

# Candidate wants to make council more open

From staff reports

Chapel Hill political activist Joe Herzenberg announced Wednesday his candidacy for the Chapel Hill Town Council.

Herzenberg, who served on the council from 1979 to 1981, said in a news conference Tuesday morning that his major concerns were the quality of life in Chapel Hill and working for a more open municipal government.

Herzenberg, 44, said that the council was not as open as it could be to Chapel Hill citizens, and he added that important town issues were being obscured by a council that too often resorted to emotional appeals to allow for rational public discussion.

The council should also be concerned with controlling growth, Herzenberg said. "Chapel Hill has suffered too much

growth in too little time," he said. He is especially concerned with Interstate 40 area development, he said.

Herzenberg said he would also like to see a new library, more park space and the development of moderately priced housing.

A voter registration drive he plans for this campaign would try to involve a greater number of students, as well as permanent residents, in local politics,

he said.

Herzenberg moved to Chapel Hill in 1969 after graduating from Yale University.

He lost a race for Town Council in 1979, but was appointed to fill a resigned member's seat later that year. He failed to keep his seat in the 1981 election, however.

Four Town Council seats will be decided in the Nov. 5 election.

# South Campus students awaiting new traffic light

By GRANT PARSONS  
Staff Writer

South Campus dormitory residents may have to wait up to three more months before a traffic light can be installed at the intersection of Ridge Road and Manning Drive, the state traffic engineer for the district containing Chapel Hill said Wednesday.

The traffic light was requested by the University in April, but the process of getting the light erected is not taking much longer than normal, said engineer Dwight Kelly.

"We've determined a signal is needed," Kelly said. "That's the first

step. Second, the money for the signal must come from a fund in Raleigh, and that's been done.

"Right now, we're trying to set up a work order."

Jack Zemp, dormitory governor for Hinton James, said a light was badly needed at the intersection. "It's getting so bad, I'm getting at least one report (complaint) per day. We've had reports of people getting hit — not hard, but bumped."

Zemp estimated that at the end of last year, at least three students had been hit, but none were injured seriously.

Mary Clayton, director of transpor-

tation for the University, said there had been some problems with the division's survey to determine if the light was justified.

"Their first survey said that there was not enough traffic to warrant a traffic light," Clayton said. "We told them that they came at a bad time (during spring break), and they should come back when school started again."

"So they came back during the school year and decided that it was a high enough priority to request the funding."

"The original holdup was funding, now it's a cycle-related holdup," she said.

Kelly said the installation of the light could take a while longer than normal because the division is in the process of changing contractors. "It's a special case that cropped up at this time," he said.

In a letter to the University, the division stated: "It is anticipated that it will take from 90 to 120 days for the equipment to arrive. Once the equipment arrives, construction can begin."

If the equipment, about \$29,000 worth of lights, hardware and poles arrives early, construction can begin at once, Kelly said.

# Planning board's 'act' aimed at building education

By LISA BRANTLEY  
Staff Writer

Amateur theatrics were the first order of the evening at the Chapel Hill Planning Board meeting Tuesday night. A 90-minute workshop, aimed at educating area residents about the elements of design in good site plans, was presented as a play with local engineering and architecture experts and town planning staff as the principal actors.

In its regular meeting following the workshop, planning board members discussed the procedure for filling a vacancy caused by the resignation of former board member Lightning Brown on August 22.

Board Chairman Alice Ingram said that she did not think that the Town Council intended to readvertise for the vacancy, and that selection would probably come from the resurrected

applications of those who had previously applied.

Board members also questioned Roger Waldon of the Chapel Hill planning department about what constituted an illegal violation of the N.C. Open Meetings Law. Brown, in a DTH interview after his resignation, cited a new committee system implemented by the board as a way of circumventing this law.

Planning board members recently established four committees to divide the work load and encourage more in-depth study. One of these, the site committee, has been criticized because it might encourage members to discuss official business while at a development site instead of at regular public meetings.

Waldon advised the board members that whether they intended to discuss

official business or not, it would be better to post the required media notification for such trips as if they were regular meetings.

"If you have a quorum going to visit sites, you would be in a situation to have to have notice," Waldon told board members.

In other action, the planning board voted 9-0, to recommend that the Town Council implement the suggestions of the Task Force on Entranceways calling for the development of a Master Landscaping Plan and an Entranceways District to regulate development along major entranceways into town.

The Appearance Commission had previously endorsed such a recommendation, but it had not been endorsed by some members of the town planning staff who cited the \$30,000 to \$35,000 estimated cost as prohibitive.

An application for a zoning com-

pliance permit for a proposed Western Auto and Triangle Office Supply on Elliot Road across from Kroger Plaza was refused, 4-5, after board members expressed concern over the plan's parking arrangement, site for a dumpster and internal traffic flow.

The workshop preceding the meeting was the highlight of the evening, however, and former board member Gina Cunningham received credit from board members for initiating the workshop, which was filmed by Village Companies for later broadcast.

"Both the Planning Board and the Town Council had concern that there was no basis for denying plans that met all the requirements but had poor site design," Cunningham said. "The Town Council did eventually approve an amendment to the Development Ordinance that included elements of design, but that's how it [the workshop] came about."

# Russia offers arms reduction if U.S. space testing stopped

From wire reports

MOSCOW — At a U.S.-Soviet pre-summit meeting, Russian Premier Mikhail S. Gorbachev offered Tuesday to radically reduce nuclear arms if the United States would stop its space weapons testing.

U.S. senators said, after a long Kremlin meeting, that Gorbachev could possibly accept some space weapons research in any arms negotiations.

Sen. Sam Nunn, D-Ga., said the Soviet leader's statements were heading in the direction of arms control. Nunn said he urged Gorbachev to bring up this matter at the November U.S.-Soviet summit in Geneva, Switzerland.

## Strike in S. Africa ends

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — Leaders of South Africa's major black mine workers' union said Tuesday that the strike against five gold mines and two coal mines was stopped.

The decision to halt striking after less than three days came when mine employers threatened to dismiss miners and evict them from the area, permitted by South African law.

The strike cancellation has reduced the possibility of violent reaction in the mining industry and stopped the threat on two of South Africa's principal exports.

## Stalker charged with murder

LOS ANGELES — Richard Ramirez, the suspect in the Night Stalker murders, was charged Tuesday with murder and seven other felony crimes including burglary,

## news in brief

robbery and sexual assault. Ramirez, 25, was charged in connection with the shooting of William Doi, 66, and the sexual assault of Doi's wife. The investigation continues in which 14 other murders are being linked to the Night Stalker.

## Israelis search homes

JERUSALEM — Israeli soldiers conducted a house-to-house search Tuesday after sealing off part of the West Bank city of Hebron in connection with one soldier being stabbed to death and another wounded by Arab assailants.

Israeli officials placed most of Hebron under curfew throughout the day, and Prime Minister Shimon Peres warned of military action.

Two Arab residents allegedly were wounded by Israeli gunfire soon after the incident, Israeli Radio reported.

## Poland says relations hurt

WARSAW, Poland — Poland's communist government said Tuesday that President Reagan had damaged relations between the United States and Poland by praising the banned Solidarity Union.

The Polish government had rejected union leader Lech Walesa's offer for renewed talks.

President Reagan's statement was issued on the fifth anniversary of Solidarity's start.

# Memorial

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just a name or statistic. Chancellor Christopher C. Fordham III said: "The lives of a number of people at the University have certainly been touched. This was poignantly expressed in the service." A memorial scholarship fund has been established in Stewart's name, and

her family welcomes contributions to the fund or to a favorite charity.

Contributions may be sent to the Sharon Lynn Stewart Memorial Scholarship Fund, Madeira Board of Education, 7465 Loannes Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio 45243.

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