

Town seeks 'growth center' tag

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The Chapel Hill Town Council voted Monday to approve a resolution requesting the town be designated as an area growth center under Gov. Jim Hunt's balanced growth plan.

The request for the designation will be filed jointly with Carrboro, and if approved, could make the area eligible for additional state and federal funds. The state has not specified what funds would be affected.

"It has never been clear, and it is not clear today, what the implications would be," Town Council member Jonathan Howes said. "The town does have pending a number of proposals for federal and state aids which might ultimately be tied to the designation."

The designation, one of six possible under the balanced growth plan, was devised by the state to guide the allocation of both federal and state funds to existing urban clusters. Four hundred clusters have been pinpointed by the state as eligible candidates, including the

Chapel Hill-Carrboro area. The designation is supposed to promote balanced growth and economic development in these areas.

Mayor Joe Nassif, an opponent of the plan, has expressed concern that the plan would give the state the power to dictate how federal funds are spent. Nassif said he thought the town should wait to see how the program works and what funds are involved before it takes action.

"The bill would give pretty wide latitude to the governor," Nassif said. "I'm not sure that I wish to see all those monies in the hands of the governor."

But Howes said the designation could be crucial for future funding. "Frankly, it's a cover-your-tail action," Howes said.

The resolution passed by a 7-2 margin, with Nassif and Town Council Member Joe Herzenberg dissenting.

In other action, the council heard a report from Town Manager Gene Shipman concerning the volume of traffic on Mason Farm Road and the area near the N.C. Memorial Hospital parking deck. The Town Council passed several

ordinances last fall aimed at reducing the volume of traffic in the vicinity after area residents complained of hazards created by the traffic.

In his report, Shipman noted that the volume of traffic has been reduced significantly by the measures, which included prohibiting left turns to and from U.S. 15-501 Bypass and its intersections with Mason Farm and Otey's roads, and extending Mason Farm Road to a signalized intersection with South Columbia Street.

But several residents in the area, recently have petitioned the town to take further action.

The council referred the issue to the town manager, who is expected to come up with recommendations for the next council meeting.

The council also adopted a resolution by a 5-4 margin that would amend the town's zoning ordinance to prohibit all drive-in businesses except gasoline stations and car washes.

The town's comprehensive plan, an



Jonathan Howes

outline for future growth, previously discouraged only drive-in businesses except in unified business developments or planned shopping centers.

Town Planning Director Mike Jennings said the request to prohibit drive-ins was made in an effort to conserve energy and to discourage automobile-oriented development.

Cards will make the phones stop ringing

Dorm residents have received some signals that the end of the semester is quickly approaching.

Southern Bell Telephone Co. has sent out phone disconnect cards to all on-campus residents.

Students have been asked to fill out the cards and designate when they want their phone service cut off. Dorm residents also have to notify Southern Bell where to send their final telephone bills, which will be sent out approximately 10 days after the phones are disconnected. Residence advisers will collect the phone disconnect orders and turn them over to Southern Bell.

"The disconnect program is designed to make termination of on-campus service easier and more efficient," Mike Carson, Southern Bell district manager, said.

Ladd Baucom, public relations manager for Southern Bell, said, "If we tried to disconnect what is roughly 6,000 phone set-ups using ordinary procedures, we'd be faced with a really tough job."

Before a phone is disconnected, a customer usually has to phone the company's business office or make the request at a phone center store. But Southern Bell and the University have devised the disconnect card system to make the end-of-the-semester business more manageable.

"The arrangement helps both Southern Bell and the student," Baucom said. "At a time of year when students are faced with a lot of similar arrangements to deal with, our disconnect system makes things easier for them."

—ANNE PROSSER

Officers ring bell to honor hostages

Tar Heels are always hearing bells. But the tones don't always resound from the Bell Tower, joyously marking the end of another class or football victory.

A request of the families of the American hostages in Iran that the nation ring out a message of hope has resulted in the tolling of the solemn bell in South Building every day for 15 minutes starting at noon.

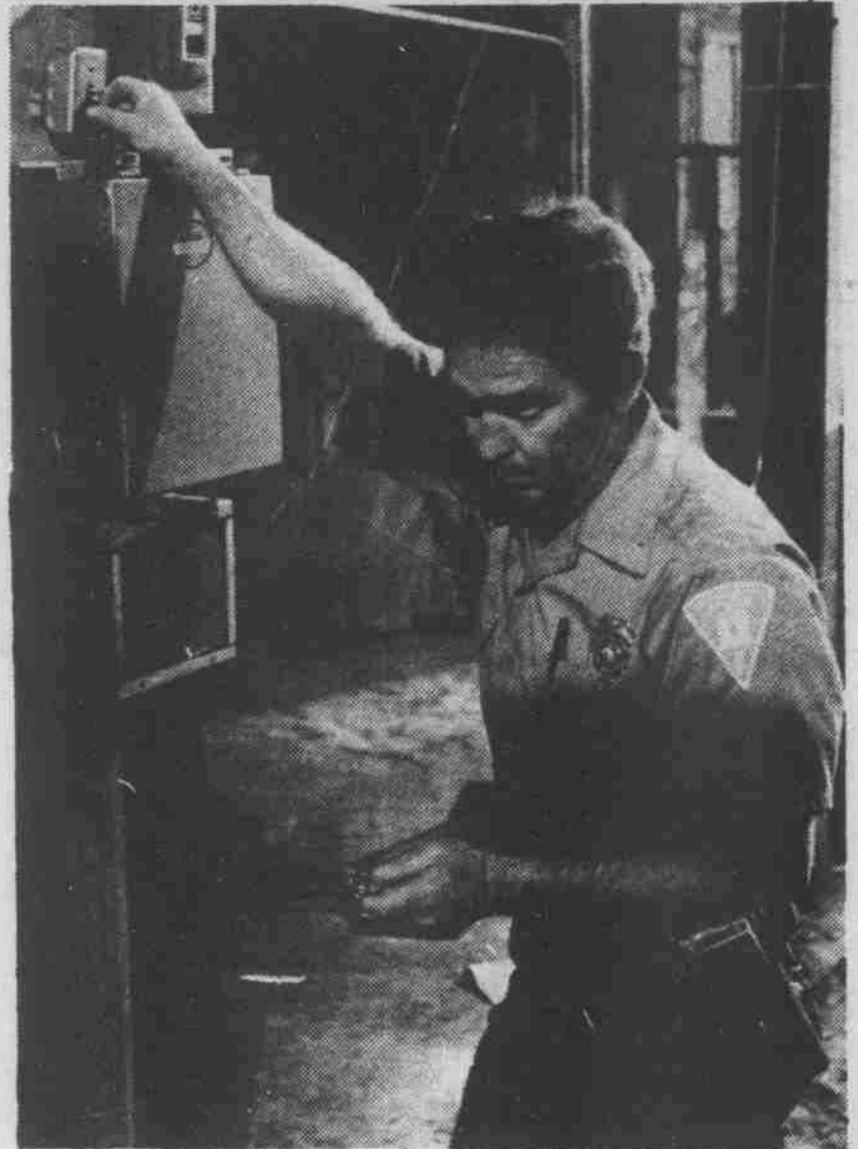
The bell-ringing was commissioned to Campus Police last December after then-Chancellor N. Ferebee Taylor received a letter from the Rev. Peter Lee of Chapel of the Cross in Chapel Hill. The South Building bell was chosen because it is the bell used to signal official and often serious occasions of concern to the University, read a letter in response to Lee's. The same bell is rung when a professor or a distinguished alumnus dies, Maj. E.B. Riggsbee of Campus Police said.

But the bell doesn't ring once for every hostage, and it doesn't swing back and forth. A campus policeman unlocks Room 401, walks to a control box and flips a switch every 10 seconds for 15 minutes—about 90 times. The switch, wired to the now-stationary bell, causes a hammer to strike inside the bell.

When asked whether the officers thought about the hostages as they rang the bell, Riggsbee replied, "We just ring the bell and don't think about it." He added that the policemen had too many other duties. Patrolman William Bowden later said ringing the bell was just a part of the job.

"It gets real hot up here in the summer," Bowden joked as he flipped the switch up and down. "I hope the hostages get released before hot weather."

—SUSAN PRUETT



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Patrolman William Bowden rings bell ...says flipping switch is part of job

Carpools ease parking, energy woes but few students choose to participate

By AMY PRUGH
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When University students and employees pick up parking pre-registration packets, they also will receive a request from the town of Chapel Hill.

The town is asking people to carpool to combat rising energy costs and help alleviate the town's parking woes.

The University Traffic Office will be accepting parking permit applications until May 16. Carpoolers receive top priority for campus parking permits.

But even with the incentive to carpool, most students fail to take advantage of the town's carpooling program, Janet D'Ignazio, Chapel Hill's transportation planner, said.

The town of Chapel Hill has operated its ridesharing program, which receives federal funding under the Federal Highway Administration's National Ridesharing Demonstration Program, since May 1978. The Chapel Hill Area Pooling System, CHAPS, uses a computerized matching program to coordinate area carpooling. The town conducts annual surveys to group prospective carpoolers. This year's survey is being distributed on campus along with the parking pre-registration applications.

University carpool coordinator, Rachel Windham, agreed that the student response to the town's surveys has been poor in the past. Students do not seem interested in carpooling, and choose

to ride alone or take the bus, Windham said. Last year, only five students of the 6,000 who received the surveys returned the surveys, she said.

But the response among University employees to the town's carpooling efforts has been better, D'Ignazio said. Fred Parker, coordinator of N.C. Memorial Hospital's carpooling program, said the hospital has several buses and vans available for ridesharing as well as many carpoolers. Parker said anyone affiliated with the University can use the transportation, but he said few students take advantage of the program.

"There are many carpoolers in the area," Parker said. "There are two van pools from Pittsboro, two van pools from Hillsborough, two van pools from Durham, and two buses from the Pittsboro, Hillsborough and Durham areas. I also have received a list of 100 names from the Durham area, petitioning for a bus service to serve that area."

"People are calling every day about rides," Parker said. "They seem to enjoy ridesharing."

Chapel Hill, Durham and Raleigh currently are merging their carpooling programs under the Triangle J Council of Governments. The new program will be operating by this fall and will provide coordination for carpooling throughout the triangle area, D'Ignazio said. With the expanded program, the local carpooling programs may be eligible for additional funding that could lead to the increased use of vans and buses for regional ridesharing, she said.

Turn in preregistration forms today

Students who have not turned in their preregistration forms to Hanes Hall should do so as early as possible today, said Ben Perry, assistant director of University records and registration.

The deadline for preregistration is 5 p.m. today. Students who miss today's deadline may lose their priority and may have difficulty getting the courses they want, Perry said.

Those who owe money to the University cashier, even for traffic tickets, are advised to preregister early because all debts to the cashier must be cleared first. The cashier's office, located in Bynum Hall, closes at 3:30 p.m.

Records and registration officials submit the information from preregistration forms to a data processor who prints a computer tabulation of the

courses students want. This summary is sent to each academic department. If department officials find that demand for a particular course exceeds the number of openings in it, they may open new sections of the course.

If students turn forms in late, the summary of the demand for courses will not be accurate, he said.

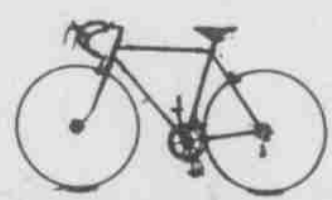
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