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Vote today

A special election to fill six CGC seats will be held today from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. See listing of polling sites below.

No brisk situation

Partly cloudy today with the high in the mid-80s; low in the mid-50s tonight.

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Today's CGC election to give board first test

By MARK SCHOEN
DTH Staff Writer

With only two announced candidates running in today's special election to fill six Campus Governing Council seats, the increased possibility of write-in votes should provide a good test for the Elections Board, said board chairman Mark Jacobson Monday.

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Two candidates — law student Ray Warren of District 1 and sophomore William Porter of District 22 — will be listed on the ballots in their respective districts. That means blank ballots will be handed out to voters in districts 2, 6, 7 and 20 — thus increasing the number of write-in votes that Elections Board members will have to deal with when they begin to tally the vote at 7:30 tonight.

"Even though this election will be a small one, it's a chance to get our feet wet," Jacobson said. "It gives us a chance to get some practical experience."

Polling booths will be open from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. to fill the seats vacated since the end of the 1980-1981 academic year. Jacobson said he expected voter turn-out to be heaviest in districts 1 and 22 — where candidates have filed.

Despite this special election's small size, it should give the Elections Board an opportunity to practice many of the procedures it will use in February's campus-wide, general election. That

includes policing polling places, Jacobson said.

"For the most part, board members will be manning the posts," he said. "We'll also be spending a lot of time going from poll to poll to make sure everything is running smoothly."

This election has also given board members the chance to train other students to run the polls when class conflicts arise, he said.

"There have always been non-members manning them," Jacobson said. "And, we'll also have instructions available. The poll tenders have been trained by the board members and we have confidence in them."

Registered students are eligible to vote in the district they reside in or, in the case of graduate students, in the district which has jurisdiction over their field of study. The Elections Board — for this election at least — will rely on the students to vote in the correct districts.

"That matter will be left up to their own honesty," Jacobson said, referring to verification of district residency. "ID cards will be marked, so no one will be able to vote in more than one district."

Voting outside one's district or voting more than once is an Honor Code violation, he said.

After the polls close, ballots will be counted in room 224 of the Carolina Union. Each district's vote will be counted twice and — if a discrepancy occurs — the vote will be counted a third time before the result is certified.

The ballot count will be open to the public. If a candidate does not receive a majority in his district, then the top two vote-getters will compete in a run-off scheduled for Oct. 13.

Polling sites open

Ten of the 23 polling places provided for by the student government's general election laws will be open for today's Campus Governing Council special election.

Representatives will be chosen from the following districts:

• District 1 — graduate students in the school of law and physical education.

• District 2 — graduate students in art (including art history and studio art), dramatic art, the school of education, music and social work.

• District 6 — graduate students in the schools of medicine and nursing.

• District 7 — graduate students in ecology, geology, pharmacy, the school of public health and zoology.

• District 20 — off-campus undergraduate students in west Carrboro, including Old Well, Poplar, Hillmont and Bim Street apartments.

• District 22 — off-campus undergraduate students in southwest Carrboro, including Royal Park, Kingswood and the Villages apartments.

Registered students eligible to vote in one of the six districts involved may cast their ballots in one of the following polling places. Polls will be open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

• The Carolina Union — all districts.

• Y-Court — all districts.

• Craige Residence Hall — districts 1, 2, 6 and 7.

• Wilson Library — all districts.

• Scuttlebutt — all districts.

• Law School — districts 1 and 2.

• Med School — districts 6 and 7.

• Rosenau Hall — districts 6, 7, 20 and 22.

• Kenan Labs — districts 6, 7, 20 and 22.

• Hamilton Hall — districts 1, 2, 20 and 22.

Committee approves Thrill budget request

By KEN MINGIS
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The Finance Committee of the Campus Governing Council unanimously approved a \$125,000 budget request for the 1982 Chapel Thrill concert at its meeting Monday night.

The bill, which was passed with only two substantive changes will now be sent to the full CGC for consideration.

"I'm obviously pleased with the vote," Student Government President Scott Norberg said. "Wes Wright (Chapel Thrill Committee Chairman) and I have been working on this budget for five months now."

Finance Committee Chairman Mike Vandenberg said he felt Norberg's and Wright's work helped with the bill's passage.

"I'm ecstatic," Vandenberg said. "The ease with which the bill passed reflects the hard work done on the budget, by Scott (Norberg) and Wes (Wright), along with the overwhelming student support for the concert felt by my committee members."

Norberg and Vandenberg said they thought the bill would be passed by the full CGC.

"I don't see any major problem with final passage," Vandenberg said. But it will get a lot of discussion, he said.

Vandenberg said that early passage of the Chapel Thrill budget would make the success of the concert a greater possibility.

An amendment giving the concert's talent selection committee final authority to choose the talent was discussed at length before it passed 4-1.

A question had risen as to whether Student Body President Scott Norberg should have veto power over the selection committee's choice.

"As the representative of 21,000 students, I feel ultimate responsibility for the success of lack of success of the concert," Norberg said. "Obviously, the talent selection committee could find a certain band that would appeal to a cross-section of students," he said. "They would know better than I do."

Vandenberg said that the talent committee should be responsible for the selection of the band, and not just serve in an advisory role.

"It's our (the Finance Committee's) responsibility to give responsibility to one group to decide on the band," he said.

But, the amendment as passed does not eliminate the possibility of a veto of the entire concert by Norberg, he does not feel its success is likely.

A deadline of Feb. 15, 1982 has been set by Norberg for final selection of the band. "If we can't get a good band by then, I'll call off the concert."

In a budgetary move, the Finance Committee also increased the publicity appropriation from \$5,000 to \$6,200. Because the funds were taken from two other areas, the final request remained at \$125,000, including \$87,656 for talent contracts and \$37,344 for expenses and taxes.

Tardiness

'You're late to class

... again'

By LOUISE GUNTER
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Your pace quickens as you meet an empty quad. Coffee steams in your face as you slow down to take a gulp, sticking your neck out to avoid spilling it all down your front.

The halls are empty, your steps echo in the hollow stairwell. The door is closed and it seems cemented shut.

With a deep breath you put on an innocent face, squeeze through the smallest possible opening and slither into a back-row seat.

You're late to class ... again.

What does this pattern say about you? Does it reflect a diabolical part of your personality? Did the professor put a black skull and crossbones by your name in the roll book?

Not necessarily.

"When my students are late to class, I never assume they're lazy," said Joseph Lowman, assistant professor of psychology at UNC. "I just assume it's their pattern. There are so many variables that affect people getting to class on time, that you can't really hold it against them."

"I really do think that it (being late) generally means that students have come from another class way across campus and don't have enough time," said Martha Hardy, associate professor in the UNC speech department.

"My first class is at 10, and I think most people are generally up by that time.

"If I had an 8 o'clock class, I'd not only be surprised if my students were on time, but I'd be surprised if I were on time," she said. "I think it's very important for professors to be on time to class, though, and I am never late to class."

George B. Daniel, a professor in the Romance language department, said professors should be understanding.



"Many professors don't respect the fact that students have schedules just like they do, and I feel like you have to have a degree of tolerance for students being late because of that," he said. "Also, a lot of students live off campus and are subject to the whims of bus schedules.

"I've noticed a pattern that students who are late to class have a totally innocent expression on their face," Daniel continued. "They are generally disconcerted because I always ask them how they are doing and it sometimes embarrasses them."

One professor said late students were tardy habitually.

"Consistently it's the same students who are late," said Jim Shumaker, a lecturer in the UNC school of journalism. "I have one student in an 8 o'clock class who is involved in so many things that I'm surprised he can get there at all — time just runs out on him.

"Most of my students are on time, though," he added. "But I do notice when students are late even though I don't look at them."

Most students who are late to class sit on the back row, but there may be meaning in a student's choice of a regular seat.

State retirement system

Legislature to propose changes

By WILLIE DRYE
Special to the DTH

• Second of a two-part series

Editor's Note: This second part of the series deals with the views of officials concerned with the state's retirement benefit and wage systems. The state General Assembly will consider pay raises and changes in retirement benefits for state workers this week.

From his position as assistant director of the state retirement system, Dennis Duckett views the system as necessary, if somewhat flawed in areas.

Duckett addressed some of the complaints voiced by state workers recently and spoke in an interview of proposed changes that could alleviate some of the problems. He also pointed out why some policies would have to remain unchanged.

Duckett believes the mandatory employee contribution now in effect is necessary for the state retirement program. "You

just can't have an optional plan," he said. "If you did, only the older employees would participate. We must have a mix of people contributing.

"The retirement system is not funding for everybody to retire," Duckett said. State planners realize many employees will work less than five years for the state, but the welfare of the group must be considered when formulating policy.

"The group must share the expense of the program," Duckett said. "Otherwise it would be too expensive." According to Duckett, the retirement system is designed to recruit and reward the career public servant rather than benefit the short-term employee.

There have been changes proposed, however, that would take some of the sting out of the mandatory reduction. A plan has been proposed that would reduce the employee's deduction from 6 percent of salary to 1 percent, with the state paying the 5 percent difference. The

result would be more disposable income for the employee. There is some controversy concerning this option, however, since some state officials would like to implement it instead of giving employees a pay raise.

Duckett said changes in policy that seem minor to employees could cost the state millions of dollars each year. He cited the cost of dropping full retirement benefits from 30 years of state service to 25 years, a desire voiced by many career-oriented state workers. Such a reduction would cost the state \$29.3 million annually.

Duckett said many state employees noticed the lucrative potential of the disability program and were trying to cash in on it. A third of the applications his office received for retirement was for disability rather than service benefits, he said. It has become something of a lottery, with employees applying for disability on the chance they will receive it.

Duckett mentioned the case of a school

Pay raise, alcohol tax to be considered in special General Assembly session

By AMY EDWARDS
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Less than three months after leaving Raleigh with pay raises and a liquor-tax increase unresolved, members of the General Assembly returned Monday for the first special session in a decade.

On Monday, the joint Appropriations Committee approved a 5 percent across-the-board pay increase for teachers and state employees after the package was approved by the Democratic legislative caucus. The increase, which will cost the state more than \$70 million, could go into effect Jan. 1.

Gov. Jim Hunt had proposed a 4.3 percent pay raise that would have cost \$106 million the first year of the biennium.

The measure followed some debate on just how much money the state had to spend. The Legislature had projected a 10 percent increase in state revenues, while Hunt's state budget office expected a 12 percent increase. The difference amounted to approximately \$56 million.

"It looks like we'll compromise on 11 percent," said Hunt's assistant press secretary Brent Hackney. He said he thought the 5 percent pay increase would be approved by the full Legislature.

The raise is considerably less than that asked by the North Carolina Association of Educators, which wanted an 8 percent increase retroactive to July 1.

"We think 8 percent is a bare minimum," said Glen Keever, NCAE assistant executive director. "It doesn't come close to the increase in the cost of living."

Keever said the Legislature could provide the 8 percent increase. "It's a question of whether they're willing to commit the money to their most basic resource. The money is there; the will is there," he said.

A spokesman for the North Carolina State Government Employees Association was satisfied with the committee's approval of the 5 percent salary rise. "It's not as much as we would have liked, nor as much as the state government employees deserve," said Arch Laney, executive

director of the association. "Realizing the economic situation today, we're pretty pleased," he said.

Hunt's proposal for the alcohol tax increase faces still opposition from Senate Ways and Means chairman Kenneth Royall, D-Durham. The tax would raise \$21 million a year for highway construction and maintenance. It would raise the state levy on beer one penny per 12-ounce

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Passage of liquor tax not likely

By KATHERINE LONG
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Beer and liquor tax increases proposed by Gov. Jim Hunt are not likely to win approval during the General Assembly's special session this week, state officials said recently.

The tax on beer would increase the price of the beverage by one cent on a 12-ounce can and by about 40 cents on a typical \$6 bottle of liquor if the Senate passed it. But the bill faces strong opposition by Senate Ways and Means Committee Chairman Kenneth Royall, sources said.

This summer, \$25 million was transferred from the General Fund to the Highway Fund. The beer and liquor tax would fill the deficit in the General Fund, said Gov. Hunt's press aide Brent Hackney. "We have to have the money," Hackney said of the tax.

The bill must be approved by the Senate Finance Committee, and Royall's Ways and Means Committee has the power to

block any tax bill approved by that committee. Hackney said if the bill was not blocked, it would have a good chance of passing in the Senate.

"Royall is ... formidable opposition," said Rep. Trish Hunt, D-Orange. Rep. Hunt voted for the bill when it passed the House this summer, although she said she supported a move to raise only liquor taxes.

"North Carolina has one of the highest beer taxes in the nation," Hunt said. "Liquor and wine are not taxed nearly as heavily (as beer)."

Sen. Charles Vickery, D-Orange, said he would support the bill if it came up for a vote. "We need some money," he said.

Vickery said that in order to increase highway tax funds, "we ought to look seriously at (taxing) alcohol and cigarettes." "They (other senators) don't much think it'll pass," Vickery added. "It doesn't look good."

Chapel Hill retail beer stores said there

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Investigation of theft lead by UNC police

By JOHN HINTON
Special to the DTH

University Security Services are conducting an investigation of a theft that occurred in the snack bar of Hinton James Residence Hall in which more than \$1,700 was taken Friday.

The money was taken from a small combination safe in the snack bar between closing time Thursday and 7 a.m. Friday, said Sgt. W.L. Dunn, the investigating officer in the case. The safe was not broken into, Dunn said.

"All that was taken was the cash and checks out of two bags in the safe," Dunn said.

The Chapel Hill Police Department and the State Bureau of Investigation have been notified.

"Anytime there is a theft over \$200, we (campus police) notify the SBI. We always work with CHPD," Dunn said.

Thomas A. Shetley, general manager of UNC Student Stores, said he was offering a \$100 reward for any information leading to the arrest and conviction of the thieves.

The snack bars on campus are supervised and operated by officials of the Student Stores.

Dunn said the intruder had entered

the snack bar through a window.

An employee of the snack bar said that before closing the store, she had checked the safe. "I left the store at about 12:10 a.m., the safe was locked," said Regina Smith, an employee and UNC junior.

The safe was bolted to the floor, Smith and Dunn said. "We would like all safes to be bolted to the floor, especially the ones that are small enough to carry away," Dunn said.

There are no burglar alarms in James' snack bar. "The only alarms we have are ones in the Circus Room, the Scuttlebutt and the Selsus, the new snack bar on Manning Drive," said Joe Smith, retail supervisor of the stores.

This incident is the third from a campus snack bar in seven years. The most recent occurred at the Circus Room when two men, fled after dropping about \$800 then had allegedly taken from a safe in the snack bar. The University police recovered the money.

If anyone has information pertaining to the theft, he or she should contact Dunn at Security Services in the basement of the Campus Y Building, Dunn said.