

Poetry reading in Dey Hall; admirers hear author Kinnell

By PETER HAPKE
Staff Writer

Between gulps of water from a nearby pitcher, poet Galway Kinnell presented a program of selected works to a crowd of admirers in the Dey Hall faculty lounge earlier this week.

Kinnell's visit was sponsored by the English department and the English Graduate Student Club. The reading included poems from several of his collections: *Flower Herding on Mount Monadnock* (1964), *Body Rags* (1968), *The Book of Nightmares* (1971) and *The Avenue Bearing the Initial of Christ into the New World*.

Kinnell began by reading some of his early didactic poems. The messages were brought out vividly by his rhetorical lyrics. In "St. Francis and the Sow," for example, the sermon was:

everything flowers from within
of self-being,

and in "The Apple Tree:"

(apples) that still invent past their own
decay
to be brighter.

Then embarking on a series of descriptive

Committee questions bus service

The recently expanded Carrboro Transportation Committee prepared a set of questions Thursday for the Town of Chapel Hill regarding bus service to Carrboro.

Alderman Douglas Sharer listed a number of questions he felt should be answered before the committee could make recommendations about bus service from Chapel Hill to Carrboro. Sharer would like to know:

- A cost estimate of extended evening peak service. This extension would involve adding an additional bus to the Carrboro route earlier in the afternoon.

poems, Kinnell told of his meeting with Robert Frost in a poem, and related the story of Frost's poetry reading at John F. Kennedy's inauguration.

"Being a thrifty New Englander, Frost naturally scribbled his poems on an old sheet of paper," Kinnell noted, "but in the bright sunlight on the inaugural platform he couldn't read the poem. This was poetry's highest moment and it looked like Frost might ruin it. But he came through for us; he tossed the paper aside and recited the poem from his heart."

Kinnell's concrete metaphors were evoked in his reading of Part II of "The Avenue Bearing the Initial of Christ into the New World," which describes a New York fish market:

Porgies with receding jaws hinged apart
- In a grimace of dejection as if like cows
They had died under the sledge
hammer, perches.

Other descriptive poems such as "The Porcupine" told of the farmers around Kinnell's Vermont farm killing these creatures who gnaw on anything that is salty from being handled by sweaty hands.

And "The Bear" described the old way Eskimos hunted polar bears by hiding a



Galway Kinnell

sharpened bone in animal fat. The poem ended with powerful imagery depicting a man dreaming that he is sleeping inside a bear.

Although Kinnell has lived in France, where he translated Yves Bonnefoy and Villon, among other French poets, he now splits his time between his homes on an old farm in Vermont and an apartment in New York City. He has taught poetry at many colleges and universities across the United States; this year he will teach at Sarah Lawrence and Holy Cross.

- A cost estimate of beginning morning service earlier.
- A cost estimate of extending evening service later into the evening.
- A cost estimate of Saturday service.
- The feasibility of the continued use of a fourth bus on the route during the early morning peak hours.

Sharer said he also wants to know which pick-up locations have the highest usage. The committee, which was expanded by the board Tuesday night from one to four members, will ask for the locations and times potential riders cannot board a bus because it is full.

"Once we get the answers to these questions, we need to have a meeting and decide what kind of service we can provide Carrboro," said Alderman Ernie Patterson. "Then we need to get with people in the area and determine where the money is coming from."

The committee will send their questions to the Town of Chapel Hill through Carrboro's Town Manager Richard Knight. Sharer said he hoped the questions would be in Chapel Hill early next week and that they would be answered shortly thereafter.

- ROBERT THOMASON

Answer to a cyclist's prayers

Plans for bikeways underway

By MICHAEL WADE
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Portions of a long-awaited bikeways system in Chapel Hill should be ready for cyclists by early next year, according to Town Planner Liz Rooks.

Construction of the new bikeways will be funded with \$350,000 in capital improvement funds approved by voters as part of a \$1.75 million bond last November.

The bikeways will be similar to sidewalks and will be built on the curb six to eight inches above the streets they parallel. They will be from five to eight feet wide, depending on the space available.

The material used for the bikeways has not been determined. Concrete, asphalt and a brick-like material are all under consideration.

Rooks said all three materials have disadvantages. The brick-like material and concrete provide a rough ride for cyclists, while asphalt breaks up if not packed down by heavy vehicles. Rooks said.

Concrete will probably be used along major roads because it looks better, she said.

Construction of the bikeways has not begun yet, but surveying of the sites is near completion. The town must obtain encroachment agreements with the state Department of Transportation before it can build bikeways on state highway right-of-ways.

Although Rooks said a town has never applied to the transportation department for encroachment for bikeways, she foresees no difficulties in obtaining them. "It will probably go through without any problem. It's not that different from building a sidewalk," she said.

Bikeways now being surveyed for construction are located at:

- Franklin Street from Estes Drive to Hillsborough Street.
- The east side of Airport Road from Hillsborough Street to Estes Drive.
- The west side of Airport Road from Umstead Drive to North Columbia Street.
- Raleigh Road from Glen Lennox to Country Club Road.
- Boundary Street and Park Place from Country Club Road to Franklin Street.
- 15-501 bypass from Estes Drive to Cleland Road.

The town also plans to construct a greenway system of asphalt paths that would allow cyclists to ride along many of the creeks which run through the town. An experimental section of the greenways system is scheduled for construction along Battle Branch from Weaver Road to University Mall.

Rooks said the town has already acquired many of the pedestrian and bikeways easements that will be needed before the entire greenway system can be built along the creeks.

Bike lanes on central area streets, including West Rosemary Street, Graham Street, Pittsboro Street and Country Club Road were also part of the Planning Department's original bikeways proposal. But Rooks said no bike lanes will be put on any streets for at least a year because parking must be prohibited on those streets before bike lanes can be constructed.

The bikeways system received \$350,000 from the capital improvement fund instead of its expected \$100,000 because few petitions for paving of dirt streets have been received by the town, Rooks said. Funds not used for paving have been transferred to the bikeways system.

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