations with the off-campus blacks. This has been the problem of past chairmen and seems to be the most difficult to resolve.

"We want to make off-campus people an integral part of the organization," he added.

Carson has a business-like manner that has a certain degree of warmth about it,

yet when it comes to real business, let there be no mistake about it, he is in charge.

"Efficiency is my primary goal within the organization. I would like to see members of the group in all of the campus organizations. Not necessarily those that concern us, but also the ones which we feel we want to be a part of," he added.

Carson is not the only member of the BSM hierarchy who feels communication is one of the major problems for next year. His views are supported by the newly appointed editor of the Black Ink, Valerie Alayne Batts.

Batts' appointment came from the BSM Central Committee after recommendation from the Minister of Information, Mary Lacewell.



Warren Carson
Chairman



Valerie Batts
Editor