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Vote today
Polls will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at several sites.

Cool for cats
Fair this morning, but increasingly cloudy. Cool with a high in the low 50s, low in the mid 30s.

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Twilight zone

It is a realm between reality and the imagination. It is a world by itself, comparable to no other. It creeps between Happy Hour and first classes. It is inhabited by little white men and beeping red hands. It is . . . Franklin Street at night.

N.C. 2000 presentation to educate citizens on future

By ROSEMARY OSBORN
Staff Writer

UNC President William C. Friday, chairman of the Commission on the Future of North Carolina, presented a slide show on the commission Monday night at the Chapel of the Cross.

The slide show was designed to give citizens across North Carolina an idea of the kinds of changes which the state must make during this century to prepare for the 21st century.

Concern with the coming of the year 2000 and the changes which will come as that year approaches led Gov. Jim Hunt to begin the commission, which has been tagged the N.C. 2000 Commission. N.C. 2000 was initiated in June 1981 when Hunt issued an executive order creating it.

Hunt appointed Friday chairman of the Commission, which has just concluded a 14-month study of the state's resources and present and future needs.

As Friday introduced the slide show, he explained his approach to the N.C. 2000 project as a search for an answer to the question: "What kind of state do you want North Carolina to be in the year 2000?"

Because the question is very complex, Friday said the commission asked Hunt

to assure them that their suggestions would be used.

"When we first convened, we asked Gov. Hunt if he intended to implement our recommendations, because we didn't want to put forth all the effort if he wasn't," said Friday. "He promised that he would, and I believe he will use the rest of his term to do all he can to carry out our plans."

To begin the long-term planning process, the commission divided itself into four working panels called People, Economy, Natural Resources and Community. In these general categories N.C. 2000 participants searched for more specific information about the changes occurring in the state so that they could make long-range predictions and recommendations for the future.

Participants in the program came from each of the state's 100 counties. They provided the commission with both professional advice as well as the broad-based public participation that is useful in identifying specific trends and conditions. Over 110,000 citizens in North Carolina completed N.C. 2000 questionnaires, said Friday.

N.C. 2000 focused on demographic and economic trends to determine the forces that are shaping the future. Since 1960 North Carolina's population and



UNC President Friday gives presentation on Monday night ... he gave citizens ideas of changes to expect in the future

economy have been growing faster than the country as a whole. However, during the next two decades both the state's and the nation's growth rates will be slower.

Along with economic growth will be technological developments. These changes in technology will bring sociologically complex changes with them, said Friday.

"I was startled by the fact that 47 percent of our workforce needs to be re-

trained in the next decade if we are going to do what needs to be done," Friday said. "Robotry will be the salvation of industry in the future along with the micro-chip."

He said the re-training process could be accomplished in community colleges and technical institutes.

Commission members had to look at the state's history in order to make its predictions of the state's future.

Students decide fee increase fate

By MARK STINNEFORD
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Students go to the polls today to determine the fate of a proposal to raise the Student Activity Fee by \$1.25 per semester.

Students may vote at any one of 19 polling places that will be operating across campus from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. today, said Elections Board Chairman Stan Evans.

The Student Activity Fee was last increased in 1977.

Before a fee increase can be enacted, it must receive a two-thirds majority vote in a student referendum. And 20 percent of the fee-paying students on campus — about 4,100 students — must cast votes in the referendum, according to the Student Government Code.

Including the Feb. 8 elections and the subsequent runoffs, the fee increase referendum will be the third campuswide vote of the semester. The workload has placed extra pressure on the Elections Board and has made it difficult to find polltenders for the referendum vote, Evans said.

"We're getting down to the crunch time in the academic year, and it's difficult to get people to work at the polls a third time," Evans said.

The measure should pass if the required number of students turn out to vote, Evans said.

"People against the increase are probably going to express their opposition by

staying home," he said. "People who are for the increase have more of a motivation to vote. But I'm still skeptical that 20 percent of the students will show up."

Paper ballots will be used in the referendum and will be counted by hand, Evans said.

If the required 20 percent of the student body fails to show up, the votes will not be tabulated, Evans said.

"Counting the votes in that case would lead to more problems than solutions," he said.

If the fee increase passes, it will generate an additional \$50,000 per year in Student Activity Fees, Student Body Treasurer Brent Clark said. Student Government would receive an additional \$23,250 per year which could be allocated to student organizations by the CGC or left in the General Reserve fund, Clark said.

The Daily Tar Heel, which receives 16 percent of Student Activities Fees, would get an additional \$8,000 annually. The Carolina Union, which receives 33 percent of Student Activity Fees would get an additional \$16,500, Clark said.

The Graduate and Professional Student Federation, which receives 15 percent of the activity fees paid by graduate and professional students, would receive an additional \$2,250 annually, Clark said.

The Student Activity Fee is currently \$15.25 per semester for undergraduates and \$13.25 per semester for graduate students.

RHA supports raise in housing rent costs

By JOSEPH BERRYHILL
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The Residence Hall Association Governing Board Monday endorsed "an understanding" of University housing's proposed budget for 1983-84 — which includes an 18 percent increase in dormitory rent.

In its weekly meeting, the board debated for nearly an hour the issue of whether to endorse the budget before passing a motion with six yes votes and one abstention.

The motion read: "RHA endorses an understanding of the 18 percent increase for the 1983-84 housing budget, and assumes a responsibility to educate the residents as to why and looks for ways to cut next year's budget."

The proposed rent increase was announced last Wednesday by Jody Harpster, acting director of University housing. Harpster attributed the increase to rising costs, declining interest incomes and housing expenditures exceeding rents for the past several years. A projected increase of 18 percent has also been slated for 1984-85.

The governing board consists of 10 residence area governors, the presidents of independent dormitories Mangum and Everett, and RHA President Mark Dalton. The board serves as an advisory group to University housing, Dalton said. Some board members expressed dis-

satisfaction over the fact that dormitory rent will be used to subsidize the construction of a new dormitory on South Campus.

The housing budget includes \$183,000 for the construction of the new dormitory, Harpster said in a telephone interview Tuesday. This expense will cause each resident to pay an additional \$15 of rent, or 4 percent of the total increase, he added.

Morrison Residence College Governor Angie Robbins questioned the decision to build the new dormitory.

"Has anybody researched it to see if it's really feasible?" she said. "I feel stupid because we didn't think about it earlier."

Harpster said that students in previous RHA administrations had supported the new dormitory during the decision-making process.

"They (students) agreed that some costs should be borne by the present residents until it is built," he said.

Most board members agreed in the debate that they understood the reasons for the increase in room rents, but after several motions they could not decide whether to endorse the increase.

Dalton told the board that cuts in the University housing budget had already lowered the increase in room rent from 36.5 percent to 18 percent.

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Residents oppose thoroughfare plan

By PETE AUSTIN
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Signs asking for the Chapel Hill Town Council to "Save McCauley Street" and "Vote Against McCauley Street Extension" covered a wall of the Town Council meeting room where a public hearing on the thoroughfare plan was held Monday night.

An audience of about 100 lined the walls inside the council meeting room and overflowed outside the building. Several citizens stood outside in the rain, waiting to voice their opposition to parts of the thoroughfare plan.

The plan is a comprehensive one for the towns of Chapel Hill and Carrboro that guides the acquisition of rights of ways onto Franklin Street, focused on discussion of the thoroughfare plan.

A group of residents opposed to the proposed McCauley Street extension said that the added traffic and noise pollution in the area would outweigh the benefits of extending McCauley Street to Merritt Mill Road.

In addition to the signs held throughout the three-hour meeting, one resident of McCauley Street asked the council to hold a special public hearing on

the proposed extension and to stop "omitting it (McCauley Street) from your agenda."

Alternatives to the controversial Parker Road extension were also discussed Monday night.

The Parker Road extension, which would be built across the Mason Farm tract, was abandoned when University students and environmentalists lodged strong protests against the extension.

The University uses the tract for environmental, ecological and biological research.

The Chapel Hill Planning Board voted 6-3 at their March 1 meeting to strike from consideration any extension plan that would divide the Mason Farm tract.

At the hearing Monday night, the Town Council listened to public response to alternative proposals to the Parker Road extension.

The proposals included the extension of Bayberry Drive to Mangum Court, the extension of Mangum Court to Farrington Mill Road and a few other smaller revisions to streets in the area south of Chapel Hill.

Robert Smythe, spokesman for the Triangle Sierra Club, said that his organization opposed an extension which divides the Mason Farm tract. But

Smythe took no position on the Bayberry Drive extension proposal.

Many residents of the affected areas voiced opposition to the increased traffic and noise that the thoroughfare plan would create in their neighborhood.

"Five to six thousand cars per day would be added to the 700 per day that presently use the Bayberry Drive area," said Donald E. Francisco, a resident of Mason Farm Road and a teacher in environmental studies at the University.

Francisco stated that the inclusion of Bayberry Drive in the overall thoroughfare plan would be hazardous to everyone in the neighborhood, especially the children.

Stephanie Cheek, 13, appealed to council members and the audience by presenting a fictional rendition of the history of the Bayberry Drive-Mangum Court area.

The Town Council made no decision on the thoroughfare plan Monday night but referred the matter to the manager for review and recommendation. The council is expected to make its final decision on the plan March 28.

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Polling Sites

The following are polling locations for today's election on the Student Activity Fee. Polls will be open from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Students may vote at the poll of their choice with a student ID.

Carolina Union
Y-Court
Hamilton Hall
Wilson Library
Law School Library
Rosenau Hall
Scuttlebutt
School of Medicine
Residence halls:
Morrison

Hinton James
Ehringhaus
Craigie
Parker
Everett
Connor
Cobb
McIver
Spencer
Granville West

VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE