

It will be partly cloudy Wednesday, but slightly warmer with temperatures reaching into the high 70s. There is a 20 percent chance of rain through Wednesday night.

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Somebody Killed Her Husband is the film Farrah left the comforts of Charlie and the Angels for. Critic Anthony Seidman says she would have done well to stay on the tube. See page 4 for details.

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88-year-old won't sell out

By TERRI HUNT
Staff Writer

"I found out they wanted my land last week. It was a big surprise. I told my son if they get the land, they'll have to steal it."

That's the way Mrs. J.E. Tripp, 88, feels about her home and the 40 acres it sits on. The land is in Carrboro just off Hillsborough Road near the Webbwood subdivision.

Carrboro city officials, on the other hand, think the land is the best site for a proposed swimming pool, lighted baseball field, picnic area and playgrounds.

The town will try to get voters to approve a \$1.5 million recreation bond Nov. 7 to supply money for the facilities.

The proposed park site would include all of Mrs. Tripp's land, including her house and its immediate property. Carrboro officials are offering to give her lifetime rights to her home and a small lot if she sells the property.

"I think the whole thing has been blown out of proportion," Carrboro Mayor Robert Drakeford said. "It is only a proposed site, nothing is definite. But it is also the best possible site. You must remember the bond has to pass first, before we can even think of getting the land. It's just one of those hard decisions the town must make."

Mrs. Tripp lives in a small white house where the main entrance of the park would be located. Now partially deaf and suffering from a broken hip as a

result of a fall, she has lived in the house for 54 years.

According to Chapel Hill Attorney Robert Epting, who represents Tripp, the land is not for sale under any circumstances. He and his client plan to bring the issue before the Carrboro Board of Aldermen tonight.

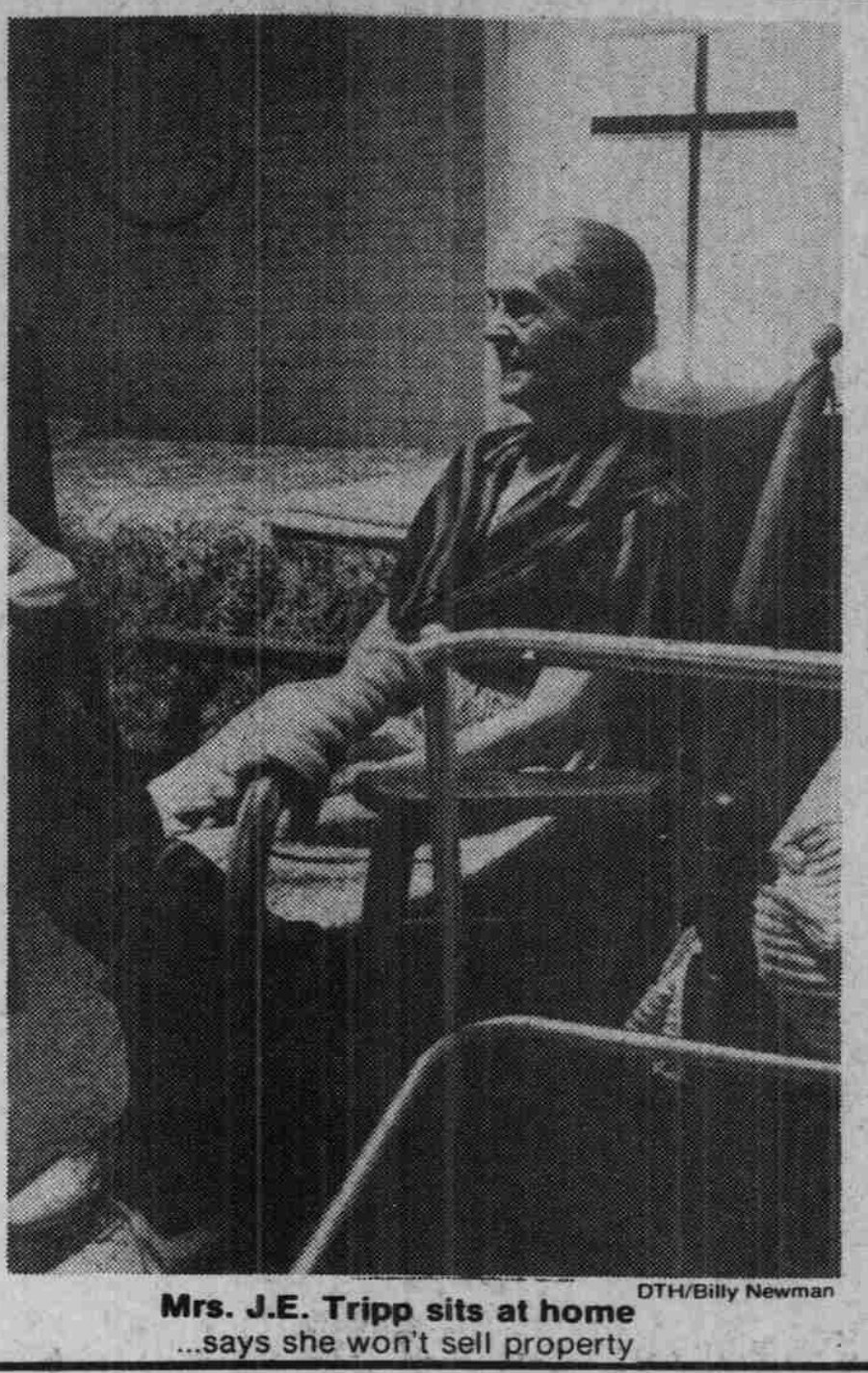
"I haven't talked to anyone who says that Mrs. Tripp is getting a good deal," Epting said. "The noise, lights and traffic caused by the park would run her off her land, and the town knows this. If she doesn't sell the land, the town can condemn it, and although this is legal it doesn't seem morally right."

"We're not trying to hurt her in any way," Drakeford said. "She can live there as long as she wants. Besides, the closest the park will be to her house is five or six acres. She won't even know it's there."

Throughout negotiations for the land, town officials have been dealing with Thurman Tripp, the property owner's son.

Several months ago, Alderman John Boone first contacted Tripp and told him of the town's plans. In September, the Board of Aldermen selected the Tripp property as the first proposal for the park site. On Oct. 2, Mayor Drakeford sent the landowner a formal letter outlining plans for the park and intentions of purchasing the land stating that condemnation of the land would be considered an alternative.

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Mrs. J.E. Tripp sits at home ...says she won't sell property

County may get liquor licenses by Thanksgiving

By PAM KELLEY
Staff Writer

Orange County restaurants and social establishments should be able to apply for mixed-drink-sales licenses next month, a state ABC board official said Monday.

"ABC officials will come to Orange County on Nov. 1 to pass out applications and go over rules and regulations with applicants," said William Hester, the board's executive director.

The state ABC board will hold a final public hearing on a set of proposed regulations Oct. 16. If board members approve the regulations as Hester predicts, the rules will become effective Nov. 1.

"If an applicant is an established restaurant, there should be no problems in investigating the petition for a license," he said. The first liquor-by-the-drink licenses could be issued by Thanksgiving, Hester said.

"As of June 1, there were about 40 establishments in Orange County that were eligible for liquor licenses," Hester said. "About half were restaurants, and the others were private clubs."

The board will issue licenses en masse to successful applicants so no establishment can gain a competitive advantage because of early licensing, Hester said.

An informal poll of 13 such businesses in Chapel Hill and Carrboro showed at least 11 restaurants and social establishments plan to apply for mixed-drink-sales licenses.

Jacques Conderet, owner of Chez Conderet in University Square West, said he hopes his business will be granted a liquor-by-the-drink license so he can realize a greater profit from his French restaurant.

"I think people come here for the food," Conderet said. "But the liquor will

complement it." Several local businesses have made renovations and additions in anticipation of a greater number of customers due to legalized mixed-drink sales.

Roy Piscitello, owner of Breadmen's on Rosemary Street, said his restaurant has extensive underground remodeling. Before an addition to the building was completed, Breadmen's could seat 43 customers. Now, Piscitello said his business can seat more than 120 customers.

"I don't know if it (the sale of mixed drinks) will make money, because it has cost a lot to renovate," Piscitello said.

Several other restaurant and social establishment owners said they also plan or are working on construction projects to accommodate larger crowds brought in by mixed-drink sales.

Dick Tabor, owner of Aurora Restaurant on West Franklin Street, said he believes many drinkers from surrounding areas will flock to Orange County when the first liquor-by-the-drink licenses are issued next month.

"If other counties don't get liquor by the drink, then they'll be coming to Chapel Hill," he said.

Local-option liquor by the drink legislation was approved by the N.C. General Assembly during the minisession in June. The new law allows municipalities and counties with ABC systems to vote on mixed-drink sales in restaurants and private clubs.

Five cities and counties approved liquor by the drink in referendums last month. Voters in Orange County, Mecklenburg County, Southern Pines and Louisburg said yes to the sale of mixed drinks.

Voters in Dare County and Black Mountain rejected the measure.

Several local boards of elections across the state have scheduled liquor-by-the-drink votes for early next year.

Merchants to verify checks by computer

By ANNE-MARIE DOWNEY
Staff Writer

Some area merchants will be phasing in a new system this month to help prevent financial losses from bad checks.

By means of a telephone link with a computer in Graham, merchants will be able to determine within 15 seconds if a check is good. The merchant will receive coded information about the customer's checking history when he enters the customer's driver's license number into the computer.

Dallas Bunton, president of Computa-Check Inc., says his company is offering collection services as well as the computer checks. He says his agency handles about 400 bad checks a month from the Chapel Hill-Durham area.

"If merchants will use the system, they will cut check losses by 60 percent," Bunton says.

The computer will contain the names of persons who have recently or who repeatedly write bad checks. The names will be supplied by clients of both the collection agency and the computer check. A business may subscribe to one or both of the services.

Bunton says if a customer's check is refused because of information supplied by the computer, he can call

Computa-Check's office, 227-5604, to find out where he has an outstanding check, how much he owes and when he wrote the bad check.

"We hope people in the area will understand, and if they do have a problem they can call us and we'll be glad to help them," Bunton said.

Names will be erased from the computer when the check is covered unless a person habitually issues bad checks or the merchant has to use a collection agency to receive payment. "We will not hesitate to erase a person's name if they call us and show us there is a reason for the check problem," Bunton said.

He said some students mistakenly believe businesses will hold a bounced check until the student deposits enough money to cover the check. Bunton said in the Chapel Hill area bad checks are turned over immediately to a collection agency.

"Most students we deal with have little problem. There is a small number. Law students for one, who try to elude the responsibility for their checks thinking they can simply have them re-deposited," he said.

One local business that is subscribing to the computer service is Mariakakis Enterprises, Inc. which operates Kwik-ee Take-Out on U.S. 15-501 bypass. Manager Johnny Mariakakis said that during the last fiscal year he lost \$800-\$900 in uncollected checks.

Judging from the addresses on the checks, Mariakakis said 60-75 percent of the bad checks he receives are from students.

Hugh's Food and Party Store located on East Franklin will soon begin the computer service. "I think to be able to check on a person before accepting his check will probably help some," owner Hugh Westray said.

Westray said that only about half of his bad checks come from students.

Both Mariakakis Enterprises and Hugh's Food and Party Store were members of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Merchants Association's collection agency.

However, on Sept. 13, the Merchants Association lost the license for its collection department because of violations in check recovery procedures. As a result, Mariakakis said he was in a bind.

Irving Folger, president of the Merchants Association, said, "We have phased out the check recovery activity. So we are glad to know there is such a service available to merchants in this area."

Stores and other businesses participating in the computer service will display decals in their windows and on their cash registers informing customers of their practice.

Invitations criticized

Trustees to meet with students

By DINITA JAMES
Staff Writer

The UNC Board of Trustees will host 25 selected students Thursday at a dinner and discussion and then will move at 9 p.m. to the Carolina Union for an open meeting with any interested students.

While the dinner and discussion have been held for the past five years, the open meeting is the first of its kind in recent University history.

Jim Phillips, student body president, arranged the open meeting. "I expressed my concern to the chancellor that the students who were invited to the dinner and discussion did not represent a cross-section of the students," Phillips said.

"While they were very intelligent and capable people, it seemed that once again the administration was limiting its view to the 2 to 5 percent of the student body that it always sees."

The students were selected by the

Student Affairs Office under the guidelines that both undergraduates and graduates be represented as well as both sexes and the different racial groups on campus. Eight of the 20 undergraduates selected are Morehead Scholars.

But Phillips said Chancellor N. Ferebee Taylor was not enthusiastic about the meeting. "The Chancellor said that if we have a meeting of this kind we might endanger any meeting between students and trustees in the future," Phillips said.

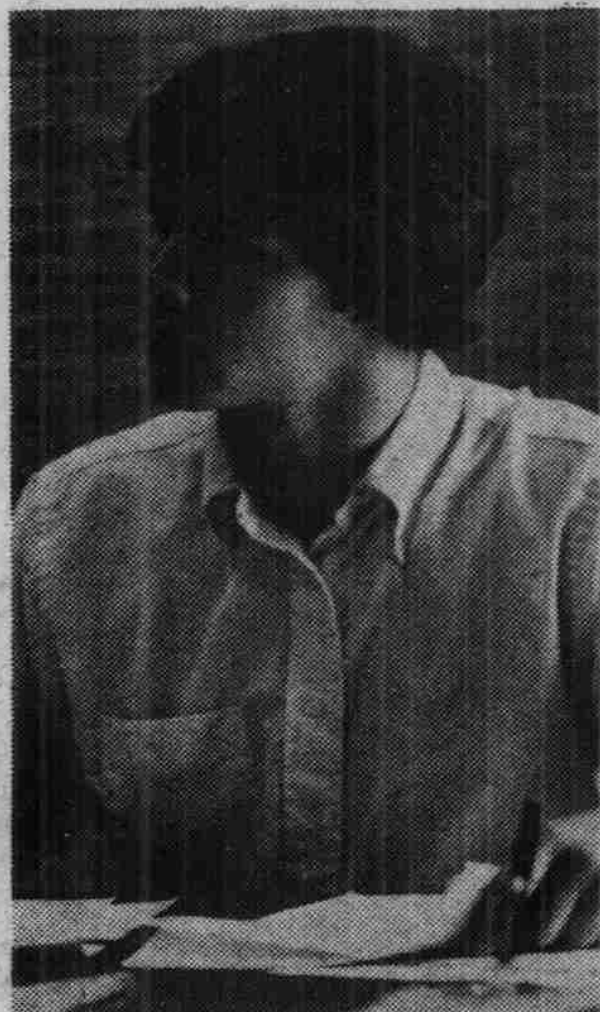
Taylor said he felt Phillips had misunderstood him. "My point was not that it was not a good idea," Taylor said. "I set it (the dinner-discussion) up in the same format employed so successfully in the past—successful because it was a nice, relaxed opportunity for a group of students to get to meet trustees and vice versa."

"What I suggested to Jim Phillips was that he bring up at the Friday meeting of

the Board of Trustees the matter of having a kind of session he visualized on some later occasion. In that way, we would have two affairs rather than cut short this affair already set up at the Morehead Building. I'm not happy that the affair originally scheduled is going to be truncated."

Tom Lambeth, chairperson of the Board of Trustees, gave Phillips the go ahead to set up the open meeting.

Lambeth, however, said he was not sure how well the meeting would go over with the students. "It has always troubled me that we've rarely had students on their own initiative come and talk to us. I'm not saying this derogatorily, however. When I was a student at UNC, I doubt I would have come either. There has been, however, a lack of contact directly. Jim suggested this as a way to increase the number of students we meet. I have no idea how many students will want the opportunity."



Jim Phillips

From staff and wire reports

There was more discouraging news from the anti-inflation front last week, as the government released figures showing a 0.9 percent increase in wholesale prices during the month of September—the third largest monthly increase in this inflation-wracked year.

Prices of meats and other foods jumped 1.7 percent during the month to spur the increase in overall wholesale prices. Beef and veal prices, in particular, soared 5.4 percent during the month. Prices also rose for poultry, pork, sugar, dairy products, fish and processed fruits and vegetables. Prices of goods other than foods climbed 0.6 percent, about average for the year.

Administration officials did not disguise their disappointment at the increase in food prices, and talk issued from Washington over the weekend that sterner anti-inflation measures might soon supplant the Carter administration's generally ineffective voluntary anti-inflation program.

Congressmen and economists have said that jawboning of business and labor by the President's Council on Wage and

Price Stability has failed to keep down wages and prices, and sources say the government plans to threaten sanctions against firms and unions that exceed the administration's wage and price guidelines.

The current voluntary program asks labor and business to "decelerate" wage and price increases to figures below the

average rises recorded during the two previous years. But the new program considered by the government could go so far as to withhold contracts from firms that fail to meet the guidelines.

Presidential spokesperson Jody Powell said the September increase in food prices was disappointing. "But outside the food area, I think it's correct to say there's not an indication of a further acceleration of inflation," he said.

Powell acknowledged, however, the figures show that the underlying inflation rate is now in the 7 percent to 7.5 percent range, compared with 6 percent last year. Overall consumer prices are expected to rise at least 8 percent this year.

Fraternity rush draws both praise, scorn

By MELANIE SILL
Staff Writer

Editor's note: This is the second of two articles examining the status of fraternities and sororities at UNC.

Greek rush has been the target of much criticism since its inception. Although more spaces than ever were available for new sorority members this year, more than half of the coeds who signed up for fall rush either dropped out voluntarily or were cut at some point in the five-round process.

"We don't like to see people get cut," said Becky Burbage, UNC Panhellenic Council president. "But when there are only so many spaces, someone has to be left out."

Burbage said criteria for selection depend upon the individual sorority. The cutting process involves mutual selection by rushees and sororities rather than arbitrary elimination by the houses, Burbage said.

"We know being cut can be a real blow, so we try to prepare girls for it," she said.

"We encourage the girls to meet the people in their dorms, and to become involved in their dorm activities as much as possible, even after pledging," Burbage said.

Burbage said the council tried to spread the rush activities around as much as possible this year, to give rushees and sororities more time to become acquainted before pledging began.

"It's hard with so many rushing," Burbage said.

(Nearly 800 women rushed this year.) "There's a lot of stress involved, so you don't want to stretch it (rush) out too far."

"The atmosphere seemed kind of superficial," said sophomore Tracey LeGette, who dropped out of rush voluntarily after the third round. "There were good intentions behind it, but it didn't give you a chance to say anything but 'Hi, I'm Tracey LeGette and I'm a sophomore and a French major...'"

"I guess it's good for out-of-staters or someone who doesn't know a soul here," LeGette said. "But I'd advise someone to get to know people around the dorm and campus before rushing."

Betsy Hardy, a transfer student from out-of-state, said she decided to rush because she wanted to find "a group of people I could relate with. It (rush) was great because I met so many people during rush."

"A lot of people went through rush with one sorority in mind and really got hurt when they didn't get a bid from that house," Hardy said. "You have to go through it with an open mind."

Freshman Frances Knott, who rushed this fall but did not receive a bid, said she would have rushed even if she had known in advance that she wouldn't pledge.

"It was the greatest experience, especially for a freshman," Knott said. "I got a better understanding of sororities, and that will help if I ever rush again."

Fraternity rush, which begins later in the year than sorority rush and is handled by the individual houses rather than on a set format, changed freshman

William Rhodes' opinions about the Greek system this fall.

"A couple of guys from a fraternity came over and asked me to a party," Rhodes said. "I didn't get the question routine, it was a very relaxed, unpressured atmosphere."

Sophomore Debra King, who is not a sorority member, said her complaint against the system is that it involves freshmen before they have a chance to adjust to campus life.

"The worst thing is the way they advertise," King said. "Freshmen hear them saying, 'Join a sorority and make 30 fast friends...'"

"What bothers me is that they try to make everyone think as a unit," said sophomore Jim Wheeler, who also is not affiliated with the Greek system. "Each individual frat or sorority makes almost robots out of people."

Junior Chris Mackie, another non-Greek, said pressure exerted by parents or peers to pledge a Greek society "too often extends into other areas you're expected to date only those in fraternities or sororities."

"I've had friends pledge, then walk right by me on campus without saying anything," Mackie said.

But Interfraternity Council President Tom Terrell said the characterization of fraternities as groups of people who dress and act alike is far from the truth.

"The problem is that people outside the system don't see the great diversity that exists within each fraternity," Terrell said. "What they do see is people

from four or five fraternities or sororities who have similar dress and tastes. These people are easily identifiable as 'fraternity men' or 'sorority girls.'

"If people were to go into a fraternity or sorority house, they'd see that most members don't fit the stereotype," Terrell said. "They'd really be pleasantly surprised, I think."

Junior Rick Groves says he pledged his freshman year because he met what he termed "a more diversified crowd" during fraternity rush.

"The social functions were different and more interesting," Groves said. "The thing I like about my fraternity is that it's constantly changing new people come in each year, and that adds diversity."

Sophomore Jane Broadwater, who pledged last fall, said she doesn't believe in the sorority stereotype.

Terrell said general fraternity membership is rising slowly nationwide, indicating the growing popularity of Greek life.

"The late '60s and early '70s were periods when students were questioning tradition," Terrell said. "Fraternities are very traditional, they have close links to what has become cliched as the 'establishment.'"

"Now students are more accepting of societal norms. The historical pendulum is swinging back to a time of acceptance."



Tom Terrell