

Crosswalk safety efforts fail

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Staff Writer

Heavy traffic on S. Columbia Street has created a dangerous hazard for students in the School of Public Health, but attempts to correct the problem have so far met with failure, according to Assistant Dean Robert Morehead.

With the completion of the Health Sciences Library, the reading room in the School of Public Health was closed. The students now are forced to cross the busy highway, often at peak rush hours.

"Drivers don't realize they are in the

middle of campus when they drive through this area," Morehead said. "We want to prevent accidents."

Dr. Charles Harper, associate dean of the School of Public Health, said complaints had been made about the inadequate safety facilities for over a year.

"We made a request to the University administration before the Health Sciences Library was completed—we anticipated the traffic and suggested they consider alternatives to the crosswalk," he said.

Complaints have also been lodged with Allen Waters, director of the Operations

and Engineering Department. "I'm trying to go through channels," Harper said.

Waters, however, does not have the power to take any action.

"Because Columbia is a state highway, only the State Highway Commission can make any changes," Waters said. "We simply do not have the power to change the situation."

At Waters' recommendation, the State Highway Traffic Engineers have conducted a study of the problem. The study group included both state highway officials and professional consultants hired by the Highway Commission.

The group considered such proposals as a tunnel under the road, a crosswalk over the road and a safety island in the center. Other ideas included a pedestrian-operated stop light.

All of these proposals have been rejected as impractical by the Commission. "A tunnel is impossible because the ground is almost solid rock," said Waters. The area is laced with major utility lines, including steam, gas, water, sewer and electricity, he added.

"A crosswalk would back up traffic beyond the two stoplights near the School," Waters said. "In peak traffic hours, traffic may even back up into the town. A pedestrian-controlled crosswalk is just too impractical."

"The engineers contend the pedestrian traffic is not sufficient to warrant a major project," Waters reported.

The State Highway Commission has already made two improvements at the request of the Operations and Engineering Department. A crosswalk has been painted on the road, and two flashing warning signs have been posted at the sides of the street.

The Highway Engineers have agreed on a third proposal of three flashing warning lights suspended over the highway. These lights must meet state specifications and must be paid for by the University.

Before construction, the University must receive the state specifications. The figures were supposed to arrive in December or January, but have not yet been received.

"After the figures do arrive," Waters said, "it could be another three to four months before the lights would be in operation."

Lorena Warner, assistant to Mayor Howard Lee, said that the city had no power to regulate any state highway. Warner recommended that the School of Public Health request another study of the problem by the Highway Commission.



It was just one rainy afternoon . . . cutting one off from the rest of the world as in a giant envelope. Time seems to stand still and yet it flies by and beautiful moments are gone . . . almost forever, and you beg . . . DON'T FLY AWAY . . . (Staff photo by Cliff Kolovson)

Costa Rican native

Pneumonia kills student

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prescribed some medication over the phone. Munzo was not running a high temperature and he was complaining of the basic flu symptoms: runny nose, cough, sore throat and strong chest pains.

After a restless night, Munzo was seen by Dr. William J. Burke of the Infirmary. Dr. James A. Taylor, director of the Student Health Service, spoke for all who helped Munzo while he was in the Infirmary and said that Munzo appeared a little drowsy that morning, and something about him seemed different from the usual flu patient.

A consultant from Memorial Hospital, Dr. Janet Fisher, was brought in on the

case. Around 11 that morning Munzo had chest X-rays that showed more spotty, white areas than a flu patient's lungs should have. At noon Munzo was transferred to Memorial.

Dr. Frederick Sparling, his attending physician at Memorial, said that although Munzo was lucid Monday night, it was apparent by Tuesday morning that "nothing could be done." Friday morning by 2 a.m., Munzo was dead.

The hospital made what Dr. Sparling called "heroic measures" and said they had done "everything that was humanly possible." And it seemed, as he said, that the Infirmary had done "the best they could."

Munzo unfortunately got sick on a

weekend when he couldn't be seen right away and Chapel Hill has been in a flu epidemic, according to Dr. Taylor, so he might not have been seen by a doctor immediately anyway. Perhaps the most tragic fact of all is that there is no real cure for viral pneumonia. All a doctor can do is to try to ease the symptoms, giving oxygen, fluids and the like.

Munzo was the oldest of 11 children and his brother had been contacted by the hospital when it became apparent that Munzo was in serious difficulty. Dr. Sparling wrote Munzo's parents after his death, explaining that although the case was a rare one, and that they had done their best, he "really didn't have an answer" for why their son had died.

According to Robert Allen, public information spokesman for Disease Control in Atlanta, usually the only people who die from flu complications are the very old or the chronically ill. Munzo had been in good health when he entered the hospital except for the flu, Dr. Sparling reported.

Allen also said that it was not probable for a person that age to die from the flu. Dr. Sparling agreed that such cases were rare, adding that occasionally deaths did occur in the young.

Masses were said all Monday for Munzo at St. Thomas More Catholic Church where he had sung in the choir. A eulogy was given Monday by Daniel Zalacain, a close friend who drove him to the Infirmary just a week earlier.

Zalacain, like Munzo, was a foreign student. Munzo was from Costa Rica where he was a professor of English at the University there. He was not married, and he and Zalacain had gone to parties last year before Munzo had difficulties with his studies. He had first studied intensively in English then switched midway through this year to comparative literature. His adviser Dr. Eugene Falk, said he "never really knew him."

Not many people seemed to know him when he was alive, although his landlady said he occasionally had people over for dinner. His old roommate from Carr Dorm said he was a private, hard working, meticulous student.

When Zalacain gave his eulogy in the Faculty Lounge of Dey Hall on Monday, it seemed he had more friends than he knew. The room, normally holding 125 people, was full, with people standing in the aisle to pay their respects.

Loveland back for final debate

UNC's nationally prominent debater, Joe Loveland, will return to debating this weekend when the UNC debate team travels to Harvard University for a tournament.

Last year Loveland and Joe McGuire, presently at Harvard Law School, won major college debate tournaments at Emory University, Northwestern University and UCLA.

Loveland and McGuire debated in the National Championship Tournament last year. The tournament was a "disillusionment" according to Loveland.

Loveland has not debated this year because he is tired of it after six years. The senior Morehead Scholar also felt he should spend more time on an honors paper.

Loveland's partner at the Harvard debate will be freshman Jeff Allred. Allred's interest in debating stemmed from a high school speech course. He said most UNC debaters debated in high school. Allred felt he had acquired skill in research, argument, and cross-examination at summer seminars held at Georgetown University and Northwestern University.

While attending Andrews' High School in High Point, N.C., Allred won at Seton Hall University, the RFK Memorial in Boston and the Catholic National Championship. He debated in the District

Qualifying Tournament which included debaters from North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia.

Earlier this season Allred won the Wake Forest Novice Tournament. He was ranked sixth in a field of 68 debaters in a tournament held Jan. 9-21 at Seton Hall University.

Coach Robert Cox said Allred's performance was unusual for a freshman. He has great hopes for the Loveland-Allred team at the Harvard tournament.

UNC will also be represented by sophomores Cole Campbell and Tom Dillard. According to Cox, Dillard was outstanding last year. The Campbell-Dillard team will be competing for an at-large invitation to the National Debate Tournament in April.

The Harvard tournament will attract teams from 100 universities. Cox predicted both teams would do extremely well.

Cox said the team is in the process of rebuilding. Any student interested in debating should take Speech 45 and see Robert Cox in 101-A Bingham.

SL approves polling places

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Columbia Street, and Franklin Street): Ernie Patterson.

CGC IV (the area bounded by Airport Road, Franklin Street, Main Street, and N.C. 54): Tuck Atkinson.

CGC V (the area bounded by Franklin Street, Greensboro Street, the By-Pass, and South Columbia): Robert Hackney.

CGC VI (the area bounded by N.C. 54, Main Street, Greensboro Street, the By-Pass, and 15-501): Richard Koberson.

Graduate Districts for Campus Governing Council:
GD I (the departments of: Art, Drama, Music, RTVMP, Classics, Comp. Literature, Folklore, Linguistics, Germanic, Romance, and Slavic Languages, City Planning, Social Work, Psychology, and Religion): Dick Baker.

GD II (the departments of: Business, Comp. Science, Operations Research, Statistics, Medical School, Botany, Chemistry, Geology, Ecology, Marine Sciences, Mathematics, Physics, and Zoology): Hunter Dutton.

GD III (the departments of: Dentistry, Nursing, Pharmacy, and Public Health): Bill Snodgrass.

GD IV (the schools of Medicine and

Education): no candidate.
GD V (the departments of Economics, Geography, Speech, Physical Education, Recreation, Law School, and School of Journalism): Gerry Cohen.

GD VI (the departments of English, History, Anthropology, Political Science, Sociology, School of Library Science): Jim Becker.

The election ballot will include:
The Residence Hall Association Constitutional Referendum to be voted on by the entire student body (vote yes or no).

"A resolution to amend the Student Constitution of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill to provide for the Residence Hall Association."

The Residence Hall Association referendum to be voted on by the residents of the dorms (vote yes or no).

"A bill to establish a referendum to ratify the Constitution of Residence Hall Association of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill."

In order to vote in the elections you must go to the proper polling place and:
(1) present to the poll tender your I.D.;
(2) the poll tender will validate your I.D.;
(3) sign with polling sheet which is an

honor pledge; and (4) mark your ballot according to the candidates you're eligible to vote for.

The following is a complete listing of the polling places and those eligible to vote there:

Graduate Students may vote in any of the following places: The Student Union, Y Court, Peabody, Public Health building, the Health Sciences Complex.

Only residents of Craige can vote in Craige. Only residents of Odum-Victory Village can vote in Odum-Victory Village. Law students can only vote in the law school.

Undergraduate polling places:
Parker: Parker, Teague, Avery, McIver; Alderman, Kenan, McIver, Everett; Lower Quad., Ruffin; Upper Quad., Conner; Henderson Residence College.

Undergraduate residents of the following dorms should vote in their dorms: James, Morrison, Granville, Spencer, Cobb, Joyner, Ehringhaus.

Off-campus undergraduates may vote in: Naval Armory, Student Union, Y Court.

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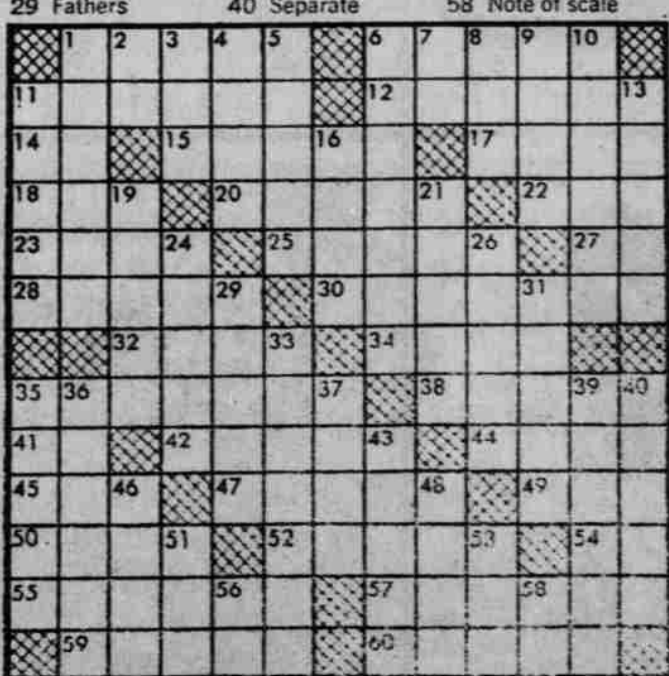
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Crossword Puzzle

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| 1 Turf | 1 Sign of zodiac |
| 6 Residences | 2 Registered nurse (abbr.) |
| 12 Best | 3 Three-toed sloths |
| 14 Negative prefix | 4 Satellite |
| 15 Brand | 5 Narrow, flat boards |
| 17 South American capital | 6 Occurs |
| 18 Pinch | 7 Preposition |
| 20 Russian stockade | 8 Wire measure |
| 22 Alcoholic beverage | 9 Mohammedan chieftain |
| 23 Wife of Geraint | 10 Man's name |
| 25 Gravestone | 11 Roadside restaurant |
| 27 Babylonian deity | 13 Tibetan priests |
| 28 Vexes | 16 Partner |
| 30 Glossy paint (pl.) | 19 Heaps |
| 32 Bad | 21 Puff up |
| 34 Mix | 24 Mephistopheles |
| 35 Craves | 26 Sends forth |
| 38 Babylonian hero | 29 Fathers |
| 41 Man's nickname | 31 Muse of poetry |
| 42 Inclines | 33 Tanned hide |
| 44 Cease | 35 Europeans |
| 45 Pinch | 36 Omits from pronunciation |
| 47 Take unlawfully | 37 Dirk |
| 49 Anglo-Saxon money | 39 Water wheels |
| 50 Prepare for print | 40 Separate |
| 52 Procurator of Judea | 43 Girl's name |
| 54 Negative prefix | 46 Ancient invader of Britain |
| 55 Withdraw from a political body | 48 Girl's name |
| 57 Biblical mountain | 51 Golf mound |
| 59 Beef animal | 53 Parent (colloq.) |
| 60 Underworld | 56 Prefix: down |
| | 58 Note of scale |

Answer to Yesterday's Puzzle

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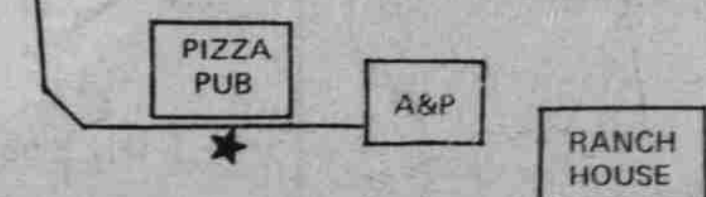
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