

The weather will become warmer this weekend. High today in the mid-70s, low in the upper 40s. There is a slight chance of rain.

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UNC Head Football Coach Dick Crum gave his usual weekly press conference Tuesday and talked about this week's State-Carolina game. Story on page 5.

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Town Council denies request for conversion

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The Chapel Hill Town Council Monday night met again with two controversial proposals which have spawned both lawsuits and angry petitions from residents in the past few months—the conversion of The Oaks Apartments to condominiums and the construction of a drive-in photo booth at Kroger Plaza.

After nearly 90 minutes of sometimes sharp debate, the council voted 5-3 to deny a request from Greensboro's Brant Homes Inc. for a special-use permit modification to allow the Oaks' conversion. The Oaks is at Burning Tree Drive and N.C. 54 East across from Slug's Restaurant.

Council members Jonathan Howes, Marilyn Boulton and Bev Kawalec voted against a motion to deny the conversion; Mayor Joe Nassif and council members R.D. Smith, Bill Thorpe, Joe Herzenberg and Joe Straley voted for it.

In later action, the council voted 6-2 to grant a special-use permit modification that would allow construction of a drive-in Easco film-processing booth at Kroger Plaza. At the suggestion to Council member Marilyn Boulton, who feared for the safety of pedestrians using the booth, the council added a requirement that the proposed photo booth be connected to Kroger's main building. Council members Joe Herzenberg and R.D. Smith voted against the proposal.

Last April, the council denied Easco's request after adopting a short-lived policy prohibiting all drive-in windows. Monday's reconsideration came after the ban was revoked last month to allow construction of drive-in windows at two banks.

The change in booth location still is subject to Easco's approval, however.

The Oaks conversion denial went against town staff and Planning Board recommendations for approval. The board sanctioned the change last week it would not affect public health and safety, nor conflict with building specifications, nor decrease surrounding property values, nor conflict with town development plans.

Since these four "findings" were the Planning Board's written criteria for evaluating the conversion request, the board felt compelled to vote for a proposal they "personally abhorred," said Planning Board Chairman Roscoe Reeve.

"We consider the loss of these apartments to the market severe and very unfortunate," Reeve said. "Had we considered this request in light of the whole town (instead of the Little Creek subcommunity around The Oaks), we undoubtedly would have had a unanimous vote the other way."

The developer had argued that because a condominium conversion would affect ownership and not density of housing in the subcommunity, the town's Comprehensive Plan for development would not apply. The Comprehensive Plan recommends that 30 percent of the population in a given subcommunity be housed in a high-density development. As of 1977, high-density housing comprised 20 percent of the Little Creek area.

Nassif, in a lengthy presentation to the council, contended that the town would be irresponsible to consider only the conversion's effect on a "subcommunity determined by arbitrary lines. We must look at the whole community," he said.

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Sing

Members of the BSM Gospel Choir performed on the steps of Lenoir Hall Tuesday. This was the first performance for the choir this year. The BSM choir is 75 members strong and sings mostly gospel music.

DTH/Matt Cooper

Egypt and Israel open talks again

WASHINGTON (AP)—After a five-month suspension, Egypt and Israel formally reopened negotiations Tuesday on how to give more than one million Palestinian Arabs a larger voice in talks determining their future.

The negotiators apparently made little headway, in spite of an offer by Israel to give the Palestinians living on the West Bank of the Jordan River and in Gaza a role in determining land policy in the occupied territories.

During five hours of discussion, the Egyptian and Israeli negotiators mostly summarized their positions and discussed plans for a summit meeting, one U.S. official said.

American mediator Sol M. Linowitz told reporters, "We had a very good discussion." Asked if there was progress, Linowitz said: "Yes, in the sense that every time you talk about tough issues and the search for common ground, that's progress."

Diplomatic sources said Israel, for the first time offered to share with the Palestinians control over "public land" on the West Bank and Gaza. But, the sources said, the proportion of territory involved may be small.

The sources also said Israel had reaffirmed that it planned no further settlements in the disputed area other than the four it previously announced it would build on the West Bank, but the issue of whether existing Israeli settlements may be "thickened" has not been resolved.

The Israeli position was outlined in a document brought from Jerusalem over the weekend by an Interior Ministry official, Chaim Kubersky. According to the sources, who refused to be identified, the document also reaffirmed the Israeli

stance that no additional settlements beyond the four were being contemplated.

U.S. officials were described as encouraged by the Israeli stand and were said to consider it constructive.

However, as the negotiations began, Josef Burg, head of the Israeli delegation, denied Israel had made any major concessions.

"I think that our positions are fair toward the issue, but there is nothing which can justify the reports that were published today," the Interior minister said in reply to questions.

At the same time, he said he had come to Washington to negotiate and not simply to prepare for a summit meeting President Jimmy Carter intends to hold sometime after the Nov. 4 elections with Egyptian President anwar Sadat and Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin.

"I came here for the sake of autonomy talks and not to make preparations," Burg said.

The Carter administration, backing Egypt on the issue of Israeli settlements, contends that moving people into contested territory violates international law and poses an obstacle to a solution of the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Israel agreed to uproot its settlements in Sinai as part of its peace treaty with Egypt which returns that territory to Egyptian control. But while pledging not to build more than four more settlements on the West Bank, the Israeli government has not indicated it will dismantle the 42 already there.

Before the talks opened, American mediators met with the Egyptian side to try to work out a formal Egyptian position. The original draft apparently reflected no substantive change in policy.

Student aid bill may not be adequate

By JONATHAN RICH
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Although the final version of the congressional higher education bill will significantly increase the number of students eligible for federal aid, funds for everyone seeking assistance may not be available, UNC Director of Student Aid Eleanor Morris said Tuesday.

The \$48 billion legislative package, which provides aid for college education over five years, represents a final compromise between Senate and House negotiators.

"The biggest impact of the bill on UNC is that the number of eligible students will increase substantially," Morris said. "Congress has changed the formula for all federal grants so that more middle income students will be eligible."

However, Morris expressed concern that congressional appropriations would not meet students' financial requirements, especially if the U.S. economy deteriorates.

We ran out of money this year and were not able to fund all qualified students," Morris said. "This situation will occur more often unless new sources open up."

Morris pointed out that the \$48 billion appropriated by the bill was a maximum authorization, and that the government was not bound to spend the total amount.

Morris also criticized the alternative method of financing National Direct Student Loans, in which funds are borrowed from the Federal Financing Bank, instead of direct appropriations from Congress. "Now that the financing has been taken out of the budget procedure, it is questionable whether we'll have a continued availability of funds."

Despite its possible shortcomings, Morris said she was very pleased with the bill, especially with regard to its effects on student aid. About 4,000 UNC students already are receiving \$16.5 million in federal student aid, which accounts for approximately 75 percent of all financial aid. The bill affects five categories of student grants and loans:

- Basic Educational Opportunity Grants: Based purely on financial need, this grant involves the most UNC students (3,323 receiving almost \$3 million) and has a national budget of \$3.6 billion. The bill raises the \$1,800 annual limit on awards to \$2,600 in 1985-1986 while raising the ceiling of no more than 50 percent of a student's education costs. It also eliminates the four-year limit on

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Eleanor Morris

Carolina Theatre

Palace aura adds charm

By RICHARD E. BROWN
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At first glance, the huge structure on a corner of Roney Street in downtown Durham appears drab and lifeless. But inside the Carolina Theatre, a movie palace atmosphere and an aura of tradition produce a special quality that has attracted movie-goers for decades.

Built in 1926 as a city auditorium for vaudeville and stage shows, the theater began showing films three years later and hasn't stopped since.

"We have great, receptive audiences, 60 to 70 percent of them from Chapel Hill," manager Maggie Dent said.

An unconventional nature and an access to high quality foreign films greatly contributes to the theater's appeal today, box office attendant Maureen Blando said.

"There's a good-sized screen, and the mirrors make for a fun lobby," Blando said.

The lobby, with red curtains and enough mirrors to please even the vainest egotist, is distinctive. Even the snacks, including a large selection of carab-covered nuts, are different from those at conventional theaters. Old posters of Bogart and Fairbanks in their best roles dot the walls, although foreign films are the main attraction.

But things were not always so bright. In 1978, the theater almost became another parking lot.

In an effort to save it, the Durham chapter of the Historical and Preservation Society contacted the Carolina Cinema Corp., a non-profit organization, asking for help, and the Carolina was saved from demolition.

"They figured the best person to manage it would be Maggie Dent, who previously ran the Rialto theater," box office attendant Mollie Storck said.



Staircases lead to the concession stand in the theater lobby...interior decorations lend to movie palace atmosphere

"She does a very good job getting films. She says she won't get Bogart classics because they are likely to be seen on TV, and she'll have none of that."

Maggie Dent is the driving force behind the success of the Carolina Theatre. Described by one employee as an "eccentric" who does a "hell of a job," Dent has dedicated her life to films, theater and her cats.

A professed "cat in another world," Dent came to Durham in 1962 from New York, where she was involved in documentary films, mostly in the human interest vein.

Serving on entertainment councils and belonging to "every film society in New York," Dent said she ventured to Durham to write a book.

"It was different back then," she said. "Most stores stayed open at night, and there were things to do downtown."

Dent downplays her role in the theater's restoration in June 1978.

"We closed down for five days to redecorate," she said. "About 200 volunteers, mostly high school men,

washed chairs and painted. There was a lot of repair work to be done."

But not all parts of the theater received the needed attention. A large ballroom, described by Storck as the site for symphonies and waltzes, still lies empty, the paint on its walls chipping.

Also, the abandoned balcony, serves as a grim reminder of the days of the segregated South.

"We don't let people go up in the balcony (it was closed in the late '60s)," Storck said. "People liked to get sloshed and spend the night." She said she found the area filled with wine bottles on a recent clean-up visit.

The former black box office and side entrance are now cramped office space.

"Though we're non-profit, we do make money," Dent said. But she said all profits were spent on repairs to the building.

"Even the roof hasn't been fixed. It just costs too much money, and no one wants to do it anyway."

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Campus libraries hit by thefts

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The theft of personal belongings on campus is on the rise this year, especially in the libraries, University Police have reported.

Since July 1, 1980, thefts have amounted to \$6,898.28, and have been largely due to carelessness by UNC students and faculty, University Police officer Ned Comar said recently.

According to a statement from the University Police, much of that money came from wallets left on countertops or in unattended backpacks in the libraries.

David Taylor, head librarian of the Robert B. House Undergraduate Library, said that in some cases wallets have even been removed from students' purses.

Many of these wallets have been found later in trash cans minus their cash but still carrying credit cards and other contents, Taylor said.

Both the Undergraduate Library and Wilson Library have posted signs warning patrons to be more attentive to their belongings.

Although no thefts have been reported since the signs have been up, Taylor said that there had been as many as three thefts per week in the Undergraduate Library before they were posted.

Taylor said the library's housekeeping staff had been alerted to look for any discarded wallets or purses.

"The best defense against theft is to watch your belongings," Taylor said. "Don't get in the lazy habit of leaving your valuables lying about when you go to the bathroom or the photocopying room."

Larry Alford, Wilson Library circulation librarian, agreed with Taylor that it seemed only one or two people were responsible for the thefts.

"When the signs go up, patrons are usually more careful, so the problem is solved for a while. Still, we caution the staff to be alert, and we urge students and faculty to report any incidents of theft," Alford said.

People who exhibit unusual behavior are asked for identification, Alford said.

At Wilson Library, Alford said one or two thefts had been reported each week. Most of them have occurred on the ninth floor level.

"The only way to prevent theft with the number of people using the stacks is to caution people to be more aware of others around them and to be careful not to leave their pocketbooks and wallets unattended," he said.

First time in a week

Iranians bomb Iraqi capital

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP)—Iran's American-built jets bombed Baghdad on Tuesday for the first time in more than a week. Iraqi ground units drove across marshy terrain in an apparent effort to encircle the Iranian oil-refining city of Abadan and attack oil pipelines leading north.

Iran said its forces had blunted the Iraqi move to surround Abadan, 30 miles up the disputed Shatt al-Arab waterway from the Persian Gulf. The official Iranian news agency Pars said heavy fighting continued in the suburbs of Khorramshahr, Iran's oil port 20 miles north of Abadan.

The agency said both sides had suffered some casualties in the Khorramshahr fighting.

The report appeared to confirm Iraqi announcements earlier Tuesday that its ground forces were fighting in the region in what appeared to be an attempt to lay siege to Abadan.

Iran claimed to have put down a Kurdish insurrection during two days of fighting along the Iran-Turkey frontier. And the Iranian Parliament was reported to have asked other Islamic and non-aligned nations to put pressure on Iraq to end the fighting as new mediation efforts got under way.

AP correspondent Steve K. Hindy reported from the pontoon bridge that the Iraqis installed on the Karun River last week between Khorramshahr and Abadan that the invaders appeared to have mounted a siege of both cities.

He reported seeing four big fires burning on one side of the river. He quoted the Iraqi commander in the area as saying his troops exploded the Abadan-Dezful-Ahwaz-Tehran pipeline at those four points. The pipeline normally carries refined oil products to Tehran.

An Iraqi military communique said 12 civilians were wounded in the air attack on Baghdad. A photographer in the Iraqi capital said a heavy plume of what looked like oil smoke could be seen over the section where oil installations were located.

Iraq's military command said its forces in the southern end of the 300-mile battlefield spread out in three directions from positions north of the embattled port city of Khorramshahr.

One Iraqi tank force drove southward in the direction of the Persian Gulf in an apparent attempt to surround Abadan and complete its takeover of the vital shipping lanes of the Shatt al-Arab waterway.