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It's always springtime in McCorkle Place, or so it seems. These zealous Chapel Hillians are flying in the face of a coming fall to enjoy one last fling in the warm weather. Have fun now, people, for tomorrow it may snow.

(Staff photo by John Locher)

WRBX to present 'solid gold' sounds

by Stella Shelton
Staff Writer

WRBX, a new commercial AM radio station featuring solid gold music is scheduled to begin broadcasting early next month at 1530 on the dial.

Final preparations for broadcasting are being made at WRBX's 311 W. Rosemary St. station and at the station's twin towers on Jones Ferry Rd. Michael Turner, vice-president and general manager, said, "We're shooting for the end of this month or the first of November."

The 160-foot towers will throw a simple directional signal over the Research Triangle daily from sunrise to sunset. With 5,000 watts of power, Turner said, "There's no place in the Triangle you won't be able to get us."

Getting on the air has been a problem for WRBX, Turner said. The station has been licensed by the FCC since April of 1969 and has been in the planning stages much longer than that.

Turner said that various local protests have been staged, preventing an earlier starting date. Zoning hearings involving location of the towers also held up WRBX. Program Director Robert Friedman says

the station's approach to music is "adult contemporary." If that sounds too scary, the format is basically "solid gold," going back as far as 1955 or '56.

But it's not middle-of-the-road stuff. Friedman said the station will play artists who contributed to the development of rock—progressive but not super-heavy. In addition to the oldies, WRBX will have a "meticulously selected" current playlist and will broadcast cuts from solid gold albums, Friedman said.

"Repetition will be held to a minimum," Friedman added. He said the music will be "as palatable to the University audience as it is to the community."

Friedman further described the station's sound as being "moderately homogenized" during the week. He said the weekends will be reserved for specialty programs. Programs under consideration include movie and record reviews, the syndicated Barry Farber interview show, the National Lampoon Radio Hour, local discussion groups and live area folk music.

The staff plans to provide extensive news coverage. They will do comprehensive local news and will work closely with the University, according to Friedman.

Israeli, Egyptian forces battle in Mideast conflict

United Press International

Israel said Monday its reinforced and regrouped armed forces had counterattacked the invading Syrian and Egyptian armies and that Egyptian tanks which crossed the Suez Canal into the Sinai Peninsula were being routed. The Arab nations denied it.

Israel claimed mastery of the air following deep penetration raids into Egypt and Syria, including attacks on five Syrian air bases Monday, and said its planes and ground troops shot down 15 Egyptian planes over

the Sinai and several Syrian planes over the Golan Heights.

A Cairo communique said the Egyptian forces were in complete command of the whole eastern bank of the Suez Canal and were advancing into the Israeli-held Sinai. The Arabs reported more than 150 Israeli planes shot down—about a third of the Israeli strike force.

An Israeli military spokesman said most of the Syrian anti-aircraft batteries in the Golan Heights had been destroyed. He also said the Israelis were attempting to encircle a Syrian tank brigade and that the situation in

the Heights had eased enough to permit evacuated settlers to return.

The 1973 Middle East War began at 2 p.m. Saturday (8 a.m. EDT) when Israel and United Nations observers reported the Arabs struck Israel on two fronts. The Arabs accused Israel of starting the war and pledged to continue it until all occupied lands are liberated from Israeli occupation.

Israeli military commentators said Israeli strategy was to block the two invaders and then counterattack. An official spokesman said Monday, "The holding action has been concluded. Our forces are repulsing the

enemy." Frontline military reporters said the Israeli air force had knocked out the dozen or so pontoon bridges across the Suez Canal and that 400 or so Egyptian tanks were now trapped. Monday night the Israeli National Radio reported the "routing" of those tanks.

The Israeli command said the Arabs had suffered heavy losses, including 90 aircraft and helicopters, but it refused to disclose its own casualties in fending off the attacking Arabs for two days.

An Israeli military spokesman, broadcasting to the nation, said the situation on both the Egyptian Suez Canal front and the Syrian Golan Heights line was "encouraging . . . the initiative on the field of battle has turned to the Israelis."

Cairo Radio gave a far different picture of the situation. A communique broadcast at 1:40 p.m. (7:40 a.m. EDT) said:

"The eastern bank is now completely in the hands of our forces."

Syrian communiques reported their troops had liberated large areas of the Golan Heights, that tanks and troops were advancing rapidly under Syrian air cover and that Syria during the day had shown down 32 Israeli planes.

Both Cairo and Damascus reported beating back Israeli counterattacks and said the Israelis suffered heavy losses in men and tanks.

Weather

TODAY: Variable cloudiness with a chance of light showers. The high is expected in the upper 70's to the low 80's. The low tonight is expected in the low 60's. There is ten per cent chance of precipitation through tonight. Outlook: a possible clearing.

Taylor reaffirms plan

by Janet Langston
Staff Writer

Chancellor N. Ferebee Taylor reaffirmed UNC's commitment to the Affirmative Action plan Friday, in response to a letter by Health, Education and Welfare officials which outlined remedial action for UNC's plan.

UNC's Affirmative Action plan was sent July 1, 1973 to the regional office of HEW. The plan provides for promoting and maintaining equal employment opportunity practices within the University of North Carolina, with special emphasis on female and black representation.

Although no response from HEW was received until September 27, Taylor said, the University continued to employ its principles of affirmative action. Now that further revisions must be made, he added, "we will continue our efforts to implement the Plan

so as to achieve our goals of equal employment opportunity and affirmative action."

Chancellor Taylor reactivated the Affirmative Action Working Committee to "coordinate and direct the required amplification" of UNC's plan. He also made personnel changes to replace two committee members leaving UNC.

Susan McDonald, Assistant to the Vice-Chancellor for Administration, was named committee chairman. Louise M. Hall, Chairman of the new EPA non-faculty grievance committee, was also appointed to the committee.

They succeeded Jean H. Gaudin and Professor John L. Sanders. Sanders will become Vice President for Planning in the University's General Administration.

Chancellor Taylor advised the members of the working committee to "consult with all interested persons and groups" in revising the

plan to meet further HEW specifications.

Douglass Hunt, Affirmative Action Officer, set the middle of January, 1974, to submit UNC's "amplified plan."

During the talks with HEW officials, Hunt said, "It became rapidly evident that we have a very sizable task ahead of us—a task at least as large as that we embarked upon in developing the original plan."

HEW requested documentation for the revised plan, including substantiated data to determine if, and why, minority groups are being underutilized in faculty, EPA and SPA job classifications of the University.

Further evidence is also requested on establishment of goals and timetables, compliance with Affirmative Action, publicity of UNC's intent to hire without sex or racial consideration and evidence that UNC is participating in programs to increase its minority employees.

UMW gauges strike support

by Seth Efron
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Since late July members of the United Mine Workers of America (UMW) in Harlan County, Ky., have been on strike against Eastover Mining Company owned by Charlotte-based Duke Power Company. Bernard Aronson, a UMW organizer, came to Chapel Hill Friday to explain the strike to Student Government (SG) leaders and to gauge the amount of support for the miners.

On June 26 employees of Duke Power's Brookside Mine voted by a margin of 2-1 to be represented by the UMW rather than the company-oriented Southern Labor Union (SLU).

The central issues in the strike are working conditions, wages, pension benefits and the right to exploit the labor of coal miners in

Harlan County by absentee land owners, such as Duke Power.

The most pressing issue is mine safety. There is no safety committee with the right to inspect the mines and to tell the company what hazards exist and what must be done to create safer mines.

News Analysis

"Coal mining is hard and dangerous work. During the past 15 years, on the average of one coal miner has died in the nation's mines every working day," Aronson, UMW spokesman, said. "In December 1970, 38 miners died in an explosion in a non-UMW mine in Hyden, Ky. (a neighboring town). The men in Brookside remember Hyden and don't want to see a repeat in their mine."

Under the contract between Eastover and the SLU, the top salary of the workers was \$38 for an eight-hour day. This does not include the hour it takes to get from the portal to the "face," or work area, of the mine. Often workers have to ride slow coal cars down the mine and then crawl on their hands and knees for 100 yards to the work

area. They do not get paid for this time.

The miners spend 10 hours or more in the mines and get paid for only eight hours.

The UMW is asking for a \$39.75 per day minimum wage including pay for travel from the portal to the face of the back.

The Union also wants the passage-way down the mines improved. "If a man is injured on the job, it would probably kill him if he had to be carried over an area only wide enough for someone to crawl through," Aronson said.

The SLU has a pension plan, Aronson said, but he has never heard of a SLU card holder ever receiving any money from the plan. The SLU offers a pension plan based on 14 cents a ton. The UMW plan calls for a pension plan based on 80 cents per ton of coal mined, a comprehensive hospitalization, retirement and family medical care.

Aronson added that the miners now have no job security.

"The people who operate the mines can hire and fire at will," said Aronson.

Duke Power's response to the picketers has been minimal to this point. They have recognized that the workers are represented by the UMW but have not met any of the union's demands. In Charlotte, the workers and Duke Power executives met only briefly.

Aronson said he felt the strike was going well. Almost 200 miners were out on strike. The Eastover Mining Company attempted to break the spirit of the workers by getting restraining orders to limit to two the number of picketers and by hiring scabs. The Harlan County Coal Operator's Association sent out a letter to all workers in the county stating: "The Eastover Mining Company, Brookside, Ky. will hire about 100 men because their employees are now on strike."

With the combination of only two men on the picket line and the letter, scabs felt little restraint, and about 60 went to work. When the wives of the miners realized what was going on, they organized themselves and set up their own picket line. In a couple of days the scabs refused to cross the line.

This past week Aronson and several of the coal miners have been in Charlotte picketing the headquarters of the Duke Power Company. The miners are pointing out that in a few weeks Duke Power will be asking for a 17 per cent rate increase.

"If Duke can ask for a 17 per cent rate increase then they will have to prove to us, the consumers, and the N.C. Utilities Commission an increase is justified. I'm sure the commission will wonder why they will want to increase their rates, and cheat their employees," Aronson said.

Police crackdown

Bicycle rules enforced

by Bunky Flagler
Staff Writer

Freshmen William Fox and Dwight Dutton, two Morrison dormitory residents, started their UNC days with a crash.

Riding bicycles, they collided in the Ramshead parking lot early in the semester. Fox said he was only shaken up a bit.

But Dutton landed in N.C. Memorial Hospital for a week with his fractured jaw fixed, a rubber support under his eye to replace a broken facial bone and a set of recapped teeth. He's back in classes now.

Approximately four accidents—most not as serious—occur monthly, Lt. Arnold Gold of the Chapel Hill Police Department said.

He said most accidents involve automobiles, although the Dutton-Fox accident indicates the serious danger of riding a bicycle, even if an automobile is not involved.

"In an accident, no matter who's right and who's wrong, the operator of a bike is going to come out getting hurt," Gold said.

The bicycle is the country's most hazardous product, the consumer product safety commission reported last week in a survey of hundreds of products for safety standards.

It caused 372,000 injuries requiring emergency treatment this year, the Commission said. Mechanical failure, feet caught in spokes and chains and loss of control are the major causes of accidents, according to the report. They plan to issue mandatory safety regulations later this year.

But until better, safer bicycles are required by law, Chapel Hill police will continue their attempt to alleviate the main cause of bicycle accidents—the careless, unknowledgeable driver.

"You can't ride a bicycle with an air of nonchalance," Gold said. "You must be aware." And you must know the laws, he said.

The Police Department staged a biking law and safety campaign through radio, TV, newspapers and through 4,300 brochures sent to all new UNC students. They listed the rules of the road, listed bike paths and given safety hints—an attempt for safer biking.

Police have arrested 20 students since school started in an attempt to prevent injury.

Wednesday night, a patrol car pulled out of Fraternity Row after quieting down noisy fraternity men. Headed south on Columbia Street, he made a quick U-turn towards Ackland Museum. Blue lights flashing, the car was hot on the tail of an offending biker—someone riding without proper lights.

The biker got a ticket that will cost him from \$16 to \$26, the same fine imposed on the operator of a motor vehicle without proper head and tail light equipment. Running a red light or a stop sign will get a biker similar fines.

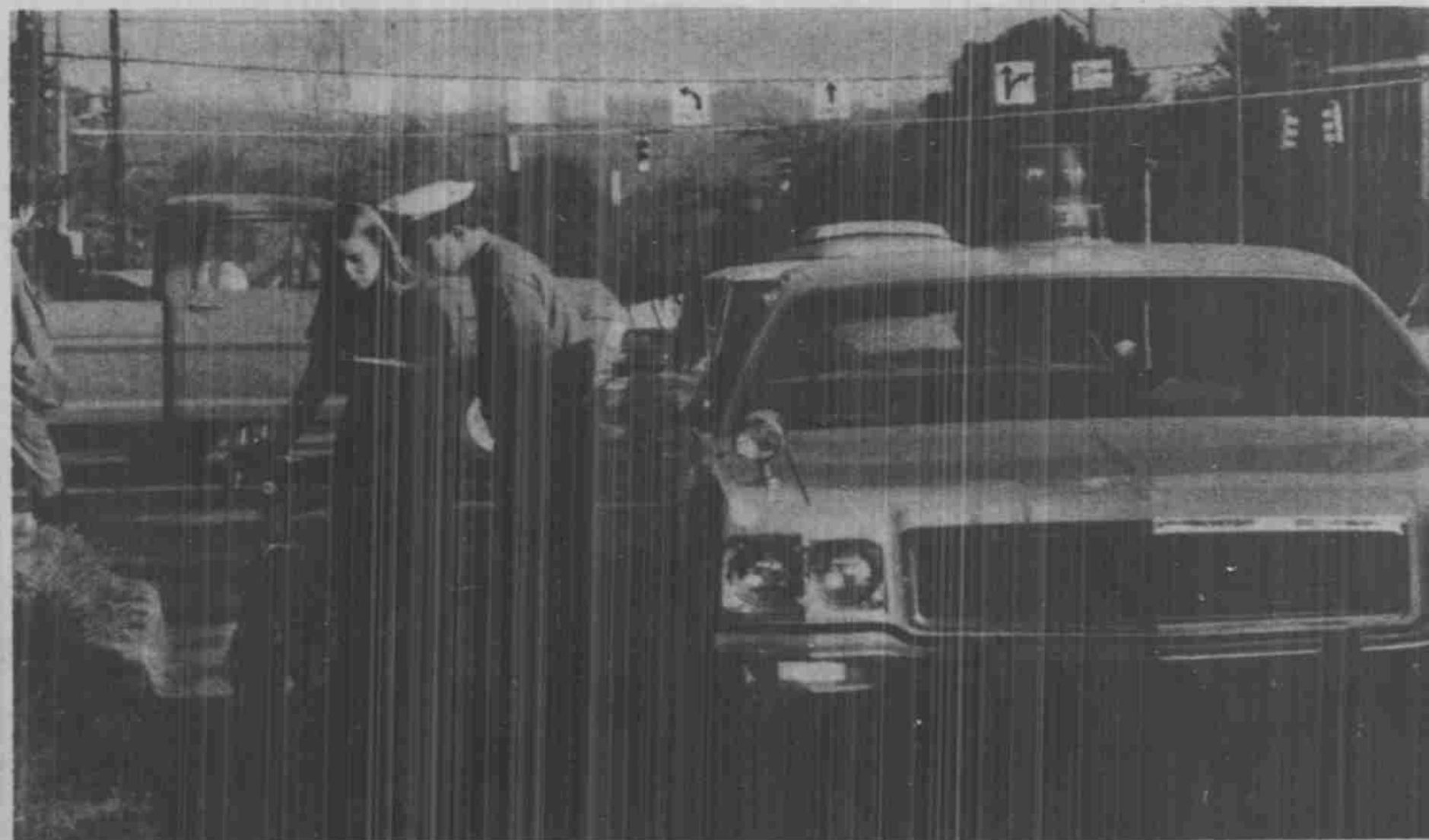
The rules are the same for operators of both automobiles and bicycles, and offenders pay the same consequences, Gold said.

On the whole, things have improved since the beginning of the semester, Gold said. "At least 90 per cent of all those without lights at the beginning of the year now have them."

To the 14,000 estimated cyclists in Chapel Hill, Gold said: "If you're involved in an accident, you're gonna be hurt." But police can't control bikers as well as they'd like, he said.

"One of our problems is just that bicycle riders are hard to apprehend," he said. "If a biker runs a red light, he's gone." Policemen don't always arrest offenders, however. Sometimes there's just a warning, but that warning comes out strong and stiff.

"Hey buddy," one policeman warned a drunk and stoned biker cruising in the still-balmy September night without lights. "The best thing for you to do with that thing is to park it," he said. "And for you to get on home."



"Well, well, well . . . thought you could get away with it, huh?"

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