

Fair and mild

It will be fair and mild today with the high in the mid 60s and the low in the upper 40s. Chance of rain is 10 percent through tonight.

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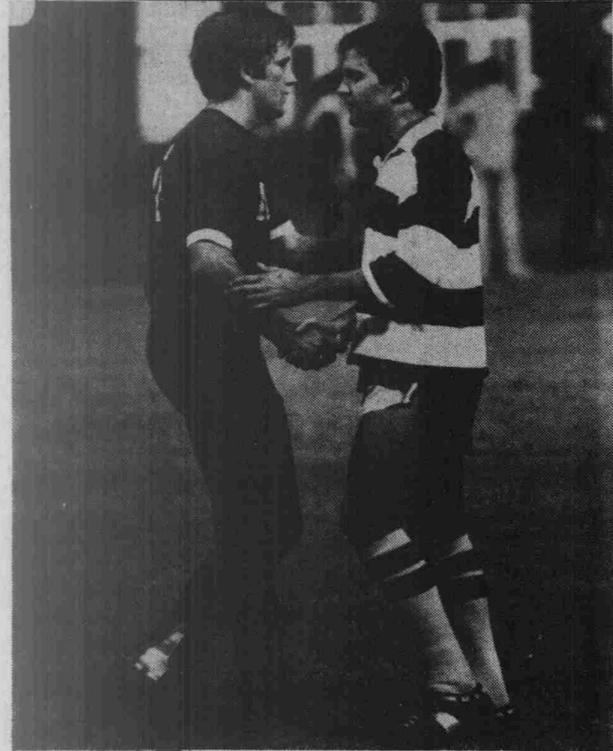
Pre-register this week

Friday is the last day to pre-register. Students are encouraged to sign up to see advisers and to turn in forms at Hanes Hall as soon as possible.

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## IM winners

A member of Pi Kappa Phi (left) gets congratulated from a member of Phi Gamma Delta after winning the fraternity blue division of intramural football, 9-7, Monday. See page 7 for results of all IM football championships.

## Press building faces zoning map change

By MIKE COYNE  
Staff Writer

The proposed UNC Press building was again the center of debate Monday night as the Chapel Hill Board of Aldermen held a public hearing on a proposed amendment to the town zoning map.

The proposed change would make it impossible for the University to build the controversial office building on the proposed site in the Battle Park neighborhood.

The proposed change in the site's zoning is one of three changes in zoning designations being requested by the town's Historic District Commission. The other proposed zoning changes are in the 400 block of East Franklin Street and the land located at 206 and 208 Hillsborough Street.

Each of the changes requested by the commission calls for switching the current designation of the land to R-10 designation. The R-10 zone allows only low-density residential use.

Historic District Commission spokesperson Myrick Howard said the proposed changes in the town's zoning laws are not being requested solely because of the UNC Press building.

"We would like to point out strenuously that this is not a knee-jerk reaction by the commission," Howard said.

Howard said the Historic District Commission first considered requesting the zoning changes before plans for the building were announced. He said the commission then asked the University

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## Campus mail used for politics as faculty gets Smyth pamphlets

By CAROL HANNER  
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University officials began an investigation Tuesday of a political endorsement of Republican state Senate candidate Richard Smyth that was sent to UNC faculty and staff through Campus Mail.

Vice Chancellor John Temple said the mailings by the UNC chapter of the North Carolina Federation of College Republicans are a clear violation of regulations prohibiting use of state facilities for political purposes.

"Campus Mail is only for official University mail," Temple said. "It is clearly not legal to put it to personal or political use."

"We will find out who authorized the mailings, examine what can be done and report to the proper state authorities," Temple said. He said he does not know the penalty mandated by a conviction of misuse of state property.

Jody Boyce, chairperson of the UNC College Republicans, said the group wrote the letters in support of Smyth's campaign after the candidate asked that the mailings be sent to University personnel.

Smyth, as associate professor in the UNC Department of Philosophy, is treasurer of the Orange County Republican Party. He is a member of the Educational

Policy Committee of the Faculty Council.

The letters contained information about Smyth, the voting record of Democratic Sen. Charles Vickery of Chapel Hill and a memo from Boyce endorsing Smyth.

"We feel that Richard Smyth will give us outstanding representation in Raleigh," the memo from Boyce said. "We also feel that our current representation has not been adequate. Take a minute to look at the enclosures and judge for yourself."

Boyce said Campus Mail has allowed the College Republicans to use the University postal system in the past.

"(Campus Mail) has never said anything about it to us," Boyce said. "We did not know it was illegal."

"We had no intention whatsoever, either on the part of the College Republicans or Dr. Smyth's campaign, to do anything that wasn't kosher," Boyce said.

But the group has never used the Campus Mail system for endorsing a specific candidate's campaign, she said.

Smyth, on the campaign trail Tuesday, could not be reached for comment. But his wife said she took the box of hand-addressed letters to the Campus Mail Center Monday.

When she returned to the mail center Tuesday with a second boxful, the clerk told Luan Smyth that the letters could not be mailed, the candidate's wife said. Not

until Tuesday did the mail center employees question the legality of sending the letters through the Campus Mail system, Luan Smyth said.

None of the letters were mailed anywhere except at the Campus Mail Center, she said.

Grace Haig, Smyth's public affairs manager, said she was unaware of the letters until after they had been mailed. Haig said no letters were put in mail slots, that all the letters were brought to the center in a box.

Temple said the letters came to his attention Tuesday when one was delivered to his office. He said he ordered Campus Mail not to deliver the remaining letters.

Orange County Democratic Party Treasurer Cloe Anne Canada, head of the accounting department at Wilson Library, said she received several complaints from library staff members about the letters.

"I resent the use of Campus Mail for political purposes," Canada said. "If everybody flooded the Campus Mail with this kind of stuff it would be pretty bad."

Roy Cooper, president of the UNC Young Democrats Club, said his group uses the Campus Mail to send its newsletter to club members and other interested persons.

"We have never used Campus Mail for political or campaign material," Cooper said.



DTH/Ann McLaughlin

Odum residents say the University overcharges for utilities

## Odum Villagers rap UNC high utility rates

By ANNETTE FULLER  
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A committee has been formed by residents in Odum Village Married Student Housing to investigate possible overcharging for utilities.

In an Odum Village Board of Aldermen meeting recently, resident Philip Williams presented a 10-minute analysis of utility charges, in which he concluded that the University has been overcharging Odum Village by as much as 125 percent for heat.

Concern was voiced when the University increased rent for Village residents by 10 percent this year. There has been a 33 percent total increase in rent for the residents during the last four years.

"We believe that the cost of living here should be based in how much it actually costs to run the place," Williams said.

Preliminary studies have shown that residents are possibly being overcharged as much as \$17.82 each month in utilities. That figure is based on a comparison between what private utility companies in town said they could heat the Village for and what the University is charging the residents.

Odum Village apartments are heated by steam, which is cheaper than electric. However, a Duke Power public representative, when asked to compare prices, said the University is charging 20 percent more than what Duke Power would charge for retail electric heat. Also, Williams contends there should be an even lower utility bill because the University is non-profit and tax-free, and also because the physical plant was constructed with tax-free money.

"We got the fair market price of utilities and then compared them to the University's prices. By all comparisons we are paying too much," Williams said.

Robert Peake, director of UNC Utilities division, said the formula used to

bill Odum Village residents is based on the amount of heat directed to the Village.

"We bill according to whatever it costs the physical plant to produce the steam," Peake said. "The cost to the utilities division to provide steam, hot water and electricity is divided up among the users."

"We don't have any way to apportion these costs to actual usage. We work with the total amount that it costs to operate the power plant that gives out the steam Odum Village needs and not directly what each individual apartment uses."

A.J. Altemueller of the University's finance department said the formula used to bill the Village is an engineering formula based on heat consumption of a facility according to the facility's size and nature, such as its insulation.

"It would be impossible, or rather very costly, to meter the steam going into each apartment," Altemueller said. "Heat has been distributed by the same formula for many years. However, if the formula is wrong or is out-dated, it needs to be corrected."

James Condie, Director of University Housing, said that he is pleased the reviews are being made by residents, and he believes they could be made periodically.

"The formula was set back in 1966-68, and it may need to be updated," Condie said. "If an adjustment is made, any reductions will be passed on to the apartment dwellers."

A two-bedroom apartment in Odum Village now costs \$149 a month, plus telephone and electric bill, which includes hot water and lights.

"We are suggesting that the cost-allocation formula be re-examined," Williams said.

The newly-elected Board of Aldermen for the Village moved to establish a committee to study the entire current budget with a report at the end of this year.

## Principal predicts good test scores

By PAM KELLEY  
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Most Chapel Hill High School students will pass the state competency test given today and Thursday, CHHS Principal Robert Monson said recently.

But Wekasa Madzimoyo, a member of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Coalition for Quality Education, said the test is racially biased. He predicts enough CHHS students will boycott it to show the state that many people are opposed to it.

The competency test is described as a basic skills test in reading and math. Beginning this year, all North Carolina students must take and pass it in order to receive a high school diploma. Those who fail will receive a certificate of attendance instead of a diploma.

"I hope the students won't boycott the test," Monson said. "It's to their benefit to take it—the law is not going to change." CHHS juniors were given a trial exam last

spring. Although some students failed, Monson said it could be because they weren't serious about it.

"The items on the test given last spring that were missed 70 percent of the time were missed by 79.3 percent of the black students and 28.8 percent of the white students," Madzimoyo said. "I don't believe that big of a difference exists between white and black students at Chapel Hill High." Even though he has not been permitted to see the test, Madzimoyo said these statistics lead him to believe the test must be racially biased.

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro Coalition for Quality Education, which is made up primarily of teachers, parents and students, is in favor of boycotting the test. "We are appealing to students' parents to keep them out," Madzimoyo said.

"Low income and black children are going to suffer because of the test," he said. "It will cause the number of diploma-holding black students to decrease, and it's going to make the black enrollment of colleges go down."

The highschool drop-out rate will increase, and industries will be able to pay lower wages to people without diplomas."

The N.C. Board of Education has the authority to deny diplomas to any student in public or private schools who does not take and pass the competency test. But Don Wells, president of the private Carolina Friends School in Chapel Hill, said his school is not going to administer the test.

"The state has gone beyond its bounds," he said. "We don't get money from the state, so we don't think this is in the state's jurisdiction. We also have deep concerns about the whole competency test mentality. I don't think we can measure competency in two hours."

The Chapel Hill High School Parent Teacher Student Association has not taken a stand on the competency test issue, its president, Linda Barnard, said. "Since the state mandated it, there is a feeling that we should go ahead and do the best we can with what we have," she said.

## Grades

### 9 departments defend high QPAs

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Some people at this University think that the average should be 2.0. I don't know why. I guess to prove that you spent four years here and nothing changes. I happen to disagree with that. —Enrique Baloyra, associate professor of political science.

A rough sampling of students and faculty in the nine departments recently cited by the dean of the College of Arts and Science for grade inflation indicates that most believe their current grades are justified.

"By and large, the majority of high grades (in the speech department) can be explained by some legitimate reasons," said Julia T. Wood, assistant professor of speech.

The American studies, comparative literature, dramatic arts, music, physical education, RTVMP, sociology, speech and Spanish departments were directed by Samuel R. Williamson, dean of the College of

Arts and Sciences, to examine their grading procedures.

Wood said that teachers in the speech department have "incredibly generous office hours" which enhance student motivation. She added that a study by the department shows that 85 percent of the students are juniors and seniors, while most of the courses are designed for freshmen and sophomores.

The speech department does not intend to change grading policies for any arbitrary reasons, Wood said. But faculty members have been asked to remember the definition of grades and award them appropriately.

"I think that if we have a whole class that performs at a superior level, we should give them all As," Wood said. "If we can motivate all the students in a class to get As (do superior work), then we're doing our job well."

Students sampled with majors in the departments now under examination defended their grades by saying that grade inflation mainly takes place in the introductory courses.

"I think it (grade inflation) is mainly

for non-majors," said Jay Davis, a junior music major. "Like in the course I'm taking, you work on a project for nine hours and get a C. I don't think that's grade inflation."

RTVMP students interviewed said there is no real way to reduce grades in that department. They maintain that the material is basically factual—either a student learns how to run the equipment and design programs or he doesn't. RTVMP majors call the course curriculum cut and dried.

"Things are about the same year after year," one RTVMP major said. "Either you learn it or you don't—most do." "If someone never misses class, does everything and tries to be creative, then do you give them a token C?" another RTVMP major said.

In Drama 15, an introductory course traditionally considered a slide, grading procedures have been tightened, much to the chagrin of some students.

"I don't need more low grades," said student Gail Guthrie. Her complaint echoes those of other students in Drama 15.

T. Anthony Jones, sociology instructor, blamed visiting professors for the grade inflation in that department.

The average grade in sociology during spring 1978 was 2.68, a C plus, Jones said.

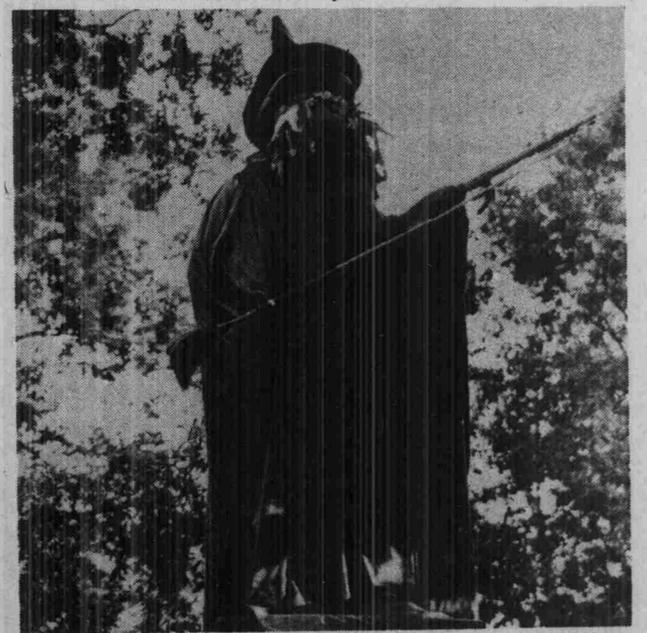
"They (visiting professors) are not aware of the criteria that we use here," Jones said. "They're often so impressed with Carolina students that they grade them easier than they would otherwise."

Jones said the grade average handed out by the sociology department's regular staff ranged from 2.4 to 2.5, which is a C.

Williamson said that the sociology department received an advisory concerning its grade average because 71 percent of the grades in that department were As and Bs.

"It remains a fact that the average (sociology) grade-point average is one of the highest in the college," Williamson said.

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DTH/Will Owens

## He wears it well

Even Silent Sam got into the mood for Halloween Tuesday as the quiet statue donned a witch's costume. Though it seems likely that he had a little help with the costume, one has to admire his stamina and muscle control.