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Today will be mostly cloudy with highs near 70. Tonight will be mostly cloudy and cool with lows in the 50s and a chance of showers.

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Ah, Wilderness!

Ah, Wilderness!, Eugene O'Neill's sentimental comedy is playing now at the Playmaker's Theatre. DTH contributor Stephen Jackson reviews the PRC production on page 3.

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Carter proposes quick House vote to cut education aid

By KATHY HART
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In an unsuccessful attempt to bypass the House Rules Committee and suspend regular voting procedure, the U.S. House of Representatives Monday honored a White House request and scheduled a quick vote on President Carter's \$1.5 billion aid to education bill.

The move was made to block an amendment opposed by President Carter which adds billions of dollars in tuition tax credits to the administration-backed measure.

Democrats will try to get the House to vote on the bill again Wednesday, but this time they are going through the Rules Committee, said Tom Lambeth, administrative assistant to U.S. Rep. Richardson Preyer of Greensboro.

The UNC Student Aid Office is holding a meeting of student financial aid recipients and other interested persons at 3 p.m. Wednesday in Great Hall to discuss the merits of the aid to education bill and the tax credit proposals.

"Under the aid to education bill, student aid will be increased to assist families at all income levels," said William Geer, student aid director. "Aid will not be restricted to certain income levels."

The various tuition tax credit proposals would allow students or parents of students in college, vocational schools and in some cases parochial and private schools to subtract \$250 - \$500 from their tax bills each year for tuition.

A tax credit is subtracted directly from taxes owed as opposed to a deduction or exemption which is subtracted from income before taxes are calculated.

"Carter's package would put money in the hands of students at the beginning of the semester, whereas tax credit would simply get lost in the family finances," Geer said. "It does not give the student direct benefit at the time when money for college bills would be needed."

"The tax credit proposal would only benefit those people who pay income tax. The poorest people don't pay taxes, and therefore would get no benefit; yet they have the greatest need," he said.

Geer said the aid to education bill would benefit both low and middle income students more than the tax credit proposal. Tax credit would decrease as the income of the family rose.

Carter's bill, introduced by Rep. William Ford, D-Mich., would extend Basic Educational Opportunity Grant eligibility to students with family incomes up to \$25,000, increase funding of supplemental grants and college work-study and make families with incomes up to \$45,000 eligible for guaranteed loans with interest subsidized by the government while the student is in college.

If passed, the tax credit proposal would cost the American taxpayer \$1.7 - \$2.5 billion in the first year. The increased financial aid bill would cost only \$1.2 billion in the first year and offer more dollars for Carolina students who have not formerly been eligible and more dollars to students who are already eligible according to Tom Langston, associate director of the UNC Student Aid Office.

At the meeting in Great Hall Wednesday, the student aid staff will urge students to write their congressional representatives to advocate passage of the Carter bill without the tax credit amendments.

Jeff MacNelly will draw crowd at the Great Hall

By SUSAN LADD
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"Jeff MacNelly? He worked on the *Chapel Hill Weekly* when I was editor," Jim Shumaker, UNC journalism lecturer, said Monday. "He was theoretically in the art school here. Never did graduate, just sort of walked off."

Jeffrey Kenneth MacNelly attended UNC from 1965-1969. He may not have graduated, but in 1972, only three years after he left UNC, he was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for editorial cartooning at the *Richmond News Leader*, where he has worked since 1970.

MacNelly will be back in Chapel Hill to sketch original caricatures and discuss the art of political cartooning at 8 tonight in Great Hall as part of the five-week Carolina Symposium.

MacNelly was the cartoonist for the *DTH* in his college days and for the *Chapel Hill Weekly* from 1969-1970. Shumaker said MacNelly has so much talent that "it's just criminal."

"You could give him just a little seed of an idea, and he'd develop it with meaning, bite and humor. Fifteen minutes later he'd come back with the finished comic — much better than what you'd had in mind."

Shumaker is allegedly the inspiration for MacNelly's widely syndicated comic strip *Shoe*, which is carried by more than 300 newspapers.

"I can't take credit for anything he's done. I know that nobody at the *Chapel Hill Weekly* taught him anything. He was really professional even in his student days."

Parking applications available April 10

Applications for student parking permits for the 1978-79 academic year will be available beginning April 10 in the Carolina Union, the married student housing office and the UNC traffic office.

Permits will cost \$54. William D. Locke, traffic office administrative officer, said. Completed applications should be returned to the traffic office by May 15. Locke said



Dog and friends enjoy the warmth of springtime in Chapel Hill

Spring's arrival boosts jogging, sales

By NELL LEE
Staff Writer

Robins are happy about spring. Daffodils are happy about spring. And local sports shop owners are especially happy about it.

Spring is the traditional time for hibernating athletes to reappear, and local sports shop owners say their sales have increased substantially since warm sunny rays hit Chapel Hill.

"I've had about a 70 percent increase in business," said Bob Rogers, manager of the newly opened Wedge and Racquet on West Franklin Street. "We're selling lots of tennis dresses and shorts, racquets and shoes, and we're still selling warm-up suits."

He said jogging appears to be the most popular sport, with many students taking it up recently to get in shape for tennis. Ed Powell of Hackney's in University Mall agreed that jogging is the big sport this spring.

"We're selling three or four times as much stuff for jogging

than last year — shoes, shorts and T-shirts." He said the sport caught fire last summer, and a surprising number of people kept in shape by running all winter.

He added that tennis is still widespread, but the craze of recent years is beginning to level off.

As for the golf crowd, Rogers said equipment sales had been down the past few months because of the snow, but he expects a boost in sales of golf equipment and apparel when the courses dry out in the next few weeks.

Fenno McGinty of McGinty's Sport Shop on Franklin Street admitted to "a definite increase in sales recently."

Popular items are tennis equipment, shoes and basketballs. They never go out of season in this town, he said.

He agreed that jogging appears to be the sport of the year, and he offered some advice to students coming out of hibernation:

"Spring athletes need to take it easy and exercise gradually. It's a good idea to loosen up first by doing exercises indoors."

Census: you're alive and well if you live in Chapel Hill

By MICHAEL WADE
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Residents of the southern part of heaven are apparently as healthy as they are happy.

Chapel Hill is the second healthiest city in the state, according to a recent study by the public health statistics branch of the N.C. Health Services Division.

A comparison of the death rates in 38 North Carolina cities of 10,000 or more population between 1968 and 1972 showed that only Morganton has a lower death rate than Chapel Hill. Hickory, only 20 miles from Morganton, has the highest death rate in the state.

Researchers fed death figures into a computer to come up with the analysis, the first of its kind in the

state. They studied 1968-1972 deaths in order to use the 1970 census, which is the only reliable comparison among cities because of changing boundaries.

The study included deaths from heart disease, stroke, arteriosclerosis, hypertension, motor vehicle accidents, suicide and homicide, nine different types of cancer and several other causes of death.

Chapel Hill had the lowest death rate in the state from motor vehicle accidents and the second lowest death rates from heart disease, influenza/pneumonia and trachea, bronchus and lung cancer.

The death rates — number of deaths per 100,000 people — were adjusted for age, race and sex to make the comparison between cities as fair as

possible, according to Kathryn Surlis of the public health statistics branch, who was responsible for the study.

Raleigh was the third healthiest city in the state. Greensboro ranked fifth, Charlotte sixth, Durham seventh, High Point eighth and Winston-Salem eleventh.

Besides Hickory, the cities with the highest death rates in the state include Sanford, Goldsboro, Jacksonville and Eden.

Douglas Henderson-James of Capital Health Systems Agents in Durham said Chapel Hill has a lower death rate because of the composition of the town's population.

"The major industry in Chapel Hill is education," he said. "Generally, people in

education are among the healthiest segments of the population in the country."

Henderson-James said the higher socio-economic status of an education-oriented population is one reason it would be healthier than other areas. He said such a population is more likely to emphasize exercise, proper diet and other forms of health care.

In spite of its low overall death rate, Chapel Hill was among the highest ranking cities (31st) in deaths from cirrhosis of the liver, a disease related to chronic drinking. Henderson-James said there is probably a relationship between the high rate of alcoholism in Orange County and the number of deaths from cirrhosis of the liver. Morganton had the highest rate of deaths from cirrhosis of the liver in the state.

Redistribute transit costs between UNC, Chapel Hill, Carrboro, study recommends

By MIKE COYNE
Staff Writer

A study is being conducted to determine the redistribution of costs for the Chapel Hill bus system among its three users — Chapel Hill, Carrboro and the University.

Chapel Hill Transportation Director Robert Godding said the study was commissioned by the Chapel Hill town manager in an effort to more fairly divide the costs of running the bus system.

"What we are trying to do is look at how the costs are being distributed," Godding said. "This hopefully will help us tie the cost responsibilities to something concrete."

Godding said Chapel Hill initiated the study because it feels it is carrying the cost burden of the bus system.

"The town (according to preliminary studies) appears to be paying somewhat more than its share of the costs, the University somewhat less, and Carrboro definitely less," Godding said.

This year the town of Chapel Hill contributed \$410,000 to the bus system's budget. The University helped by purchasing \$396,000 worth of bus passes which it resold to students.

Carrboro is participating in the bus system in a nine-month experimental program. It has submitted \$20,000 to help pay for buses. The University helped Carrboro pay its part for the system.

Godding said after the study is completed, representatives from the town, Carrboro and the University must work out a plan for settling cost responsibilities.

Godding said if an agreement distributing the costs of the bus system more fairly could be reached, the town might act to cut back services.

"We don't anticipate a reduction in



A study conducted by a Washington firm recommends that the town redistribute the costs of the Chapel Hill transit system between the University, Carrboro and Chapel Hill. The study advised that UNC pay less for the system and Carrboro pay more.

services," Godding said, "but it is always a possibility."

The study, which is being conducted by Barton Aschmen Associates, Inc., of Washington, D.C., is considering the cost responsibilities with three formulas: users served, areas served and services rendered in terms of vehicle

miles and hours.

Godding said the study and negotiations with Carrboro and the University should be concluded sometime this spring so a budget can be prepared. The town manager will recommend a budget to the Board of Aldermen in mid-April.

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