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Initiation  
For a glimpse into the process of fraternity initiation in various houses at UNC, read Rich's column on page 6.

Tropical anesthetic  
Sunny and hot again today with a high of 88 and a low of 53. There will be light winds and a 20 percent chance of rain.

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## Playmakers repairs to be finished by fall

By DALE JENKINS  
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The columns are coming down at Playmakers Theatre.

Major renovations on the theater began two weeks ago and should be completed by October, Gordon Rutherford, UNC director of planning, said Monday.

The structure was built in 1849 to serve as the University Ballroom, but was soon renamed Smith Hall after Benjamin Smith who presented the grant for the construction of the building.

Funding for the rehabilitation — \$180,000 — comes from a grant from the United States Department of the Interior and the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

Listed in the National Register of Historic Places, the theater is being restored under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966.

"The work involved is primarily restoration on the outside and some improvements on the basement," Rutherford said. "Rehabilitation and restoration of the columns, outside surface and repairs on the roof area are the major improvements."

New York architect A.J. Davis modeled the theater using Greek classical architecture with help from a prisoner in the state penitentiary in sculpting the wheat, ears of corn and tassels atop the columns.

After the building was used as the ballroom for six years, the University decided to turn the structure into the University Library and use the basement as a chemistry laboratory and campus bathhouse.

Change had become the noted quality of the building and would continue in the future. Next it housed an agricultural experiment station and the law school.

In 1925 Professor Frederick H. Koch sug-



Column is being removed from Playmakers Theatre ... renovations on the 132-year-old structure began recently

gested that the Carolina Playmakers, a student acting crew, occupy the building as a place to call "home" on the UNC campus. The Board of Trustees granted his wish and Playmaker's Theater became and has since served as the first state supported theater in the United States concerned with the performance of a

native drama. Through the assistance of the N.C. Department of Cultural Resources, the Division of Archives and History, the U.S. Department of the Interior and the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service, the money and support needed to renovate the theater was raised.

## Reagan pushes for economic package

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Reagan returned to the public stage Tuesday night and told Congress his tax and spending cuts were "the only answer we have left" for a sick economy.

Reagan pronounced his own health much improved, thanks in part to the "friendship and yes, love" of his fellow citizens since he was shot March 30. He told the House and Senate they risked public wrath unless his economic package was quickly approved.

It was his first public appearance since the assassination attempt.

In a speech prepared for a joint session of the House and Senate and a national radio and television audience, the president called for swift passage of his economic package, saying inaction "will delay even longer — and more painfully — the cure which must come."

"The American people now want us to act, and not in half measures," he said in the address. "They demand — and they have earned — a full and comprehensive effort to clean up our economic mess."

Reagan thanked his listeners "for your messages, your flowers, and most of all, your prayers — not only for me but for those others who fell beside me."

Reagan said that "thanks to some very fine people, my health is much improved. I'd like to be able to say that with regard to the health of our economy. But the fundamental nature of our economic mess has not changed."

Reagan pointed to inflation continuing "at a double-digit rate" in the nearly six months since he was elected, mortgage interest rates averaging almost 15 percent and an unemployment count of almost 8 million people.

"Six months is long enough," he said. "Because of the extent of our economy's sickness, we know that the cure will not come quickly, and that even without our package, progress will come in inches and feet, not miles."

"The old and comfortable way is to shave a little here and add a little there," he said. "Well, that's not acceptable anymore."

"All we need to do is act, and the time for action

is now," he said.

Reagan received the most emotional welcome of any president in recent history when he stood before a Congress primed to shake the rafters in its greeting. "You wouldn't want to talk me into an encore," he said when three minutes of rousing cheers and applause quieted.

"I have no words to express my appreciation for that greeting," he said.

Reagan later quoted Theodore Roosevelt as saying that "the American people are slow to wrath, but when their wrath is once kindled, it burns like a consuming flame."

Reagan said that "perhaps that kind of wrath will be deserved if our answer to these serious problems is to repeat the mistakes of the past."

Recent vote counts in Congress show the president has more than enough support to win approval for his budget proposals.

But the victory now within Reagan's grasp would be on the congressional budget resolution, a commitment easily breached if the president relaxed his tight-fisted vigilance when Congress takes up individual spending bills.

Solid as the prospects appear for this first-night victory, the White House remains markedly cautious in its assessment.

But Congress seemed to have gotten the message even before the president presented it. Earlier in the day, the Senate Budget Committee approved on a vote of 15-6 a budget blueprint.

The plan calls for a deficit of \$48.8 billion next year but envisions a balanced budget in 1984, contingent on \$44.7 billion in unspecified spending cuts.

Some Democrats assailed the proposal as "wishful thinking" but all 12 Republicans on the panel supported it, as did Democrats Lawton Chiles of Florida, J. Bennett Johnston of Louisiana and Jim Sasser of Tennessee.

In a written statement, Reagan called the committee vote "a welcome display of a strong bipartisan spirit" that "puts our economic recovery program firmly on track."

## Student spotlight

### Turner receives key BSM award

By DONNA WHITAKER  
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He walks around campus with a briefcase in his hand and a smile on his face.

Smith Turner IV is known for his cordial attitude and hard work. That's why the Black Student Movement gave him the Outstanding Undergraduate Award at an awards ceremony Sunday.

The sophomore industrial relations major from Charlotte was one of several to win an award Sunday. Although others won awards for their work, the BSM Awards Selection Committee thought that Turner represented an all-around BSM worker.

As BSM representative of Morrison Dormitory, Turner spearheaded a gong show and cookout, and various bake sales and study breaks. Members of the Morrison Action Committee, a subset of the BSM, have also sung Christmas carols at various places.

Maybe Turner is best known for his efforts in organizing a Martin Luther King Jr. memorial program in January and a green ribbon/donation drive for the slain black children in Atlanta. The King program drew a capacity crowd in Great Hall and the BSM gave out over 400 ribbons and raised at least \$200 for the task force in Atlanta.

Turner first heard of the BSM through Katherine Pointer II, Morrison's representative to the BSM, last year. He said Porter suggested all MAC members join the BSM, so he did. He even took Pointer's place.

"After being involved in MAC projects, I enjoyed them so much that I wanted to do more," Turner said. "So, I talked to Allen (Russell) because I thought we could do a good job. I also thought it would be fun and a good way to work with BSM and MAC."

Russell and Turner were Morrison representatives until April 1.



Smith Turner IV

Turner tried to foster good dorm relations through MAC, and was partly responsible for defining MAC so that the organization could become an officially recognized dorm committee; thus, encouraging all Morrison residents to participate in MAC's activities.

He also said that MAC activities were not geared only toward black students, but that mostly blacks came to the activities.

Being Morrison representative "was fun and worthwhile, but it was also hard work," Turner said. "And sometimes it bothered me when we had very low participation in the dorm."

He attributed this low participation to apathy and culture differences between blacks and whites.

But despite those problems, Turner has not become discouraged. He and Russell are the BSM Membership Committee co-chairpersons for 1981-1982.

Although Turner works diligently with the BSM, he seems to know that all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy, because he really does play — the piano.

Turner started taking piano lessons in the third grade. "After seeing so many people play the piano,

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## Council delays decision on noise law

By RACHEL PERRY  
Staff Writer

After more than two hours of discussion, the Chapel Hill Town Council delayed action Monday night on the proposed noise ordinance. The ordinance missed passage, failing in a 4-to-4 vote, which automatically postponed the issue until the next council meeting.

Council members Marilyn Boulton, Joe Straley, Bill Thorpe and Jim Wallace voted against the proposal.

The excused absence of council member Bev Kawalec, who has advocated a stricter noise ordinance, was the crucial factor in the council's split vote.

Council members questioned the ambiguous wording of the ordinance, length of time a group will be penalized for violating the ordinance, the distance noise should be measured from its source, and restrictions on obtaining noise permits.

Student Body President Scott Norberg, RHA President Robert Bianchi and Inter-Fraternity Council President Jim Maynard also voiced concerns over aspects of the proposed noise ordinance.

Student Government plans to buy 6-8 noise meters for the Chapel Hill Police Department to let groups monitor themselves, Norberg said. "The problem with the current ordinance is that students have never known when they are violating the ordinance until police show up," he said.

IFC President Maynard stressed students' willingness to work closely with the council and town on the noise issue.

"The IFC is willing to tackle the noise problem with enthusiasm and dedication. We fully accept the citizens' right to privacy," he said.

But student leaders see the present penalty for violating the noise ordinance as too strict. As the proposed ordinance is now written, a fraternity or residence hall will have a noise permit application denied any time up to 12 months after first violation of the ordinance.

"A year-long penalty is too strict," RHA

President Robert Bianchi said. "This could cause a lot of problems, especially for residence halls." The transiency of dorm residents would result in punishment of students not living in the dorm when the noise ordinance was violated, he said.

Council members disagreed on the 12-month provision for denial of permits following a violation.

"I don't think 12 months is too liberal. Parties are often staggered that way," Mayor Nassif said.

But council member Wallace said the 12-month penalty was unreasonable. "One year is quite artificial. One academic year makes a lot more sense to me."

Norberg also expressed students' concern about the present ordinance's requirement that noise permits be obtained two days in advance of a party.

"It would severely limit spontaneous parties," Norberg said. "We feel parties with live bands should have to request permits in advance, but

other parties should be able to get the noise permit on the same day."

Council member Boulton suggested stricter control of noise permit distribution. "Perhaps getting a permit should be more of a privilege than a right."

Noise control could be achieved through permit control, she said.

"I don't see any way that is fair about deciding who should and shouldn't get a noise permit," Norberg said Tuesday.

Boulton had suggested that permits be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. Town Manager Gene Shipman, who grants the permits, told the council that he would not grant more than three noise permits at the same time.

The council also questioned the constitutionality of the present ordinance's requirement that noise be measured 75 feet away from its source, after Town Attorney Emery Denny expressed reservations about it.

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## Delay could lead to revision

By RACHEL PERRY  
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The Chapel Hill Town Council's decision Monday night to delay action for two weeks on the town's controversial noise ordinance evoked responses of cautious approval from student leaders and town officials Tuesday.

"We were hoping it would be delayed — there are too many problems with the language and the purpose of the ordinance," Student Body President Scott Norberg said.

The delay will give Student Government a chance to work closely with town officials on suggested amendments for the proposed ordinance, he said.

Town officials agreed that the extra time gained for revisions was needed.

"Basically, the report in front of us was acceptable, but with a few delicate questions like

the (violation) penalty and distance of measurement to resolve," said council member Jonathan Howes. "With a lot of hard work from both students and council, an agreement equitable to all can be reached."

But council member Marilyn Boulton criticized Mayor Joe Nassif's lack of response to student input.

"He (Nassif) asked for student input, then ignored it," Boulton said. "I think the mayor was wrong in thinking that letting the students express their opinions would quiet them. In effect, he was just showing them the ordinance (Monday night), but really didn't care what their opinions were."

At the council meeting, Nassif spoke out against reducing the proposed 12-month penalty for violation of the ordinance, in spite of Norberg's and some council members' statements that the proposed penalty was too strict.

## CGA gives emotional, educational support to gays

By JIM SMITH  
Special to The Daily Tar Heel

\* Second of a two-part series.

No one knows for sure how many members the Carolina Gay Association has. Not even the chairperson, Lee Mullis, knows.

"Obviously, for security reasons, we don't keep any kind of membership list," Mullis said. "If a gay person had to come to a CGA meeting and sign any roll or know he was on a list anyone might see, there would be very few people coming to our meetings."

Business meetings usually draw 15-25 members. For special programs around 50 people attend. Social programs, like the annual Spring Prom, often attract from 100 to 150 participants.

Mullis said there were a variety of reasons why attendance at meetings was low. "It's part of the tenor of the times," he said. "It's not easy to be openly gay in the United States at this time."

Those who do attend meetings are mostly male. Mullis said that in the past the CGA had been dominated by women, but that now, gay women were not as visible in the organization.

Overall, CGA is made up of about 45 percent undergraduates, 45 percent graduate students and 10 percent townspeople.

"We decided to move our meetings out of the Union," Mullis said. "People feared coming out of meetings and being identified as having come from a gay activity."

One of the purposes of the CGA is to help gays overcome these fears of being exposed. As a support group for campus gays, the organization sponsors rap groups, meetings, and socials, and publishes a monthly newsletter, *Lambda*.

"It is CGA's function to work not only with politically conscious gay activists, but also to serve those people, who, for whatever reason, do not or cannot be publicly gay at this time," Mullis said.

The other primary function of CGA is to provide an educational service to both straights and gays. The main programs for accomplishing this are outreach speakers and Gay Awareness Week.

Many speakers have been offered to a variety of classes, ranging from sociology and psychology to English and philosophy.

The purpose of these outreach programs has

been to educate the straight community on gay lifestyle.

"By educating non-gays, we would not simply come down to not having any differences — there are great differences in lifestyle as well as life experience in being gay," Mullis said. "But the differences are not insuperable. We can still come to an understanding and appreciation of one another's differences."

The format of the outreach discussions consists of speakers answering questions on gay lifestyle from the audience.

Peter, who has participated in the discussions, said there was nothing he had not been asked.

"Questions range from 'what is it like to love another man' to 'what do you do in bed,'" he said.

Another method CGA has used to educate the community about gay lifestyle is Gay Awareness Week. This consists of a series of workshops, discussions and events designed to promote dialogue between gays and straights. Sharon, a member of the CGA, said few straight people attended the activities.

"I guess they're afraid someone will think they are gay," she said. "But a lot of people who are

not sure if they are gay come to look around."

Many CGA members said that just the fact that the group existed as a University-recognized organization helped people to overcome their guilt and embarrassment about being gay.

"To people who are uncomfortable with their gay feelings it helps to legitimize their lifestyle," said Dan, another member.

This is one reason funding of the CGA has been a controversial issue since it was formed over six years ago. Many students do not want part of their student fees going to an organization that promotes a lifestyle with which they do not agree.

Last year, the CGA requested \$2,000 from the Campus Governing Council budget. They received \$1,053. This year they asked for an increase to \$2,002, but instead of an increase, their budget proposal was cut to \$675, only 33 percent of their request. Only three groups were cut as drastically.

"Obviously, a good part of the budget was going to be cut, of any organization, simply because there wasn't enough money allocated," Mullis said. "However, we were cut far in excess of other groups."

"I think that there were some people who, out

of personal feelings, did not agree with CGA programs, and therefore voted against CGA funding," he added.

Money is needed to pay for the newsletter, publicity for activities and to pay other bills. Had the funding increase been approved, the organization wanted to start a counseling service for gays.

Funding of CGA is not the only controversial issue. The very existence of the group is challenged by many. Despite the perception by both straights and gays that Chapel Hill is a liberal place, it is not quite as open to alternate lifestyles as it might seem.

"I'd like to think that in a liberal university atmosphere, people would be allowed to pursue the lifestyle they want, as long as it harms no one else, without objections by members of the community," Mullis said. "That's not true in Chapel Hill."

Mullis said the controversy stems from the whole "good-ole-boy" traditions of the South. Until education and time remove these feelings from the region, gays will have a hard time finding acceptance.

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