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Rags to Riches

The red-headed moppet Annie and the bald-headed Daddy Warbucks will appear at UNC this weekend in the musical 'Annie.' See a preview on page 4.

Bull fog

Patchy dense fog with periods of rain today. High, mid 40s. Low, mid 30s.

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## Hydrants' locations inadequate

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Many area apartments are inadequately protected by fire hydrants because they are too far away and could then present a serious problem to firefighters, a Carrboro town official said recently.

When Carrboro firefighters answered the Dec. 18 call at University Lake Apartments, they discovered that the nearest hydrant to the burning building was several hundred feet away, Carrboro Fire Chief Robert Swiger said last week.

Because the nearest fire hydrant for University Lake Apartments is located at the neighboring Carolina Apartments complex, water tanker trucks from six different departments had to be called in to drop water for the ladder trucks.

Swiger said the scarcity of hydrants near apartment buildings was a problem in Carrboro.

Although every complex has access to a hydrant, he named Tar Heel Manor and The Villages apartments as the only two complexes his department felt had a sufficient number of hydrants appropriately located.

Despite the present lack of hydrants, Swiger said the apartments appeared to have complied with existing codes when they were built in the late 60s and early 70s. "Grandfather clauses," which prevent retroactive action on subsequently passed laws, grant immunity to the apartments from meeting the more rigid standards enforced today, he said.

With the present situation, firefighters will have to continue relying on the assistance of water tankers from other departments, Swiger said.

Chapel Hill Fire Chief Everett Lloyd said that although every complex in his jurisdiction had access to at least one hydrant, there were several complexes without hydrants located within 500 feet. Durham firefighters encountered the same problem Jan. 11 at Colonial Apartments, a complex owned by Triangle Communities. Durham Fire Chief J.A. Letzing said the time devoted to laying the hose lines to the nearest hydrant, which was located about 1,000 feet away at the street entrance to the complex was the main cause for the extensive damage to the building.

The laws concerning location of fire hydrants in cities are established by state agencies, said George High, an insurance consultant for High Insurance Agency in Chapel Hill. State law carries no requirements for the location of hydrants within city limits. For those suburbs officially serviced by city fire departments, the law requires hydrants to be located within 1,000 feet of apartment complexes.

Swiger cited the common, open attic of the building as another reason the fire at University Lake Apartments spread as quickly as it did.

Without necessary fire partitions, the attic can become a "wind tunnel," allowing the fire and smoke to sweep from one end to the other almost instantly, he said. Other cities have also recently been exposed to the open attic problem. Five officials discovered that the Colonial Apartments complex building in Durham that caught fire did not have any fire partitions.

Raleigh city officials discovered that building inspectors may never have inspected for fire partitions in the Countrywood Village Apartments, a Raleigh apartment building, that was gutted by fire last November. A city report released

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Worker removes snow from sidewalk near Lenior Hall ...the cost of removal could rise quite a bit

## Storm cleanup costly to N.C., Chapel Hill

By PETER JUDGE  
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The costs of removing snow and ice from the roads during the winter storms of the past week could mean a reduction of other road services, state and local officials said recently.

Gary Pearce, press secretary for Gov. Jim Hunt, said any cost overruns for snowplowing would be handled within the maintenance budget. "The money has to come from somewhere," Pearce said. "This would not be the first time snow has caused a reduction of other maintenance services."

"Several years ago there was a real bad snow up in the mountains," he said. "The costs for removing that snow meant we had to cut back on other road services across the state."

"It is going to be several weeks before we can determine the extent of the costs for that storm," said J.H. Medlin, maintenance director for the N.C. Department of Transportation. "We are just in the first part of January," he said. "We still have a lot of winter weather ahead of us."

Medlin said that later in the year, "We may find that we cannot fill in some of the potholes that we would like to."

Harold Harris, public works director for Chapel Hill, said the recent storm was "worse than most."

Harris said up to \$16,000 may have been spent to clear the roads. Chapel Hill has seven snowplows, three sand spreaders and several tractors which are used for snow removal, he said. He said there was an average of 15 men working around the clock.

There were 10 to 12 men working to remove snow from the UNC campus all the time, said Claude Swecker, director of the UNC Physical Plant. Swecker said overtime salaries could raise the cost of snow removal quite a bit. Swecker said 20 tons of sand and salt

already have been spread around the UNC campus.

"It remains to be seen whether this is a particularly harsh or expensive winter," he said. He said there had been up to a foot of snow some years. "Right now it is about average," he said, but added it was still early in the season.

Michael Davis, special assistant for the N.C. Department of Administration, said it was too early to determine just how the utility costs for the state would be affected by the cold temperatures.

"I am sure there was considerably more fuel oil and natural gas burned during that period," Davis said.

Davis said the storm could not compare with the snow storm of 1978. "That was quite a blizzard," he said.

Despite the extra cost of heating buildings during those exceptionally cold days, Davis said the state's utility bills would not be as great as in previous years.

"The conservation efforts of the state government have greatly reduced our utility bills," he said. Davis said government buildings used "quite a bit less electricity."

"Several government office buildings in Raleigh which had been heated by electricity have been switched to steam heat," Davis said. "Overall, our consumption of utilities is down while the price is up."

Pearce said it would take a much more severe winter than what the state has experienced so far to justify a request by the governor for federal aid. "States like Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana were really caught off guard by that last storm," he said. "In those states federal aid could be justified."

"North Carolina is more prepared for this sort of weather," he said. "It would take a much larger storm to inundate us the way those other states were."

## Proposal for revision receives mixed reactions

By KEN MINGIS  
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Student Body President Scott Norberg's proposal to revise the function of the Student Audit Board by requiring the Campus Governing Council to rewrite the board's by-laws has drawn mixed reactions from administrators and students.

The CGC voted 13-2 Tuesday to put the issue to a vote by the student body, Feb. 9.

"It (the proposed revision) has my support," said John Temple, vice-chancellor for business and finance. "We need to clarify the role of the Audit Board as the overseer of SAFO (the Student Activity Fees Office)."

The Audit Board is responsible for looking into any complaints organizations have about SAFO, which handles the accounts of student organizations, and for conducting a yearly audit of SAFO.

"I have been at work (with other administration members) for months, and I feel where we came out (in drawing up the Audit Board revision) is a good place," said Donald Boulton, vice-chancellor of student affairs. "I think it is worthy of passage (by the student body)."

But SAFO Director Frances Sparrow said she felt the proposal might make the board more political.

"The SAFO cannot operate with a political Audit Board," Sparrow said. "Any time the president of the student body has the power to appoint Audit Board members, it becomes political."

One change in the board by-laws, which may or may not be adopted by the CGC if the bill is passed Feb. 9, would be to add to the board one member appointed by the president, and one ex-officio member from the office of student affairs, Temple said.

"For any vacancy on the board, the remaining members would present the student body president with three names," Temple said. "From those three, the president would choose one."

The bill was passed by the CGC amid some confusion and much discussion about who would have ultimate authority over the Audit Board and about the urgency with which the bill was presented.

CGC Speaker ElChino Martin said that the council planned to revise the by-laws only once. "This would give the CGC just one chance to deal with those by-laws," he said. "After that, the CGC would simply vote on proposed changes brought up by the board itself."

But Temple said that if the measure were passed, the CGC could rewrite the by-laws any way it chose.

"The CGC can rewrite any document they control," he said. "(The final make-up of the board) depends on what set of by-laws they decide to adopt."

Martin said that if the CGC were called on to revise the board's by-laws, it would do so before the newly-elected council members take their seats in late February.

Jennifer Cresimore, District 9, who voted for the issue, said she was now unsure whether she still supported it.

"I knew that I didn't understand all the aspects of the proposal and its possible results," she said. "We wanted to get the SAFO's operation straightened out. Scott (Norberg) told us we had to do something immediately."

"Scott had been working on it a long time and knew more about it than we did," Cresimore said. "I felt it presumptuous to feel we could grasp all the complexities of the matter. The only thing we had to go on was Scott's word."

"People were saying, 'we need some time,'" Cresimore said. "It's not that they were opposed to it, they were just unclear as to what it all meant."

A proposal to delay a vote on the issue failed 5-9, Martin said.

"If we come back later to actually establish the by-laws, I'll have to do some research," Cresimore said.

Boulton, however, said that he did not feel the CGC had made any great error in approving a referendum on the issue.

"What I read in the paper is that the CGC, trying to act responsibly, felt pushed to vote on it," Boulton said. "I'm sorry for that. It might have been wiser to pose the question (Tuesday) night and then vote next week."

Boulton said that he wanted the issue to be discussed and understood by students but that the problem needed to be addressed.



Temple



Boulton

## Drinking age scrutinized

By KELLY SIMMONS  
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North Carolina's legal drinking age has once again been brought under consideration with the recent recommendation by the Governor's Crime Commission staff to raise the age from 18 to 21 years.

The action was proposed last month to a committee to study the advantages and disadvantages of the increase. This committee will report its findings back to the Crime Commission, which will consider the proposal and decide whether or not to pass it on to Gov. Jim Hunt for approval. North Carolina is now one of nine states which have a split drinking age, allowing the sale of beer and wine to those 18-years and older but barring the sale of liquors until age 21.

Gov. Hunt's assistant press secretary, Brent Hackney, said this week that the governor had not yet taken a stand on the issue. He did, however, quote Hunt as saying the proposal "was something to take a look at." Hackney said the main reason for considering the age increase was that it might deter the growing amount of drunken driving.

If accepted by the governor, the proposal would not be up for adoption until the next full session of the General Assembly in 1983.

David Jones, director of analysis for the Governor's Crime Commission, said officials of the state's traffic schools had noticed many misconceptions among young people about the effects of beer compared to the effects of liquor. He said

teenagers did not seem to think beer would affect their driving skills.

Jones said most states had already raised drinking ages because of increasing traffic fatalities. He said since Illinois raised its legal age to 21 in January 1980, the state has seen a 30 percent drop in fatal crashes among 19- and 20-year-olds. Jones estimated that an increase in North Carolina's drinking age would save 20 to 25 lives annually.

In October of 1980, Florida's legal age to buy or consume beer and wine was increased from 18 to 19, but two exceptions exist in the Florida law. Any person on active military duty may still purchase beer and wine at age 18. Also, 18-year-olds employed in establishments where alcohol is sold may keep their jobs.

John Harris, spokesman for Florida's division of alcohol and tobacco in the Tallahassee district, said complaints of 18-year-old high school seniors buying beer for minors was the main reason for the drinking age increase there. He said the youths would go out during lunch-time to buy beer to share with minors.

"Since the age increase, there have been noticeably less calls concerning this problem," he said.

Harris said there was also a problem with drunken driving among high school students. "They were literally killing themselves," he said.

Michigan also has raised its legal age to 19 and a recent study conducted by the University of Michigan showed a 20 percent decrease in fatalities since the age was increased.

Martin Hines of the North Carolina state highway safety program said the law would be a tough one to pass. "There will be a lot of opposition to it," he said. "The situation now is tragic; raising the legal age would help the situation considerably," he said.

John Statuto, owner of Carey Wholesale, distributors of Schlitz, Old Milwaukee, Blatz and Heineken beers, said he expected an age increase to hurt the distributing industry and said it probably would reduce consumption by about 5 percent. Campus beer distributors would be hit the hardest, he said.

Statuto said he thought raising the age would take beer out of a controlled environment and put it into an uncontrolled environment. "They (minors) are going to get the beer one way or another," he said. "We'll see more drinking in cars because the kids won't be able to buy it in bars," he said.

Local bar managers are pessimistic about the increase. Larry Brooks, beverage control manager at Purdy's on Franklin St., said most of the nightspot's crowd now was between the ages of 18 and 21.

"I think it would just about kill us," he said. "It would change our crowd completely."

Tommy Daniels, manager of Linda's, said the increase would have a big effect on the establishment. "The majority of our clientele is students. It would hurt us a lot," he said.

## Student Spotlight

### ElChino Martin looks to future outside CGC

By KERRY DEROACH  
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For ElChino Martin, reciting stilted parliamentary procedure, pounding a wooden gavel and squinting over stacks of campus legal bills are part of his daily routine.

As speaker of the Campus Governing Council, Martin wears a ready-made smile while he listens to last-minute questions by council members and final budget requests by treasurers of student organizations. During council meetings, casually he leans back in his chair monitoring the debate among the 27 other people all crying for a chance to speak.

"I try to not be too difficult to get along with," Martin says. He grins as he describes the antics of past CGC meetings: "I might become a bit obnoxious, but I try not to."

The 20-year-old junior political science major from Charlotte is a Morehead Scholar and a member of the N.C. Fellows program. He has worked in Student Government since he arrived at the University in 1979—one year in the Executive Branch and the next two years on the CGC.

For the past three years, Martin has trudged several times a day up and down the path to his room in Morrison. A self-proclaimed morning-hater, Martin says he tumbles out of bed with just enough time to roll into

class. Each morning, as he rubs his eyes and tries to wake up, he grabs a copy of *The Daily Tar Heel*. "Just so I can see who's in the paper and what I did," he says.

By early afternoon, Martin is sitting in his small office in Suite C of the Carolina Union. On his desk, files, phone books and memos are bundled together. Black headlines from newspaper clippings glare off of the large bulletin board beside him. "I think this office was clean once," he said, glancing to the shelves behind him.

At work, Martin has to concentrate on new budget procedures, old committee bills and conflicting meeting schedules. Throughout the day informal meetings begin and his phone rings with messages from administration officials, the student body president and members of different student organizations.

At each interruption he smiles. "I've enjoyed it; it's been a challenge," Martin said. "I feel once you take a job, even though you might gripe about it, you do it the best way you can."

Any spare time Martin catches between eating, sleeping and CGC meetings, he spends trying to be a student. "You just have to squeeze (studying) in. That's the bottom line; academics are the priority," he says. "I enjoy being with friends, waiting in line for tickets, just doing

all those stupid things you do in college — like staying up late."

When he can, Martin tries to spend time at his favorite hobbies. These include amateur photography which he discovered while traveling through the Wyoming mountains one summer. "I think pictures are part of a way of capturing memories," Martin says. He grimaces. "That sounded like a Kodak commercial."

Martin says he also enjoys playing tennis. But he will not hit the courts until the weather warms, he quickly adds.

In February — for the first time in two years — Martin's name will not be on the ballot for CGC office. Instead, he says he hopes to be chosen as a resident assistant. He eventually hopes to go to law school outside of North Carolina. But for now, he will be content with trying to find out if he has a social life. He cannot remember.

"Knowing me, I'll probably still come up here (Suite C)," he says. "I'd like to go back and find some old friends. It's getting to the point now where you realize that after UNC, everyone is going to go their different ways."

"I guess I'll go out and have a little fun."



ElChino Martin, speaker of the CGC, works in his office ... 'I think this office was clean once'

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