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Mostly cloudy; mid 40s.
Wednesday: Cloudy; high 40s.

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Greek houses have 5 years to install sprinkler systems

■ Multiresidential buildings are also required to install sprinkler systems.

BY KATE HARRISON
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The Chapel Hill Town Council voted unanimously Monday to adopt an ordinance requiring all existing fraternity and sorority houses to install automatic sprinkler systems within five years and all new Greek houses to be built with the sprinklers.

"We want to prevent another May 12 incident and protect future residents who may not remember the lessons of the Phi Gamma Delta incident," said Chapel Hill Fire Chief Dan Jones, who recommended the passage of Ordinance A along with Town Manager Cal Horton.

Although Ordinance A was passed unanimously, council members Joyce Brown, Richard Franck and Mark Chilton originally supported a different ordinance, Ordinance B.

This option would have given Greek houses as many as seven years to install the systems, provided the houses met certain safety requirements such as employing alarm systems and fire escapes in two years.

"While I respect the opinions of the

Ordinance decision

■ The council passed ordinances that will require all fraternity and sorority houses as well as multifamily houses to have an operational sprinkler system in five years' time.

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manager and fire chief, I think in fairness to the students we should enact Ordinance B," Brown said.

"It would offer students more flexibility and more protection because it gives more protection other than just sprinklers."

Student Body President Aaron Nelson and Brett Perry, Chapel Hill Town Council liaison for student government, also spoke in support of Ordinance B, citing financial difficulties with the five-year window as well as the benefits of having some fire safety devices installed in the next two years.

Council member Edith Wiggins, however, said she supported Ordinance A after learning about the funding available to Greek organizations.

"Our students will not have the financial burden because the national organizations and alumni will make contributions," she said.

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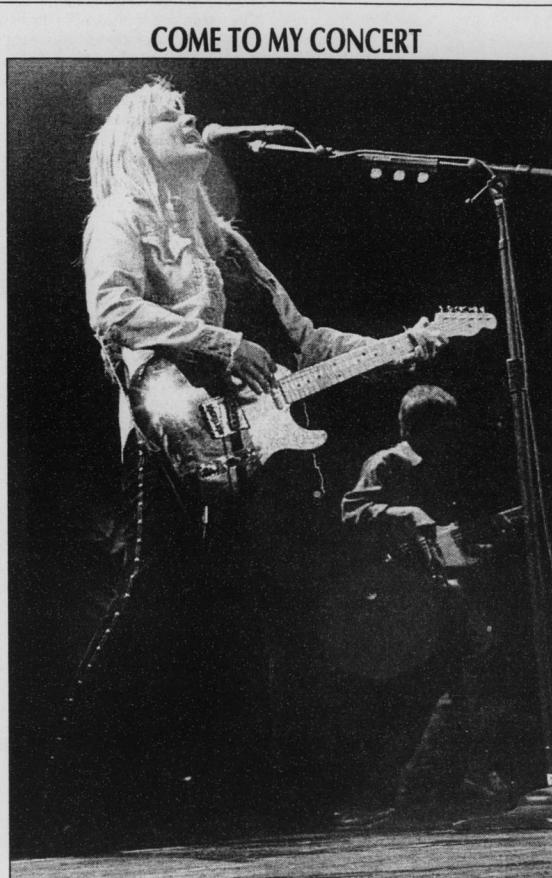
nized fire chief, it's hard to go against his recommendation."

The council also agreed to exempt structures on the property of Greek organizations with no more than 1,000 square feet and no sleeping facilities would be exempted from the requirements.

Houses with any occupancy will still be required to install sprinkler systems despite a motion to limit the ordinance's scope.

Along with requiring Greek houses to install sprinkler systems, the council also passed ordinances mandating that multiresidential homes and nonresidential buildings safeguard against fires.

Ordinance C forces all new multiresidential homes with three or more attached units and 6,000 square feet of floor space to have the sprinkler systems. Ordinance F requires all new nonresidential buildings of more than 6,000 square feet to be built with the systems.



DTH/JOHN IKEDA
Melissa Etheridge rocks the Dean Dome on Monday night.
See the concert review in Thursday's Diversions.

Citations issued at ball game

■ A police officer said the smell of alcohol wafted from student seating Saturday.

BY RICK CONNER
STAFF WRITER

Three students were issued citations at the UNC-Louisville football game at Kenan Stadium on Saturday during what one University Police official called "one of the worst games I have ever worked."

Lieutenant Angela Carmon, crime prevention officer for UNC Police, said she could smell the odor of alcohol floating down from the student section to where she was stationed on the field.

"It was quite apparent that people were not in control of their drinking," Carmon said.

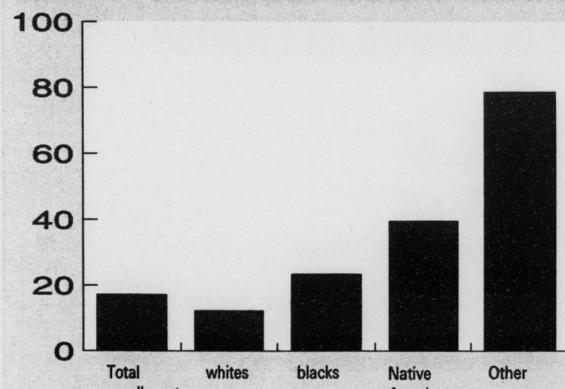
John Robinson, 22, a senior from New Bern, was cited for trespassing, being intoxicated and disruptive behavior in public, according to police reports.

Carmon said police officers first noticed Robinson when he became involved in a shoving match with another man. Police reports state that Robinson was warned on three different occasions by a security officer about his conduct toward

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Enrollment on a roll

During the past 10 years (1986-96) enrollment of minorities in the UNC system has grown steadily.



SOURCE: REPORT TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

DTH/ANNE RILEY AND EILEEN RUSSELL

UNC schools attracting more minority students

■ But overall enrollment dropped slightly last year, a UNC-system study showed.

BY LEANN SPRADLING
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When UNC Senior Class President Ladell Robbins looked at colleges as a high school student, minority outreach programs tipped the scale in favor of UNC.

"The minority recruitment committee really reached out to me, and when you have a student that personally reaches out to you, that makes a real impact," he said.

Robbins is not the only minority student influenced by recruitment efforts at all 16 UNC-system schools. Minority students throughout the UNC system have been enrolling at a greater rate than other students during the past 10 years, according to a report given at Friday's Board of Governors meeting.

"I think that's a trend that will continue," said C. Cliff Cameron, BOG chairman. "The board has pushed it, and the chancellors have pushed it."

Cameron said he thought that black students now felt more comfortable at

tending historically white institutions. The report released Friday shows that black enrollment at historically white institutions is at an all-time high of 9.45 percent.

UNC-system President C.D. Spangler credited campus outreach programs at all 16 universities with helping to increase minority enrollment.

Robbins agreed with Spangler. "I think the reason you see minority enrollment rising is because minority students on campus are taking an active role in outreach," said Robbins, who attended three events sponsored by the Office of Minority Affairs as a high school student.

"I think the black students here are relating to students in their hometowns how important it is to have a college education, and how attending a university like UNC can be helpful later on," he said.

While minority enrollment has been increasing, total enrollment dropped slightly this year, for the first time since 1976.

Spangler said recent tuition increases may have contributed to the drop in enrollment, which was particularly noticeable among out-of-state students, students over 22 and returning students —

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Town deadlocks on home business definition

■ The Town Council also discussed a public access tax on cable customers.

BY STACEY TURNAGE
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Defining home occupations and funding public access television were concerns addressed at the Chapel Hill Town Council meeting Monday.

After lengthy discussion, the council sent proposed changes in the home occupation ordinance back to Town Manager Cal Horton for further review. The changes would regulate in-home businesses by requiring the owner to register with the town through parking and advertising permits.

The major concern with the proposed changes was its lack of distinction about at what point a personal hobby becomes a business and is required to register with the town.

"There is no clear line where a hobby turns into an occupation," council member Mark Chilton said.

Council member Joe Capowski said he thought the distinction between a hobby and an occupation would be unenforceable.

"I think this is a soft, squishy issue,"

Capowski said. "The more legislation we throw at it, we will eventually make a bigger mess than we already have."

Council member Lee Pavao said he thought all the needs of home occupations were addressed because a majority of the committee members who developed the new wording for the ordinance run home businesses.

Pavao said the purpose of the ordinance changes was not to stifle the growth of home occupations. "We are concerned with the integrity of area neighborhoods."

In another matter, council members passed a resolution that would tax cable users in order to fund public access television.

Horton said under the resolution, Time Warner Cable Co. could bill cable customers 65 cents per month to upgrade the existing space and equipment for non-

profit organizations filming programs for public access television.

The tax is useless because the opportunity already exists for nonprofit organizations to produce TV programs, council member Pat Evans said. "It may not be the Cadillac of space or Ted Turner's studio, but it still offers adequate space and equipment," she said.

Capowski said he thought the tax was worthwhile if it could fund programs that normally wouldn't exist because of funding shortages. "We have a town of overachievers and creative people," he said.

Capowski also said he thought if the tax was not levied, the quality of programs would be at risk. "If Time Warner continues to run public access television, it will limp along the way it is," he said. "I think it's a worthwhile shot if it will generate quality television programs."

UNC veterans remembered for sacrifices

■ A Marine Corps general said veterans were society's unsung heroes.

BY ASHLEY STEPHENSON
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Students walking past Polk Place on Monday left their daily stress and routines for a moment to drop their backpacks and clasp their hands in honor of American veterans.

Veterans and students alike said they were moved by the Veterans Day Ceremony held to commemorate those who had served in the armed forces in U.S. wars. The UNC divisions of the Navy, Army and Air Force sponsored the ceremony.

The address of guest speaker Brigadier General George Walls Jr., of the United States Marine Corps, attracted many passing students and was met with respectful silence from the audience.

Walls' address recounted the numerous wars the United States has faced and thanked all who had served in them.

"Let us look into their eyes and say that we are a grateful nation," Walls said. "We can never say enough that we are



DTH/MARGO HASSELMAN
Officers and civilians bow their heads during the invocation at the Veteran's Day vigil on Polk Place. The ceremony was held Monday to honor those who have served in the U.S. Military.

the children of your sacrifice, and we thank you."

Walls said the veterans of all American wars were ordinary citizens who wanted to serve their country and that they were society's unsung heroes.

"We must remember the selfless sacrifice of our veterans. Their mission is complete and ours must continue."

A rifle salute honoring veterans with UNC ties followed General Walls' address, and the "Lowering of the Colors," accompanied by "Taps," marked the end of the ceremony.

The audience rose in respect as the flag was lowered.

Tears sprang into the eyes of many veterans as postures stiffened and hands

rose in respectful salutes.

"I'm a big believer in remembering our vets and their families," said U.S. Navy Lt. Commander Harvey E. Ranard Jr., CHC, a veteran of the Gulf War who spoke at the ceremony. "We need to not only recognize the sacrifices made by the veterans, but also the sacrifices of the families."

Opportunity knocked. My doorman threw him out.

Adrienne E. Gusoff