

Town supporting with bike paths

Cyclists hit streets in protective wear

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Strap on your helmet, don your reflective vest, check your lights and you're ready.

Bicyclists seem to be more concerned about protecting themselves from the hazards of bike-riding nowadays, says Dave Witten, owner of Chapel Hill Cycle Shop. Sales of bike safety accessories, such as helmets and flashing lights, have risen sharply in recent years. "I've sold probably 10 times as many helmets in the last two years than any time before," Witten said.

Concern for bicyclists' safety is the main reason bike lanes and paths were built in Chapel Hill, said Tony Hooper, assistant town manager. "There are a lot of people that use bicycles, and we want to encourage that," he said.

Parking is banned on Cameron Avenue and Country Club Road during certain hours where bike lanes have been marked off. There are also red-colored bike paths along Airport Road, Franklin Street and Raleigh Road which are separated from the roadway and double as sidewalks.

The one-way paths were designed for bicyclists in areas where they are not able to keep up with the flow of



'Don't push your right-of-way' on a bike

traffic because of steep hills, said Mark Royal, assistant town engineer. Hooper said those paths are "90 percent completed" and usable for cyclists now.

Chapel Hill police reported nine accidents involving bicycles in the last six months. "There were no major injuries," said Ralph Pendergraph, crime prevention officer. "We've been fortunate."

Pendergraph said most accidents involving bicycles happen either because the rider is not given full right-of-

way by a motorist, or because he fails to obey traffic laws.

Most of the accidents happened on Franklin and Rosemary Streets, where "we're just too congested," Pendergraph said. The failure of drivers to yield to bikes in bike lanes has led to some "near-accidents," he added.

Though bicyclists have full right-of-way, Pendergraph said, "there's a difference between right-of-way and good common sense. Don't push your right-of-way, because you don't have much protection on a bike. If there's a flagrant violation or pattern of violations (of bicycle right-of-way by motorists), report it."

A bike-rider is required to put a headlight and back reflector or red light on his bike for riding at night and to obey all applicable traffic laws, such as stop signs, hand signals and lane requirements, Pendergraph said.

A Chapel Hill ordinance also requires bike owners to register their bikes. Registration costs 50 cents, and the registration number is engraved on the bicycle, Pendergraph said. If a registered bike is stolen and recovered, its owner can be traced within 30 seconds. "It's the best insurance against theft," he said.

McNeill Smith lecture

Students too serious today

By GEORGE JETER
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The future of the University depends on the attitude of its students, former State Sen. McNeill Smith told members of the UNC Dialectic and Philanthropic Societies Monday night.

Smith, who unsuccessfully campaigned for the Democratic Senate nomination in 1978, gave the audience a University history lesson and advice for planning what to do with their time here as students.

"It'll be your thinking that determines whether people of the world will look to Chapel Hill for guidance or someplace else," Smith said.

Many of today's students are too serious and career conscious, Smith said. "You should come here to shine and say and do what you want to do," Smith said.

The University was intended to be a school for all classes and kinds of people, Smith said. Although the school once only accepted men, the original founders encouraged men from all kinds of backgrounds so "there wouldn't be any aristocratic class," said Smith.

Smith also stressed the need for all well-rounded liberal arts education. "I think that's the main purpose of a place like Chapel Hill," he said.

In addressing the question posed to him by the societies, "The University: Parent or Child of the State?" Smith said that even though the school's funds are controlled by the state legislature, the University is a multi-faceted body which neither controls the state nor is controlled by it.

Smith said the fact that a large number of the state's government business leaders are UNC graduates and that the University often makes studies which are used by the state shows that, indirectly, the school is a parent to the state.

On the lighter side of how students should learn new things at Chapel Hill, Smith told the group about his experiences as a UNC student in the 1930s. He and several of his friends drove through town with women's lingerie tied to the first car ever owned by a member of their class.



Don't be too career conscious—Smith

Noted prof dies at 59

Dr. George M. Himadi, UNC professor of radiology who has been named Professor of the Year twice by the senior class of the UNC School of Medicine, died Monday at his home following an extended illness. He was 59.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Monday at N.C. Memorial Hospital. Burial services will be private.

Himadi joined the faculty in 1969. "Dr. Himadi was an inspiring member of the University faculty," said Dr. Christopher C. Fordham, vice chancellor for health affairs. "His students and colleagues will greatly miss him both as a friend and as an outstanding teacher and physician."

A native of Ridgewood, N.J., Himadi attended Duke University and then its medical school, where he received his M.D. degree in 1944. At Duke he was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Alpha Omega Alpha medical honorary.

Survivors include his wife, the former Cora Arnold, a son William of Tucson, Ariz., a daughter Elaine of Worcester, Mass., a daughter Linda Himadi Lenz of Chapel Hill and two grandchildren.

The family requests that any tribute to Dr. Himadi be in the form of contributions to Triangle Hospice, Inc., P.O. Box 3120, Chapel Hill, N.C. 27514.

Local amnesty proponents work to free 'prisoners of conscience'

By JOHN ROYSTER
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Several Chapel Hill citizens are working to free prisoners in such faraway places as Romania and South Africa.

They are members of the local chapter of Amnesty International, a worldwide organization that works to free what it calls "prisoners of conscience"—those it says have been imprisoned for reasons of race or beliefs, confined without trial or mistreated while confined.

"Mainly our purpose is to exert pressure of public opinion, which seems to work pretty well, although I'm not quite sure why," said Bruce Tindally, chairman of the local group.

Local groups are assigned cases by Amnesty International's headquarters in London. Members write letters to officials in the countries concerned, appealing for the release of the prisoner.

The chapters also appeal to the U.S. State Department and distributes press releases about the prisoners.

One victim sponsored by the Chapel Hill chapter is Jianu Sava, a Romanian coal miner who took part in a 1977 strike against the government-owned mine in which he worked.

According to Raquel Goldberg, coordinator for the Sava case in Chapel Hill, the incident is unique to Amnesty International because Sava is not imprisoned. He has been demoted and transferred, however.

The second case sponsored by the local chapter is that of Aaron Ipinge, a leader in the Southwest Africa People's Organization (SWAPO) who, according to Amnesty International, was arrested earlier this year by the South African government and imprisoned without trial.

SWAPO advocates independence of Southwest Africa, now under the control of South Africa.

The cases were assigned to the local chapter after an investigation by the London headquarters. Persons who are believed to have used or advocated violence receive no aid from the organization.

"The main thing we do is just keep writing and keep writing over and over," Tindally said. "There are no official

statistics, but kind of a rough estimate is that 50 percent of the cases we handle end in the prisoner being released."

On the local level, seven cases have been taken since the chapter started in 1977. Five of them have ended in prisoners' release, although not always before the scheduled end of the sentence.

Amnesty International, Tindally said, strives to remain politically neutral. "We don't want to antagonize anybody," he said.

The organization also provides financial help to families of the prisoners.

The Chapel Hill chapter outlined some of its plans at a meeting on Monday. A booth will be set up in University Mall Saturday in conjunction with the mall's Community Services Day.

Boaz Sharon, a Durham pianist has agreed to do a benefit concert for the chapter, but a date for that has not yet been set.

The chapter also will conduct a downtown observance of Human Rights Day and Week in October.



Boogie for a cause

The Embers (Greg Willard pictured above) played Tuesday in the Phi Delta Chi house on Finley Road. Proceeds from the all-campus bash went to the American Cancer Society.

Sticker approvals ready

Students who applied for Student Government hardship parking stickers before 5 p.m. Monday may check by Suite C Carolina Union from 1-5 p.m. today through Sept. 21 to determine whether their application has been approved.

The secretary in Suite C will have a box of letters approving hardship applications. If an applicant's letter is not in the box, the application was rejected, said Warren Collier, Student Government director of parking and transportation.

Applicants should present a valid ID to receive their letters. Applicants can have the letters mailed to their home by calling 933-5201, Collier said.

Approximately 55-60 of the 65 hardship applications received by Student Government were approved, Collier said. Student Government has approximately 40 stickers left to distribute to hardship cases which may arise throughout the year, he said.

Any questions concerning the application process should be directed to Collier or Lee Carr in Suite C.

Student's condition poor

A UNC student who was hit by a car on N.C. 54 Bypass last Thursday remains in poor condition, a spokesman for North Carolina Memorial Hospital said Tuesday.

Michael John Schlautman, 23, of I-Q Royal Park Apartments, received multiple injuries when he ran into the path of a car driven by Wanda Brown Frick, 25, of 65 Laurel Ridge

Apartments. Frick and her daughter, two-year-old Tanya Marie Frick, received minor injuries in the accident. The child was treated in the emergency room and released Thursday. Wanda Frick was not hospitalized.

No charges were filed in the accident, police said Tuesday.

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