

City and State

City Police Roundup

In Chapel Hill:

Chapel Hill police officers discovered a dead body of a UNC employee at Cobb Terrace Apartments Sunday.

Police reports said officers were summoned to 19 Cobb Terrace when they received a call from the grandmother of Stephen J. Craemer, 41, saying that she could not get him to answer his door. The police found no evidence of foul play in the man's apartment.

Craemer was an employee of the University housekeeping department.

Police received a report early Sunday that a jar holding tip money for employees at Papagayo's Restaurant in the NCNB Plaza was stolen.

Reports said the jar from the downtown Chapel Hill restaurant contained less than \$100 and was taken while the restaurant was open.

Officers received complaints of several loud parties throughout the Chapel Hill area this weekend.

Police were called to eight noisy parties at various locations, including the Newman Center and the Sigma Phi Epsilon and Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity houses. The police did not close any of the parties, but did ask the hosts to turn down the volume of the music at each party site.

Police charged Jerome L. Grier, 33, with being drunk and disorderly Saturday about 1 p.m.

Police reports said officers found

Grier blocking traffic on East Franklin and Raleigh streets by placing traffic cones in the middle of the streets.

Chapel Hill police reports said three men were charged with driving while impaired in Chapel Hill over the weekend.

Donald Jay Short, 20, of Chapel Hill was charged with careless and reckless driving and driving while impaired when he was stopped at Town House Apartments about 8:30 p.m. Saturday.

Daniel L. Shaw, 28, of Charlotte was charged with driving left of the center line and driving while impaired. Police officers stopped Shaw on Cameron Avenue early Sunday morning.

Phillip Thomas Mowery, 32, of Durham was charged with driving while impaired and driving while his license was revoked. Mowery was stopped by Chapel Hill police officers on East Franklin Street Sunday morning.

In Hillsborough: Police in Hillsborough charged a Cedar Grove man with selling and possessing drugs Friday night.

Charles Dupree Tinnin was charged with possession with intent to sell and deliver marijuana, and felonious possession of cocaine. Bond was set at \$2,000.

— compiled by Charles Brittain

Parking deck plans to be presented

By JULIE CAMPBELL

Staff Writer

Members of a special committee created by the Chapel Hill Town Council to discuss possible solutions to the downtown parking problems are considering a proposed parking deck.

The committee has a meeting scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 19, during which five architects will make presentations of plans for downtown parking decks.

Nancy Preston, a town council member and a parking committee member, said the meeting would last approximately five hours as the architects try to promote their different proposals.

"The presentation will detail the parking deck," Preston said as she explained that the parking committee was created to find something to fill the

void left by the abandoned Rosemary Square parking and shopping complex.

"The community wanted a place for parking and the committee decided to expedite that," Preston said.

Mayor Jonathan Howes said the committee was created after the council voted to cancel plans for Rosemary Square. This decision forced the council to address alternative ways to solve the declining amount of parking in the downtown area.

"The committee was started when the Rosemary Street project died," said Howes.

The committee is reviewing alternate plans for the use of the area behind the post office on Franklin Street but no final plan has been seriously discussed at this early stage, he said.

"We will converse about the parking

deck, but there are no concrete conceptions," said James Wallace, a council member and the committee chairman.

A deck would benefit shoppers because of more parking space and "the merchants would probably greet the parking deck positively," Wallace said.

"The best thing to do is just wait and see," he said, stressing that plans are still up in the air.

"Merchants have complained about the lack of parking downtown, so a parking deck is being considered," said Art Werner, a council and committee member.

A decision concerning the deck and other alternatives has not been made by the committee, Werner said.

In late April, after five years, the Rosemary Square debate between the

town and the developers of the controversial hotel/condominium/parking complex ended.

The development would have been constructed behind the Franklin Street post office at the corner of Rosemary and Henderson streets, but scheduling delays and a lack of interest in purchasing condominium units led to the end of the project debate.

After five extensions of the closing date deadline, the addition of two development companies to the original project team and changes in the project's financial plan, the town government decided to re-examine plans for downtown development.

"Economics and time passed us by until the project wouldn't work," said Howes.

Expanded Triangle calling plans win praise

By KIMBERLEY MAXWELL

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Students and Chapel Hill merchants are pleased with a new Triangle phone service that gives them the option of calling long-distance to other Triangle cities for a standard monthly rate.

The idea for such a program began with the N.C. Utilities Commission in December 1987, said Dan Long, assistant commission attorney. The commission wanted to start a Triangle extended area service in which a flat rate

would be charged to customers for an unlimited number of calls during the month, he said.

Three companies, GTE South, Centel and Southern Bell, are a part of the plan, Long said.

The commission became involved when the size of the region was considered, Long said. The plan involves the three large, metropolitan cities of Raleigh, Durham and Chapel Hill.

The program, which began April 10, is operating on a trial basis.

"Theoretically, the commission could abandon the plan at any time if not enough people are participating," Long said.

The commission will get assessments and reports every six months, tracking the program's success or failure, Long said. The next report should come in either October or November. After 18 months, a final decision will be made on the program's fate.

Students have been receptive to the extended area service.

"It worked out pretty good," said Furlan Gorham, a junior English major from Washington, N.C. "There were two of us who constantly called Durham and Raleigh." She said a flat rate was much more economical because she had two other roommates to split the costs.

"I think it's wonderful," said Sheldon Henderson, owner of Shrunken Head Boutique on Franklin Street. He has a sister living in Durham and a daughter in Raleigh, and a standard fee helps him save money, he said.

Henderson said he only uses the service at home because his business does not require much contact with other Triangle businesses.

Michele Gaeto, a senior psychology major from Gastonia, is also pleased with the program. She and her boyfriend, a graduate student at N.C. State University, split a \$12 monthly charge.

"We spent \$50 a month per person last year," Gaeto said. "Now it's about \$6 a month."

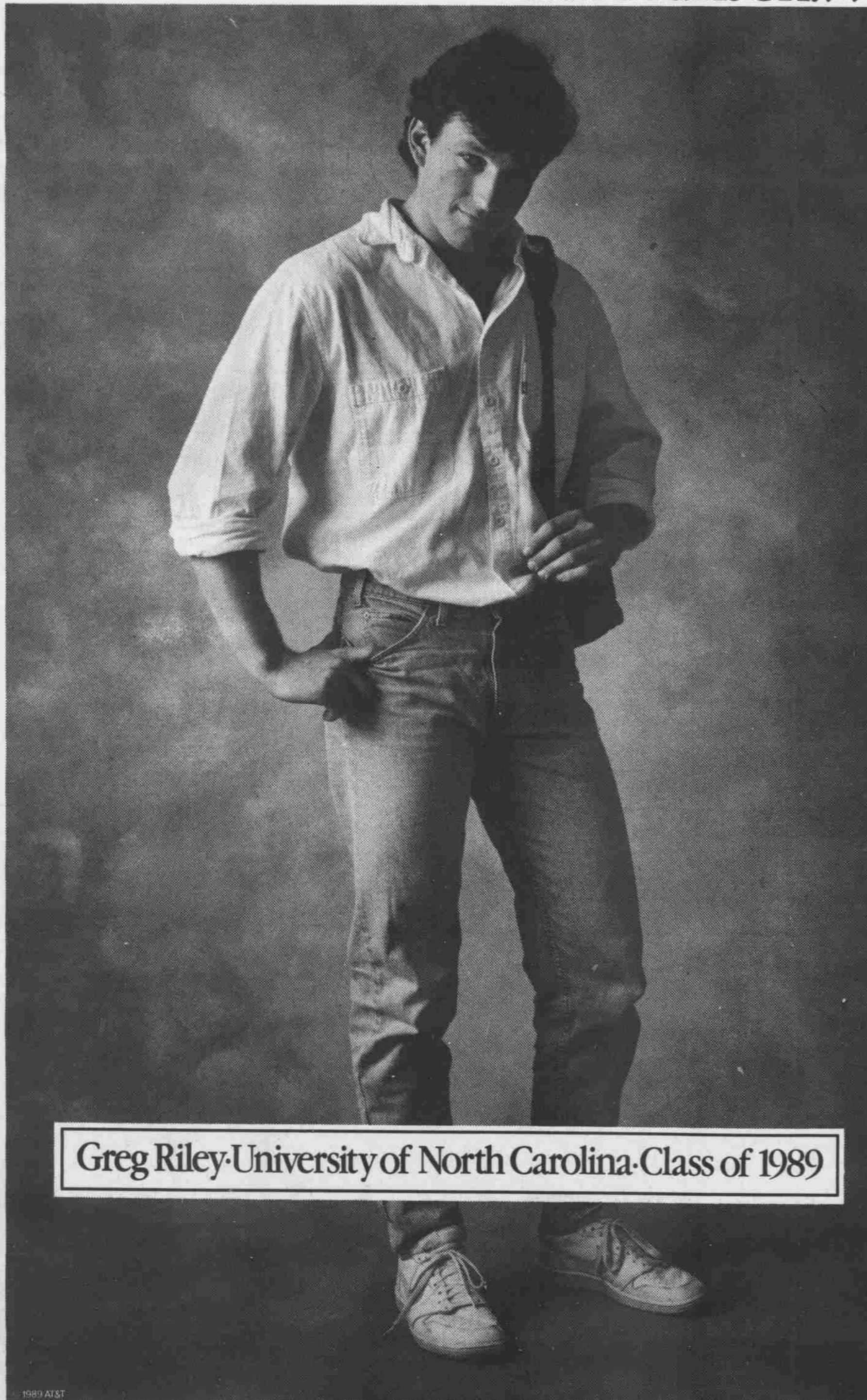
Gaeto said she noticed no difference in the quality of the calls she received from Raleigh.

Not all Triangle residents have a use for the service.

"Most of the numbers that I call are 800 numbers, so I don't need it," said Jack Tomkovich, owner of the Gold Connection.

But the program shows the amount of positive growth in the Triangle, he said.

"I don't want a lot of hype. I just want something I can count on."

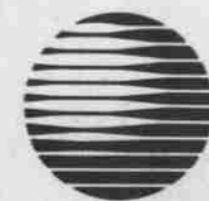


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Carolina," Schaffner said. "It's probably because we have a number of facilities trying to provide quality day care."

N.C. SAT scores sag

From Associated Press reports
RALEIGH — After five straight years of modest gains, N.C. students taking the Scholastic Aptitude Test scored lower on the test than students in any other state, the College Board reported Monday.

The low ranking reflects the state's weak commitment to improving its public schools, the head of a teachers' group said.

"We are at the bottom and that is a pretty sad commentary," said Sara Stewart, president of the N.C. Federation of Teachers.

The average SAT scores of North Carolina's high school seniors fell five points to 836 this year, putting the state last in the nation from its previous rank of 49th.

The average scores for high school seniors on the college entrance exam dropped in 1989 by four points on the verbal portion to 397 and by one point to 439 on the math portion.

Former UNC-system President William Friday said, "This is no posture for the state of North Carolina to find itself in. Whatever it takes to correct it, we must now undertake."

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