

# Complaint spurs restriction of McCauley Street parking

By Chris Goodson  
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Some UNC students who commute to campus daily are finding fewer parking spaces available on McCauley Street after a resident's complaint prompted Chapel Hill officials to remove many of the spaces there.

According to Chapel Hill engineering technician Mike Taylor, the town received a complaint from a McCauley

Street resident about commuter parking.

Residents complained that commuters block driveways, take spaces that residents would use and sometimes obstruct garbage pickup, Taylor said.

A recent complaint caused town officials to review the parking ordinances on McCauley Street.

"There was actually (an ordinance) on the books that required the removal of parking on one side of the street,"

Taylor said.

After reviewing the ordinance, officials concluded that the parking on the dirt section of McCauley Street needed to be removed, Taylor said.

"(Parking spaces) did need to be taken off because there is supposed to be two-way traffic (on McCauley Street), and when you have cars parked on one side of that section, it impedes two-way traffic," he said.

But for students who already have a

difficult time finding parking spots, the loss of spaces on McCauley Street will be a big problem, said UNC commuter student Fraser Smith.

The town has removed about 30 parking spaces by placing no parking signs along the road, Smith said. He first noticed the change two weeks ago.

"I just don't think they're thinking clearly," Smith said. "People arrive at the parking spaces 15 minutes before the posted time and risk getting chased off by the police just to get a good park."

But now that town officials have reviewed the parking ordinance, more

parking may be removed from McCauley Street, Taylor said.

"We are going to poll the neighborhood to see what they want to do as far as the parking positions on the street," Taylor said.

The poll will take about a month to complete when started, Taylor said.

An agenda for consideration by the Chapel Hill Town Council will be prepared after the poll results are tabulated. The council's examination of the situation will take about three more weeks to complete, he said.

The entire process may take two

months to complete, Taylor said.

Commuter students should write the mayor and council and tell them of the need for parking, Smith said.

"(Students) should tell them 'we want parking back'," he said.

The town received complaints from McCauley Street residents two or three years ago and made changes in the parking procedure by restricting parking in the morning and allowing it in the afternoon, Taylor said.

"It's not an unusual occurrence," Taylor said. "We remove parking all the time."

## Study abroad office extends deadline

By Brian Golson  
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Students who were discouraged from studying abroad because of the Persian Gulf War have time to reconsider their decisions.

The UNC Study Abroad Office is extending the deadline for applications to the end of March.

Judith Tilson, study abroad officer, said the Study Abroad Office extended the March 1 deadline until the end of the month to give students more time to investigate study abroad options. The Study Abroad Office is in Caldwell Hall.

Fewer students have completed study abroad applications this year, Tilson said. Last year 225 students studied abroad, but the office has only received only 127 applications this year, she said.

Ritchie Kendall, associate professor of English, said his experience as a resident director of the London School of Economics program showed him that studying abroad was a valuable experience for students.

"As a result of the experience, I have become a real advocate of study abroad. I think both academically and socially it is an enriching experience," Kendall said. "I think it is particularly valuable for North Carolina students whose boundaries are often the state limits. It

gives them a chance to see the way the rest of the world works."

Tilson explained the reality behind five common assumptions about studying abroad:

- Students don't have to be rich to study abroad. Financial aid is available for many students, she said.
- "In some cases it costs less to study abroad than to go here, especially for out-of-state students," Tilson said.
- Students don't need to be juniors to study abroad. Sophomores and seniors also can participate in the programs.
- Students don't need a 3.0 grade point average to study abroad.
- "There are G.P.A. requirements, but it is not necessarily a 3.0. In most cases it is not a 3.0," she said.
- Students don't need to know a foreign language to study abroad.
- Students will not necessarily fall behind in their UNC course credits.
- "You can get major, elective and perspective credit while studying

abroad," Tilson said.

Maria Bryan, study abroad program coordinator, said international study had changed some students' lives.

"The biggest benefit is the change in students when they come back," she said. "They have a broader view of the world and themselves. They are also more responsible in general."

Braden Craig, a junior from Hanahan, S.C., said he gained by spending a semester in Santander, Spain, at the Universidad de Cantabria.

"It was the best three months of my entire life," he said. "My advice is to go for a year, if you get a chance. The advantages of learning a new culture and making new friends far outweighed the obvious benefits of learning a language."

Trey Harris, a junior from Charlotte, said he spent an exciting semester at the London School of Economics.

"It was really cool. I learned a lot at LSE," he said.

## County wants input on landfill

By Amber Nimocks  
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County officials are increasing efforts to educate residents in solid waste management before a new Orange County

landfill site is chosen.

The Orange Regional Landfill Owners' Group started the Orange Regional Solid Waste News, a newsletter that will be published three times a year and will cover recycling, landfilling, solid waste planning, and education and outreach.

The Landfill Search Committee has chosen 15 candidate sites for the new landfill, said Edward Mann Jr., chairman of the committee. "There is a lot of fear of the landfill in the community."

"The county needs a site at least 300 acres and not more than 500 acres," Mann said. "It can't be too close to towns and has to comply with federal, state and local laws."

Some residents fear that a landfill will endanger the quality of life and property values, Mann said. "Most of these fears are unfounded," he said. "The landfill will be sanitary and people who live near it will still be able to let their children go out and play. A lot of these fears are due to a lack of knowledge and information."

The League of Women Voters will hold an educational forum on solid waste March 19 at 7:30 p.m. at the community room of the Orange Water and Sewer Authority. The forum will address local solid waste regulations, recycling and the cost of the landfill to citizens.

## Urban life threatens black males

By Billy Stockard  
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Many African-American men are dead or in prison now, which leaves only one African-American man available for every three African-American women available, said Kathleen Harris, a UNC sociology professor.

"It's not a black phenomenon; it's an urban phenomenon," she said.

Deteriorating urban areas, which consist of mostly African-American populations, have increased the gap in mortality and drug use between African Americans and whites, she said. Industry has moved out of these areas, and unemployment among African-Americans has increased, Harris said.

The men then turn to what Harris called an "underground economy," which includes selling drugs.

When the inner-city economy buckled, many of the middle class role models left the city, she said. Unemployed African-American men become isolated from the mainstream society and often lack information about available jobs.

Sonja Stone, an associate professor of African and Afro-American Studies, said the decline in urban areas wasn't the only problem. African-American men have been seen as economically expendable, she said.

"Black men have always been the last hired and the first fired," she said.

Audrey Johnson, an associate professor in the School of Social Work, said the high mortality rates of African-American men stemmed as much from

stress as from urban violence. Many African Americans die from stress-related heart problems, she said.

"These are diseases which run rampant, and when you don't have money, your health is the last thing to be dealt with," she said.

The absence of African-American men in the work force has left African-American women to work and raise children alone.

According to 1988 Bureau of Labor Statistics figures, black women compose 19 percent of single women, but 59 percent of all single mothers.

Census statistics for March 1988 showed that about 59 percent of all black families with children under 18 were headed by single parents, but only 22 percent of white families were.

Women also earn less than men. The average salary in 1988 for a woman was \$11,989, compared to \$23,919 for a man.

Teen-age pregnancy rates also have increased, and teen-age mothers are now less likely to get married than before. Fifty percent of Hispanic and non-Hispanic white teen-age mothers were not married in 1988. Ninety-five percent of all black teen-age mothers were unmarried the same year.

But Harris said these statistics show that fewer teenagers are getting married, not that more are getting pregnant.

These increased out-of-wedlock births occur in black and white populations, she said.

"Among blacks, out-of-wedlock childbirth has always been common," she said. "But recently the rates have increased dramatically for whites. And

as a result, they've gotten a lot of public attention."

Johnson said marriage was not always considered the best action in the case of pregnancy, and therefore marriage rates have not kept pace with pregnancy rates.

"There's too much concern about pathology," she said. "African Americans continue to be family oriented. And over 50 percent of the families are intact."

Stone said teen-age girls should stay in school and make their children their top priority. Premarital sex has become glamorized, she said.

"I think society has a more permissive attitude about sex than there was when I was a teenager," Stone said.

Harris said there probably would not be any economic booms in the 1990s, and therefore probably no increase in jobs in the cities.

Anne Hastings, a sociology lecturer, said she thought conditions would deteriorate to the point that African Americans would try to change them.

"Finally there will be a grassroots approach," she said. "Black families will try to change things themselves sooner or later instead of letting policy makers decide for them."

Harris said many people still believe stereotypes about African Americans.

"I think people are aware of the problem," she said. "I don't think people are aware of the reasons for the problem."

## School board to consider new reading program

By Dawn Spiggle  
Staff Writer

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro school board will discuss tonight the possibility of sending an elementary school teacher to Ohio State University for training in the Reading Recovery Program.

Reading Recovery is an accelerated program for first graders. The program builds on students' reading abilities, said Pat Bowers, Chapel Hill-Carrboro Schools science, mathematics and reading coordinator.

Barbara Lawler, principal of Seawell Elementary School, said "(Reading Recovery) looks like it's well worth looking into."

Bowers said Ohio State published results that showed Reading Recovery taught students how to read and maintain a constant progression in reading. Students involved in the program rarely return in later years for further tutoring, she said.

The biggest difference in Reading Recovery and the present system in local elementary schools is the one-on-one aspect, she said.

Presently students in local elementary

schools attend reading help sessions in small groups with a teacher, she said. But in the Reading Recovery Program, one teacher would work with one student for 30 minutes a day, five days a week, for an average of 10 to 12 weeks.

Because teachers would work with students individually, teachers could capitalize on each student's strengths and weaknesses, she said.

When students are in kindergarten, they take a series of diagnostic tests, she said. If the school board adopts the Reading Recovery program, students who earn the lowest scores on the diagnostic tests would enter the program in the first grade, she said.

If the board approves the program proposal, a local teacher would attend Ohio State for one year of training, Bowers said. Upon returning, the teacher would train approximately two teachers from each local elementary school for the program, she said.

Although the training takes one year to complete, teachers would work with students during the training period, she said. The program could possibly begin in the fall of 1992, she said.

David Lyons, principal of Glenwood Elementary, said he was interested in exploring the program, but was concerned about older students ineligible for the program who need reading help.

"We are concerned about children we continue to serve other than those in grade one," Lyons said.

If Reading Recovery is implemented,

resources may be pulled from other scholastic programs, he said. But students who would not benefit from the Reading Recovery program should not suffer cutbacks in existing programs, he said.

Most teachers involved in discussing the program thus far have been first-grade and kindergarten teachers, Lyons said. But future discussions should expand to involve more teachers who teach older students.

Dale Minge, assistant principal of Estes Hills Elementary School, said he was concerned about losing a teaching position for a year.

Estes Hills has not yet committed to Reading Recovery, but school officials have committed to supporting the teacher who is sent, Minge said.

Specific details have not been worked out, but older students who would not be able to participate in Reading Recovery should continue to receive tutoring under the present system, said Settle Womble, assistant principal at Carrboro Elementary School.

"We are very comfortable with (Reading Recovery)," Womble said. "I think the claims are very positive."

Bowers said Reading Recovery was founded and developed in New Zealand. Ohio State was first to introduce the program in the United States.

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro school board will meet tonight at 7 p.m. at Lincoln Center.

## Campus Calendar

**MONDAY**  
Noon: "Education Equality in Modern Industrial Societies" will be discussed by Alan C. Kerckhoff, at 2122 Campus Dr., Duke University.  
Persian Gulf War Support Group will hold a meeting for students with family and/or friends in the Persian Gulf War in Room 220 Student Union.  
4 p.m. "Openly Loved and Secretly Feared: Images of Women in African Society," will be discussed by Rowland Ola Abiodun and Amherst Coll at the Art History and Williams Center at the Duke University Museum of Art.  
6 p.m. Graduate dinner at the Presbyterian Student Center, 110 Henderson St.  
7:30 p.m. Come listen to the debate that has Thomas Jefferson spinning in his grave. The Dialectic and Philanthropic Societies dare to ask, "Is the U.S. really a democracy?" tonight in the Dialectic Chamber, third floor New West.  
8 p.m. Carolina Indian Circle, in conjunction with

Culture Week 1991, is proud to present Dr. Yvonne Jackson, R.D., as its keynote speaker. Dr. Jackson serves as Chief of the Nutrition and Dietetics Section of the Indian Health Service. Carolina Union Film Auditorium.  
8:30 p.m. Fellowship of Christian Athletes is holding an informational meeting at Kenan Field. Small group huddles will discuss "Being in the World, but not OF IT." Everyone is invited.  
**ITEMS OF INTEREST**  
Walk In Study Skills Clinic, will be conducted Mondays and Wednesdays at the UNC Learning Skills Center by Dr. Victoria Faherty and Christine Kelly from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. in 104 Phillips Annex.  
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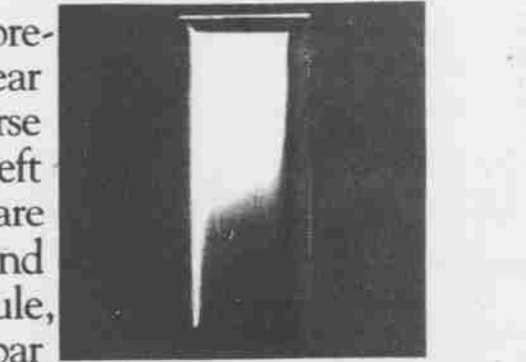
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