

We will have
some weather today.
High 63. Low 45.

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UNC Koala Week
starts today.
Hint: 'koala' means
'no drink'

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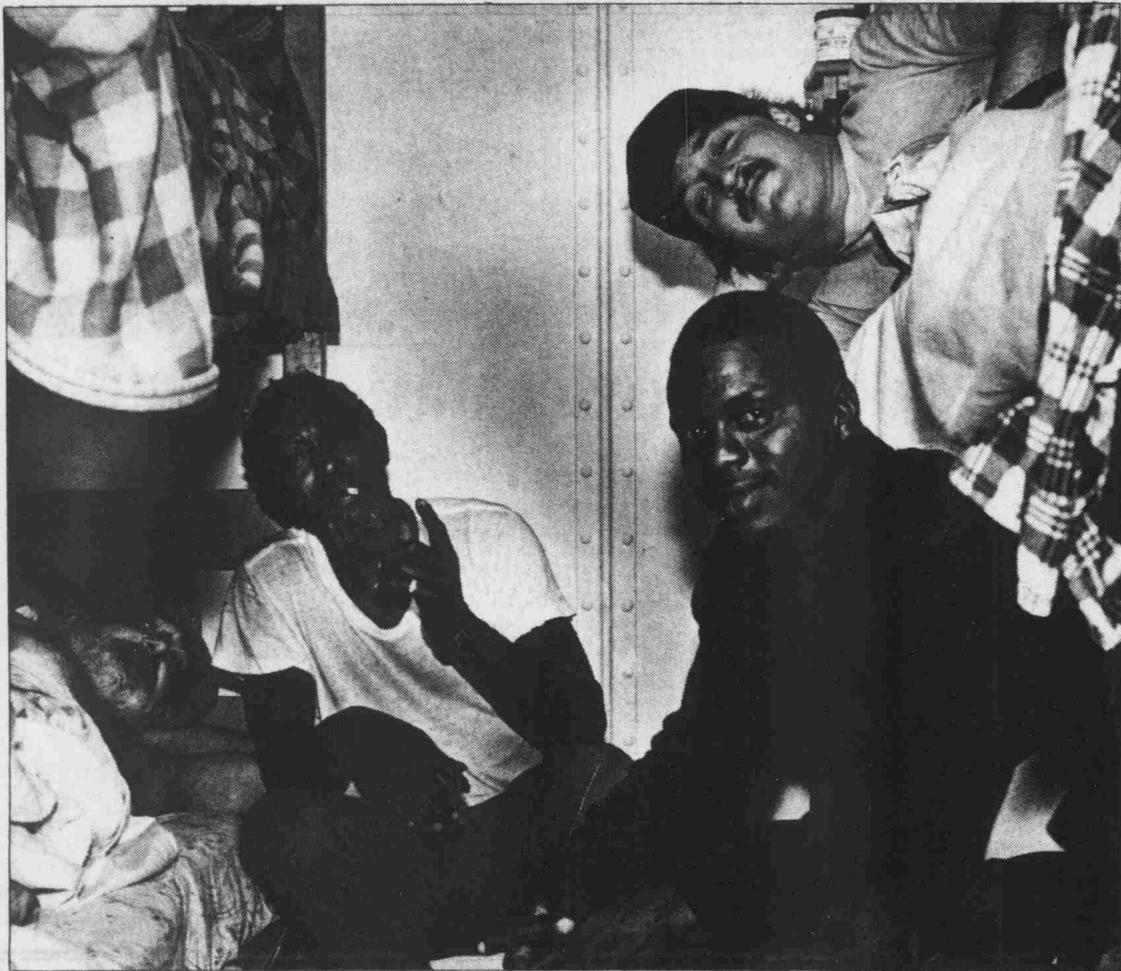
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Friends gather for companionship at the Inter-Faith Council center, located on the corner of Rosemary and Columbia streets

Task force created to help homeless

By CORNELIA LEE
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Mayor James Wallace created a special task force Feb. 11 to improve human services for the homeless of Chapel Hill and to find a new location for the shelter.

The homeless shelter is now in the basement of the municipal building at Columbia and Rosemary streets, which used to be the town jail. Since January 1985, the Inter-Faith Council has operated the shelter daily from 7:30 p.m. to 6 a.m.

Chris Moran, IFC community services consultant, said the current shelter is inadequate. A 24-hour shelter would allow the IFC to offer

more services, such as job-seeking skills classes, Alcoholics Anonymous meetings and literacy classes, he said.

Peggy Pollitzer, chairwoman of the IFC community services division, said the shelter hours were limited by Orange County, which has offices above the shelter. The county did not want the shelter clients around during working hours, she said.

"Everyone thinks this community needs a shelter, but no one wants it in their neighborhood," she said.

Pollitzer and IFC volunteers have been searching over two years for a permanent shelter home. They have found several suitable houses,

but neighborhood residents objected, and the IFC abandoned its plans each time.

Billy Barnes, a member of the mayor's task force, said choices for a permanent shelter location have been narrowed to two sites. The IFC can either find a site in the country or expand the shelter into the entire municipal building, he said.

But many shelter clients work in town and do not own cars, so a shelter in the country would not be feasible, he said. That leaves the municipal building as the only choice, he said.

"The municipal building would be an excellent choice," Pollitzer

said. Located downtown, it has enough space to house expanded shelter services as well as the community kitchen, she said.

The IFC pays the costs of running the shelter, Moran said. Chapel Hill gave the IFC \$15,000, and Carrboro gave \$10,000 for the shelter operation, he said.

The shelter budget this year is \$32,526, which includes salaries for the two paid shelter managers, food, telephone and insurance.

Moran estimated it would cost \$60,000 for the shelter to operate in the municipal building. The IFC

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Magazine sales fraud exposed

By KIMBERLY EDENS
Staff Writer

In two separate incidents on campus, men who said they were representing Summit Publishers Service Co. fraudulently sold magazine subscriptions to students in two North Campus residence halls.

A man who said he was selling three-year magazine subscriptions for the price of one-year subscriptions overcharged several female residents of Connor Residence Hall Monday. And in another incident Thursday, a man with a similar story sold magazine subscriptions to several female residents of Joyner Residence Hall.

A man who said his name was Bryan Hudson went to several rooms on the third floor of Connor on Monday, saying he was a Pepperdine University volleyball player trying to earn points so he could play exhibition games in cities on the East Coast.

Hudson told sophomores Ashley Mattison and Kris Roberts that they could pay for a two-year "Taxi" magazine subscription and receive a third year free.

Since "Taxi" is a monthly magazine, Mattison and Roberts assumed they would receive 36 issues for the \$24 price. But according to the receipt Hudson wrote, they will receive only 12 issues. Also, he charged them a \$5 "processing fee."

"It all looked extremely legitimate," Mattison said Monday.

Five women in Joyner were overcharged by a magazine salesman Thursday. Freshman Denise Cobb said Monday that the man, who said his name was Michael, was about 6 feet tall, weighed about 190 lbs. and had dark hair, dark skin and an English accent.

He told the women that he was a UCLA soccer player, and that if he sold a certain amount of magazine subscriptions he would win a trip to Europe.

Using the same story as Hudson, Michael told the five women that they were buying three-year subscriptions. But their receipts show that they will only receive one-year subscriptions.

Michael also told the women that the last 20 people who bought

magazines from him would receive a free T-shirt and a personally addressed postcard from the European city of their choice.

Cobb and hallmate Wendy Rouse, a sophomore who also bought a subscription, said they saw Michael and a man who fit Hudson's description walking into a snack bar near Cobb Residence Hall on Monday at about 8:30 p.m.

Solicitors must obtain permits from the residence area's desk to sell anything in residence halls. No such permit has been issued for the magazine sellers, Henderson Area Director Ann Stevens said Monday.

No representatives from Summit Publishers Service Co., the Spring, Texas, company that both men said they represented, could be reached Monday night. The company's answering machine said: "All checks are held in our office for seven days before being deposited. If you wish to cancel your order, it must be by midnight of the third business day."

Sophomore David Cunanan, a Hinton James resident, said Monday that he had been visited by women claiming to be college students selling magazines on two separate occasions.

Both times, the two female magazine sellers, who said they were from Gulf Coast Circulation in Cape Coral, Fla., told Cunanan almost the same story that Hudson and Michael told the residents of Connor and Joyner.

On Oct. 28, Cunanan bought a two-year magazine subscription, making a check out to the woman's manager. When Cunanan tried to cancel payment on his check the next morning, the bank officer told him it had been cashed by a man the previous afternoon. He never received the magazines he paid for.

And a few weeks ago, a different woman who said she was representing the same company tried to sell Cunanan another magazine subscription.

When Cunanan called the company after the first incident, he said the secretary he spoke to claimed that "everyone was legitimate." No one from Gulf Coast Circulation's office could be reached Monday night.

Student groups wait to judge influence of faculty support

By DEBBIE RZASA
Staff Writer

The verdict is still out on the success of two separate campus activist groups which have recently turned to the UNC faculty for support.

Students alone may not have a strong enough voice to be recognized by University administrators, representatives from an anti-apartheid group and a coalition against the Shearon Harris nuclear power plant

said Monday. Also, students said it was too early to judge the effectiveness of their faculty petitions.

The Action Against Apartheid (AAA) group just completed a campaign to get faculty signatures on a letter urging administrators to divest University funds from companies doing business in South Africa, AAA member Dale McKinley said Monday.

AAA mailed copies of the signed letters to members of the Board of

Trustees and the Endowment Board, McKinley said.

"We got a fairly wide range of signatures," he said. "We weren't as concerned with numbers as we were with getting a good representation of the faculty." He would not reveal how many signatures were on the letters.

The group circulated the petitions to let members of both boards know that the faculty supports the students against apartheid, McKinley said.

The Campus Coalition for Alternatives to Shearon Harris (CASH) also asked faculty members for support last week. The group is now circulating a petition to University members requesting that the University develop an evacuation plan for the Chapel Hill area in case of an accident at the nuclear power plant.

"The faculty has more clout than the students," said Jeff Fleagle, co-chairman of Campus CASH. "It's been my impression that students

aren't listened to. We are relatively transient, since most of us are only here for four years at the most. But the faculty is permanent."

Fleagle didn't know how many signatures were on the petitions because he distributed them to faculty members, and none have been returned to him yet.

He said Monday that he had hoped that the Faculty Council would vote on the evacuation plan at the next council meeting.

But the council requires faculty members to mention issues they want placed on the agenda one meeting in advance, he said. Since the council will only meet once more this semester, Fleagle said the vote will not be made until the fall, if the council votes at all.

Fleagle now wants to circulate the petition at the council's April 10 meeting and to get a faculty member

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Faculty committee to consider grade system for pass/fail classes

By ERIC BRADLEY
Staff Writer

Grades earned in pass/fail courses could count toward students' grade point averages beginning next year, according to a proposal that will be discussed by the Educational Policy Committee today at 3:30 p.m.

Under the proposal, students who declare a pass/fail option in courses would include them in their grade averages, Miles Fletcher, chairman of the Educational Policy Committee, said Monday.

Students who did not earn the

predicted grades would receive a "pass" or "fail," Fletcher said, just as they do under the system used now.

For example, if a student set a "B" as a target in a pass/fail course and earned a "B" in the course, the grade would appear on his transcript. If the student fell short of the target and obtained a "C" or a "D," the entry on his transcript would be a "P," which would not affect his GPA.

Student Body President Brian Bailey said Monday that he supports the proposal. "It's a great way to take a class and get a high grade and help your GPA," he said. "And at the

same time, you know that if you don't do well it won't hurt."

Students should go to the committee's meeting today to show support for the proposal, Bailey said. The meeting will be in Room 224 of the Student Union.

"I don't see why any student could possibly disagree with this," he said. "It's not going to hurt anybody."

The committee consists of nine faculty members, who are elected to examine UNC's educational policy and to make recommendations to the Faculty Council.

The committee will decide on the

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Finance committee approves most of CGLA budget request

By KRISTEN GARDNER
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The Student Congress Finance Committee voted Monday to recommend that the Carolina Gay and Lesbian Association receive \$2,067 in student fees, or \$50 less than its budget request.

The CGLA's request for funds will be incorporated into the budget bill, which the committee will present to the full congress for approval April 12.

"Basically, we got everything we requested," CGLA Treasurer Mike Nelson said Monday after the committee's budget hearing.

"Our requests weren't outrageous at all."

CGLA officers were "very realistic" when they prepared this year's budget, Nelson said. "We only asked for what we could justify."

In last year's budget process, the group asked for \$2,400 but received only \$905.

The CGLA uses student fees to support its educational Outreach program, to sponsor activities during Lesbian and Gay Awareness Week and to publish Lambda, the organization's newsletter. The funds also help cover

general costs, such as office supplies.

To bring more speakers to campus and to rent educational films during Lesbian and Gay Awareness week, the CGLA asked the congress to increase its budget for the next year's programs by \$760. Although the committee granted the request, the group's budget is not much larger than in past years because of reductions in other areas.

"Basically this is the same request we've made for the past

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The truest sayings are paradoxical. — Lao-tse