

City and Campus

Downtown sidewalks called filthy

By **TIM BENNETT**
Staff Writer

The streets and sidewalks of Chapel Hill are filthy and not enough is being done to clean them up, said James Heavner, president of the Public-Private Partnership and the Village Companies.

In a letter to Mayor Jonathan Howes, Heavner said during the recent trolley celebration, the downtown area was an embarrassment and some action needed to be taken.

"We have been agreeing for over a year now that the sidewalks downtown were dirty and that keeping them clean was a critical part of making the place attractive for the public," he said. "Now, I am told, we have a plan in place, but it is simply not working."

Heavner's Village Companies do-

ated \$10,000 to the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Downtown Commission, a group formed by the Public-Private Partnership, to aid in downtown revitalization.

Village Companies has been asked to contribute another \$10,000 to the commission, but this would only be made "if it is tied to an absolute commitment to get downtown cleaned up."

Heavner questioned whether the current efforts of the commission are adequate.

"If all the effort that has been put into restoring the downtown as an attractive place is going to work, we must demonstrate that we are committed and competent to get the easiest job done or all of this is doomed to failure."

If the sidewalks are kept clean, then a sense of civic pride will spread and

result in improvements in the appearance of private property in the area, he said.

"The cleanliness of the sidewalks is not just a sanitation question," Heavner said. "It has to do with selling downtown as a place whose commitment to cleanliness is a representation of what a special place it is, of how much people care about their citizens, customers and visitors."

The town has a contract with the commission to clean the sidewalks for 10 hours a week using a high-powered vacuum purchased by the commission, Heavner said.

Ten hours each week is enough time to sweep the walks once a week in some places, and no more than twice a week in others, but this is not enough to keep the

town's streets clean, he said.

"We need to sweep the walks, they need to be swept now, and they need to be swept at least once a day, probably twice a day in the 100 block east and west," Heavner said.

The town should take immediate action on this problem, Heavner said, and asked that the town not refer the issue to a committee for study.

Debbie Dibbert, the co-director of the Downtown Commission, said the commission is doing all that it is supposed to do and is not responsible for the complete cleanliness of downtown.

Town Manager David Taylor and the town staff are working on an exact definition of what the commission's role should be in the downtown clean-up.

Aldermen delay action on funding request

By **SHEILA LONG**
Staff Writer

The Carrboro Board of Aldermen delayed action Tuesday night on the Inter-Faith Council For Social Services (IFC) funding request to remove asbestos from the homeless shelter in Chapel Hill's old municipal building.

The board voted 6-1 to postpone action for a week on the IFC's request for an additional \$5,000. Carrboro has given \$6,500 from its 1988-89 budget along with additional funds from state grants.

The board will reconsider IFC's funding request at their next meeting. Asbestos removal, which was required before building renovations could begin, was originally estimated to cost \$28,000, said Dee Keister, an IFC representative. The final cost of the removal was \$71,000.

"We got a final bill in yesterday's mail," Keister said, adding that IFC owes \$33,406 for the removal costs. "We have \$15,345 cash on hand. That leaves a \$18,061 deficit. Those figures are as up-front as I can make them."

The IFC asked both the aldermen and the Orange County Board of Commissioners for additional funds this week. On Monday, the commissioners granted \$10,000 of the IFC's requested \$20,000.

Alderwoman Judith Wegner said the decision should be delayed so the town could determine if more state grant money could be obtained for the asbes-

tos removal.

"It's early in our budget cycle," Wegner said. "We don't know if it's going to snow, and we'll have to plow the streets or what other emergencies we might have that would require contingency funds."

According to Carrboro Town Manager Robert Morgan, the town has about \$20,000 in this year's contingency budget.

Mayor Eleanor Kinnaird was the only member of the board to vote in favor of the \$5,000 grant.

"We didn't use our entire contingency budget last year," she said. "I think the IFC has given so much more beyond \$5,000 to our community."

Wegner was quick to respond to these comments.

"I think that's an unfair characterization of the motion," she said. "We're trying to be fiscally responsible."

Alderman Tom Gurganus said he would vote against giving the IFC money from Carrboro's contingency budget. But, he might support obtaining additional grant money for the group.

"I realize they're in a pinch, but I don't feel it's a crisis," he said.

The aldermen also received an update on efforts to purchase land in Westwood Cemetery for a future post office.

James Harris, Carrboro's special projects coordinator, told the board that the U.S. Postal Service had been out to see the two-acre tract of land in the cemetery on Fidelity Street.

"The postal service surveyed the property, and they've gotten a list of local realtors to have appraisals done," he said. "Once that's done, they'll get back to us with some proposals."

Campus Police Roundup

• A 20-foot section of 6-inch pipe was reported stolen from the Ackland Art Museum construction site Monday at 7:20 a.m. The pipe was valued at \$70.

• Craige residents reported Monday at 9:33 a.m. that a male suspect had been looking into windows from the fourth floor hallway. Police were told that the suspect had been sleeping in the lounge. They located the man and issued a trespass warning.

• Police cited George McKay Salley, Jr., a 20-year-old student, for disorderly conduct after he allegedly yelled at a passing patrol car. When the officer stopped the car, the man held up one arm, making an obscene gesture. At the same time, with his other hand, the man grasped his genitals and shook them at the officer. Women standing at a bus stop witnessed his actions. The incident was reported last Friday at 11:55 p.m.

• A man who parked his car on Stadium Drive near Carmichael Residence Hall Saturday around 12:40 a.m. passed a group of men as he walked toward the hall. One of them said "hello" to him. The complainant answered, and heard one of the group say, "He's talking about us." The group followed the complainant and struck him from behind about his head and neck. He attempted to enter the residence hall, and they struck him again. The group of men then walked toward South Road. Police could not locate them. The complainant was taken to Student Health Service.

• Thomas Ross Bland, 60, of Pittsboro, was stopped around 6:33 a.m. Saturday because of failure to lower his headlights. He gave a fictitious name to the officers, and was charged with having no operator's license and delaying and obstructing.

— compiled by Will Spears



Second-story man

DTH/Gina Cox

Chuck Heustess, a sophomore journalism major from Clarkton, relaxes on the second floor of Murphey Hall Wednesday afternoon.

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conceptualized and embodied," Silva said.

"Students have been well represented throughout the process," Frye said.

Three student leaders have expressed support for the SRC, she said: Brien Lewis, student body president; Gene Davis, speaker of Student Congress; and Rick Cody, president of the Graduate and Professional Students Association.

The Daily Tar Heel has added to the controversy by not reporting on all sides of the SRC issue, Silva said.

Frye said the next step for the SRC would be approval of the Fetzer Courtyard site by the Building and Grounds Committee in mid-October. The decision will be passed on to the Board of Trustees for final approval.

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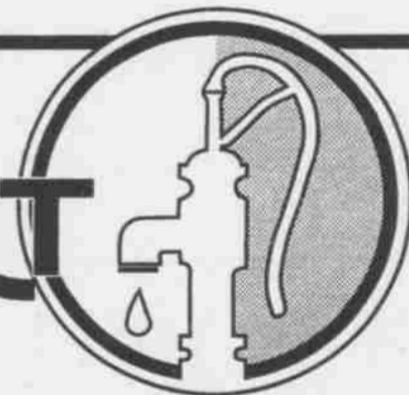
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