

Student advising gets mixed reactions

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The new student academic advising service was recently born into a period of skepticism—skepticism that was rooted in the past failures of similar programs organized and staffed solely by students.

The questions presented by various groups have shown optimism about the prospects of a new program, yet have expressed skeptical doubts. Will it work? Will students use it? Will it be able to establish enough credibility so that students can rely on the program?

The seed for the current advising program was first planted in former Student Body President Scott Norberg's administration last year. The N.C. Fellows Program presented an outline for the program but because of a lack of interest eventually deemed the program "unfeasible."

The program was reintroduced by Student Body President Mike Vandenberg during his

campaign. The expressed purpose of the program was to provide students with a network of peer advisers located in campus dormitories that could counsel students on the more basic academic regulations. Faculty advisers would still handle all official paperwork and the more complex aspects of academics, but the student advisers would serve as a more accessible medium for providing answers about the regulations and dates surrounding academics.

The program has gotten off to a good start. Plans have been made with the General College to train the first wave of advisers this April and again next fall. To build a solid base of support, the program will be located in just three residence areas next year—Morrison, Granville South and Henderson Residence College—with an adviser on each floor of those dormitories.

After failing to reach an agreement with the department of University housing last week that would give each adviser a guaranteed dormitory

room, Student Government was successful in obtaining starter funds from the College of Arts and Sciences that with funds from the Chancellors office will help pay each of the initial 35-40 advisers a \$100 salary for the year.

An analysis

The program will be run by the Academic Advising Committee in Student Government. Darryl Thompson, chairman of the committee, said the strong Student Government Support had helped to cut through the administrative red tape that may have strangled earlier attempts at similar programs.

"I think it has definitely helped, especially with this (student) administration," he said. "Mike Vandenberg has stressed academics in all of his

meetings with the Chancellor and the administration. He planted the seed and introduced them to our plans, so that when I walked in and said I was with the Academic Advising Committee they immediately remembered the student advising service."

Past efforts at providing students with advising service alternatives to that of the faculty did not achieve such immediate success.

Three years ago, the Academic Resources Personnel program instituted a similar program, but many of the student advisers were closed out of their dormitories and moved off-campus. In addition, keeping this diluted network of student advisers adequately informed of the rapidly changing procedures concerning academics proved to be a task more formidable than anticipated.

After collaborating with the General College for several years, Henderson Residence College provided its residents with a graduate student who acted as a General College adviser. Despite such

advantages as convenient night-time and weekend office hours in a dormitory office, a significant number of students still said they did not trust a non-faculty adviser. Students still made the trip to South Building in search of a faculty adviser.

The exception to this string of unsuccessful programs has been the Minority Advising Program, which provides each minority freshman with a minority student adviser. Under the direction of Hayden B. Renwick, associate dean for the College of Arts and Sciences, the program enjoyed a fair level of success.

But Thompson pointed to the \$9,000 for the salaries of the minority student advisers, one of the reasons for the program's success. It is difficult to ask students to put in many hours of their time

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Plans reflect Carolina's housing needs

•Third of a four-part series.

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Future planning for UNC housing focuses on such issues as parking, differences between North and South Campus living and black-white and male-female ratios.

The issue affecting students most directly is the availability of on-campus housing.

"When I came to UNC in 1970, freshmen and sophomores were required to live on campus," said Gordon Rutherford, director of the UNC planning office. "There were 500 extra beds. Now there are 1,300 (students) on the waiting list. We've gone from that situation to this in only 12 years."

Enrollment for the 1981 fall semester was 21,575 and is expected to be the same this year, said UNC registrar Lillian Lehman. With a present on-campus housing capacity of 6,608—not including Odum Village and Granville Towers—UNC suffers from an obvious housing shortage. About three-fourths of all UNC students live off campus.

"By building a new residence hall, we will have cut current close-out data almost in half," said James Cansler, associate vice chancellor for student affairs. If we provide 500 beds in the new residence hall and 220 by permanent tripling, then we have provided housing for 720 of those (out of 1,130) on the waiting list.

"At this point there really is not a shortage of housing, but a shortage of moderately-priced housing," Cansler said.

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"Do students really need more space? Or is it what they need less expensive space? And if it is less expensive space they need, we can't provide that," he said.

A second problem with the construction of more residence halls is the need to prevent overbuilding, Cansler said. "If we built a lot more residence halls and people weren't filling up those residence halls, we'd be in a legal bind."

"What we have to do is maintain a delicate balance between supply and demand in on-campus housing in hopes that we have enough housing to supply students who want to live on campus."

It seems to us important to be conservative in the matter of rushing to build new residence halls," he said.

"If the student body remains at a relative level, it will be difficult for us to see any need for additional housing beyond the new dormitory," Rutherford said.

Parking

Another controversial housing issue is the question of parking space on campus. Many students feel that the new residence hall should be built in an area where there will be space to build a parking lot nearby.

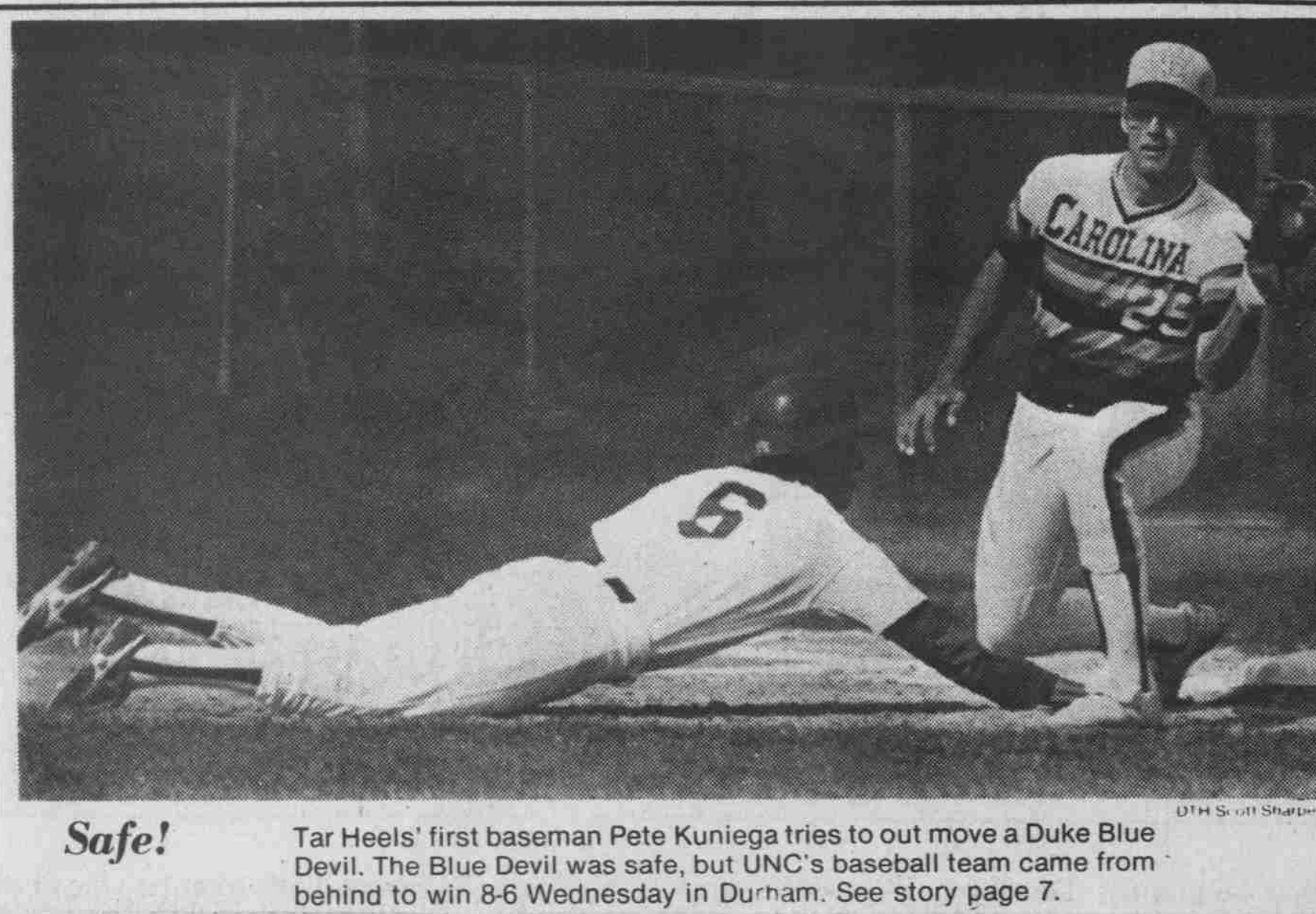
The number of parking spaces on campus for students is about 2,500, said Carolyn Taylor, office supervisor at the UNC Traffic Office. "That does not even include the oversell. We oversell all of those lots in various percentages."

Taylor said that the traffic office issues an average of 3,000 tickets for parking violations per month.

"Everybody knows it (parking) is a problem, but nobody does anything about it," she said.

Rutherford said, "From my perspective, the parking problem is solved. The problem is people's perception of the parking problem and where they want to park."

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Safe!

Tar Heels' first baseman Pete Kuniega tries to out move a Duke Blue Devil. The Blue Devil was safe, but UNC's baseball team came from behind to win 8-6 Wednesday in Durham. See story page 7.

News Briefs

Haig has new peace proposals

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig Jr. said Wednesday he has developed new proposals for averting war between Great Britain and Argentina and will carry them to leaders in Buenos Aires on Thursday. Haig spoke to reporters hours after President Ronald Reagan said the Soviet Union evidently is providing military intelligence to Argentina in the Falkland Islands crisis and, in blunt terms, told the Kremlin to "butt out."

Nuclear arms increase proposed

WASHINGTON (AP)—In a quiet move shadowed by the growing movement for a nuclear arms freeze, President Ronald Reagan has asked Congress for an additional \$400 million to accelerate production of nuclear weapons through 1983.

Reagan is seeking \$97.4 million more for bomb production in fiscal 1982, which ends in September; an additional \$310.9 million for 1983, and an additional \$1 billion for 1983-87.

Reagan's latest request comes on top of a \$1 billion budget increase for nuclear warhead production already approved by Congress for 1982 and a further \$800 million increase Reagan is seeking for 1983. Under Reagan's proposal, total spending would climb from \$3.65 billion in 1981 to \$5.8 billion next year.

Haig, who planned an 8 a.m. EST departure Thursday, again sought to portray the United States as attempting to steer a middle course in the conflict, apparently in response to speculation that the administration is tilting toward Great Britain. Though publicly praising Haig's peacekeeping effort, British officials have privately expressed annoyance that America is not more firmly in their corner.

Moslems protest Dome attack

(AP)—Millions of Moslems throughout the world staged a general strike Wednesday to protest the attack on the Dome of the Rock in Jerusalem, one of Islam's holiest shrines.

Air and rail traffic were disrupted in several Mideast countries, and major banking centers were closed. But the flow of oil was unaffected, despite a call by Iran to "unseal the oil weapon" against Israel.

Egypt, Oman, Tunisia, Sudan and Turkey denounced the attack Sunday on the Dome of the Rock mosque that left two dead. The Moslem Asian nation of Malaysia scheduled a general work stoppage for Thursday.

Student spotlight

Handicapped law student has a life of many responsibilities

By MARY EVANS
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Bonnie Crawford's days are often a blur of classes, discussions, endless readings and analyses. She's a typical first year UNC law student, except for one thing—she is confined to a wheelchair.

Crawford, 30, broke her back and injured her spinal cord in a 1978 automobile accident. The accident left her paralyzed from the waist down.

Before the accident, she taught physical education at an elementary school. She earned her teaching degree at A & T State University and received her master's from UNC in 1977.

"Before teaching, I never realized how fantastic kids could be," Crawford said. "Working with children was a tremendously rewarding experience for me, and I miss them a lot."

Crawford left the teaching profession after her accident because she felt it decreased her effectiveness as a teacher. Although she had previously not been interested in law, the challenge of a legal career intrigued her and she began applying to various law schools.

"After the accident, I kind of fell into a rut,"

Crawford said. "I wanted to do something constructive with my life, something that would help others. I began to pursue it (law school) and things started falling into place."

At the same time Crawford was applying to law school, friends and family were encouraging her to become involved with the Miss Wheelchair contest. She entered the contest, and last August was crowned Miss Wheelchair 1981 for the state of North Carolina.

The duties of Miss Wheelchair entailed many personal appearances and speeches to civic groups, Crawford said. "My job was to make the public aware that the world contains handicapped people," she said. "Handicapped people run into physical as well as attitudinal barriers, and I wanted to try to cut down some of those barriers."

But the amount of time required for travel and appearances as Miss Wheelchair seriously cut into needed study time, Crawford said. For this reason, she resigned her title in January.

"I felt I wasn't able to keep up with my responsibilities as well as I should," she said. "I realized

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Officials confused over worth of cable stock

By ALAN MARKS
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A local philanthropic foundation has been in existence for more than two years but has no money to fund projects because of a dispute between town officials and Village Cable as to whether the foundation's stock is worth \$48,000 or \$480,000.

The foundation, Village Companies Foundation Inc., was formed in November, 1980, as part of the town's cable television franchise agreement with Village Cable.

According to the agreement, the foundation's purpose is "to improve the quality of life in Chapel Hill by providing funds for educational, cultural, recreational and social services and projects."

The franchise agreement states that the foundation is to own 50,000 common shares (10 percent) of Village Cable's stock. But because of the dispute over the value of the stock, Village Cable has not transferred any of its stock to the foundation.

In the agreement, Village Cable agreed to purchase the foundation's stock at a value of \$100 per basic subscriber. But in a table at the bottom of the same page of the agreement, it states that Village Cable will buy the stock at a value of only \$10 per basic subscriber.

This ambiguity in the wording of the franchise agreement is the source of the dispute between town officials and Village Cable.

On Feb. 9, 1981, a Village Cable representative asked the Chapel Hill Town Council to alter the franchise agreement to make it clear that Village Cable owed \$10 per subscriber. Several council members disagreed on the \$10 figure and the council did not act on the request.

Last February, Mayor Joe Nassif appointed a three-member committee to negotiate the dispute and recommend a solution to the council.

While the town does have the power to cancel Village Cable's franchise or force them to abide by the \$100 figure, several council members said the matter would not go that far.

Council member Marilyn Boulton said she had been told that neither side could win in court because of the ambiguity in the wording of the franchise agreement.

"The proposal to establish the foundation was not well thought out," Howes said. "I think in retrospect, it would have been better if the stock had been transferred in the beginning."

Village Cable is part of locally-owned Village Companies, which also owns

Chapel Hill radio station WCHL and *The Village Advocate*.

Although Village Companies had no experience in cable television, the Chapel Hill Town Council awarded the cable franchise to Village Cable on Nov. 12, 1979. The only local applicant, Village Cable won out over two other cable companies, Vision Cable and Cox Cable.

"Village Cable offered accreditation being the only local applicant," Boulton said. "Village (Companies) has always done a good job."

"Basically, most of the services offered (by the applicants) were the same," she said.

Village Cable's enthusiasm overrode the fact they had no experience in cable television, said council member Bev Kawalec.

"They (Village Cable) seemed very willing to learn what they needed to learn," she said.

Boulton said she believed Village Cable honestly meant the stock was worth \$10 per subscriber in the franchise agreement. "It looks like somebody made a mistake," she said.

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Jonathan Howes
Chapel Hill Town Council member

In a written response to questions concerning the dispute, Jim Heavner, president of Village Companies, said he believed the wording of the franchise agreement was clear.

All of Village Cable's stock is worth \$100 per subscriber and the foundation is entitled to 10 percent of that amount, he said.

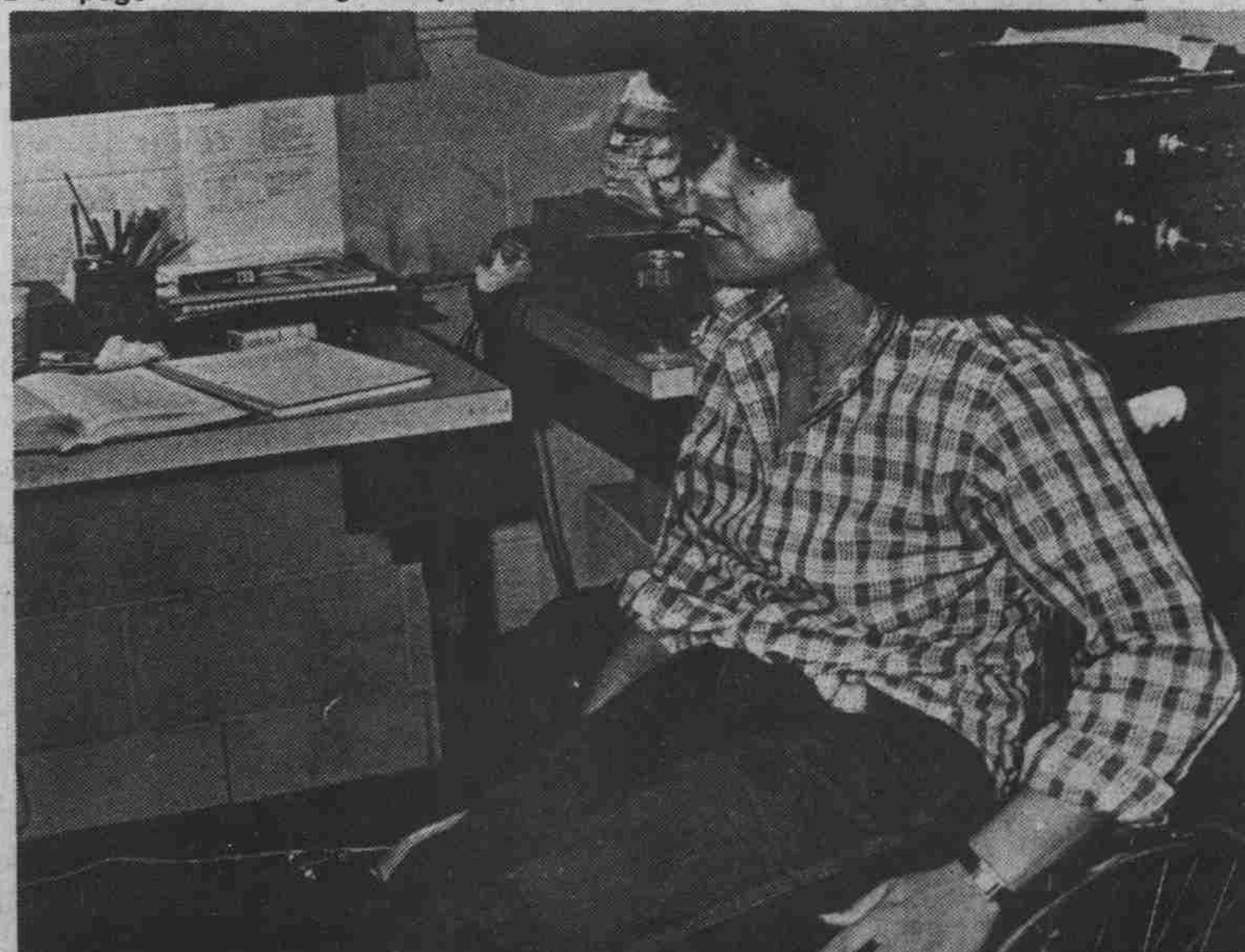
The Village Cable system is virtually mature with 4,800 subscribers and 47 percent penetration in Chapel Hill, he said. Following the formula in the franchise agreement, the foundation's stock is worth \$48,000.

Based on a survey of Chapel Hill residents, Village Cable predicted in its franchise proposal that it could achieve 60 percent penetration in Chapel Hill.

A cable consultant from one of the nation's largest cable companies stated in a letter to *The Chapel Hill Newspaper* last December that a "35-channel to 54-channel system with lots of growth remaining" would be worth \$1000 per basic subscriber.

The letter further stated that even an old 12-channel system with "reasonable good pictures" would be worth \$450 to \$550 per basic subscriber.

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Former Miss Wheelchair of North Carolina Bonnie Crawford leads a diversified life... formerly a physical education teacher, she now is a UNC law student