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by six weeks of class, and this will give the student more knowledge about his ability, whether in time or intellect, to handle the class," Lassiter said.

The original 12-week drop period was cut in April 1976 because the Faculty Committee on Grading reported it resulted in grade inflation. Lassiter said he agrees that 12 weeks was too long a drop period and probably led to grade inflation. But he said he does not believe extending the present policy two weeks will increase grade

inflation.

Even if it did, the benefits of giving the student a more reasonable length of time to make a decision about the course outweigh any small amount of inflation that might occur," Lassiter said. If the Faculty Council approves the drop-period extension, a W for withdrawal-passing still will be recorded on the student's transcript. Lassiter said including the withdrawal policy definitely would send the proposal to committee and hurt any chances of its being voted on today.

# Carrboro cleanup set for Saturday

The Carrboro Public Works Department will sponsor the third annual Carrboro Cleanup Drive Saturday. Free trash pick up will be available for Carrboro residents from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

"The purpose of the drive is to give Carrboro residents a chance to clean up their yards and the town as a whole," said Chris Peterson, Carrboro director of Public Works.

Four garbage trucks and a back hoe will be

available to pick up trash and large objects from yards. The department usually requires residents to carry their garbage to the curb, but Saturday it will be picked up anywhere in the yard.

A fee of \$5 is normally charged for pick up of large objects but will not be charged Saturday.

Persons interested in having garbage picked up should call the Carrboro Public Works Department at 929-5810 or the Carrboro Town Hall at 942-8542.

# Right-to-die bill introduced to assembly

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A bill allowing North Carolina doctors to discontinue medical treatment which only postpones apparently inevitable death has been introduced in the General Assembly.

The bill was introduced in the Senate by William G. Smith, D-Wilmington, and in the House by Reps. Robert L. Farmer, D-Wake, and John Gamble, D-Lincoln.

Smith said the two-part bill provides for a document signed by a healthy person declaring that he does not wish his death to be postponed by artificial life-saving devices if he becomes terminally and irreversibly ill. The document is valid for five years and may be revoked by this person at any time.

The declaration permits an attending physician, who has obtained the opinion of one other doctor, to stop using artificial means to maintain this person's life.

Farmer said these artificial means have been defined in the bill. "Any medical procedure any

physician decides postpones death by sustaining or supplanting vital functions is an extraordinary measure," he said.

Smith said the second part of the bill deals with cases similar to that of Karen Ann Quinlan. "If a person is comatose and has not signed a declaration, and if the attending physician and two other doctors certify that the case is terminal and irreversible brain damage exists, a physician

may declare the person dead. He may then remove heart and breathing machines.

"This is purely permissible legislation designed partly to protect doctors from criminal prosecution and law suits," Smith said. "Another purpose is to protect the surviving family from the psychological trauma of asking for the removal of artificial devices and to relieve them of financial burdens."

The bill states that removal of machines is neither murder nor suicide, Smith said. The bill allows doctors to keep a person alive long enough to donate his vital organs if the patient has made previous arrangements.

"This bill has been carefully drafted representing work over one-and-a-half years," Smith said. "It also includes input from the North Carolina Medical Society."

# Carter drops tax rebate plan

WASHINGTON (UPI)—President Carter, admitting political considerations were also a factor, withdrew his \$50 tax rebate proposal Thursday on grounds the improving economy no longer needs the stimulus.

In an appearance in the White House press room, Carter personally announced the decision that followed two days of closed meetings with his economic, political and congressional aides.

"Yes, there were political and economic considerations," he said. "The overwhelming thing, though, was economic. We could have passed the economic stimulus package in its

entirety had we decided to go ahead with it."

But he acknowledged that "no doubt" many Democratic congressional leaders had "lost their enthusiasm" for it. The leaders had said the House-passed rebate proposal was in serious trouble in the Senate.

"I've been accused of a lot of things," Carter said. "I don't believe anyone has ever accused me of being afraid of a political fight or of being too quick to compromise."

"I did not back off because I feared political defeat."

In New York, the stock market soared more

than 9 points apparently in response to early reports that Carter was dropping the rebate proposal, which many businessmen opposed as inflationary.

Carter said that last December, when he and the Democratic congressional leadership hammered out the two-year, \$31 billion economic stimulus package, the rebate proposal was justified because "unemployment was 8 per cent, the economy was dormant, to say the least, and inflationary pressures were not as great as they are now."

He then cited the reduction in unemployment, the increase in inflationary pressures and the prospective impact of his energy package to be announced next week as reasons for dropping the rebate.

Congressional reaction was generally favorable. Rep. Henry Reuss, D-Wash., called the move "a retrieve, not a retreat," and other Democrats said the rebate plan could be revived if the economic picture changes.

The House had already passed the rebate proposal. It had cleared a Senate committee and was to be debated on the floor Monday when Congress returns.

Carter said the single most important factor in his decision to drop the rebate was an unexpected increase in retail sales. He said the increase proves consumer confidence is up—one of his objectives last December.

The rebate, which was to go to almost every American at a cost of \$11 billion, was a central part of his overall economic stimulus package.

Only last week, Carter made another personal appearance in the press room to stress the necessity of the rebate.

But, Thursday, he said the remaining \$20 billion package "will guarantee us durable growth."

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**"WHY DO THE HEATHEN RAGE?"**  
Psalms 2 and Acts 4:25

Fifty or more years ago a news item told of a man who ran afoul of law in Canada. At that time Canada used a "whipping post" and a certain fellow due on that post escaped to the U.S.A. It was reported that he stated he would rather remain in this country and be tried for murder than go back home and take their medicine!

God Almighty's Word says whip an evil man — not more than forty stripes — and boys, and if still uncontrollable put them to death.

The first recorded words of The Lord Jesus Christ after his baptism by John Baptist were: "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God!" — Matthew and Luke 4:4. If you are not striving to learn and live by "EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDETH OUT OF THE MOUTH OF GOD ALMIGHTY" you ought to have integrity enough to resign and get out of His Church. If in a position to do so this witness would surely refuse to serve you the Communion Elements. John Calvin said the one who eats and drinks unprepared "swallows the wrath of God." "Beware meddling with God." The Apostle Paul tells us there are some who should be "turned over to Satan" that the spirit might be saved in The Day of The Lord Jesus!

If we find out — and we will — but maybe too late, that a whipping post and gallows faithfully used will soon cut crime to a minimum, doubtless we will fill the bill of those of whom

The Prophet Daniel speaks: "MANY OF THEM THAT SLEEP IN THE DUST OF THE EARTH SHALL AWAKE, — AND SOME TO SHAME AND EVERLASTING CONTEMPT!" Daniel 12:2.

"We may give our children everything that money can buy, position, popularity, influence, ease, education, pleasure, travel. But if we have not helped them where they would rather die than be false, where they prefer poverty to duty dishonored, where they would rather go hungry than tell a lie, starve than steal, wear rags than be arrayed at the price of duty and duplicity; we are only a cheap counterfeit of parenthood!"

If your parents do not bring you to the place where you would rather die than be false, where you prefer poverty to duty dishonored, where you would rather go hungry than tell a lie, starve than steal, wear rags than be arrayed at the price of duty and duplicity, The Lord Jesus Christ will surely do so if you hear Him call:

"COME UNTO ME, ALL YE THAT LABOR AND ARE HEAVY LADEN, AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST. TAKE MY YOKE UPON YOU, AND LEARN OF ME; FOR I AM MEEK AND LOWLY IN HEART, AND YE SHALL FIND REST UNTO YOUR SOULS, FOR MY YOKE IS EASY, AND MY BURDEN IS LIGHT." Matthew 11:27-30.

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