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Kepner sees end to overcrowding

by Norman Black
Staff Writer

The overcrowding in UNC dormitories is expected to be resolved by the beginning of spring semester, Robert Kepner, director of Residence Life, said Wednesday.

All of the North Campus women's dorms are still overcrowded, Kepner said, with some students living three per room. He said Alderman, Cobb, Joyner, and Gonner are the most crowded.

Kepner said overcrowding in men's residence halls is also limited to North Campus, affecting all of lower quad and Winston Dorm.

The overcrowded conditions resulted this fall from overenrollment of about 500 students.

"I anticipate that by the beginning of the next semester, there will be no overcrowding," Kepner said. "Based on the level of vacancies we had last spring, there were more vacancies than there are excess students now."

Richard G. Cashwell, director of undergraduate admissions, sent a letter to entering freshmen in June explaining the situation.

"As a normal procedure, this office admits beyond the number of desired students, expecting a certain number of admitted students to cancel and attend elsewhere.

"The number of students accepting our offer was far greater than anticipated."

This year's housing policy requires only freshmen to live in University

housing after the policy was changed last spring to allow junior transfers and sophomores to live off campus. The change is not permanent.

According to Kepner, on Aug. 24, his office was faced with an excess of normal capacity of 8.4 percent, or 559 students.

As of Sept. 24, these figures had dropped to 6.7 percent and 445 students respectively.

With regard to the use of waterbeds and the possibility of allowing more refrigerators in University housing, Kepner said he expects a report by mid-October of what students can do to improve their rooms.

"The Committee on University Residential Life (CURL), which is composed of students and faculty, will be involved in determining the policy, as will the Residence College Federation and Residence Life," Kepner said.

He further reported there has been consideration given to air conditioning some of the dorms on campus.

"The kind of thought we've been giving to this is that the residence halls, especially during the summer, need air-conditioning to make them more attractive to students," Kepner said.

"But it's not as easy as simply adding window units," he added. "There are many factors to be considered, such as cost and rewiring. It might not be very feasible."

Hurricane Ginger threatens coast; residents ready

by Al Thomas
Staff Writer

Editor's Note: Three staff members of The Daily Tar Heel are assisting in the coverage of Hurricane Ginger. They are Al Thomas, Glenn Brank and Bob Chapman.

ATLANTIC BEACH - Large and dangerous hurricane Ginger was expected to smash into the central section of the N.C. coast before dawn today.

Winds in excess of 80 miles an hour were forecast to strike from just north of Wilmington northward to Virginia Beach, Va.

Flooding tides from four to eight feet above normal were also expected to lash the area of hurricane warning. At 6 p.m. Wednesday, the storm was 180 miles south-southeast of Cape Hatteras moving northwestward at 12 miles per hour.

The eye of the storm, 70 miles wide, was forecast to cross here this morning.

The evacuation of all outlying coastal areas was ordered by Civil Defense officials Wednesday afternoon. Long lines of cars, up to a mile long, bumper-to-bumper, were observed late Wednesday leaving the coast.

The beaches themselves were almost deserted by sundown.

Residents and business owners here

rushed to tape or board their windows as soon as hurricane warnings were hoisted.

Civil Defense and Red Cross agencies rushed emergency units to the central coastal areas.

As Hurricane Ginger steadily churned toward the vulnerable N.C. coast, drenching rain and gales in advance of the storm struck here and along the outer banks.

As early as sundown Wednesday, sustained winds of 40 to 50 miles an hour were reported by the National Weather Service to be hitting the coast. Seas here were extremely choppy with swells from three to four feet above normal.

Some flooding of low-lying areas occurred here during the afternoon as winds steadily increased.

At least three surfers, however, braved the torturous currents and rode the large waves in front of the pavilion here.

Winds also steadily increased inland as Ginger neared the coast, with wind gusts east of Goldsboro making travel in a light car on the open highway hazardous.

Ginger was expected to move rapidly up the Eastern Seaboard after striking land with clearing skies and moderating seas forecast for this afternoon.

The weather service noted that Ginger was the oldest hurricane on record having formed over three weeks ago in the Atlantic south of Bermuda.

Weather

TODAY - Partly cloudy and mild; highs in the 80's, lows in the 60's; 30 percent chance of precipitation.

POW booth scheduled

N.C. fair reflects changing times

by Lee Southerland
Staff Writer

The N.C. State Fair, even with all its traditional splendor, "ain't" exactly what it used to be.

There will be a prisoners of war (POW) booth at this year's fair, being held in Raleigh, Oct. 15-23, in addition to the usual parade of pigs, swineshows, hell-drivers, gospel singers and carnival rides.

About 91 concerned N.C. families will help man the booth in the Industrial Building daily. Family members of POWs

will talk to interested persons, and urge citizens to write letters to help bring about the release of prisoners.

The booth will also pass out "Don't Let Them Be Forgotten" bumper stickers.

Miniature displays of the cells, cages, and special rooms have been constructed to depict the conditions the men are apparently living under, and a large N.C. map with photographs of Tar Heel POWs placed over their home areas will be displayed.

This is only one dimension of the 104th annual State Fair. Admission is

\$1.50 for those over 12 and under 60. The elderly, children under 12 and special guests will be admitted free.

There are some 20 major free attractions once inside the fairgrounds, including Village of Yesteryear, which is aimed at showing the significance of age-old crafts in North Carolina.

Eighty craftsmen, some in native costumes, will be carving wood, weaving blankets, and braiding rugs along with other handicrafts and offering their wares to fairgoers.

Another attraction will be the Folk Festival in which about 500 N.C. singers,

dancers and musicians will exhibit their talents and compete for prizes in gospel singing, fiddling, clogging, ballad singing and other novelty acts.

The Jack Kochman Hell Drivers will be adding the suspense of skids, two-wheel balancing, high-jump ramps and other death-defying motorcycle acts.

The Dorton Arena shows will be at 7:30 p.m., and will cost \$3 and \$4, except the Bob Hope Show, costing \$4 and \$5. An array of talent will be on hand including Paul Revere and the Raiders, Stars of the Lawrence Welk Show, Roy Clark of Hee Haw and some entertainers from the Kraft Music Hall.



Pretty fall Chapel Hill days are great for just lounging around Polk Place. And what better spot than directly under the flagpole - just you and the shadow. (Staff photo by Cliff Kolovson)

N.C.'s first unisex hair salon opens here

by Lynn Lloyd
Staff Writer

North Carolina's first unisex hair styling salon, The Back Room, has opened in Chapel Hill in the rear of the Carolina Barber Shop.

Gary Carden, manager of the salon, said, "We're after naturalism in hair styling. We cut shape into the hair instead of combing it in so it will last longer."

Carden is training licensed barbers to cut the new styles. "Women aren't allowed to cut men's hair by state law," he said. "I'll be opening up another shop in Burlington soon with my sister. She'll have a shop upstairs and I'll have my unisex shop on the first floor."

The Back Room opened on East Franklin Street in mid August for one day a week. "Our business has been so fantastic since the," Carden continued, "we've had to open up Monday through Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m."

The shop looks out of place in the rear of a barber shop. "But my customers like the location," he said. "In a month I hope to be finished with the decorating."

Carden, dressed in bell-bottomed slacks, a red shirt and wire-rimmed glasses, styles his own hair. "I used to be a model and wore my hair straight," he said. "I curled it a few weeks ago for a new look."

Carden's sister first interested him in hair styling. "I like working with my hands and I love people, so it all seemed to fit. I like the natural look. People are breaking away from the Establishment in everything else, so why not in hair styles, too?"

He attended a barber's school in Columbia, S.C.,

cutting hair for free in a local orphanage before transferring to Durham Technical Institute. "I tried to change techniques in the barber schools, but they wouldn't allow me," he said.

Carden then worked in Holly Hill Mall in Burlington, making various trips to Washington, D.C., to study new hair styles. His boss moved him to a private room in a local shopping center where he took his customers strictly by appointment.

"I studied for five weeks in New York under hair and scalp specialists where I had an opportunity to practice my own styles," Carden said.

While working in Burlington, he had many customers from Chapel Hill. "They kept asking me to open a shop over here, so one day I packed by clothes and found this place in the same day."

He smiled with pride when he said he has customers from all over the state. "So far, we have had about half male and half female customers."

Carden mainly works with long hair. "But we've had many doctors, lawyers and professors in here, too," he said. "They say they would really like to have long hair but can't because of their jobs."

The shop uses organic products to treat hair and is the only place in the Chapel Hill area which carries them.

Carden hopes to come before the N.C. General Assembly in January to contest the law which does not allow female hairdressers to cut male hair. It's his ambition to be president of the State Board of Barbers someday.

The Back Room contains five spaces for stylists to work. Basic cuts start at \$7 and regular customers are allowed lower rates.



The Back Room's Gary Carden styles a student's hair in North Carolina's first unisex hair styling salon. The salon is located on Franklin Street, in the back of the Carolina Barber Shop. (Staff photo by Leslie Todd)