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Solutions around bend

Not much has been said about Chapel Hill's perennial transportation problems since the bus system controversy subsided. But quietly, people are doing some things about it. Without great fanfare, steps are being taken that might provide the supply of parking spaces needed to meet a burgeoning demand. And a move is on that could bring stability to the balance sheets behind the brown buses.

Parking studies in Chapel Hill come practically a dime a dozen; four have been conducted in the last 10 years. But the latest study is the most promising: if the Board of Aldermen follow up the report, the downtown parking crunch could become a thing of the past.

The \$25,200 study, made by the traffic engineering firm of Wilbur Smith and Associates, proposes three alternatives to the current parking system. Two of the proposals suggest the construction of multilevel parking garages: one large deck on East Rosemary Street and three smaller ones near "peak parking activity" areas.

Whether the proposals ever make it into policy depends on the aldermen. But before the board can act, it must give the go-ahead to study of the financial feasibility of the construction plans. The aldermen, however, are somewhat hesitant to commit immediately more town funds for a study, and thereby threaten to waste the money they already have spent to investigate parking alternatives.

Federal aid may be on the way to answer the needs of the Chapel Hill bus system. Under the recently passed National Highway and Transit bill, Chapel Hill Transit could be eligible for as much as \$700,000 in government funds.

But since the aid is based upon a matching-fund system, that eligibility is in question. The actual amount received from Washington depends on how much the state, including the University, contributes to the bus system in coming years. Currently, the University provides most of its aid by purchasing bus passes from CHT, and then reselling them to students (last year, UNC bought \$465,000 in passes and resold \$130,000 worth to its students). This purchasing, however, does not qualify as a straight subsidy eligible for matching funds.

In both the parking and bus situations, help appears readily available. Solutions to the problems surrounding issues are now in local hands. In one area, the Board of Aldermen can expedite matters by following the parking study through to a quick and beneficial end. For the bus system to receive additional aid, the University must act to provide direct subsidy.

Important steps already have been taken. But Chapel Hill could use just a few more strides.

Mideast peace

The efforts to achieve a lasting peace between Egypt and Israel progressed considerably this weekend with the surprise announcement that a draft of a treaty had been agreed upon by negotiators for both sides in Washington. And despite some reports that Egypt in particular was having second thoughts about the document, it seems that both sides will eventually—and probably soon—sign a treaty very similar to the one taken to Cairo and Tel Aviv on Sunday. The negotiations which resume in Washington this week, though, will still prove vital to the future of the treaty and the peace.

In typical diplomatic fashion, representatives of both sides at the talks in Washington Monday were cautious about the chances for immediate acceptance of the draft in their respective governments. But their caution belies the relative ease with which the two sides came to agreement on the issues directly relating to peace; in almost every instance, those issues were in fact matters which had been settled in general form long ago, and which awaited merely a modicum of pressure for their effective resolution. For both nations the state of hostilities simply had become intolerable, given the questionable benefits to be expected by either side from yet another war. And when those pressures seemed for a time—as at Camp David, or last week in Washington—to be insufficient, President Carter was ready with his own very considerable pressures.

What kept the two sides apart for so long, however, and what imperils the current treaty, of course, is the fact that Egypt finds itself under strong counterpressure from some of its most important allies in the Mideast to resist a separate peace with Israel. Hence her attempts to "link" her concessions to Israel with an Israeli guarantee of a resolution of the issues of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, territories once belonging to Jordan and Syria and now considered by Israel as integral to her security. And hence the problems confronting the present treaty.

For too long, the keen desire of the United States and the acute need of Egypt have been to reach a general peace in the Mideast through the mechanism of an Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty. It can only be hoped that, when the negotiations resume in Washington later this week, the Israelis realize the future of peace in the Mideast depends on their willingness to compromise now on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

The Bottom Line

Woolly-bully

Within the universities and corporations that make up Research Triangle Park, there must be a heck of a lot of advanced studying going on. But we seem to have neglected one field of endeavor: nowhere within the Park's 20-mile radius is there a Center for Woolly Worm Studies. In fact, you'd have to go all the way to Boone to find one.

Announcing the university that offers everything—and we mean everything—in its curriculum: Appalachian State. Sandra Glover is the director for the Center for Woolly Worm Studies, which, oddly enough, studies Woolly worms. She currently is collecting 400 of the fuzzy buggers.

Why? (Glad you asked.) Woolly worms are thought to be nature's meteorologists—denoting the severity of the coming winter by the color of the rings in their fur. Glover and her associates feed their collected data (rather, feed observations regarding their collected date) into a computer, examine trends in the worms' colors with that of winter's climate, and draw conclusions as to whether the woolly worm's story is but an old wives' tale.

Weather predictions should be filtering out of Glover's office in the next few weeks. In the meantime, weathermen are calling for partly furry woolly worms throughout the next few weeks, with scattered woolly worms continuing through November.

Ice that pucks

From the same T and A attitude that brought you the Dallas

Cowboys Cheerleaders—quickly followed up by almost every other team in the National Football League—one more variation on a theme. Owners of the National Hockey League's St. Louis Blues have announced the formation of the Blue Angels: 16 women hired to lead the crowd into a roaring frenzy.

The team's owners seem to have solved the most pending problem facing the cheering squad. A wooden stage has been constructed at one end of the sports arena, ruling out the necessity for the women to jump about on the ice or within the penalty box.

We're not sure, however, that all of the problems facing the Angels have been solved. For instance, how does one cheer for a hockey team? What kind of cheers are possible? Given the violence of the game, one presumes that the majority of the slogans will deal with physical contact: "Check 'em back, check 'em back...wayyyyyy back," would do for starters. "Rah, rah ree, slice 'em in the knee. Rah, rah jib, crack a floating rib!" could prove effective as well.

And then there's the problem of clothing the Angels. Like any other promotional gimmick, cheering squads always seem to give you...um...more—in the name of sexism. But will the Angels be the exceptions? The cold facts indicate that a cheerleader's skimpy attire in an ice arena could make the "Blues" a more appropriate nickname than the St. Louis owners originally intended.

Some martyrs don't deserve recognition

By CAM JOHNSON

David Duke, Grand Wizard for the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, has surfaced again in North Carolina. He was in High Point two weeks ago announcing plans to open a state KKK center. He said then he may enter the North Carolina Democratic presidential primary in 1980.

Old-time Chapel Hillians may remember the last time Duke was in town. While speaking here in 1975, Duke was shouted off stage in Memorial Hall by several hundred students. About 200 blacks, joined by members of the predominantly white Coalition to End Racism comprised the protestors. The incident sparked freedom of speech debates at UNC and led to the honor court trial of BSM President Algernon Marbely. Marbely, charged with disrupting the speech, later was acquitted.

Duke still is saying the things that so inflamed UNC four years ago. From his home in Metairie, La., he said there is a double standard between white and minority interest groups. "There are thousands of organizations working for minority groups, but if a white does the same thing, he's called a racist and a hater."

Duke said government actions forcing racial integration will lead to the destruction of the United States. "If the government keeps pushing integration, this nation will crumble," Duke said. "Integration is a failure. It has caused violence, encouraged hatred and lowered educational quality. It has been shown time and time again that more integration leads to more violence."

Voluntary separation of whites and minorities will solve racial conflict, Duke said. "The answer is

to allow the races to tailor their own community to their own needs."

Each community will differ, he said, because each race has its own genetically determined needs. "Genetics is the base factor of life. If you give people the opportunity to develop their own culture, blacks will develop a different culture from whites. White culture emphasizes English literature, chemistry, physics and mathematics. Blacks are inferior as far as our culture goes. There are significant psychological differences between the races."

Duke said white politicians are not responsive to white voters, who are becoming aware of being dispossessed by minority groups. "White politicians know what's happening to white people. They know about the crime, the attacks on our culture and the Jewish financing of political campaigns. But they're afraid. No politician would stand up and work for the white majority."

Duke denied being a racist, "unless you call a racist someone who loves his own people and wants to advance their interests and desires. Racists are the ones who've only read the pro-integration side," he said.

American politicians are hypocritical about race relations, Duke said. "Andrew Young goes to Rhodesia and South Africa and says Negroes are in the majority, so education and social programs should be tailored to meet blacks needs. If someone suggested we do that in this nation, Young would blanch."

Charming. If Young—and every other black person—would blanch, our problems would be over; at least, according to Duke's line of reasoning. But since this is possible only in the

realm of racist humor, Duke's answer is to set up separate societies for each minority group. Presumably, blacks would lounge about eating soul food and making love. Whites, on the other hand, would be condemned to working out calculus problems and reciting Lord Byron. Heaven only knows what Latinos would do.

I don't want to comment on the substance of Duke's arguments, but I would like to comment on his proposed presidential candidacy. There are those who would submit that public airing of Duke's philosophy should be prohibited or even stopped by force. They fear listeners will be swayed by Duke's appeals.

I disagree. Violent confrontation tends to discredit the perpetrators and divert attention from where it properly should be focused. In the case of Duke's 1975 Carolina visit, the protestors gave Duke far more publicity than he would have gained had the protestors ignored him.

If Duke comes campaigning in North Carolina in 1979 as he says he will, his outrageous, pseudo-scientific appeals should be heartily and generally ignored. Nothing will be gained by making a martyr of a self-serving demagogue like David Duke.

As Ralph Waldo Emerson said: "The martyr cannot be dishonored. Every lash inflicted is a tongue of fame; every prison a more illustrious abode; every burned book or house enlightens the world; every suppressed or expunged word reverberates through the earth from side to side."

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Letters to the editor

Data devoured; no course review this fall

To the editor:

In response to Elizabeth Stuart's questions concerning the *Carolina Course Review* ("Reviews cancelled," DTH, Oct. 23), it is true that there will not be a printed edition of the review this fall. Because of mechanical errors in the scanning of computer forms, some results from the spring evaluations were highly questionable. Consequently, we could not print these results.

This does not mean that we have discontinued the review. We will again evaluate courses in December and print a review in the spring. Moreover, we are using this semester to re-assess the course review. We have sent out questionnaires and have created a board of faculty members and students who will study the present review and make changes in its form and content.

We are sorry if certain individuals feel that these decisions have been "covered up." This was not our intention. We have informed departments of these problems and are willing to answer any questions concerning the future of the review.

Manley Roberts
Kathy Harris
Carolina Course Review
co-chairpersons

ERA rally

To the editor:

I was glad to see Trish Hunt's remarks on ERA ("Male ERA N.C. lobbyist sought," DTH, Oct. 23). 1979 will be a crucial year for ERA in North Carolina. Even though the extension has passed, North Carolina can't afford to wait a few years before it ratifies ERA. Hopefully, North Carolina will be the first state in the South to ratify.

UNC students can help in the ratification effort. Students should get an absentee ballot, or return home to vote for pro-ERA candidates in their home districts. They should write their representatives after the election and tell them how they feel about ERA. And there will be an ERA rally from noon-2 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 30 in the Pit (or 202 Union if it rains). The rally will include speakers, entertainment and ERA information.

Susan Rowe
AWS chairperson

A plea to all

To the editor:

Just another letter in favor of the ERA? Not quite. I want to issue a plea to every UNC student:

If you are against the passage of the



ERA, then I urge you to attend the rally on Monday, Oct. 30 in the Pit. I cannot help but feel that you don't fully understand what the ERA would accomplish. It's time to learn.

If you are in favor of the passage of the amendment, it should go without saying that I hope you attend the rally, not only to show your support, but also to help educate the misguided.

Most importantly, if you are undecided, then the rally is the place for you. Remember, the ERA is for everybody.

Barbara Olasov
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Appalled by response

To the editor:

As a member of Chapel Hill's heterosexual population, I am appalled, embarrassed and saddened by the response of some individuals on this campus to Gay Awareness Week. Members of the CGA have had to paint the Cube three times to cover up obscenities scrawled over their

announcements. Small posters in dorms have been similarly defaced. I fail to understand how members of a community such as this, which purports to be educated, sophisticated and "liberal" (whatever that word means today) could show such horrendous intolerance of a minority.

Being gay is not limited to sexual preference. Gay people are above all people, not just gay people. A person's sexuality is not necessarily the determining factor in that person's life (though some straight members of our wonderful species seem to place an inordinate amount of stress on their sexual prowess). I find it shocking that some people have such a limited understanding of humanity that they see gayness only as an expression of sexuality (besides, oral sex is not limited to gays, as the messages on the Cube implied: don't we all know that?).

This immature scrawling of obscenities and the blind intolerance such actions show prove how unnecessarily cruel people on this campus can be. The gay community here is not and never has been attacking the straight community; its members are merely trying to gain the

recognition, the understanding and the acceptance they deserve. I can only hope those who feel the compulsion to condemn gayness will at some point in their lives stop to think and try to understand that there is really no significant difference between a gay person and a straight person, that a person's sexuality does not determine his or her personality, and that we are all merely human.

Debbie Bedford
203 Aycock

Don't tell Student Aid

To the editor:

Thanks for running another ludicrous anti-Helms cartoon on Oct. 18. The cartoon informed me that as a financial contributor to the Helms re-election campaign I'm a "rich conservative." I just hope the Student Aid Office doesn't discover my secret million-dollar Swiss bank accounts.

Bryan Wirwicz
S-8 Old Well Apartments

Helpful hints for our war on grade inflation

By JEFF PORTERFIELD

It had to happen sometime. Apparently there were just too many confident souls wandering around campus, and so, word has drifted down from the shadowy stratosphere of the Hierarchy that a crackdown will be implemented to combat the creeping menace of good grades.

It seems we are now capable of aging tests that would have left past generations spinning their wheels. And the authorities painfully have been aware of our progress. So, faced with a shortage of below-average students on which to vent their frustration, they have opted to pick on above-average students instead.

They have allotted us a generous four weeks at the beginning of each term to decide whether we want to drop courses in which we may not yet have received any grades. They have begun considering pluses and minuses in the computation of our GPAs, and now we discover that they are hard at work to push the average grade down to the same level as the minimum required for graduation. To be more lax would be to provide an inferior education.

And granted, these measures are all well and good, but anyone aware of the true significance of the problem will realize that the current steps being taken toward its solution are simply far too lenient. Therefore, I have taken the liberty of compiling a number of suggestions which hopefully will assist in driving the menace of academic excellence from our fair campus forever:

- 1) Allow a maximum SAT score of 450 combined for admission to the University, but keep curriculum standards the same. The average QPA should begin to drop somewhat within six months.
- 2) Require a minimum of 21 credit hours per semester. Employ a secret intelligence force (which could be recruited easily from the ranks of the parking monitors) to harass students suspected of keeping up in their work.
- 3) Remove all books from Student Stores. This will make studying more difficult and encourage students to goof off.
- 4) Eliminate all irrelevant information such as times, days, buildings and room numbers from the class schedules distributed during registration.

This way, a lot of people won't be able to find their classes until after midterms.

5) Open the libraries only on Friday and Saturday nights. And when finals are finally over.

6) Fail everybody. This also will ease the housing shortage, eliminate crowded classrooms, shorten lines significantly, and make it easier to find a parking place.

If the procedures outlined above seem a bit extreme, bear in mind that they, like the ones already being put into effect by the University, are simply for our own good. Graduate schools won't take our transcripts seriously until our grades go down. Of course they probably won't admit us with the lower grades, either, but that's beside the point. It's our duty as students to let everyone know just how average we really are, and if those in power are kind enough to nudge us toward our goal, so be it. A promising future of mediocrity is looming upon our academic horizon, and we won't have to put up with the nuisance of As and Bs much longer.

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