

Activists in Southeast to confer

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Students from across the southeastern United States will meet at UNC Saturday to participate in a conference titled "Meeting the Challenge of the 80s."

The conference is sponsored by the Southern Student Activist Network. Sponsors said this week it was not to be a militant demonstration but a carefully planned group effort to address issues facing students concerned about a variety of social and political issues.

"A lot of students in Chapel Hill see that there are activist things they are interested in, and they really haven't had anywhere to go to meet older people and work on them," said David Crohn, chairperson of the UNC Coalition for Social Justice, one of the sponsors of the event.

The Coalition and other campus organizations, including the Black Student Movement and Americans for Common Sense, are affiliates of the SSAN, regionally based in Durham. The SSAN was formed in March 1980, in reaction to the shooting deaths of five Communist Workers Party members in Greensboro in November 1979.

"Several students saw different things happening in our country and decided to form SSAN," said Robert Schultz, regional coordinator.

The organization works with groups throughout the South, as well as the Pro-

gressive Student Network and United States Student Association, both based in the Northeast.

Schultz has been trying to organize a group in North Carolina for more than a year, and the conference is its first official function.

The conference will be held in the Carolina Union, from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; activities include lectures and workshops. Gail Pharis and Mickey Michaux will speak at 10, and Janice Fine and Nelson Johnson will lecture at 2:30.

Pharis, a Maryknoll nun who has worked in Central America, will speak on Central American liberation movements. Michaux, currently a N.C. candidate for the U.S. House, was among those who recommended prosecuting the men accused in the murder of anti-Klan demonstrators in Greensboro.

Fine, the national chairperson for the United States Student Association, will discuss the effects of Reaganomics on the college student. Johnson is founder and national chairperson of the Student Organization for Black Unity, a major black organization in the 1970s, and a member of the Communist Workers Party.

Eight workshops will be held simultaneously from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. "Since we're trying to encourage activism," Schultz said, "it (workshop scheduling) will force them (the students) to choose a workshop in which they have a commitment."

These workshops will cover United States involvement in Central America and relations with South Africa, as well

as Reaganomics, ERA passage, students and the labor force, the UNC-U.S. Department of Education consent decree, nuclear disarmament, the draft and Klan/Nazi violence.

SSAN is charging \$2 for the day's activities to help defray costs and is expecting 100 to 200 people to attend.

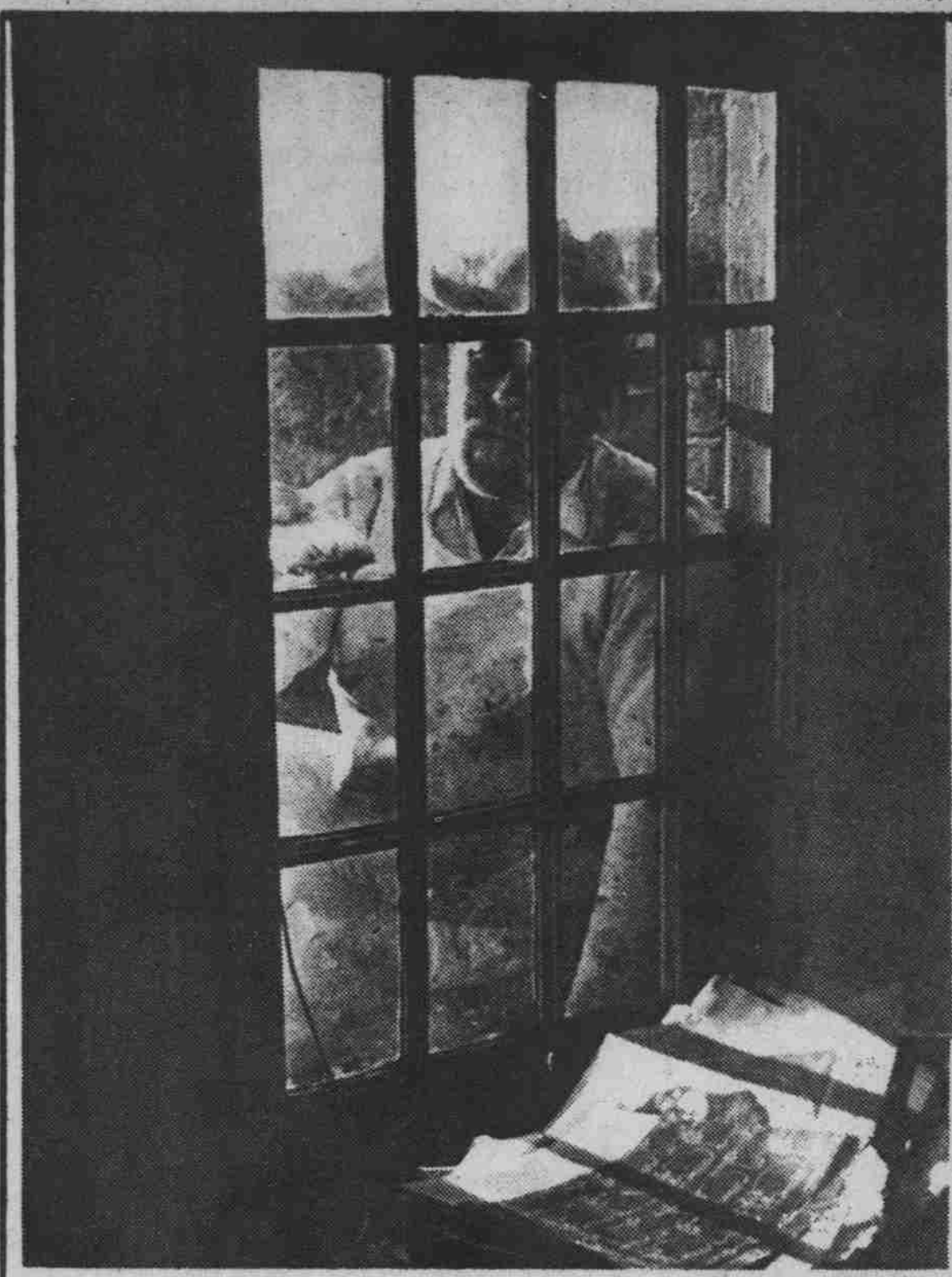
"The conference is a unique opportunity for those different groups to get together and organize themselves," Crohn said.

Schultz said the conference would have a twofold purpose. "The first is to say there is a student movement in North Carolina and to identify people who have been working on different issues.

"The second aim is to mobilize students for the Feb. 27 Fort Bragg coalition," he said. This non-violent demonstration will protest the training of Salvadoran troops at Fort Bragg and Reagan's economic aid policies toward El Salvador, Schultz said.

"It is important to have a strong showing at Fort Bragg," Crohn said. Plans still are being made for transportation to and from the rally, and teach-ins are being arranged for the week preceding it.

The conference is more than just a series of speakers and sharing of ideas, Crohn said. "It is a call for unity," he said. "In order to fend off Reagan's attacks, the opposition must stand together. If we are fragmented, he (Reagan) can just dismiss each interest as one group of fanatics."



Claude Hunt paints a part of Smith Building on campus Thursday. His work is part of painting and caulking effort that has been going on across the campus for the past several days.

Airport plans to go before county board

By ALISON DAVIS
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Construction on the proposed Midway Airport and Airpark could begin this summer if the Orange County Board of Commissioners approves the plans and grants all necessary permits, architect Lee Mehler said Wednesday.

Mehler is a member of Peloquin Associates, the planning and architectural firm that designed the airport and took over the project nine months ago when the owner—Buck Mountain Development—had trouble getting approval for it.

Mehler will present his plans to the county commissioners at a public hearing March 8 in an attempt to secure necessary special-use permits to build the airport and neighboring office park.

The airport is to be located in Bingham Township, about 10 miles northwest of Carrboro. Although privately owned, the facility will be open for public use, Mehler said.

Plans for the airport feature "condominium-type hangars" for privately-owned airplanes and a hangar that could be used by the University.

The University now uses Horace Williams Airport in Chapel Hill to house planes used by the Area Health Education Center. Doctors use the AHEC planes to travel to clinics across the state.

If the University decides to move its planes to Midway, HWA will be closed, said John Temple, vice chancellor of business and finance at UNC.

"We would not move immediately," he said. "We'd wait to see if the airport is of the right kind of quality first."

The Chapel Hill Town Council has recommended that HWA be closed as soon as a new airport is available.

Town residents have complained about the noise produced by planes at HWA. Because the Bingham Township is not heavily populated, noise from the Midway runway will not be a serious problem, Mehler said.

"There is a noise problem, but it's minimal," he said. "We're trying to create as much buffer as can logically be created."

Maintenance at Midway should be good. The airpark—an office and warehouse center—will help pay for the airport's upkeep, Mehler said.

Mehler's plans show 31 lots for offices and warehouses and one for a motel and restaurant. There are no clients for these buildings yet, he said.

But Mehler expects businesses to purchase the lots. "The locations will be desirable to corporations with planes," he said. "They may be able to keep them on their own land."

Companies moving into the airpark must submit their building plans to Buck Mountain Developers and Peloquin Associates for approval.

"We want to stop anyone from putting up a tin shed out there," he said. The developers and architects also must approve the type of building materials used, as well as the lighting and signs for the building.

Mehler will request that the airpark signs be placed by the road. "We're going against the ordinance" that says signs must be on the buildings, he said.

"Some of the buildings are 400 feet from the road," Mehler said. No one would be able to see signs that far away, he added.

All approvals should be completed by April 1, he said. After the hearing, the plans must be approved by the Orange County Planning Department and Board of Commissioners.

"We're creating a good situation," he said. "I expect the plans to be approved."

Beatty's 'Reds' nominated for 12 Oscars

The Associated Press

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—Reds, the story of an American journalist caught up in the Russian Revolution, captured 12 Academy Award nominations Thursday—four of them for Warren Beatty, the actor, director, producer and writer who has failed to win an Oscar in seven tries.

On Golden Pond collected 10 nominations for the 54th Academy Awards, including best actor performance by Henry Fonda as a man reluctant to face old age. Fonda, 76 and in poor health, has never won an Oscar and is considered a strong sentimental favorite.

Fonda's daughter, Jane, a two-time Oscar winner, was nominated best supporting actress for portraying his daughter in On Golden Pond.

The three other nominees for best picture were Atlantic City, the story of an aging, small time hood in the gambling resort; Chariots of Fire, an inspirational account of British runners overcoming prejudice, and Raiders of the Lost Ark, a fast-paced adventure that grossed more money than any other film last year.

Beatty, who portrays journalist John Reed in the 3½-hour epic, also was nominated for four awards in 1978 for Heaven Can Wait, but won nothing.

Competing with Beatty and Fonda for best actor are Burt Lancaster as the hero in Atlantic City, Paul Newman as the innocent victim of irresponsible journalism in Absence of Malice and Dudley Moore, the over-privileged inebriate of Arthur.

Katharine Hepburn—who has won three Oscars and been nominated 13 times—was named a best actress contender for her role as the peacemaking wife and mother in On Golden Pond.

The other nominees are Diane Keaton as Red's lover Louise Bryant in Reds, Marsha Mason as the reformed alcoholic actress in Only When I Laugh, Susan Sarandon as the girl Lancaster falls in love with in Atlantic City and Meryl Streep as the title character in The French Lieutenant's Woman.

Density is town's concern

Re-evaluation might solve zoning problems

By ALAN MARKS
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Problems with Chapel Hill's zoning ordinance may have been solved in a nine-month re-evaluation process recently completed by the town's planning board, officials said this week.

Many Chapel Hill residents have expressed dissatisfaction with the controversial document because they felt it would allow owners of property on undeveloped land to build or convert their houses to duplexes.

Because of public concern over the ordinance, the Town Council adopted a resolution directing the planning board to re-evaluate it and present its recommendations to the council.

While no major changes have been

made in the ordinance, small inconsistencies in wording and a few other technical problems have been corrected, planning board chairman Roscoe Keeve said.

A memorandum presented to the board at its Tuesday meeting by Chapel Hill Planning Director Mike Jennings, cited residential density as a major concern raised during the ordinance's evaluation.

"Many people in town had the impression that it would create more density than it actually is," Town Council member Bev Kawalec said.

A principal concern in the density controversy was the potential effect of reclassifying R-20 property to the R-1 district.

The old ordinance placed large undeveloped areas in the agriculture or R-20 district. The new ordinance puts these

areas into district R-1, the least dense residential zone.

Kawalec said the reclassification was an admission by the council that the area had not been named or rezoned.

There is little difference between districts under the old ordinance and the new ordinance, she said.

The ordinance was a complex document that was difficult for even council members to understand, she said. Residential density became a campaign issue last November.

"Neither the candidates nor the public had a thorough grasp of the ordinance," she said. Kawalec was elected to her second council term last fall.

Two new concepts introduced in the ordinance — the Land Use Intensity system and the Planned Development ap-

proach — make comparisons between the old ordinance and the new ordinance difficult, Kawalec said.

The LUI system provides a better control on the intensity of use than the traditional dwelling units per acre approach, according to Jennings' memorandum. While the old ordinance regulated how many dwelling units could be built per acre, the new ordinance regulates the number of square feet per acre.

Kawalec said the Planned Development approach was a new concept that encouraged developers to build full developments rather than building only apartments. This provides for recreational as well as living needs.

"The idea forces builders to think beyond just living space," she said.

Area citizens organize to clean up Haw River

By JULE HUBBARD
Special to the DTH

Dr. Charles Brady of Carrboro never favored construction of the B. Everett Jordan Dam on the Haw River.

And now, as water fills the 14,000-acre reservoir in Chatham County, he and some others are predicting that the lake will be too polluted to provide drinking water or recreation, the reasons for which the dam was built.

Studies on the water quality of the reservoir still are incomplete, and some say it could be five years before a judgment on the usefulness of Jordan Lake can be made.

In the meantime, Brady and a group of concerned citizens in Orange, Wake, Alamance and Chatham counties are organizing to clean the Haw River, to protect wild areas from U.S. 64 to Jordan Lake and to secure state scenic canoe-trail status for the river for recreational and educational purposes.

Calling itself the Haw River Assembly, the group will have an organizational meeting with speakers at 1 p.m. Saturday in the Agricultural Building in Pittsboro.

"I think the Army Corps of Engineers (which built the dam) is sitting on a powder keg set to go off three years

from now," Brady said. "But what we're doing can only help the Corps by cleaning up the lake."

One purpose of Saturday's meeting, Brady said this week, will be to solicit input from land owners along the river and from other people on how the river's water quality can be improved and how the wild lands along the river can be protected.

Brady, who grew up along the Rocky River in Chatham County, said that because the state didn't have funds to adequately monitor pollution along the Haw River, the organization was considering citizen-monitoring of the river.

"There are some tremendous industrial powers upstream that we'll have to fight," he said. "I hope we'll be able to use facts instead of lawsuits."

The organization will encourage farmers to participate in government programs that subsidize improvements that discourage soil erosion and sedimentation, Brady said.

"We'll be working with county officials and land owners to protect wildlife habitat and undisturbed areas along the river," he said. "We don't want to alienate the land owners."

Brady added that tax breaks were available to landowners who left their land undeveloped as "conservation

easements."

He said about 50 percent of the river's pollution was from industrial and agricultural sources. The other half is runoff from sources such as street drains from urbanized areas around the river.

"The state should have taken care of these pollution sources better before the project was begun," Brady said.

He said the organization would sponsor a Haw River Festival in April with raft races, bluegrass music and other festivities. "We want to direct attention at the historical and natural benefits of the river," he said.

Brady said it would be difficult to overcome the river's image as one of the dirtiest rivers in the state. "It's right in the backyard of Greensboro, Raleigh and Durham, and yet we haven't taken care of it," he said.

"The river provides a sanctuary for preserving the sanity of people in this heavily urbanized area," Brady said, adding that the organization wanted to "make the Haw River an extreme source of pride in the area."

"The one thing that could make this go would be to get students involved," he said. "We're going to go around to student organizations with slide shows and talks." Among the UNC groups supporting the Haw River Assembly are the Sailing, Water Ski and Outing Clubs.

Board certifies 13 CGC races

Thirteen of the 23 Campus Governing Council district races were certified by the Elections Board Thursday, and the Senior class president and vice-presidential race was declared a runoff.

The runoff will be between the joint ticket of Scott Phillips and LuAnn Craft and that of Mark Edwards and Chris Miller.

Certification of the remaining CGC district races and a possible runoff for the Graduate and Professional Student Federation president will be decided today.

In the GPSF presidential race, Peter Mallinson is the top vote-holder. If the next two or three write-in candidates withdraw as possible candidates, Mallinson will be declared the winner, Election Board Chairman Mark Jacobson said Thursday. The board is still contacting the other candidates.

Run-off elections will be Tuesday, Jacobson said. Polls will be open from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m.

The following are the 13 certified CGC district races.

District 1, David McKinnon; District 5, Lori A. Dostal; District 8, Diana Baxter; District 9, Susan Sparks; District 10, Dennis Bartels; District 11, Cornelius Davis III and Garth Dunklin; District 13, Chip Medlin; District 15, Mark Martin, James Exum and Jennifer Cargol; District 17, Anne Yanoschak; District 18, Dan Bryson; District 20, Tony Delp; District 21, Mark Clinard, and District 22, Dana Simel.

King memorial features judge

A. Leon Higginbotham Jr., 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals judge in Philadelphia, will deliver the fifth annual Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Lecture in "Race and the American Legal Process" at 8 p.m. today in Memorial Hall.

Higginbotham, author of *In the Matter of Color: Race and the American Legal Process*, teaches law at the University of Pennsylvania and sociology at the university's Wharton School of Finance and Commerce.

Dr. Colin Palmer, chairman of Afro-American studies at UNC and a member of the panel that chose Higginbotham for the lecture, said, "I was interested in getting a scholar to speak. Higginbotham, like King, combines scholarship with a concern for his fellow man."

Higginbotham graduated from Yale University Law School and holds several honorary degrees. In 1976, he received the Martin Luther King Award for outstanding service in human rights. A U.S. district judge for 13 years before being named an appeals judge in 1977, he is also a former member of the Federal Trade Commission.

The Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Lecture was started in 1977 to honor people who have dedicated themselves to the promotion of human rights.

Past lecturers have been Vernon E. Jordan Jr., president of the National Urban League; the Rev. Martin Luther King Sr.; former U.N. Ambassador Andrew Young, and the Rev. Jesse Jackson.

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