

Storm Forces Hunt To Declare State of Disaster

BY JAY MURRIE
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The bitter cold and ice are stretching North Carolina's emergency services to their limit, as well as delaying travel and prompting Gov. Jim Hunt to declare all 100 counties in the state a disaster area.

Hunt also asked President Clinton Saturday afternoon to declare a state of emergency for the state. "This is one of the most widespread natural disasters to strike the state in many years, and I am very concerned about the safety of our citizens," Hunt told the Associated Press Saturday.

Raleigh Highway Patrol Shift Supervisor Greg Whitehouse said his office had handled 800-900 accidents in the 13 counties around Raleigh since Friday. Highway patrol troopers across the state dealt with more than 1,300 accidents in a 12-hour period ending noon Saturday.

"Our phones have been jammed by those inquiring about road conditions," Whitehouse said. "It has prevented us from dealing with actual accidents."

The highway patrol encourages people with inquiries about road conditions to call the road condition hotline at 549-5100. This will allow the highway patrol to deal with accidents more efficiently. "I talked with a woman a while ago who was reporting an accident and said our phone had rung 30-35 times before being answered, and that's unacceptable," he said.

As of Sunday, 10 deaths had been attributed to the weather in North Carolina, seven of which were traffic related. Whitehouse said primary roads were partially cleared in the area around Raleigh, but secondary roads would continue to have considerable snow and ice coverage.

A representative of Duke Power said the company was still dealing with widespread power outages throughout the state, which are expected to continue late into the week in some areas. Duke Power recommends their customers take precautions to deal with the cold.

Duke Power representative Jeremy

Snow Information

- University is open on a regular schedule.
- Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools are closed.
- Chapel Hill Transit will operate on a reduced schedule. Call 968-2769 for schedule information.
- Raleigh-Durham International Airport is operating on a normal schedule. Some delays are due to closings in other cities.
- Orange County Courts are closed today.

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Drier said about 1,000 residences did not have power in Chapel Hill. Durham has 2,600 residences without power and Burlington has 50 power outages. Areas of the state surrounding Charlotte, Hickory and Winston-Salem have the most power outages. Power outages and travel difficulties have also packed the triangle areas hotels. Many hotels in Chapel Hill and Durham have more than doubled their bookings because of the storm.

Beth Morgan, spokeswoman for the Omni Europa in Chapel Hill, said the storm had definitely been good for business.

"We were supposed to have a pretty slow weekend," Morgan said. "Most of the people who showed up said they had power outages. Some customers have stayed extra nights because they can't travel due to the storm."

Travelers at Raleigh-Durham International Airport and Charlotte-Douglas International Airport are experiencing numerous delays and cancellations. Runway conditions at RDU were said to be good Sunday afternoon, but delays were still being caused by flight connections.



The statues outside Hamilton Hall get the full impact of this weekend's ice storm. This second storm of the season brought record low temperatures.

Franklin Street Businesses Facing Difficult Season

■ Shop owners say winter storms are not the only factor in decreasing business.

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For the most part, Franklin Street businesses don't blame early January ice storms for lagging sales. Instead, they point to a less-than-healthy business climate they said exists throughout the year.

Byron Freeman, the owner of Carolina Coffee Shop, said his store was doing comparable business to what it was doing last year at this time.

Although his restaurant is doing well, the high number of restaurants on Franklin Street might not be healthy for commerce in the long run. "It's getting to be one big food court," he said.

The manager of The Hub, Ltd., Lisa Shields, said she noticed a change in the sort of stores that inhabit the downtown area. "The type of store is different," Shields said. "(The area) is getting away from specialty stores and more toward convenient, in-and-out type stores."

The climate of Franklin Street has also changed, Shields said. "It used to be more bustling and active," she said. People are now more interested in quick convenience, something made difficult by the lack of downtown parking.

The owner of Asia Cafe, Chi Banh, said there are too many of the same type of restaurants on the same street. The high competition hurts her business, she said.

"There are too many coffee shops," Banh said.

Town officials said that the current state of business in the downtown area was proceeding as usual despite the slower business.

Joel Harper, president of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce, said, "In comparison to years past, it appears this past year will be flatter than usual."

The state of business on Franklin Street, however, may be following the natural progression of any economy, Harper said. "I don't know if anything should be done," he said. "The free market has made (the situation) such, and the free market always wins."

If there were not a high demand for pizza and coffee, those companies would go out of business, Harper said. "Is Franklin Street changing? Yes. Are the changes bad? No," he said.

Shields and Banh stated that they noticed decreases in the amount of business that their respective establishments had done over the past six months. Shields said her store experienced a 15 to 20 percent loss of business during the Christmas season. Both women also attributed a loss of some business to the ice storms.

The economy on the whole was down, Shields said. "People are afraid to spend money," she said.

One downtown business is not suffering from the competition along Franklin Street. Robert Poitras, the owner and manager of Carolina Brewery, said the winter storms hurt business but that his restaurant was starting to come around.

"West Franklin Street is a healthy business climate for restaurants," Poitras said.

Robert Humphries, executive director of the Downtown Commission, said people had been relatively happy with business for the past six months.

"I feel that it's a healthy time for downtown," Humphries said.

Humphries said business has been very favorable in comparison to past seasons and that new businesses have been pleased with their initial response.

Forum Participants Debate Pros and Cons of Affirmative Action Programs

BY MARVA HINTON
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The University's affirmative action officer, a political science professor and a group of about 20 students discussed the direction of affirmative action and the misconceptions about affirmative action programs Thursday at a forum sponsored by Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc.

The forum featured a discussion between Robert Cannon, the University's affirmative action officer, and William Keech, a political science professor at the

University. Keech, who presented a conservative position on affirmative action, said he supported the breakdown of discrimination but not quotas.

"Jobs and positions should be allocated first on merit, and in close cases race can be considered," Keech said. "It (affirmative action) becomes a burden for all the beneficiaries because people may suspect that someone is there because of their race."

Cannon said there was a widespread perception at the University that black students were admitted because of their race.

Many people think blacks benefit more from affirmative action programs than they actually do, Cannon said.

"There is a perception that black students on this campus do not have the academic qualifications to be here," Cannon said. "There are no quotas here, only goals. What it misses is that there are a lot of students here based on what they did in high school and on standardized tests."

Jay Clayton, a freshman political science major from Durham, said when he was admitted to the University, some students at his high school questioned his

merit. "They asked me what sport do I play," Clayton said.

Cannon said white women have benefited more from affirmative action programs than blacks have.

"Affirmative actions' mission has been subverted to white women," Cannon said. "I think one of the difficulties in this society has been all the attention given to blacks talking about affirmative action."

Keech said white women have been discriminated against. However, he said blacks have experienced more discrimina-

tion. "The kind of discrimination women face does not approach that that blacks have experienced," Keech said.

Affirmative action often benefits people who do not need it, Keech said. "When you have an affirmative action program, be it by race or gender, you may well be choosing people who are advantaged relative to their group," he said.

Cannon said there will always be advantages in favor of some people. "I don't think I will live to see meritocracy," he said. "There will always be privilege.

Among blacks there is privilege."

Keech said the inequality existed because of many problems in society. "Affirmative action is a kind of a Band-Aid," he said. "The big problem is the enormous disparity between opportunity that translates to achievement in schools and jobs."

There are many people who think it is time to discontinue affirmative action programs, Cannon said. "It's not just Republicans," he said. "It's not just whites. It's not just conservatives. There are people who believe that there has been enough time for blacks to catch up."

Students Search for Happiness in 'Light'

Although Lab! Theatre's "Those Days of Light," focuses specifically on a UNC sophomore's pursuit of interpersonal happiness during the Fall 1995 semester, it manages to be both timely and universally relevant.

References to Venable Hall and Caroline jokes aside, playwright Brent Simon, a junior from Greensboro, successfully raises issues as familiar to any college-age student as they are

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"Those Days of Light"

to anyone who has been to college. These are all the conversations ever had about love and friendship and The Police's "Every Breath You Take." Much of the credit for the production's appeal also lies with the actors, who handle wonderfully the breathlessly paced banter of a two and a half hour performance.

As central character Peter Oleander, sophomore Seth V. Sheldon of Hewlett, N.Y., at once possesses comic neuroticism ("But I'm not Jewish!") and touching gravity. Peter's speech is a running monologue of engaging self-deprecation and witty insight, punctuated by frantic, sometimes

distracting, gestures. Yet he lapses into painful introspection at times. His nickname is "Seeker" as he is always searching for the perfect woman, the perfect relationship. Sheldon's performance is marked by a rich emotional complexity, fed by the often lyrical quality of Simon's dialogue.

Kevin Hanna, a freshman from Malvern, Pa., gives an equally complex performance as Peter's roommate Morris Newman. Terrifically intelligent and socially nonconformist, Morris ponders his role in an environment where he is expected to have a roaring social life but unsure about the way to achieve it.

For his role model he has Peter, almost as confused and uncomfortable as Morris. Yet he also has Peter's roommate, "Mr. One-and-Out" Todd Richardson (enthusiastic sophomore A. Jesse Tampo of Potomac, Md.), who goes out with a woman once and never calls her again. Morris also has the guidance of his own roommate Nash Brown, a mix of frat boy sexist machismo and fierce intellect.

As Nash, senior Dan Cox of Winnetka, Ill., is convincingly intolerable. A positively loathsome character, all breast jokes and "did you get any sex" queries, Cox plays Nash to the hilt while carefully bring-

ing out his character's essential brilliance through the course of the play. By the conclusion it seems possible he might actually be more than a caricature of humanity.

Nash finds his match in Peter's ex-girlfriend Marisa Hutchinson, played with esoteric humor by sophomore Jordana Davis of Dix Hills, N.Y. Their interactions transcend the casual banter; they are insightful, frustrating battles of very strong wills. Davis seems unable to decide whether her character is repulsed or amused by Nash's sputtering stereotype of misogyny. This is a response to a curious situation: How does one deal with someone so simultaneously frightening and ludicrous? Marisa introduces a crisis to Peter's self-confidence in the person of her lab partner Ashley Parker, played by freshman Deborah Roseman of McLean, Va., who piques his interest one evening during a chance encounter. It is not too difficult to understand why Peter would be drawn to her sweet candor.

Although the dialogue in "Those Days of Light" may at times be almost too esoteric and free-ranging, it ultimately conveys a compelling message about the active pursuit of happiness — of our own "days of light."

CONGRESS MINUTES

A summary of actions taken at the last Student Congress meeting.

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- BFI-77-082 An act to subsequently appropriate \$645 to the Arab-American Anti-Discrimination Committee. Passed by consent.

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accident calls with this winter storm, said Police Information Specialist Jason Gray. Gray said he was aware of only a few accidents. Gray said he thought the majority of the residents learned how dangerous driving in snow could be from the last storm. "They've learned that you can't just go out and drive like you normally do," he said.

Main roads were passable, for the most part, due to early planning on the part of the town. Chapel Hill Mayor Rosemary Waldorf said Friday afternoon road crews began working 24 hours. "They're doing their best to salt and sand and scrape," Waldorf said.

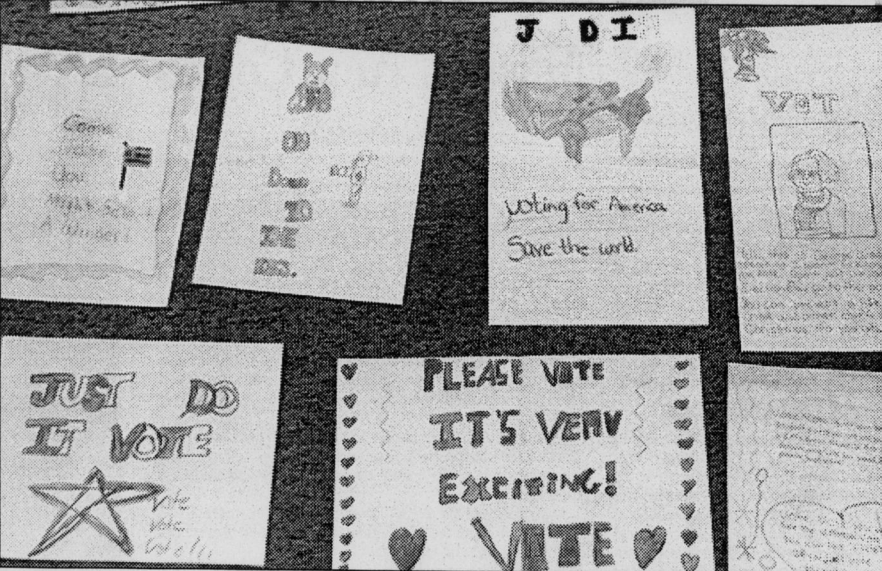
INCENSE
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Booth said. Relaxed atmosphere is also one of the reasons freshman Leila Madani burns incense, but it's not the only one. In fact, her incense has a bit of aura all its own. "I got the incense from Woodstock, N.Y., because I live only ten minutes away in Kingston," she explained. Madani boasts a large collection of incense, her favorite scents being tea rose and green forest. "We burn it for a variety of reasons," she said. "We live next door to the bathroom, so we get that funky smell sometimes. Also, our fridge wasn't defrosted over break, so every time someone opens

- Yackety Yack. Failed 8-11-1.
- RRJ-77-115 A resolution to amend the 1995-1996 Elections Board. Adopted by consent.
- RSA-77-107 An act to initiate a student referendum on food service improvements. Passed 13-0-5.
- BFI-77-097 An act to amend the 1995-96 budget to include \$1,877.84 to the Student Congress.
- Passed by consent.
- RSA-77-106 A resolution to revise the guidelines and requirements of SCR-77-031, a resolution to create the Student Government Commission for the Affirmative Prevention of AIDS. Passed by consent.
- RIC-77-114 A resolution to establish the spring 1996 general election pollsites. Passed by consent.

it, we have to light up the incense. "Mainly though, my roommate and I use incense to relax," she said. "We turn on some music, put on the chili pepper lights and just chill."

A sophomore from Charlotte, who asked to remain anonymous, had a use for incense that is not altogether uncommon to students living in dorms. "It kills the scent of pot before it gets out under the crack in the door," she said. Whether it is lit to cover up the stench of clothes in dire need of a wash, the detestable smell of an often used bathroom, the scent of a substance you just don't want your RA to catch or to provide a relaxing atmosphere, incense is a definite must-have for many students across campus.



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An assortment of posters decorates the bulletin board in the student government offices in Suite C. Fifth graders in Mississippi designed these posters for the Elections Board's campaign to bring voters to the polls on Feb. 13.

Children Lend Hand During Election Season

BY JIM NICKS
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Even though Mississippi fifth-graders can not attend UNC or vote in campus elections, they are playing a big part in campus elections this year.

To combat last year's low voter turnout Elections Board Chairwoman Annie Stuart has found a unique way to motivate students to vote.

Stuart has enlisted the help of Meinda Manning, a former UNC elections board chairwoman and Manning's fifth-grade social studies class to increase voter participation at UNC. Manning's fifth-grade class, which spent two weeks in December learning about voting and citizenship, created posters and slogans urging students to participate in the elections.

The children's posters include a George Washington poster and posters stating that elections will be held on Feb. 13. Stuart said she had decided to use the poster with the George Washington theme with a slogan that the elections board created.

It all began last year when Erin Lewis, 1995 elections board chairwoman, needed help coming up with slogans urging students to vote. Lewis called Manning, who had been the previous election's board chair the year before to get some help, Manning said.

Manning's class was learning about voting and citizenship, she said. Manning said she thought it would help the students learn if they were given a real-life situation to deal with.

Stuart decided to continue this tradition and expand upon it by also using the

children's posters. Stuart said this helped the elections board and the children by "giving the children an opportunity to learn about citizenship."

Manning graduated from UNC in 1994 and is now in the Teach for America program. She teaches in the Mississippi delta region, one of the poorest areas in the United States. Manning said that this project "showed a real life application" for her students.

Stuart said she was happy to give Manning a way to still help out UNC.

Elections board member Gerry Andray said he thought this was an excellent idea and that the "poster ideas were original."

Manning said she hoped to continue it in the future. "It's an excellent opportunity for some of the poorest children in the nation."

Campus Calendar

- 209 Hanes.
- 4:30 p.m. UNIVERSITY CAREER SERVICES will sponsor a resume writing for internships workshop in 306 Hanes. Open to all interested freshmen, sophomores and juniors.
 - 6 p.m. UPPER/LOWER QUAD orientation counselor interest session in Manly Lounge.
 - 6:30 p.m. WACHOVIA presentation sponsored by University Career Services in Hill Ballroom of the Carolina Inn. Open to students on interview schedule.
 - 7 p.m. UNIVERSITY CAREER SERVICES will sponsor Job Hunt 101: Basic information on how to use the UCS office for seniors and graduate students in 210 Hanes.
 - 7:30 p.m. PHI SIGMA PI will hold a meeting in Carroll 106. Come learn about our co-ed social, service and academic fraternity.
 - 8 p.m. UNIVERSITY CAREER SERVICES will sponsor a career panel on careers in nonprofits in

- 10 a.m. DOUGLAS ASHLEY: Master class at Meredith College in Carrwell.
- 10:30 a.m. SENIOR CORPS FESTIVAL Come to learn more about places to volunteer in the Chapel Hill area in the Pit until 2 p.m.
- 2 p.m. DISSERTATION SUPPORT GROUP: Handle the problems that block progress with specific strategies in University Counseling Center in Nash Hall. Call 962-2175, registration is required.
- 3:15 p.m. CAREER CLINIC: Develop an Action Plan for choosing a major or career in University Counseling Center in Nash Hall.
- 3:30 p.m. UNIVERSITY CAREER SERVICES will sponsor an introduction to internships workshop in 306 Hanes. Open to all interested freshmen, sophomores and juniors.
- 4 p.m. UNIVERSITY CAREER SERVICES will sponsor a career panel on careers in nonprofits in

- will sponsor Job Hunt 102: Resumé (for seniors/graduate students). This covers the basics for constructing a professional resumé in 210 Hanes.
- PAUPER PLAYERS general interest meeting in 103 Bingham Hall. Anyone interested in theatrical productions is welcome!
- 9 p.m. CAN YOU HANDLE THE TRUTH? Nationally renowned speaker Lou Giglio will be speaking in Carmichael Ballroom. Bring an open mind and a friend. Sponsored by FCA.
- ITEMS OF INTEREST
- STUDENT NC ASSOCIATION OF EDUCATOR'S next meeting is Feb. 8 at 7 p.m. in Room 10 Peabody Hall. Topic: Making full use of your resources. All members and nonmembers are invited. Call 933-2896 for more info.
- CANDIDATE'S FORUM The UNC Chapter of NAACP and Campus Y will hold an election forum on Feb. 6 in Union 211. All students are invited!