

Furniture agencies offer specials

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Students looking for furniture for their apartment or dorm room have two options: to rent or to buy. In either case, they have a wide choice in quality and price.

To save themselves the trouble of transporting furniture from home, to satisfy the need for temporary furniture or for cheaper payments on a short-term basis, many students rent furnishings from one of the two furniture rental companies in the area.

These two companies, Cort in Raleigh and Metrolease in Durham, offer a special three-room student package. This consists of living-room, bedroom and dining-room furniture at a monthly fee of \$29. Additional tax makes the actual fee higher, though.

Metrolease also has another charge, a waiver agreement, which raises total monthly cost to \$32.68. Under this agreement, which raises total monthly cost to \$32.68. Under this agreement, Metrolease will repair free any damage done to the furniture while the student rents it. There is no limit to the amount of repair, but manager Anna Hewett warns that customers are charged with malicious damage for such items as furniture clawed by pets. Both Cort and Metrolease require a security deposit.

Both companies also have a purchase-option plan. At Metrolease, monthly rental fees go

toward 75 per cent of the furniture. When this amount is reached, the student then has the option to pay the balance. If the balance is not paid when payments reach 75 per cent, the customer is paying rent on what will someday be his, with those payments not going toward purchase.

Some apartment complexes also rent furniture to their apartment dwellers for a monthly fee added to the apartment rent. The monthly rental cost adds between \$35 and \$40 to the rent, and the occupant is responsible for damages. A separate furniture deposit also is required. For example, Roberts Associates furnishes the two bedrooms, the living room and the dining room for \$45 monthly and a \$50 deposit. Kingswood manager J. Brent Bobbit said.

If a student does not want the responsibility of living with someone else's furniture or wants to use the items for a long time, buying is the answer. Yard sales, often advertised in newspapers, offer good used furniture at low prices. Yard sales have become so successful that they have cut into the used-furniture industry, said Tom Watts, manager of High Point Furniture Outlet.

Chapel Hill-Carrboro furniture stores can be divided into two groups: those that sell used items and those with new items.

Although the PTA Thrift Shop at 508 W. Franklin St. carries more used clothing than furniture, donated furnishings are sold in a

backroom. Because all items are secondhand, they must be carefully inspected before buying.

More mattresses and boxsprings at \$10 per set are sold to students than anything else, assistant manager Kim Peace said. The mattresses have not been cleaned, but "a can of Lysol would do the trick," Peace said. Couches with an average price of \$5 and chairs, about \$4, also are big sellers for apartment dwellers. Used appliances, \$1 bedspreads and soiled draperies for 50 cents also are available.

The Trading Post, at 106 S. Greensboro St. in Carrboro, is probably the largest volume supplier of unfinished wood furniture at low costs. Unfinished bookcases priced at \$19.95 are the best-selling item, owner Richard Moody said, followed by unfinished desks and tables. Moody also carries the kits to stain the furniture and will demonstrate how to do it properly.

Bedding is more expensive here than at the Thrift Shop, but it's new. Boxsprings with a mattress cost \$90. Metal bedframes sell for \$25. There are also factory seconds, along with a variety of low-and medium-priced antiques. Delivery charges are from \$2 to \$5.

Another place to browse for a used-furniture bargain is Charlie's Used Furniture and Appliances, on Highway 54 East. A painted totem pole sells for \$65. Like the Thrift Shop, all items are used.

No refunds or exchanges are allowed, and the

delivery charge is \$3. A healthy assortment of odds and ends, such as \$5 chairs and \$10 tables in various conditions fill the room. Second-hand mattresses and boxsprings sell from \$40 to \$60.

Owner Charlie Stancell's most popular items are dorm-room refrigerators. Larger units sell from \$35 to \$125, while six-cubic-foot units are priced at \$100. However, the UNC housing department has ruled that beginning in the fall of 1978, no refrigerator larger than six cubic feet will be allowed in dorm rooms.

On the other side of the furniture market are stores selling mostly new merchandise. Two are Riggsbee-Hinson Furniture and High Point Furniture Outlet, both in Carrboro. Students buy more bedding at these stores than anything else, the managers said. Cost for a set at Riggsbee-Hinson is \$89 and up, while High Point Outlet will deliver a set for \$99.50. Riggsbee-Hinson delivers free.

Most items in these two stores are out of many students' price range, but both have beanbag chairs from \$13 to \$30. High Point Outlet also has the Bargain Den, a room full of slightly damaged furniture and odd tables and chairs. Cost here depends on the item's condition.

Certain housing department rules may restrict how students furnish their abode. No waterbeds or barbells are allowed, as their weight damages floors, said Peggy Gibbs, assistant to the director of housing.

Mattox takes title seriously; plans birth control program

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Nancy Mattox decided to apply a literal interpretation to her title of Student Health Advocate when she assumed that position last spring.

"I believe my job is to be an advocate for the health in general," she said.

So in addition to acting as the liaison between Student Health Services and the student body, she plans to initiate a birth control education program to be presented to various student organizations. She also plans to

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distribute material informing students of the mental health services available to them.

Because she held the post only a few days last spring, Mattox said she plans to continue her efforts for determining the health needs of students.

Mattox said many students at UNC are uninformed about methods of birth control and are reluctant to practice birth control. This results in many unwanted pregnancies each year — a problem Mattox believes a birth control education program could help solve.

"Every year many girls have to leave during the semester because of an unplanned pregnancy," Mattox said.

She added she believes a birth control education program for both women and men should show students the many alternative methods of birth control.

The program will also warn students of the risks involved in some forms of birth control, Mattox said. "Many girls often take the pill because it is easy to use. But they also need to be aware of the risks of taking the pill."

Mattox said the mental health division of the Student Health Service should be used to prevent minor student problems from compounding and becoming major mental health risks.

"Students get lonely and feel the pressure of being away from home," Mattox said. "There is an awful lot of churning going on inside some students, especially during exam periods, and it must be very depressing."

A booklet printed by the Student Health Service states, "The mental health division is aware of the problems and stresses of university life, therapists are available, at no cost, to assist you."

Each semester students pay \$37.50 in fees to the Student Health Service, and a portion of the fees pays for the mental health program.

Mattox said the number of student visits to the mental health division increases heavily during exam periods. She believes one reason for this is the absence of people who were willing to help students during orientation and the beginning of the semester.

Many problems Mattox said students face during exams could be eased if students could just talk about their problems with other students. So she plans to initiate a "support group" program in dormitories to provide such opportunities.



Staff photo by L. C. Harbour

Nancy Mattox

Mattox said she also will monitor the success of the classroom-smoking ban. If the ban is being ignored by many professors, she said she would press for its enforcement.

Mattox plans to coordinate a health symposium this fall, and she also hopes to update the *Consumer Health Handbook*, a guide to health care in Chapel Hill published by the Student Consumer Action Union.

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Parking woes remain for UNC students

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The UNC traffic office, which annually issues approximately 120,000 traffic citations, will use stiffer fines and a pro-active enforcement policy to reduce the number of campus parking violations this year.

A new parking and traffic ordinance has also set guidelines for displaying parking decals. Improper display will carry a fine of \$2.

The pro-active enforcement policy consists of stationing student traffic monitors at entrances to what officials call "problem" parking lots. The monitors check cars for valid permits and warn drivers that cars will be towed if parked illegally.

The policy was used last spring, and traffic officials say it proved to be the most effective means of reducing violations.

"If they (drivers) are told they can't enter a parking lot, and they do it anyway, they can expect that their car will be towed," said Ted Marvin, director of campus security services.

Patrolling and towing in student parking lots begins today, said Abbott Mason, coordinator of the traffic monitor program.

Approximately 1,100 student permits are still available, most of which are for South Campus lots. But Bill Locke, administrator of traffic and parking, said he anticipates some cancellations for North Campus permits, which were sold out during preregistration.

Approximately 100 to 150 staff permits are still available. Temporary permits will be issued to those applying for them during the first two weeks of registration and classes. Permanent parking stickers will be issued Sept. 6.

Changes in the traffic and parking ordinance account for the stiffer fines for parking violations. Parking without a UNC decal now costs \$10, double from last year's fine. Parking at an expired meter is \$2 for the first violation and \$1 for each additional three hours. Parking in a marked fire lane costs \$10 and on sidewalks and lawns, \$5.

The new ordinance also includes rules on display of parking decals. Expired decals must be removed from the windshield; otherwise the fine will be \$2. Scrapers are available at the traffic office and at inspection stations.

Decals must be affixed to the lower right corner of the passenger-side windshield. Transferable decals must be displayed on the passenger side of the dashboard. Improper display of decals carries a \$2 fine.

Decals must be displayed this way to aid enforcement and for safety reasons, Mason said. Displaying expired parking decals is a violation of state motor vehicle law.

The "problem" parking areas that will have beefed-up patrols and blocked entrances are at Morrison Dorm, Carmichael Auditorium, the Union, Swain, Hill, Ackland and Carroll halls and the Bell Tower. Other lots will be patrolled, too. "We'll move with the problems," Mason said.

Consumers overlooked—Common Cause

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Federal regulatory commissioners consulted industry lobbyists 10 times more often than they saw consumer spokesmen last year, Common Cause reported Wednesday.

The self-styled citizens' lobby said it surveyed the usually confidential appointment calendars of 39 commissioners in 11 regulatory agencies

that supervise major business fields, and found a "gross imbalance" of contacts suggesting bias toward the industry viewpoint.

The survey showed that 46 per cent of the commissioners' outside contacts in 1976 were with industry representatives. Only 4 per cent were with representatives of consumer or public interest groups.

In addition, it said 44 per cent of the commissioners surveyed reported no official contact at all with consumer spokesmen.

The Common Cause report said these findings reinforce public opinion polls that show Americans are losing confidence in the federal regulatory agencies.

Chapel Hill taps Haw?

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The Haw River has been frequently mentioned as the next choice for emergency water, but OWASA has rejected the river's water on the grounds that it is unfit for human consumption. The N.C. Environmental Management Division, although, gave it the same rating given to water in University Lake.

Now under consideration by OWASA is piping water from the Eno River, tapping an Orange-Alamance treated water line, digging wells in the University Lake watershed and installing a Lake Orange raw-water line that would skirt the Hillsborough corporate limits.

As a conservation measure, the University Department of Engineering and Construction has drilled seven wells on

campus that are producing from 15 to 65 gallons per minute.

Lack of rain, unusually high temperatures and increased water consumption have contributed to the severity of this summer's water shortage, according to town officials.

The Chapel Hill Board of Aldermen adopted a five-stage water conservation plan on July 18. The town has been observing stage-three restrictions since University Lake, Chapel Hill's only reservoir, dropped to 72 inches below its normal level.

Under stage-three restrictions, shrubbery, flower and vegetable gardens may be watered only between 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Saturdays. Lawn-watering is prohibited, and water flow in swimming pools must be reduced to the minimum amount required for maintaining operation. Water-cooled air conditioners and other equipment that does not recycle water may not be used unless necessary for health and safety.

Washing motor vehicles, including the use of commercial car washes, is prohibited. Water may not be used to wash outside areas such as patios, sidewalks and driveways or for decorative fountains, pools and ponds. Restaurants may serve water only on request.

Violations of the ordinance will result in a misdemeanor charge punishable by a fine of not more than \$50 or imprisonment for not

more than 30 days.

If the lake drops to 96 inches below normal, tighter stage-four restrictions will be enforced. Stage five, the crisis stage, will go into effect if University Lake falls to 132 inches below normal.

Stage one, voluntary reduction of water consumption, applies when the water level is 36 inches below normal and stage two at 48 inches below.

In addition to the stage-three restrictions, residents are also urged to use these voluntary measures:

- Take showers instead of tub baths and limit them to four minutes.
- Reuse household water for watering plants. (Biodegradable soaps, detergents and shampoos will not harm plants.)
- Do not let taps run while shaving, brushing teeth or rinsing dishes.
- Limit use of washing machines and dishwashers. Be sure they are loaded to capacity when used.
- Install water-saving devices such as bricks, plastic bottles or commercial units in toilet tanks.
- Install water-flow restrictors in shower heads and taps.
- Use disposable and biodegradable dishes.
- Limit use of water-cooled air conditioners.

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