

Good and bad

There's good news and bad news today. The temperature will reach a spring-like 60, but there's also a 90 percent chance of rain. The high tomorrow will be in the mid-50s.

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Near epidemic as flu bug bites area residents

Drink beer for cure, more fun says doctor

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Do you feel achy all over? Got a fever, headaches, a sore throat and that nagging cough? Do you sneeze often? Then rest assured — you are not alone.

Influenza, commonly called the flu bug, has bitten Chapel Hill hard, according to local doctors and pharmacists. While some of the experts classify the flu's upswing as an epidemic, others say the disease's prevalence is just a great increase.

But whether they classify it as an epidemic or an increase, doctors and pharmacists agree "there's a lot of sick people around here."

Physicians at the UNC Student Health Service alone have been seeing approximately 50 students with flu-like symptoms daily. Dr. James McCutchan, clinical associate professor of medicine, said Monday. But McCutchan hesitated to call the increase an epidemic, citing the definition of an epidemic by the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta.

According to CDC, an influenza epidemic occurs when the number of reported deaths from 121 sample U.S. cities are higher than the cities' expected number of deaths. While influenza itself is not a fatal disease, it can cause pneumonia or bronchitis that are, Bob Alden, public information officer for CDC, said Tuesday.

Last week the number of expected deaths was 500 in the 121 cities, but the actual reported number was 855, Alden said. "This number is above what we call the 'epidemic threshold,'" he said. If the number of reported deaths is higher than the expected number next week, there could be an epidemic nationwide, Alden said.

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Calls it 'right thing to do'

Hunt defends decision

By STEPHEN HARRIS
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RALEIGH — It was probably Jim Hunt's toughest decision.

He spent a year studying the Wilmington 10 case, the governor said Tuesday. He reviewed court procedure, went over testimonies, talked with people, sent his legal counsel to talk to the Ten, listened and thought.

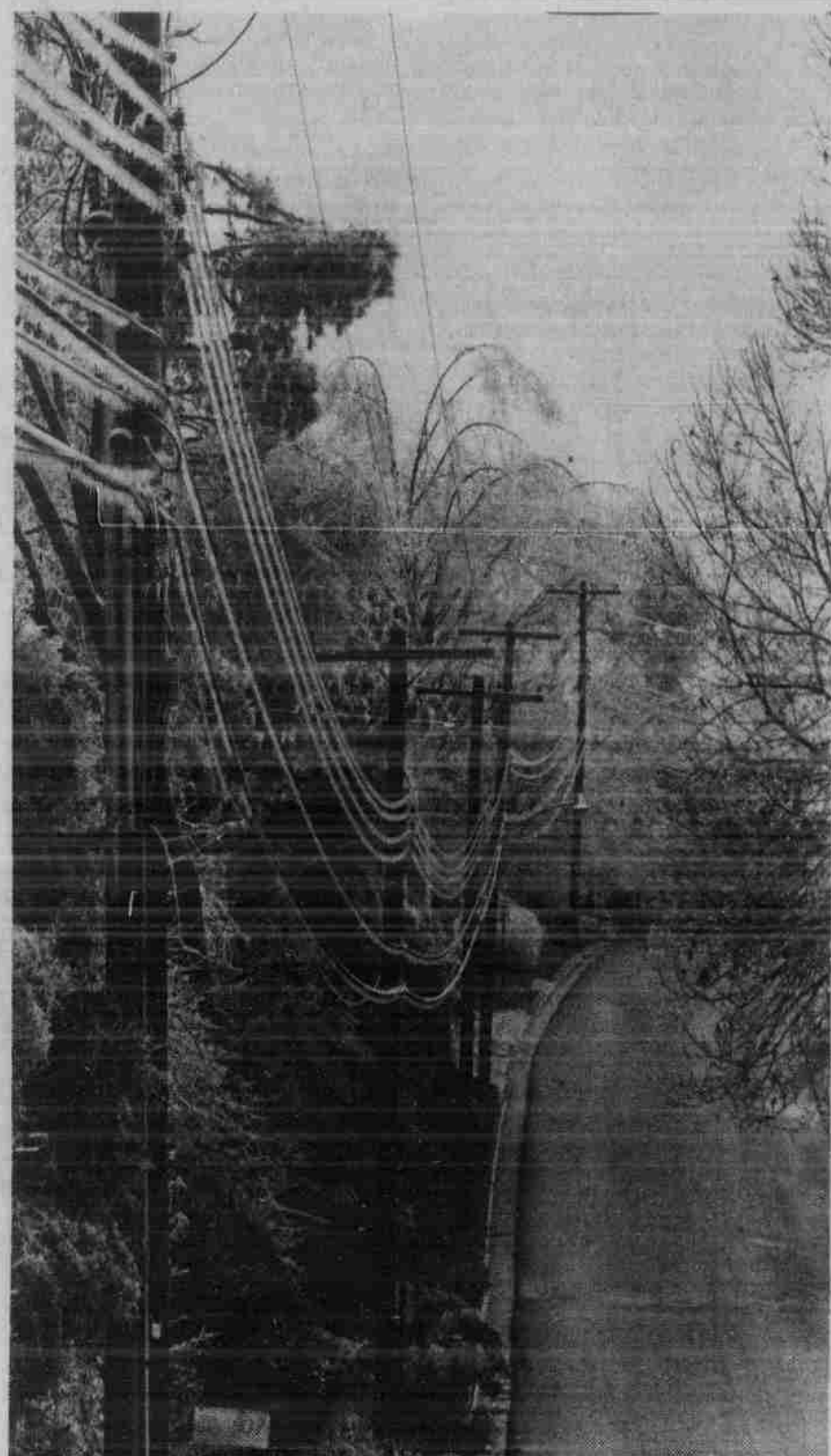
Gov. Hunt made a decision to shorten the jail sentences of the Wilmington 10 Monday night. At a press conference Tuesday morning, he expressed a wish that the Wilmington 10 case be closed, at least within North Carolina.

"You do your best," Gov. Hunt said. "I know the decision is not satisfactory to all. But I did what I think was the right thing to do."

"The decision was my decision alone. I know there are people hurt and disappointed. This is understandable. But I think most people will respect (the decision), though they may disagree."

"I will not have any further decisions (on the case). The courts of our state are finished (with the case, and the Monday night announcement) is my final decision."

But the Wilmington 10 case apparently is



Wonder why your power was out last weekend? Icy power lines were the culprits. The rain today won't freeze, but don't discount Jack Frost's reappearance before the winter ends. Staff photo by Scott Johnston.

not finished, for the jailed defendants' supporters have pledged to pursue the matter in federal courts and to continue public agitation until the Ten are released from jail and vindicated from convictions of wrongdoing.

And the case still was being debated Tuesday morning in the governor's press-conference room, where reporters queried Gov. Hunt about how he reached his decision, and why so many are still angry over it.

"I believe I had more information than anyone (else) in this case," Hunt said. "I went into the matter carefully. I considered all the possibilities and was careful to not make any presuppositions."

"I believe the jury made the right decision."

Hunt declined to talk further about his personal opinions of the case, nor did he talk about the influences which helped him make his decision, though he did say his legal counsel spoke personally with the Ten. The U.S. attorney general mentioned the case during a telephone conversation, Hunt said.

The most controversial point of the case is the recantation of the prosecution witnesses' testimonies, though the recantations were later withdrawn.

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Diploma request deadlines extend through Feb. 23

Deadlines for applying for diplomas range from Feb. 1 to Feb. 23, depending on the particular branch of the University involved.

Deadline for the schools of journalism, business, education and pharmacy is Feb. 10. Nursing school has the latest deadline, Feb. 23.

An official at the College of Arts and Sciences said officials would like their students to have applications in by Feb. 1 because so many students are enrolled there.

All students must pass the swimming test to receive their diplomas. The swimming test will be given at the indoor pool from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 21.

Forgers pass fake prescriptions

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Another working day. Joe heads toward his car, carefully tucking into his pocket a small notepad with printing at the top. The ordinary-looking pad is the key to Joe's income. Each small square sheet is worth between \$50 and \$100 for those like Joe who are in the business of forging prescriptions.

Forgers use the stolen prescription blanks to write fraudulent orders for controlled drugs — which they sell to drug users for as much as 200 times the original price.

During the past few years, prescription forgery has become increasingly prevalent throughout the country, and according to an SBI official, one of the centers of drug forgeries in the state is the Durham-Research Triangle area.

Local pharmacists feel that prescription forgery has been at a fairly high level over the past several years. However, they report that the problem has lessened in Chapel Hill over the past two or three months, perhaps due to increased law enforcement and more precaution taken by doctors to contain prescription blanks.

"A group will come into the area, work it until they're caught or suspected and then the remaining members will move on," pharmacist Fred Chamblee of Senter Drug in Carrboro says. "Most often the drugs the prescriptions are for are Schedule II drugs — amphetamines, narcotics, pain relievers. A



The Sigma Chi fraternity believes in doing its part in producing the 18 tons of trash and garbage UNC has removed daily. Fraternity court is not the only place dumpsters runneth over; just look behind your own residence. Staff photo by Scott Johnston.

large number of the blanks are stolen from Memorial or Duke where there is easier access to them than at a private office."

After obtaining stolen prescription blanks, the forger will hire a "passer" off the street to take the fake prescription to a drugstore for filling, in exchange for a \$3 to \$5 fee and the amount of the prescription. After the purchase is made, the drug is given to the forger, who proceeds to another store to repeat the process.

The Charlotte News reported recently that two highly sought drugs are dilaudid, an opiate used to alleviate pain, and preludein, a stimulant prescribed to promote weight loss. Dilaudid is preferred over heroin by drug addicts because one tablet is cleaner, safer and two or three times stronger than a heroin fix.

Dilaudid or preludein tablets can be bought from a drugstore for less than \$10. But when the drugs are sold on the street, prices become inflated. A preludein prescription is worth \$300 minus the drugstore price and passer's fee. A dilaudid prescription is valued at \$750 minus extraneous costs.

There are a few incidences of fake call-in prescriptions for Schedule III or IV drugs — those with small amounts of narcotics in them. But these are not a major problem and are usually easier to spot, Chamblee says.

Pharmacist John Carswell of Colonial Drugs says a particularly high number of prescriptions were stolen from Duke a year

CGC rejects 'ratting,' urges council review

By HOWARD TROXLER
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The Campus Governing Council approved eight amendments to the Instrument of Student Judicial Governance Monday night, including a provision that would make failure to report violations of the Honor Code a non-chargeable offense.

The Instrument regulates enforcement of the Honor Code, which now states that failure to report known violations of the code is itself a violation.

The council also passed a resolution strongly requesting the Faculty Council to reconsider the amendment, which it rejected Friday.

The approval of the Faculty Council, the CGC and the chancellor are required to amend the Instrument.

"When we talk about this god, honor, we've got to remember that we're talking about human beings, fallible human beings," council member Emily Seelbinder said. "I'm not in favor of retaining the 'rat clause' because it is ineffective, and it is not humane."

But proponents of the clause in the Honor Code that requires students to report violations of the code argued that elimination of that clause would imply that students no longer were required to report violations.

"It's not going to make any difference, really," Alex Gambal, assistant student attorney general, said after the CGC decision. "I'm just disappointed, because not enforcing the honor clause is saying in essence that the University community doesn't want to believe in it."

The CGC approved eight other amendments to the Instrument of Student Judicial Governance as recommended by the Committee on Student Conduct, an independent joint student-faculty committee.

The major amendments included:

- A stipulation that suspension from school is the normal punishment for first violations of the Honor Code.

- A provision setting the minimum length for indefinite probations for Honor Code offenses at one full semester from the date of conviction.

- A statement of faculty responsibilities in enforcing the Honor Code. Under the amendment, faculty members are required to take steps to prevent Honor Code violations, such as proctoring when the instructor sees fit,

maintaining the security of examination material and taking "all steps consistent with existing physical classroom conditions — such as requiring students to sit in alternate seats — to reduce the possibility of cheating on graded work."

All the amendments except the one concerning the "rat clause" were approved unanimously by the CGC.

The Faculty Council will vote on the amendments at its next meeting Feb. 17.

If the Faculty Council approves the amendments, they will be forwarded to Chancellor N. Ferebee Taylor for his consideration.

The CGC will distribute for Faculty Council reconsideration copies of its request that failure to report violations of the code be made a non-chargeable offense.

AWS festival

Perceptions of Active Women. Slides and discussion. 2 p.m., 100 Hamilton.

Family Law. Speech. 4 p.m., Rooms 202-204, Carolina Union.

The Violent Family. Speech. 7 p.m., Rooms 213-215, Carolina Union.

Discrimination. Speech. 8 p.m., 100 Hamilton.

Look, Jane, Look. Sex bias in literature. 7:30 p.m., Rooms 202-204, Carolina Union.

Duel for Cannibals. Free flick. 8 p.m., Carroll Hall.

Emy Reeves and Barry Gabel, Toulouse L' Trek, Robyn Dobyns. The Mad Hatter. One-half cover for women.



Eighteen tons of trash, junk mount in campus area daily

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Eighteen tons a day.

That's how much garbage is collected from the University by McFarland's Garbage Service, a private contractor in Durham. And that 18 tons does not even include garbage from fraternities and sororities which is handled by the Chapel Hill Sanitation Department.

Getting rid of waste is not a new problem, but the trouble is that Americans are throwing away more than ever before. In 1920, about two to three pounds of trash were collected per person per each day. The government says that by 1980, public and private agencies will be responsible for managing eight pounds of garbage per person each day.

The use-once, throw-away habit that mounts to 18 tons a day costs the University \$4,643 a month, according to James McFarland, the contractor. The trash collected from UNC drops by about one-third to one-half during summer school.

Garbage collection and disposal, a national expense exceeded only by money for education and highway construction, will cost the town of Chapel Hill \$451,900 this year, says Harold Harris, director of Public Works in Chapel Hill.

Harris says the sanitation department collected and disposed of over 1 million pounds of garbage and 140,000 pounds of trash in Chapel Hill in December.

Garbage includes daily household refuse such as food scraps, and trash includes branches and clippings.

The University owns and maintains the trash containers on campus, and the Department of Housing is responsible for getting the garbage in the containers. McFarland's service takes care of the rest.

McFarland and the Chapel Hill Sanitation Department both dispose of garbage at the Orange Regional Sanitary Landfill near Eubanks Road in Orange County. The landfill is a self-supporting enterprise owned by Chapel Hill, Orange County and Carrboro.

Harvey Underwood, estimating and engineering supervisor at the UNC Physical Plant, is responsible for supervising McFarland's service and says it is reliable. Anyone who has a complaint about the garbage collection on campus should call him or Roy Olive, supervisor of the Physical Plant, he says.

Underwood and Lee Burgess, solid waste superintendent for Chapel Hill, agree that

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John Carswell, pharmacist at Colonial Drugs, says the number of forged prescriptions was high a few years ago, but has since declined. Carswell says one way to deter forgers is to double-check the prescription with the doctor. Staff photo by Billy Newman.