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Today will be partly cloudy and windy with a 20 per cent chance of rain. The low last night reached 22.

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SG backs ice skating in Tin Can

Ice-less surface offers many uses

by Elliott Potter
Staff Writer

Student Government will propose to Chancellor N. Ferebee Taylor and the Board of Trustees next semester that the Tin Can be converted to an ice skating rink using a synthetic ice skating surface known as Suntec.

Student Body President Billy Richardson said Wednesday that research by David Royle and the Sports Club Council has revealed that if revenue sources can be found, the conversion of the Tin Can would be feasible.

"The Sports Club Council is now concentrating their efforts on locating money to make the conversion," Royle said.

The cost of surfacing the Tin Can floor with Suntec would be similar to surfacing the floor with asphalt, according to Richardson. He said the conversion could be made when the Tin Can is moved next year to a location near Fetzer Field. A new physical education and intramural facility will be built on the site now occupied by the Tin Can.

Suntec is a plastic surface that can be used as an ice-less skating surface when lubricated by a thin layer of waxlike conditioner. When dry, Suntec can be used as a gym floor suitable for basketball, volleyball, tennis or dancing.

"The ice-less surface was invented five years ago in Redding, Calif., by Fred Niswonger, a chemical engineer. It has been used throughout the world because it doesn't require refrigeration. Installation of a 200-by-85-foot Suntec rink would cost approximately \$125,000. Maintenance of the skating service would cost almost \$37,000 per year.

The maintenance cost of an artificial frozen ice system is about four times higher than the maintenance of the Suntec surface.

Richardson said that the surface is 95 per cent as fast as ice and would be suitable for ice hockey.

If the rink opened, students would pay a fee to skate on the surface, Richardson said.

The surface is guaranteed for 6,000 hours of skating activity, he said. By scheduling activities for both dry surface sports and skating, Royle said the surface would last for several years.

Suntec's promotional literature estimates the life of the surface at three years. When the surface wears out, it can be sanded down and replenished.



Brothers of the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity watch helplessly as Chapel Hill firemen battle the raging flames that gutted their house at Finley Golf Course. Members of nearby fraternities managed to save some of the furniture and belongings.

Raging fire destroys Pi Kappa Phi house

by David Stacks
Staff Writer

A fire that may have been caused by a burning candle or a faulty electrical switch destroyed the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity house at 216 Finley Road early Wednesday. No one was in the house at the time. "The house is a total loss," Steve Zaytoun, house manager, said.

The value of the house and amount of insurance coverage could not be learned. Pi Kappa Phi President David Allen estimated the fraternity would be reimbursed for 90 per cent of the damages.

The fire began in a second-floor bedroom, spread to the eaves outside the house, and entered the third floor through a window.

The third floor and roof were completely destroyed. The first and second floors suffered extensive damage from water, smoke and fire.

All 34 fraternity brothers who lived at the house were away when the fire began. Residents of neighboring fraternities saw the flames and called the fire department at 1:15 a.m.

The Pi Kappa Phi fraternity brothers were attending pledge initiation ceremonies at University Methodist Church when the fire was discovered.

"It's amazing that everybody was at the church," Allen said. After the fire department was called, approximately 200 members of neighboring fraternities rescued furniture and personal items from the burning house.

One room of the house burned in a fire two years ago. Since then,

fire sprinklers and a smoke detection system were installed. Insurance coverage also was increased.

Pi Kappa Phi Treasurer Mark Prillaman said when the fraternity brothers returned to the burning house at 1:40 a.m., the sprinklers and smoke alarms were in operation. He said residents of four neighboring fraternities saw the flames but did not hear the alarms.

Six teams from the Chapel Hill Fire Department responded to the call. Firemen said the heat in the second-floor bedroom where the fire began buckled the steel girders between the second and third floors.

Dean of Student Affairs Donald A. Boulton, who was at the scene of the blaze from 2:30 a.m. until 4:30 a.m., said the fraternity brothers' exams may be postponed because most of their textbooks and notebooks were burned.

"We've got to find out who has what kind of problem," Boulton said. "If any difficulty arises, we should be able to work something out."

The brothers are staying at other fraternity houses and with friends.

"The whole Greek (fraternity) system has been super to us, and so has Dean Boulton," Prillaman said. "We've had, I don't know how many, offers of places to stay for meals."

"People from the University have been good. We've even had offers of dorm rooms," Prillaman said.

Definite plans for rebuilding the house have not been made. Zaytoun said the fraternity may use the same foundation and frame in rebuilding the house. The house originally was built in 1967.

Brothers optimistic despite extensive damage

by Vernon Mays
Staff Writer

Most of the fraternity members stood and watched in awe as their belongings went up in flames at the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity house early Wednesday morning.

"It was such a helpless feeling to watch from outside as I saw my curtains begin to burn and then spread flames through the room," said fraternity member Bob Lawrence.

The inferno that gutted the second and third floors of the building left the 34 residents in a position of uncertainty about their immediate futures.

"I don't know where I'll stay," said Jim Hunt as he poked through the rubble on the floor of his room.

The prospect of finding a place to stay for the rest of this semester and next semester does not seem to upset the fraternity brothers.

"All the other fraternities have been extremely helpful in offering us

temporary lodging," said President David Allen.

In addition, the Department of University Housing has offered to locate rooms on campus for members to use for the remainder of the semester with an option to live in University Housing next semester.

Clothing was a more pressing problem.

"All I have is what I have on," said Bobby Cockerham. "Everything else was ruined by the blaze."

Several members lost all their clothing to either fire or smoke damage, and the others generally lost at least half of their clothes.

Members expressed relief that no one was in the house at the time of the fire. When the fire broke out, all the residents of the house were at an initiation ceremony at the University Methodist Church.

They spent Wednesday afternoon searching through piles of charred or water-soaked articles, hoping to find something to salvage and assessing the value of the recognizable goods.

The third floor of the building was damaged seriously because the flaming roof collapsed into the rooms.

Flames or water also destroyed most of the textbooks and class notes in the rooms, and members face the possibility of having to take exams with the help of borrowed notes and books.

At an afternoon meeting of the fraternity, however, Asst. Dean of Student Affairs Roslyn Hartmann said she was certain that professors would be cooperative in working out academic problems caused by the fire and promised the support of the student affairs office in helping the fraternity members.

Hartmann also promised assistance from student affairs in helping the members to find housing and clothing.

The mood at the meeting was optimistic, and plans are already being made to repair the damage to the brick structure.



Blake Cook sifts through the rubble in his room at the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity house.

University students likely to spend about \$50 a day during Peach Bowl weekend

by Leslie Scism
Staff Writer

If UNC students attending the Peach Bowl spend money like average convention goers, they can count on squandering approximately \$50 a day in the Georgia capital.

The Atlanta Convention and Visitor's Bureau estimates that students are likely to spend \$50 a day on motel rooms, food, local transportation and entertainment, Director of Marketing W. B. Baldwin said Wednesday.

"Of course, this is just a guess," Baldwin said.

Baldwin's statistics show that \$118 million in revenue a year is generated by almost 625,000 conventioners visiting Atlanta. The figures show that convention goers spend an average of \$62.50 a day, Baldwin said.

"The \$62.50 represents a man coming to a professional convention such as a dental

meeting. Students, of course, spend a little bit less," Baldwin said.

But students could spend even less than \$50 if they watch their money, said UNC Band Director John Yesulaitis, who is taking the band to the UNC-Kentucky game on Dec. 31.

"My estimates from past trips the band has taken show that students will spend in the area of \$30 to \$36," Yesulaitis said.

Yesulaitis and Baldwin agreed that entertainment would be one of the highest expenses because UNC students will be in Atlanta on New Year's Eve. Baldwin said many students would probably visit Underground Atlanta, which features bars and restaurants and is considered one of the top Georgia tourist attractions.

Another high expense will be hotel accommodations. Baldwin said most of the city's 28,000 bedrooms cost at least \$30 a night for double occupancy.

If the afternoon game is a sellout, as officials at the Peach Bowl Association predict, and if Baldwin's estimates are correct, the UNC-Kentucky clash could cause a flow of more than \$3 million in Atlanta on the day of the Peach Bowl. A sellout crowd at Atlanta Stadium means 60,000 persons.

More than 50,000 tickets had been sold by Wednesday. The University of Kentucky sold all of its allotted 15,000 tickets, and the Atlanta ticket office reported sales of more than 28,000 tickets.

At the UNC ticket office, more than 9,000 tickets had been sold by Monday out of a total allotment of 16,650. Ticket Manager Jean Keller said. Mail orders had not been tallied.

"We're not selling any more over-the-counter tickets until we fill the mail orders. But we are taking orders and holding them if there are some tickets left," Keller said.

Heels rustle Herd, 90-70

by Grant Vosburgh
Sports Editor

Like many of the cars that brought fans to the game in the sub-freezing weather, the UNC basketball team took quite a while to get warmed up Wednesday night en route to its 90-70 win over Marshall.

The Carmichael Auditorium crowd had little to get hot about as the Tar Heels could generate little excitement in the first half, save a couple of Tommy LaGarde dunks or a sharp pass or two.

The Thundering Herd defended the Heels with a zone for a great part of the first half. Following Wake Forest's win over UNC Saturday night in the Big Four finals, UNC Coach Dean Smith said he expected future opponents to employ a collapsing zone similar to one that the Deacons used. While Marshall's was not quite as effective, it did give the Tar Heels some problems.

Down 11-8, with 15:28 left in the first half, UNC took the lead when John Kuester hit a 20-footer from the corner and LaGarde followed with a stuff set up by a pass from Kuester. The Herd stayed close until Smith began his mass substitution midway into the first half.

The Blue team, composed of Bruce Buckley, Dudley Bradley and freshmen Steve Kraficis, Dave Colescott and John Virgil, held on to a 25-23 lead before Smith's Blue team came in. Woody Coley, Ged Doughton, Rich Yonakor, Jeff Wolf and Tom Zaliagiris pushed the lead to four (31-27) when the starters returned with 6:13 left.

Again, things got sluggish in the UNC execution. LaGarde hit only two of five free

throws and the Herd rallied to a three-point deficit as the half ended 41-38.

It was Carolina, however, who came thundering out in the second half. Walter Davis, who finished as the game's high scorer with 17 points, keyed the surge that gave UNC a 49-40 lead with 16:52 left. The Heels kept applying the heat until the substitution began once again at 5:18 with the score 78-62.

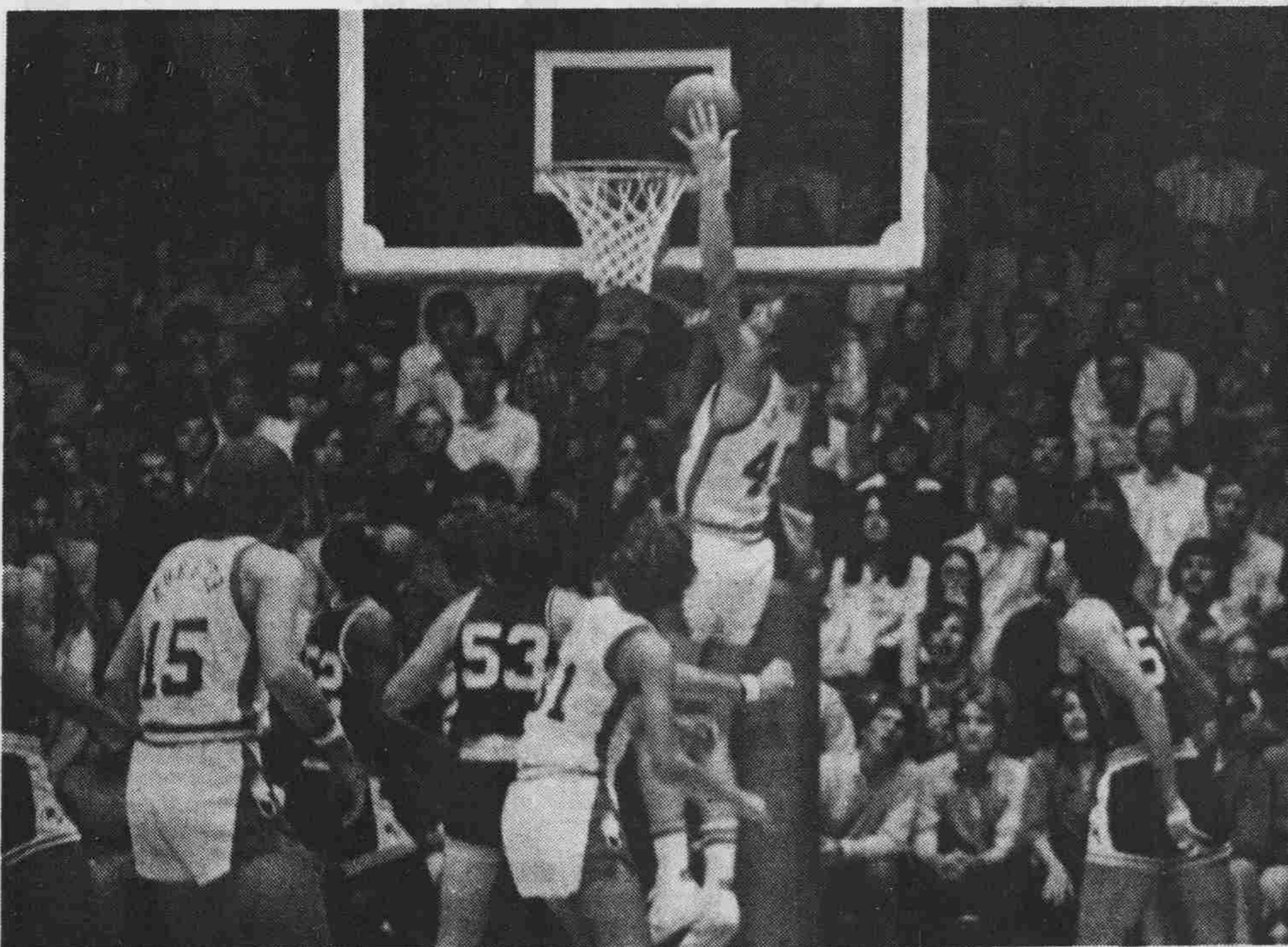
Despite Carolina's 43.2 per cent effort from the floor, Smith appeared more concerned with other aspects of the Tar Heels play.

"I was pleased with the effort in the first half," the Carolina coach said. "We gambled too much on defense. Offensively, we may have overpassed on some occasions and underpassed on others."

Guard Phil Ford, who scored 11 points, credited Marshall for its first-half play. The Herd shot 58 per cent from the floor.

"I think they played pretty well the first half, but I think it was mainly that we just didn't play as well as we're capable. We had good effort, but we just weren't getting the job done. We weren't executing very well," Ford said.

The junior from Rocky Mount was scoreless in the first half and hit only four of 11 field goal attempts for the game. "I think my shot was somewhere in South Philadelphia," he said. "There's nothing you can do (when you're shooting badly) but keep concentrating. Try and extend your arm a little bit more on the shot. But basically, it's just a matter of concentration. I just guess it (my shot) was on vacation."



Staff photo by Rouse Wilson

Center Tommy LaGarde taps in a missed Tar Heel shot during Wednesday night. LaGarde was six of nine from the floor, scoring 16 points.

Workshop rescheduled

Ralph Bakshi's workshop for animators will be held on Friday, instead of Thursday as scheduled. Check the Carolina Union desk later today for the time of the workshop.