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## Pass-fail option involves many considerations

By NANCY BROOKS  
Staff Writer

With the deadline for pass-fail declarations looming a little more than a week away, many students are busy scrutinizing early test grades to see which courses may do permanent damage to their grade point averages.

But even if the fear of low grades is the main motivation, students should consider many other factors before declaring a course pass-fail, University officials said this week.

Although many rumors have been circulating to the contrary, the deadline will be Oct. 5, said Anne Coenen, student services manager for the College of Arts and Sciences. Confusion about the date resulted from the late ruling by the Faculty Council last spring that said the pass-fail declaration deadline should coincide with the end of the drop period, she said.

Other rules governing pass-fail declarations should influence a student's decision to take a course under this option, Coenen said. For example, a student may not take as pass-fail any courses required to fulfill the language-math option, any divisional electives in the General College curriculum, or any courses in the student's major, she said.

Judging from a review of student worksheets in approximately 40 degree programs of the College of Arts and Sciences, Coenen said students tend to take the popular "slide" courses pass-fail. Most math and science courses are not taken under the pass-fail option because students who take them usually are fulfilling a department or major requirement, she said.

According to the Office of Records and Registration, 3,190 students took at least one pass-fail course during the spring semester. Only 28 pass-fail declarations were made in the biology department and 25 were made in the math department, while 538 persons declared courses pass-fail in the history department.

Raymond E. Strong, director of records and registration, said figures like these reflect the constraints placed upon students when they try to choose a course in their curriculum to take pass-fail. "But I also think the pass-fail option is beginning to be used differently," he said.

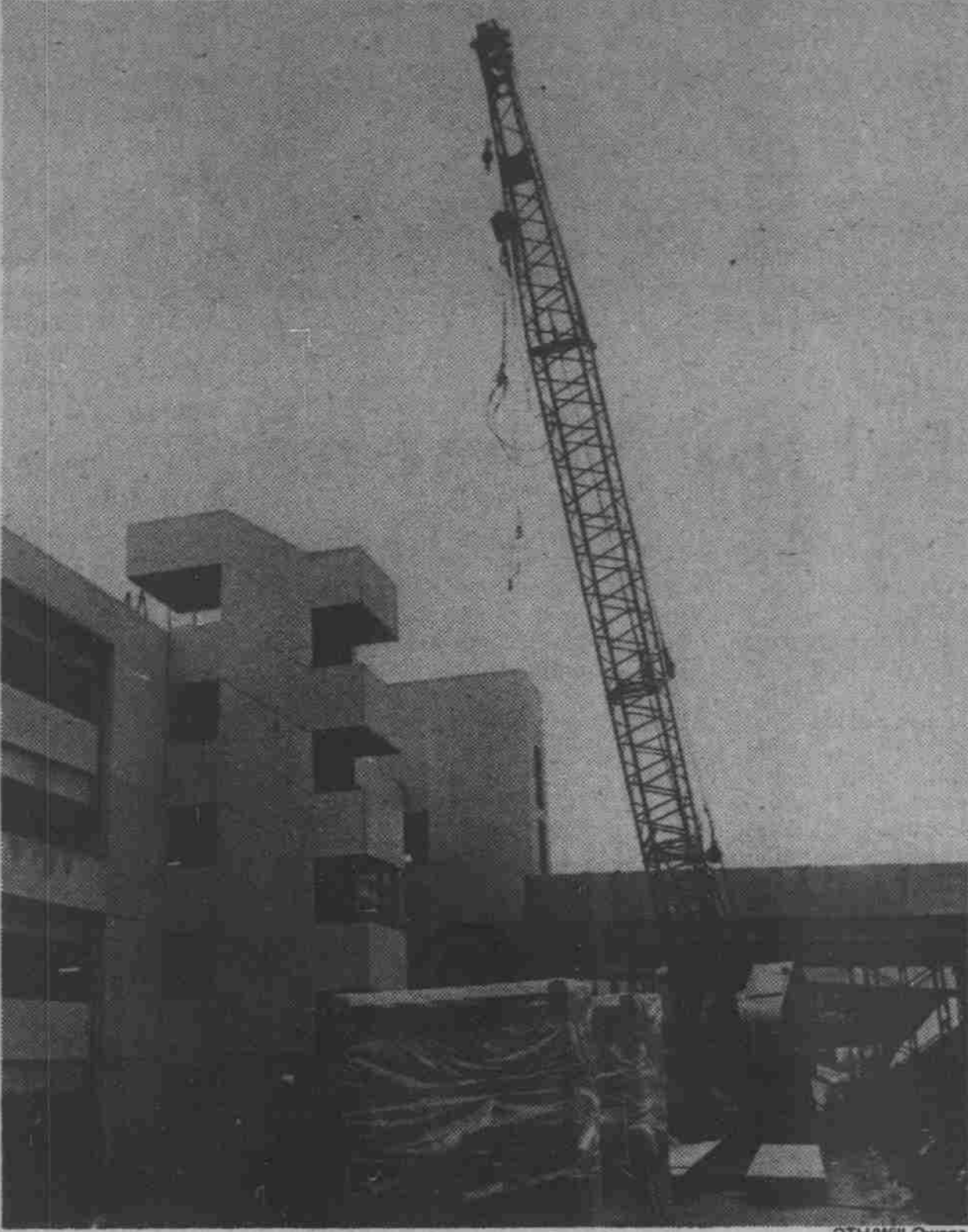
"Pass-fail was originally designed to get students to experiment with a course that they might not otherwise take," Strong said. "Now, I think students are picking out a course in their schedule that they think they will make the lowest grade in."

Other factors besides the difficulty of a course should influence a student's decision about pass-fail, said Donald C. Jicha, associate dean of the General College. "The pass-fail option is intended for people to take a course they are apprehensive about taking because they feel others in the course have had more experience," he said. "One student may want to take an art course because he's interested in art but may not feel he has enough talent.

"Or you might want to take a high-numbered course in your major that you might not particularly need for your program," he said.

Sometimes it is important to know an instructor's scale for assigning a "pass" or a "fail" grade before choosing the pass-fail option, Jicha said. "There has never been anything said about what defines a 'pass' or a 'fail.' If the student passes in the estimate of the instructor, then he receives a 'P,'" he said. "But if some instructors interpret a 'D' as a non-passing grade, then that's open to debate.

"No one has control over establishing grades for a professor," he said. "The scale is just assumed to be fair. But we have had few grade appeals with substance. Most of them try to split hairs between an 'A-' and a 'B+'."



DTH/Will Owens

Hospital parking deck was used Saturday...without town's permission

## Parking deck use prompts criticism

By ANNE-MARIE DOWNEY  
Staff Writer

The University has come under fire from local residents and town officials for opening the N.C. Memorial Hospital parking deck for football parking on Saturday without the town's authorization.

Criticism of the University's action surfaced at a Chapel Hill Town Council meeting Monday.

The University apparently used the deck during the UNC-Pittsburgh football game without obtaining the necessary clearance from the town's building inspector. The inspector determines whether the University has complied with stipulations of the special use permit granted for the deck.

The town council granted the University's request for a special use permit for the deck in 1978, on the condition that the University comply with certain specifications regarding the design and construction of the deck.

"The University has no right to open and start permanent use (of the deck) without some certain statement of compliance from the town," Town Attorney Emery Denny said Monday.

Council member Bill Thorpe said, "We should smack their hands because they're not supposed to be in there."

But University Vice Chancellor for Business and Finance John Temple said Tuesday he did not know UNC needed authorization from the town before it could use the deck.

"We did use it for the football game Saturday, and I understood this created some difficulty between us and the town of Chapel Hill," he said.

University Planning Director Gordon Rutherford

met Tuesday with town Building Inspector John Davis and Art Berger of the town planning staff to go over the deck.

Berger said the University has complied with almost all requirements of the permit.

But before opening of the deck may be approved, the town also must approve some solution to the traffic problems in the Mason Farm Road-Manning Drive area near the deck. When the council granted the permit, it also passed a requirement that the traffic problems be alleviated before the deck may open.

Peg Rees, a resident of the area near the deck, said she objected to the opening of the deck before the traffic situation had been resolved.

"We (area residents) feel we have been grossly misled, and we demand that something be done to alleviate the traffic problems," she said.

The council has considered some options to improve the traffic situation near the deck, and among these are the closing of Mason Farm Road at the intersection of Purefoy Road and closing Otey's Road. The council has not yet acted on these proposals.

"The burden of action is on the council, not on the residents of Mason Farm Road or the University," council member Bev Kawalec said.

Council member R.D. Smith echoed Kawalec's view. "The University can't do it. We have to do it," he said.

Rutherford said Tuesday, "I don't know what else you can do, but what you can do. We can't close the road."

Town Manager Gene Shipman said he feels the recent improvements on the area roads and planned improvements satisfy the town's commitment to remedy the traffic problems.

## Committee strives to educate faculty on race

By KATHLEEN M. HOSKINS  
Special to The Daily Tar Heel

Although its existence is not widely known on campus, the UNC Black-White Dialogue Committee is working to increase faculty awareness of the problems encountered by black students at the University.

The 2-year-old committee consists of 37 members, including black and white faculty, students and administrators.

"Although some of the problems are certainly applicable to any minority, and maybe even in a broader sense any student, we're particularly trying to work toward eliminating problems that come to our attention that relate to black students," said James Leutze, chairman of the Curriculum in Peace, War and Defense and faculty coordinator for the committee.

The committee deals with problems that are perceived by students as being racial, intimidating, or interfering with learning in an open atmosphere, Leutze said.

"The amazing thing is that a lot of professors aren't aware that there is a problem, so we need to show them that there is one," said committee member Pam Farmer, a senior from Gastonia.

Leutze said one way to eliminate such problems is to make professors aware of things they do that may be intimidating to a black student.

"We're after behavioral change," he said. "We try to convince the professors that that behavior is not in their best interests as an educator."

The committee tries to implement changes by asking departments with a problem to invite committee teams to enter into dialogue sessions with the faculty.

The teams are composed of two black students, one black faculty member and one white professor. White students on the committee evaluate the teams for overall effectiveness.

The team-faculty meetings consist of three one-hour sessions. In the first session, teams provide factual information on the issue in question.

"We cite statistics and quotations gathered from a survey of the faculty," said committee member Bill Graves, a mathematics professor.

"Some of the quotations we give are considered undeniably racist by reasonable people."

In the second session, teams look for effective ways to approach the problem, Leutze said. In

the final session the team answers questions from the faculty and offers ideas and suggestions on how to improve faculty-black student relations.

"Of course we can't tell anyone how to handle their class," Leutze said.

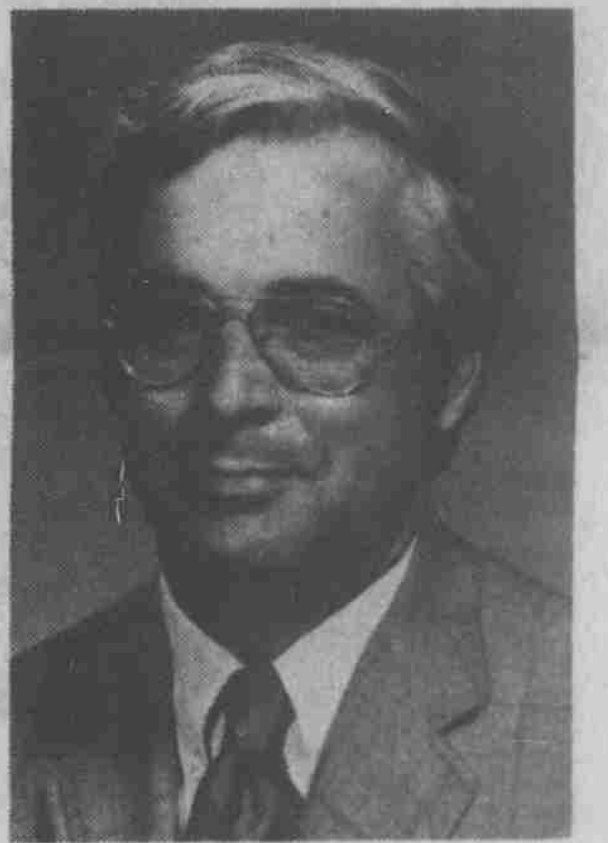
Although there is no scientific control to determine whether professors have changed their attitudes, Leutze said at least 85 percent of the faculty members approached by the committee have reacted favorably.

Although the committee's aim is to engage in dialogue with professors, the purpose is not to place fault, said committee member Dennis Tafoya, an assistant professor of speech communications.

"We're saying that both parties have to realize that they have an obligation to themselves and to each other to make this educational process here at the University as rewarding as possible," he said.

The committee can measure its success on two levels, Tafoya said.

"First of all there is an increased public awareness...that there is a problem here," he said. "Ultimately we see how effective the group itself is becoming, seeing both our strengths and our weaknesses."

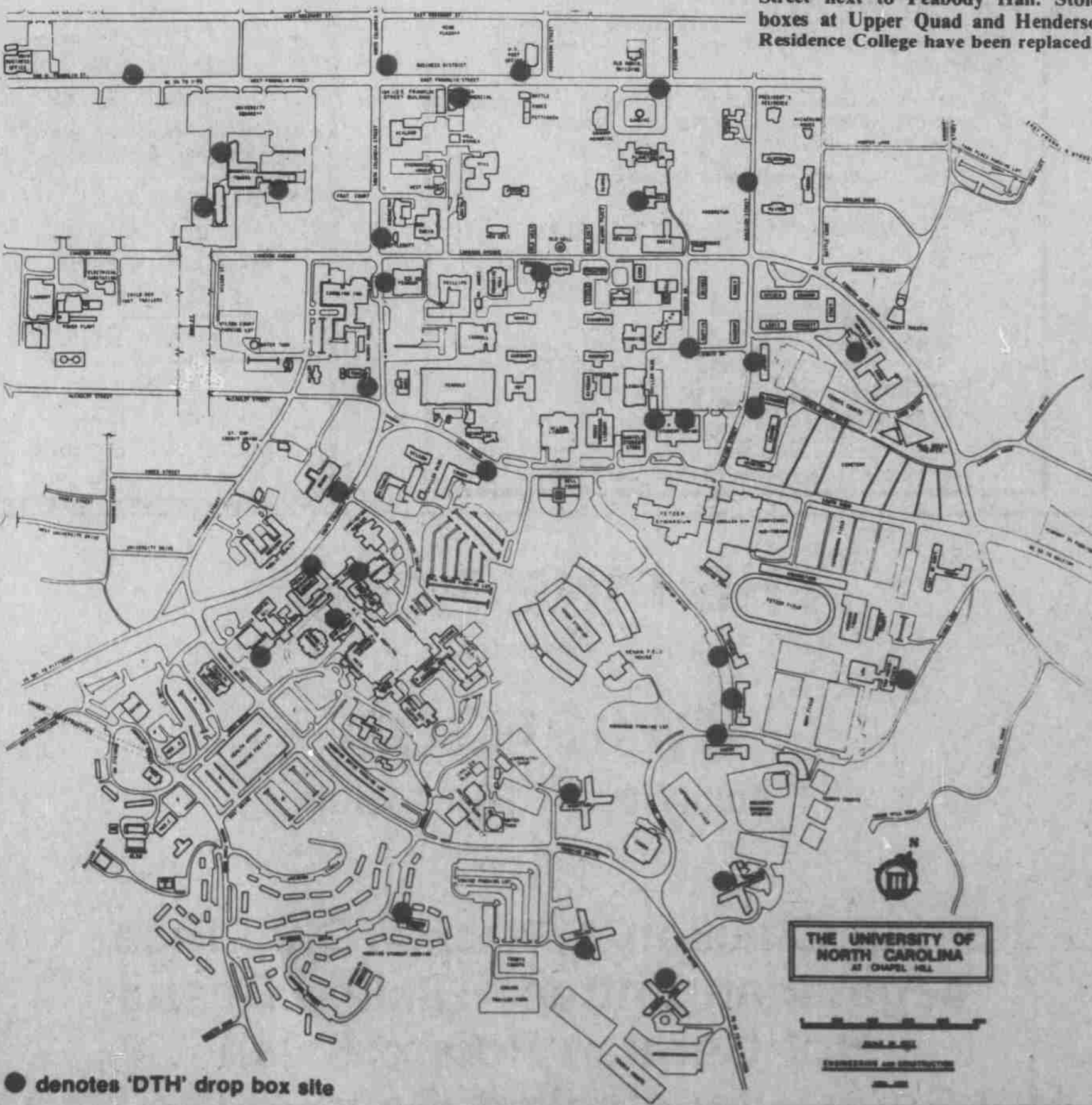


James Leutze

## 'Daily Tar Heel' drop sites added

The Daily Tar Heel circulation and ombudsman staffs have revamped the paper's distribution system to make more papers available at more locations.

Our goal is to provide a paper for every student who wants one until noon daily. To that end, a new drop box has been placed at the bus stop on South Columbia Street next to Peabody Hall. Stolen boxes at Upper Quad and Henderson Residence College have been replaced.



● denotes 'DTH' drop box site

Anyone who knows the location of a stolen DTH drop box, please contact Jaci Hughes, circulation manager, at 933-0245. Complaints or suggestions about distribution are welcome. We hope this new system helps.

Papers are available at the following locations, pinpointed on the accompanying map. While we can't guarantee any papers will be left after noon, you might try one of the other boxes if your usual is empty.

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Ehringhaus  
Hinton James  
Craig  
Morrison  
Odum Village  
Avery  
Parker  
Teague  
Law School

### NORTH CAMPUS

Planetarium (On East Franklin Street)  
School of Journalism  
Women's Triad (Across from McIver)  
Y-Court\*  
Bus Stop (Next to Peabody Hall)  
Scuttlebutt  
Upper Quad (Near Ruffin)  
Joyner  
Circus Room

### MID-CAMPUS

Carolina Union\*  
DTH Office\*  
Coker  
Whitehead (at corner)

### HOSPITAL AREA

School of Pharmacy  
Health Sciences Library  
Infirmary  
Medical School Cafeteria  
School of Dentistry

### OFF CAMPUS

Granville South  
Granville West  
Granville East  
Carolina Coffee Shop  
Spanky's  
Fowler's  
Post Office (Franklin Street)  
General Administration Building  
University Mall  
Eastgate Mall  
Carr Mill Mall

\*More papers are placed at these locations when the paper is late.

## For Carrboro mayor Carroll enters race

By PAM KELLEY  
Staff Writer

Larry Carroll, 35, filed his candidacy for the mayor's seat in Carrboro Tuesday morning and became the only announced opponent of Mayor Robert Drakeford. Drakeford, who has held the office for two years, announced two weeks ago that he would run in the Nov. 6 election, but he has not officially filed as a candidate.

Carroll, a kitchen worker at Spanky's restaurant, said if he were mayor he would work for better bus service for students, but he has no definite plans about how to improve service.

Carroll also would like to see a merger of the towns of Chapel Hill and Carrboro. He said he knew that a merger

would cause Carrboro's tax rate to rise some, but he said he would not want the taxes to go up a lot.

Carroll, who has no previous political experience, did not name a particular issue that prompted his candidacy.

A resident of Carrboro for 25 years and a graduate of Chapel Hill High School, he lives at 403 Oak Ave. in Carrboro.

Along with the mayor's seat, three seats on the Board of Aldermen will be voted on in the Nov. 6 election. So far, University Professor Miles Crenshaw and lawyer Steve Rose have announced they would run for seats on the board. Incumbents John Boone and Ernie Patterson have not made official announcements on whether they will run again. Incumbent Sherwood Ward has said he will not run again.

## Appeals up for tickets

By LINDA BROWN  
Staff Writer

Although traffic monitors are handing out fewer tickets this year than last, more people are appealing their tickets to the University Traffic Office.

Appeals officer Jane M. Riley said more appeals have come in, probably because more people have found out that the appeals process exists.

Appeals may be submitted in writing or in person at the Traffic Office in the basement of the Y-building. Anyone who waits 15 days past the date the ticket was given will not be able to appeal, however. "Some people insist on waiting a year to appeal," Riley said.

The most frequent violation is parking without a permit, Riley said. Excuses for this offense range from, "The extraordinary to the very simple," Riley said. "Some people say they didn't know they could not park there or that they



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Feeding meter won't help...tickets still pile up

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