

Fair today and Wednesday. High today 48 to 54. Rather cold Wednesday.

'Cries For Help' Outnumber Successful Suicides But There Is Still That '1 1/2 Per 10,000...'

By CAROL WONSAVAGE
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Late one fall night last year a student walked into his room and found his roommate about to take what looked like a "half a bottle" of sleeping pills. The roommate had been drinking.

After a brief struggle, the student took the pills away and got his roommate to bed. The next day he reported the incident to the infirmary and his roommate was placed under a doctor's care.

Did the student stop a potential suicide? Perhaps, although the student didn't think his roommate was serious.

"He seemed to be waiting for me to come in when he started to take the pills," he said. "He had been depressed a long time, family problems, I think but I'm sure he wanted

me to stop him. It was sort of a cry for help."

According to a psychiatrist at the student health service this "cry for help" was a "gesture," a "manipulative action with no attempt to commit suicide, a signal of anger or desperation."

Medical studies say there are 1 1/2 successful suicides per year per 10,000 students, and 20 times that number of "gestures." UNC has had its share of those "successes." According to police records, there were four student suicides here in the past three years.

On April 4, 1967, David Bowman was found with a "bullet wound to the head."

On Jan. 14, 1967, Gregory Lister 18, was found dead in his Morrison dormitory room. Cause of death: "asphyxiation."

On Oct. 26, 1965, Roger

Davis, 21 "drove his car into bridge support causing acute hemorrhage."

On June 4 1965, David Snelling, 23 "hurled himself out of two-story window to sidewalk below."

Chapel Hill Police Chief W.D. Blake says that, except for Snelling, all the students left notes indicating they "were about to do away with themselves."

What makes a gesture or a suicide? What goes on in a person's mind to make him decide that he will no longer

live? On one hand, the answers are on police reports, neatly typed white forms, stating cause of death.

Coroner's report: "He was on the floor on his right side with a 38 cal. pistol behind him—"

Chief Blake added, "We know he had gone home to borrow money and his father refused it."

Coroner's report: "He was found in his room at 1 a.m. hanging by a belt—obviously stepped off the bed."

"We know he was worried about grades," Chapel Hill detective Howard Pendergraph said. "But he was making above average."

Other answers come from shocked friends, anguished parents.

"Friends said he acted as if he were out of his head," "Friends said he was just going up to study—"

"In a telephone conversation the father of the deceased indicated an increasing depression over the several weeks immediately preceding death—"

There are also answers from those who attempt to analyze the forces which drive a student or any human being to self-destruction. These are the psychiatrists, men like Dr. Clifford B. Reifler, senior psychiatrist in the student health service.

But Dr. Reifler finds that the human mind, like humans themselves, will not fit a set of rules or patterns. Like police and other laymen, they try to read the signs of potential suicide. But unlike laymen they can help the distressed person to survive the forces closing in on him.

"Suicide usually occurs in depression, in self-depreciation," Dr. Reifler

says. The person may have some inner-directed hostility so that no alternative solutions seem possible."

Many of the 30 or so "gestures" a year are referred to the infirmary, but many students, driven by fears of self-destruction, come themselves.

"We take seriously anyone who talks about suicide" said Dr. Reifler. He said the infirmary tries to assess the nature of the problem and decide the best way to help the student, whether by psychotherapy or a stay in the hospital.

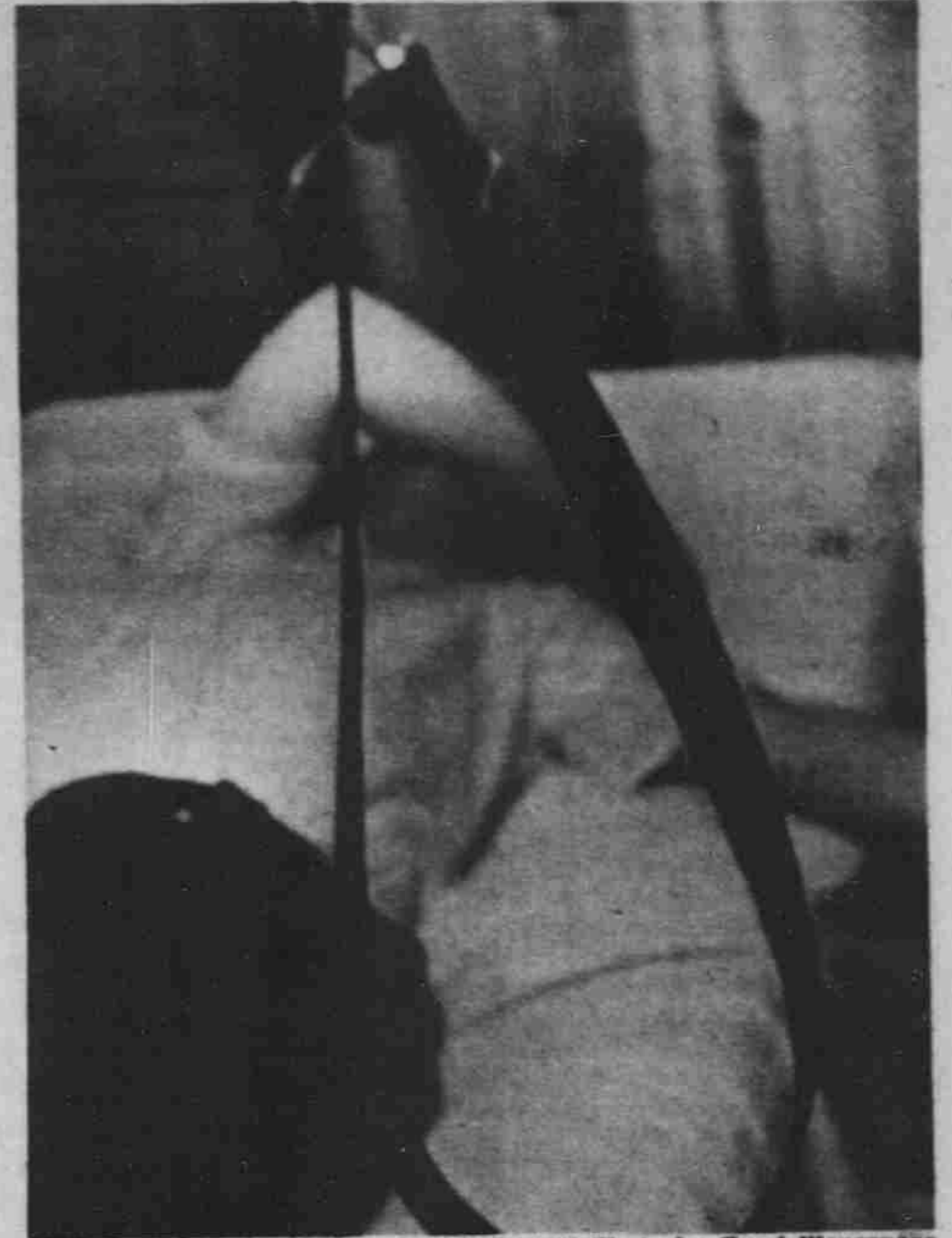
Treatment, like depression itself, "depends on the situation."

Medical reports show however, that student suicide rate is no higher than that of non-students in the same age group.

"Student are under more stress than ever before," says Reifler, "but they are more capable of dealing with it than ever before."

Still there is that statistic, "1 1/2 suicides per 10,000 per year." The following report may be filled again before the end of the year:

"I left a note to his family of his intent. He died immediately."



A Few Feet From Death ... if he wants to take that way out

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De Gaulle Urges Gold Standard

PARIS—President Charles de Gaulle warned Monday that despite its "incredible power" the U.S. dollar faces devaluation unless Washington stops championing the present world monetary system.

At one of his rare news conferences, he reiterated his demand for a return to the gold standard dumped in the 1930s. He accompanied a bitter attack on the dollar with:

—A virtual new veto of Britain's bid to enter the European Common Market.

—A prediction that the province of Quebec eventually will become a sovereign state independent of Canada.

—Stinging criticism of Israel for its role in the June Middle East war. He said the Vietnam conflict contributed to the Mideast conflict by increasing world tensions.

Pearson Levels Blast At De Gaulle

LONDON—Punctuating his speech with such epithets as "discredited," "shortsighted" and "wrong," Canadian Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson ripped into French President Charles de Gaulle Monday with one of the sharpest attacks ever made by one Allied leader against another.

Pearson went so far as to lump France together with Mao Tse-tung's China as disruptive forces in the modern world.

Using a ceremony in which he was given the freedom of the city of London as his platform, Pearson condemned De Gaulle's rejection of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, his super-nationalism; his opposition to British entry into the European Common Market and his interference in Canadian internal affairs.

Cypriot President Sees No War

NICOSIA—President Makarios of Cyprus said Monday he was convinced there would not be a war between Greece and Turkey over the Mediterranean island.

The Greek Cypriot president, an archbishop in the Greek Orthodox Church, emerged from a two hour meeting with United Nations envoy Jose Rolz Bennet of Guatemala and said, "I don't think there will be a war."

Kennedy Widens Lead In Poll

WASHINGTON—Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, D-N.Y., leads President Johnson by 52 to 32 per cent his widest margin yet as the voters' choice for the 1968 Democratic presidential nomination, pollster Louis Harris said Monday.



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CAMPUS SQUIRRELS also prepare for Christmas early. Only they don't have to worry about gifts, because all they have to do is take a few nuts home. And this one is no exception.

Cigarette Prices Are Raised To 30 Cents In Machines

By STEVE KNOWLTON
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Cigarette prices in University vending machines were raised a nickel a pack to 30 cents during the Thanksgiving break, the director of University Book Exchange said Monday.

"It is just not economically feasible to vend machines out of a machines for 25 cents a pack," said Tom Jshetley, Book Ex head.

The price hike affects only those machines in snack bars areas which until this September sold cigarettes across the counter.

Cigarette vendors in banks of machines—such as in many

residence halls—went up to 30 cents a pack at the beginning of the year.

Shetley said the Book Exchange was not losing money at the 25-cent price, "but we were just barely breaking even." Considering the costs of the machines and the servicing of them, "it just was not economically feasible to continue to sell the cigarettes at that price."

University vending machines are owned and serviced by the Triangle Vending Service, a division of the Coca-Cola Bottling Company of Durham.

Shetley said that while the Book Ex was making a little money on the 25-cent sales, the

State Department Officials Coming

Four senior officials of the State Department will speak on Vietnam, the Arab-Israeli question, the Near East and the U. S. position in Southern Africa in a series of community discussions to be held Wednesday.

This will be the first time such a series on foreign policy has been held in North Carolina.

Thomas McElhiney, the country director for South Eastern Africa in the State

Department's Bureau of African Affairs, is the chairman of the four man group.

The other members are Robert Lewis of the Vietnam Working Group in the Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs; William Swing, international economist in the Bureau of Economic Affairs; Daniel Brown, public affairs adviser to the Bureau of Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs.

The group is sponsored by the Current Affairs committee of Graham Memorial.

Swing will speak on "Europe Today and East-West Relations" at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Wesley Foundation.

At the same time McElhiney will hold an informal discussion with students at Morrison on the Union of South Africa and Rhodesia.

At 8:30, Swing will speak on Europe at Morrison. McElhiney will be at the Wesley Foundation speaking on Africa.

Brown will discuss the Middle East crisis at the International Student Center's weekly seminar discussion series at 8:00.

At 9:30, Brown will discuss the Near East at Morrison and Lewis, at the Wesley Foundation, will discuss Vietnam. The visit will be concluded by a 10:30 address on Vietnam at Morrison to be given by Lewis.

The four team members will meet the Middle South Model

United Nations at 4 p.m. in Roland Parker Lounge. The meeting is open to the public.

Miss Christine Camp, community meetings officer with the Bureau of Public Affairs, will distribute information on job opportunities in the State Department from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. in Woodhouse Room. Those wishing to meet Miss Camp should sign up in the placement office in Gardner Hall.



Thomas McElhiney ... heads contingent

Shoplifting Case Nets 4 Weeks Suspension

The Men's Honor Court has suspended one student, a junior, in four weeks of trials lasting from Oct. 26 to Nov. 16.

The student was found guilty of attempted shoplifting and was suspended until June 1, 1968. He had been charged with trying to steal a set of steak knives from Huggins Hardware and a women's umbrella from Julian's clothing store on Nov. 4.

In another trial on Nov. 16, two juniors were reinstated. They had been placed on indefinite probation on May 20, 1966, for lying to a student to obtain \$25.

On Nov. 9, two freshmen, self-confessed pumpkin-stealers, were given definite probation until Feb. 1, 1968.

They were charged with "being party to the theft of several pumpkins from in front of the A&P store on W. Franklin St. on Oct. 26, 1967."

Also on Nov. 9, a junior was (Continued on Page 3)

Dime-A-Pack Drive Starts Wednesday

The second annual Dime-A-Pack drive to raise money for cigarettes to send to U. S. troops in Vietnam for Christmas will be started Wednesday.

The money raised will be used to buy cigarettes for about 10 cents a pack from the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. and send them to Vietnam, at no profit to the company or the persons organizing the drive, according to Charlie Mercer, co-organizer of last year's and this year's drive.

The drive will be conducted on the Chapel Hill, Raleigh, Greensboro, and Charlotte campuses of the Consolidated University.

The goal of this year's drive is to send 10,000 packs of cigarettes. Last year's drive netted \$800 (or 8,000 packs).

All the classes, the Inter-Fraternity Council, and the Pan Hellenic Council will be working with the drive.

A booth will be set up in Y Court Wednesday through Friday and on Monday and Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for contributions.

Any organization, such as a fraternity, residence hall or residence college that gives more than \$35 to the drive will get its name stamped on the cigarette packages, Mercer said.

NSA Upholds Rights Of 'Right'

Recent attacks by Vietnam war protesters to physically prevent military service recruiters from visiting college campuses were condemned in a National Student Association policy statement last Saturday.

At the same time, the statement "strongly" condemned General Hershey's recommendation that "students who engage in illegal protests against the war and draft" should be reclassified as 1-A, and maintained that these students are entitled to justice in civil courts with due process of law.

The resolution passed with a two-thirds majority from NSA's National Supervisory Board, the governing body of the organization between conferences.

David Kiel, southern area representative to the Board and UNC presidential assistant, said that the key issue in debate on the resolution was whether NSA's

recognition of the right of the Right to recruit on campuses would conflict with NSA's established anti-Vietnam war policy.

Former UNC Student Body President Bob Powell, now northeast representative to the Board, former UNC NSA coordinator Teddy O'Toole, an ex-officio member of the Board as NSA's National Educational Affairs Vice President; and Kiel told the Board that a refusal by NSA to recognize free speech for right-wing recruiters would be an indirect justification of discrimination against left-wing speakers, such as in North Carolina's Speaker Ban law.

The main opposition came from a University of Wisconsin representative who had been involved in recent demonstrations that prevented Dow Chemical Company representatives from recruiting on the Wisconsin campus. Dow manufactures napalm for Vietnam.

Kiel said that the acceptance of the statement after a seven-hour debate "has made it clear that academic freedom and free speech at a university are principles that rise above conflicts between Left and Right."

"At Chapel Hill we have seen conservative forces' attacks on academic freedom in the form of the Speaker Ban. At Wisconsin, left-wing students have made the same kind of attack by their coercive demonstrations.

"I'm glad NSA support of academic freedom has continued despite attacks from both the Left and the Right."

Kiel also said that he thought General Hershey's statement was "prior censorship or something akin," and supported the statements "If students break the law, they should be dealt with by civil authorities. If students do not break the law, they should not be punished by draft boards."



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Such A Nice Apple

Apples for the teacher used to be the big thing in elementary school; but now someone has decided to leave one lying in the gutter outside South Building. Why is the only question. Certainly

no straight-thinking prof is going to pick it up. And it was such a nice apple.