

Campus and City

City Police Roundup

Sunday, Nov. 26

Police responded to a report of a subject breaking into cars at Walden at Greenfield. The subject saw a police vehicle arrive and left the area in a stolen, gray Porsche 944. Officers from Chapel Hill and Orange County and Durham city and county police forces were unable to apprehend the suspect because of excessive speeds. The suspect, a Durham resident, was arrested later.

The suspect had broken into three other cars before officers arrived. Upon arrest, the suspect was charged with breaking and entering a vehicle, possession of a stolen vehicle, driving while license revoked, careless and reckless driving, speeding in excess of 100 mph in a 45 mph zone, and failure to yield to blue lights and siren. The car was found at Kingswood Apartments.

Police were called to Walden at Greenfield when a person reported hearing shots fired. Police searched the area and could find no suspects.

Police were contacted when a resident saw a suspicious person entering the rear of Building 18 at Stratford Hill Apartments. The person was looking in windows of apartments and checking doors. Police searched the area but were unable to locate the man.

A resident of Mistywood Circle contacted police when he was disturbed by a man singing loudly outside of his window. Police located and identified the man, and he agreed to be quiet for the remainder of the evening. No further action was taken.

Police were called to Franklin Street by a woman who was reportedly threatened by two male subjects with a handgun. Upon arrival of police, the subjects had fled the area. There were no injuries and no arrests had been made.

Police responded to a call at Franklin Woods Apartments when a tenant heard strange noises outside her window. Nothing unusual was found in the area, and the source of the noise could not be determined.

Police were contacted by a University Mall employee in response to a shoplifting incident. A suspect was arrested for shoplifting when he was seen concealing a pair of shoes in the mall.

A Chapel Hill resident was assisted in persuading an opossum to leave his residence. The opossum exited the front door on its own while being escorted by police. The actual point of entry to the residence could not be determined by officers.

Saturday, Nov. 25

A Chapel Hill resident was arrested on a warrant for communicating threats as a result of a domestic argument in front of the Chapel Hill Police Department. The subject was taken before a magistrate and placed in jail in lieu of bond.

Police responded to Kingswood Apartments when a resident requested assistance getting a relative to leave her residence. Officers were able to persuade the relative to leave, and the resident decided against taking action against the relative.

Thursday, Nov. 23

Upon responding to a disturbance call on Sykes Street, officers saw a subject assaulting a female. When police attempted to stop the subject and talk with him, he continued the assault and was forcibly restrained. The suspect was arrested for assault on a female and resisting arrest. Upon a search, police found drug paraphernalia on the subject.

A Chapel Hill resident called police to the Bus Station-Tarheel Taxi Service when a man knocked his hat off his head. The incident was resolved, and no further action was taken.

Police were called to Honey-suckle Street when a resident saw possible flashlights being used behind her residence in the Chesly subdivision. Police found that the lights were probably from a Chapel Hill Police vehicle that was on building checks in the area.

A resident of Pritchard Park reported that someone has been coming to the rear of her residence and yelling different remarks into the rear window and then leaving. The resident asked police to watch the area, but there were no suspects.

A Carrboro resident has been charged for concealing a pack of beef sausage links in a Chapel Hill market. The sausage was valued at \$3.29.

A resident of Kingswood Apartments reported that while she was trying to get into her apartment a stray cat approached her and bit her leg. Police searched the area for the cat but were unable to locate it.

Police were called to Roberson Street when a female assaulted another female. The woman suffered injury to her left cheek and eye and was treated at North Carolina Memorial Hospital.

— compiled by Steven Adams

Computing office to upgrade services

By DEBBIE BAKER

Staff Writer

UNC's Academic Computing Services (ACS) is planning a \$2.5 million upgrade of its IBM computer system in December because of the closing of the Triangle Universities Computation Center (TUCC) on July 1.

ACS serves as the University's central academic service for teaching and research. It operates several mainframe computer systems, which provide a variety of services to professors, including electronic mail and computer grading of exams.

TUCC, a cooperative computer system operated by UNC, N.C. State Uni-

versity and Duke University, closed because there has been an effort to move the computer services back to campuses and because the state-funded N.C. Supercomputer Center in Research Triangle Park is allowing free use of its supercomputer service.

"The decision to bring the computing services back to campus was for cost-containment reasons," said William Groves, the director of the Academic Computing Services. "Also there has been a shift away from large computers to smaller ones."

Judy Hallman, manager of Information Services at ACS, said the improved services would help attract good fac-

ulty to the University.

"These upgrades are going to give us really good computer services," she said. "Mainframe computers are still being used, but a lot of work is done on microcomputers."

Groves said the state legislature would not provide any additional money for the ASC upgrade. Instead, other University funds will provide additional overhead money for the project.

"The provost has been supportive and aware of what we're doing and where we're going," Groves said. "Without the support of the provost, this project would not have been possible."

Improvements will include the purchase of a new IBM 3090-170J processor and possibly the installation of a solid state disk drive. The electrical and cooling services in the machine room also will be renovated.

An automatic tape cartridge system will be installed. This tape, which stores information in mainframe computers, usually has to be hand-loaded.

"This is an automatic system because we don't have tape librarians 24 hours a day," Groves said.

In addition to the IBM upgrade, the ACS, with funds from ACS and the National Science Foundation, plans to

upgrade the Convex Midrange Supercomputer System in the near future. This upgrade will include doubling the number of processors to four and increasing the memory and disk space.

ACS is usually open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, but it will probably close from Dec. 25 to Dec. 29 for renovations and the system upgrades. "We're going to do as much as we can over Christmas break and before classes start in January," Groves said.

ACS has offices in Phillips Hall and Wilson Library. Anyone with questions should contact the ACS at 962-9107 or 962-6501.

Senior class to give 'sitting wall'

By JOEY HILL

Staff Writer

The Senior Class of 1990 will fund the building of a "sitting wall" between Murphey Hall and Saunders Hall as its physical gift to the University, said Pete Caprise, co-chairman of the senior class gift committee.

The wall will be a duplicate of the one between Gardner Hall and Hanes Hall, Caprise said. Two brass plaques on the wall will commemorate the class of 1990.

The wall will cost about \$30,000 to construct, and its completion will take from six to eight weeks, depending on the weather, he said. The committee plans to complete the wall by late February 1990, when its fund-raising campaign will begin.

The committee has not yet set a date for the groundbreaking ceremony, he said.

The committee decided to build the wall more than a month ago after seeking the seniors' opinions through the senior newsletter and a forum. "As much as we could, we tried to make it a class

decision," said Senior Class Vice President Greg Zeeman.

"There was a fairly good and unified response from the entire senior class," Caprise said.

The wall's main benefit will be aesthetic, Zeeman said. "The wall will make the campus more beautiful."

"The quad between Saunders and Murphey just isn't that attractive. It's basically a worn-out path." Because there is a sitting wall between Hanes and Gardner, Polk Place is non-symmetrical, and the new wall will balance the area, he said.

"The wall will be a nice place for students to spend some time. Because it's close to Lenoir, people can go there to eat lunch," he said.

Each year the senior class presents the University with a physical gift and an endowed gift, Caprise said. "The physical gift is an immediate and visible sign of our feelings for the University."

The endowed gift, which is a larger academic gift, will not be realized for five years, he said.

The senior class will raise funds to pay for the wall in February, when it will conduct a phonathon to ask seniors to donate money for the wall and for the endowed gift, Caprise said.

The money remaining after the senior class pays for the wall will be allowed to collect interest for five years, and the acquired interest will be used for the endowed gift, he said.

Cristina Palmieri, a senior international studies major from Washington, D.C., said the wall was a good idea. "It will add symmetry to the quad."

Laura Haywood, a senior Spanish major from Charlotte, said the wall would be a good place to sit. "I think people will enjoy sitting there and taking a break from classes."

Chris Locklear, a senior medical technology major from St. Pauls, said he thought the money for the wall could be better spent. "Why do they need another place to sit? If they want to make the campus more attractive, they should put money into artwork."

Students favor change in financial aid system

By STEPHANIE JOHNSTON

Staff Writer

Student reaction has been positive for the recommendations made by the Financial Aid Task Force (FATF) for improving financial aid at UNC.

The FATF, composed of students, administrators and financial aid officials, submitted the 20-page report to

Chancellor Paul Hardin Wednesday.

Recommendations included adding three people to the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid, improving the work-study program, setting up a new student assistance fund and putting all required textbooks on reserve in the library for students who cannot afford to buy these books.

Beall opposes proposed increase in student fees, transportation fee use

By KENNY MONTEITH

Staff Writer

Student Congress member Jeffrey Beall (Dist. 7) introduced a three-part resolution to stop what he called "abuse" of the UNC student fee system during an informal press conference Sunday afternoon.

Beall said the abuse stemmed from a proposed one-dollar per year increase in student fees introduced by Student Body President Brien Lewis to establish a scholarship fund for financially needy students. Lewis introduced the proposal as part of a report by the Financial Aid Task Force (FATF).

Although Beall said he agreed with Lewis' debate with the General Assembly on the tuition hike, he said Lewis' increase of student fees was contradictory to his debate.

"He (Lewis) turns around and raises students' fees, then they (assembly) said to him, 'How can you get mad at us for raising your tuition when you guys are raising your fees all the time?'" Beall said.

Lewis said the proposed increase should not be new to the University because he used it in his campaign for president in February.

"I used it (increased student fees) in my campaign when I ran last year, and also when I ran during my sophomore year."

Beall said in his formal statement that only Lewis could benefit from the increase in student fees.

"It's just a project that's making his presidency look good," Beall said. "We haven't been shown how it can really benefit the student body at large, and that's the main purpose of fees, to benefit the student body at large."

Lewis' fees will benefit a few individual students with scholarships, Beall said. "I don't think that the student body should be in the business of funding its own financial aid."

Lewis said he didn't dispute Beall's idea. "We've got to look at whether or not the benefits (of the increase) are going to help us or if they're just going to be minimal."

Raising the student fees combined with the increased tuition has created a dangerous precedent, Beall said. "It's really dangerous because what the precedent is, is everytime you have a pet project, you just raise student fees to pay for it."

According to Beall, Lewis has supported three other fee increases this

year. "He also (supported) increased fees for the undergraduate teaching award, the Student Recreation Center and the transportation fee."

Beall said he was also concerned with the allocation of student fees for a transportation fee.

"I think the whole idea of a transportation fee is bankrupt from the beginning," Beall said. Student Congress passed a resolution in April to ask the Board of Trustees not to implement this fee.

"We did this on the grounds that this is wrong because they're subsidizing students and the Chapel Hill transit system," Beall said.

He said students were partially paying for something from which many students and Chapel Hill residents benefit.

"It's wrong to make students pay for this. It really should come out of local tax money or have riders' fee as a bus fare," Beall said.

John Gardner, transportation planner for the Department of Parking and Transportation Services, said the money allotted to the department was used to improve the transit system and to cover increases in the transit that they thought were necessary.

He said the reason for the delay of the use of the money was the time it took to be transmitted to the office.

"As of this morning (Monday), the check for the student transit fee has not been deposited," Gardner said.

He said the department needed money because the money used from parking permit revenues was used for parking improvements and also for the transit improvements. "We can't do both with just the parking fines," Gardner said.

The department may receive almost half of the \$495,000 increase from the government by the end of the year, Gardner said. "It depends on a lot of things, but it could get up to \$250,000 more this year than last year."

Also in his statement, Beall said an administrative error caused graduate and professional students to be overcharged by 75 cents in fees. The money — designated for the new Undergraduate Teaching Award — was supposed to have been paid only by undergraduate students.

But Lewis said the error had been corrected and that the graduate and professional students would be refunded the money.

Trolleys may carry ads

By CHRISTINA NIFONG

Staff Writer

Chapel Hill's two trolleys will suit up for big business if the town council approves a plan to permit advertisements in them.

Thursday at 7:30 p.m. the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Downtown Commission will present a plan that would place advertisements inside the trolleys to raise money for the commission's fund, which pays \$30,000 a year for the trolleys.

Joe Hakan, president of the commission, said half of the budget each year had to be raised privately — a difficult task in a town where so many good causes need funding.

"We have to get ways to make more money ourselves. We can't keep asking (for it)."

Debbie Dibbert, co-director of the commission, said she was optimistic about the proposal and that a few businesses had already shown interest.

Advertisements are a "wonderful opportunity for businesses to pro-

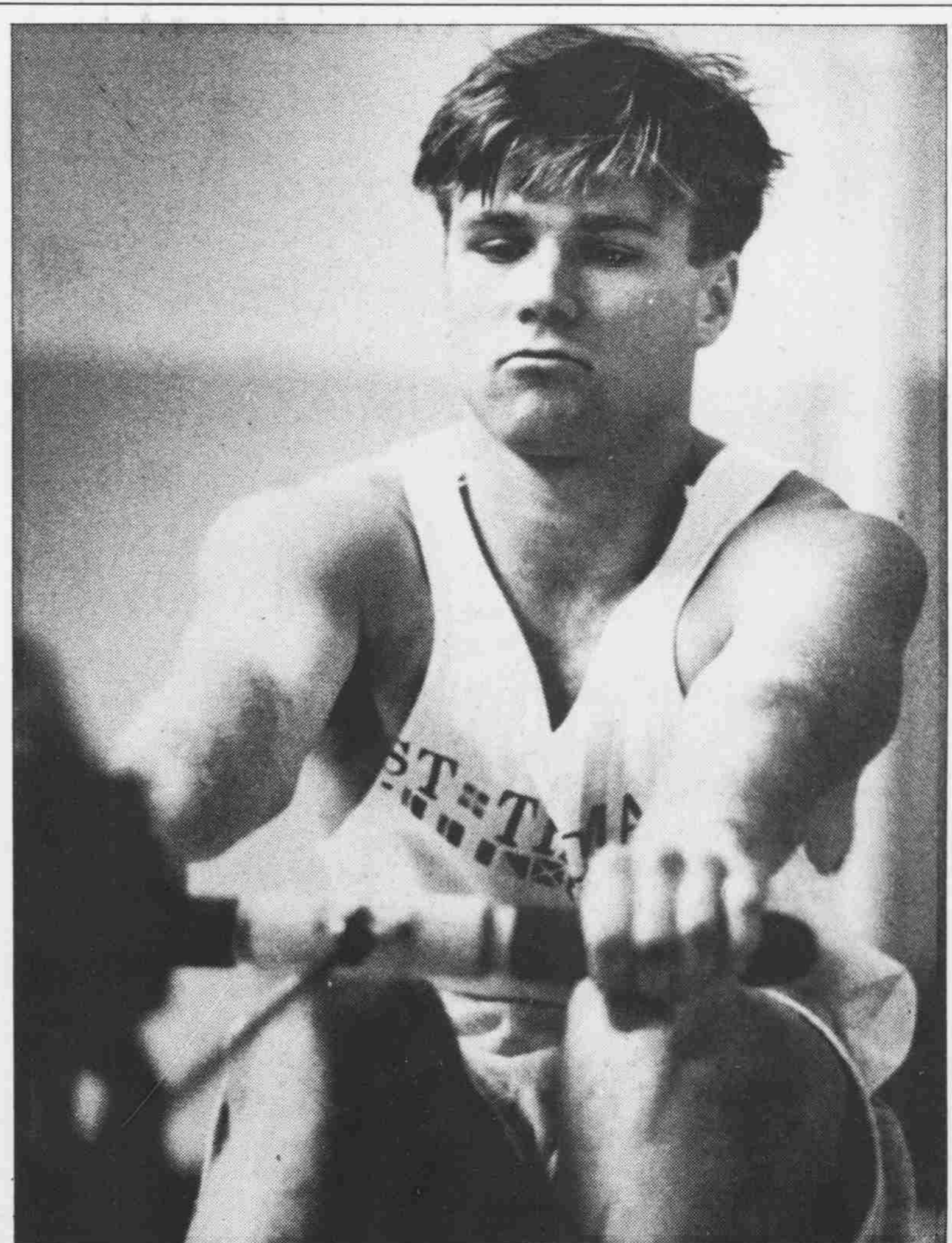
mote their products, and they can be tastefully done," she said. It is also a good opportunity to raise money.

Racks to hold advertisements, which are not included in the trolley's design, will be specially ordered and installed at an estimated cost of \$12,000 to \$15,000, depending on the number and size of the racks the council approves. Dibbert said the initial payments would come from the commission's fund and would be repaid later from revenue generated by the advertisements.

Town council member Nancy Preston said the proposal sounded like a good idea, but she said, "Whether the town would do it, I don't know."

Another town council member, David Godschalk, said the advertisements would be a good way to subsidize the running of the trolleys as long as they were kept in good taste.

The advertisements will be inside the trolleys, and the commission will have control over which advertisements are admitted.



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Concentrated effort

Senior Sam Wheeler, president of the UNC Crew Club, works out on an erg machine that simulates rowing during the afternoon on Monday in Woolen Gym.