

It will be clear today with a high of about 84. The low tonight will be in low 60s and the high tomorrow about 85. There is a 20 per cent chance of rain today, 10 per cent tonight.

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Tar Heel basketball players of past years held their own reunion last Saturday. The story, by Will Wilson, is on page 5.

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UNC-owned lands may be taxed locally

State decision pending

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UNC may have to pay Orange County, Chapel Hill and Carrboro a large amount of money if the N.C. Property Tax Commission decides that property owned by the University but not used for public purposes is taxable.

Orange County tax supervisor Bill Laws said claims on the University would amount to several million dollars if the Property Tax Commission rules in favor of the county and towns.

The claims involve property valued at \$42 million, according to Laws.

A member of the Property Tax Commission, Doug Holbrook, said the commission's position on the case has been influenced by earlier cases decided in the N.C. Supreme Court. Holbrook said, "The court has ruled that property owned by an agency of the state is not exempt from taxes if that property is not used for a governmental function."

Holbrook said because the functions of a university are so diverse, it is often difficult to determine if the property is being used for public purposes.

Although neither Holbrook nor Laws offered a specific definition of public purposes, they both said such property is used in a function of a governmental agency.

Laws cited the Carolina Inn as an example of University property which should not be tax exempt.

"What's the difference between the Carolina Inn and Holiday Inn?" Laws said. "Both are hotels being run for a profit, but because the Carolina Inn is owned by UNC, it does not pay property taxes."

The University should also be required to pay back taxes on the electric company sold to Duke Power last spring, Laws said, because the electric company was operating for profit but not paying taxes.

Orange County is asking for back taxes dating to 1969. Laws said the county decided in 1974 that some University property was taxable, and the law provides that tax agencies can claim previous taxes for the five



Staff photo by Allen Jernigan

It was a fine weekend on Grandfather Mountain. Doc Watson played his guitar Friday; other performers were the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, Vassar Clements, the Osborne Brothers, and Lester Flatt and Earl Scruggs appeared on the same stage for the first time in eight years, albeit not at the same time. Approximately 50,000 persons attended the weekend event.

years preceding the claim. Myron Banks, assistant state attorney general representing the University in the case, said recent decisions in similar cases in other counties have produced mixed results.

Banks said a Mecklenburg County judge ruled that the UNC system did not have to pay taxes on property it owned. He said the judge's decision was based on N.C. General Statute 116-16, which reads, "The lands and all other properties belonging to the University of North Carolina shall be exempt from all kinds of public taxation."

But in a recent Forsyth County case, the Property Tax Commission ruled that the UNC system had to pay taxes on three tracts

of land which were not being used for public purposes. Banks said this decision was based on a 1973 tax statute that refuses tax-exempt status for such property.

The University is appealing the Forsyth County case.

While Banks said the basic issue of the case is whether General Statute 116-16 or the 1973 statute prevails, Laws believes that issue has already been settled. Laws said the only question the Property Tax Commission must decide is which properties are being used for public purposes.

Holbrook said whatever the Property Tax Commission decides, he expects the case will be ultimately decided in the N.C. Supreme Court.

Off-campus residents plan conserving effort

By DAVID WATTERS
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While neither the Interfraternity Council (IFC) or the Panhellenic Council has set up specific water conservation plans for Greek houses, the presidents of both organizations said they are trying to urge fraternities and sororities to conserve water.

Student Body President Bill Moss said at an Orange Water and Sewer Authority press conference Friday that he wanted to work with members of the Greek system on conserving water because many are not as involved as they should be.

"A lot of them (Greeks) don't know where the Student Union is — this shows the mentality of some of the Greeks," Moss said at the meeting. "I don't mean this in a bad way. I'm a Greek myself."

IFC President Todd Baker said water conservation is being handled through the individual fraternities rather than the IFC. But, he said, "The IFC is trying to convince the houses that there is a water shortage, and that we have to conserve."

Panhellenic Council President Julie Blazer, said she has sent memos to sororities urging them to conserve water. Despite conservation efforts, she said, people are reacting to the water shortage like they did last year.

"I don't think most students are nearly as conscious of this water shortage as they were at the same time last year, mainly because they have not heard as much about it," Blazer said.

Fraternities, sororities and apartment complexes have been criticized by housing officials and dormitory residents because they feel the burden of water conservation has been unfairly put on dormitories.

Last year, several water regulations were put into effect in the dormitories, and this year signs in dormitory bathrooms and hallways tell residents to conserve water.

But at the same time, conservation in off-

Sunday's water consumption	4,244 million gallons
from University Lake	1,544 million gallons
from Durham	2.7 million gallons
Level of University Lake	57.5 inches below capacity
Water consumption on Sept. 11, 1976	3.6 million gallons

campus housing was largely voluntary.

Baker said the IFC is encouraging fraternities to "do what they can to get the brothers to cut down on water use."

Baker is a member of the Alpha Tau Omega (ATO) fraternity, and he said the brothers of ATO have been told to cut down on the number and length of their showers. Baker said other houses are being told the same things.

One method of water conservation is using paper plates, so dishwashers do not have to be used as much. Blazer said last year all

sororities used paper plates, and she said she believes many sororities are using paper plates now.

But she said conservation efforts have not equalled those of 1976 because "Last year it was a novel situation, and everyone was doing their best to remedy the situation. Now it is not such a new thing, though."

Mark Payne, executive assistant to the student body president, said the executive branch is working on a program to distribute cards to fraternities, sororities and apartment complexes. The cards will be similar to the ones now in dormitory bathrooms, which tell students how much water an average shower or faucet uses in a minute.

Payne said the executive branch also is trying to have presidents of fraternities and sororities tell the members at chapter meetings that they need to be conscious of the water shortage.

Some conservation efforts are being implemented in apartment complexes, but the manager of Foxcroft Apartments, Jeff Sellers, said he believes the decision to conserve water must be made by the tenants, and not the landlords.

Sellers said Foxcroft Apartments is not requiring residents to conserve because "The landlords should not tell the tenants how to use water. If the tenants feel they should conserve water, they can. But they are paying up to \$270 a month out here, so we don't have the right to tell them how to use their

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First CGC meeting to be held tonight

By HOWARD TROXLER
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The Campus Governing Council (CGC) convenes tonight for the first time this fall. Members will plan for the coming year, consider reorganization of one of its committees and fill vacancies that have occurred since last year.

The meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Carolina Union.

CGC Speaker Gordon Cureton said Monday the main purpose of the meeting is to organize the general structure of CGC for this year. "It's an informal meeting just to talk, plan, etc., and to establish the direction CGC will be going this year."

The council will determine the number of vacant positions on this year's council due to graduations and resignations.

Bob Long, chairperson of the Administration Committee, will introduce a seven-point plan to reorganize that committee into a new Student Affairs Committee. The plan, if approved, would

create a number of new CGC procedures and services. Among these are:

- A new system of recognizing student organizations eligible for funding.
- A change in the procedure used to confirm or reject presidential appointments.

CGC must confirm Student Body President Bill Moss' nominations to several positions within Student Government and the University administration.

- A student-complaint service.
- A closer relationship between the Student Affairs Committee and the University's Office of Student Affairs.

- The recruitment of volunteer legislative aides to assist CGC members in their work.

Although not on the agenda for tonight, CGC will face several other issues in the near future. Among these are:

- The proposed student-activity fee increase. There is debate among Student Government officials concerning the correct procedure used to secure a fee increase. Some students claim that a campuswide vote by all students is needed before a fee increase

can be enacted, and others claim that a simple CGC vote can raise the fees. Student Body President Bill Moss will meet with his Campus Cabinet, leaders of student organizations across campus, later this week to discuss the fee hike.

- WXYC's financial crisis. The student-owned radio station is "barely, barely scraping by" on its present budget, according to WXYC program director Mike Hyman. It must have an increased share of CGC funds to survive, he said.

Federal regulations require that FM stations have a guaranteed budget, and the type of budget WXYC received from the CGC this spring does not meet the federal requirements. WXYC may run into problems staying on the air later this year unless it receives more money from the council, Hyman said.

- CGC salaries, or the lack thereof. Chip Cox, chairperson of the Rules and Judiciary Committee, plans to introduce a bill that would forbid CGC members from receiving a salary.

Moss, CGC discuss term of office

By BEVERLY MILLS
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Student Body President Bill Moss said Monday that he is talking informally with Campus Governing Council (CGC) members about changing the terms of elected campus officials from February through February to April through April.

Moss said one of the main problems with the present system is a limited transition period.

"As it stands now, the new president has a wholly inadequate interim period," Moss said. "There is only a week between the election and the inauguration. If the term began in April, the new president would have a month to organize and plan before taking office."

Moss was elected Feb. 16 and officially took office Feb. 23.

Moss said the idea is based on changing the CGC fiscal year. The present fiscal year begins May 15. Moss and several CGC members have discussed changing that date to sometime in December.

"If the fiscal year was shifted to December,

CGC members can serve for a while before diving into the budget process," Moss said. "The members would have a chance to become familiar with organizations and how their money is spent before having to plan a budget."

Daily Tar Heel Editor Greg Porter said that because he would be directly affected by the change, he will remain neutral.

"One of the main advantages of the change is that an editor is not thrust into taking over the helm in the middle of the semester," Porter said. "The new plan would provide a slow, gradual transition."

"There would be definite mechanical problems with the Tar Heel. One main problem is having a green staff coming back to school in the fall to put together a mammoth orientation issue."

Moss will meet with CGC members and heads of funded organizations Thursday to discuss student fee increases, changes in the budget process and changing elected terms.

"The idea is in informal talking stages," Moss said. "We are soliciting ideas and waiting for feedback. Our whole motivation is to set up as strong a system as possible and to be as fair as possible."

CGC Representative Chip Cox said the plan for change should reach proposal stages in about a month.

"This plan would require changes in the constitution, and therefore, a constitutional amendment," Cox said. "If the CGC approves it, a student body referendum would be held in October or next spring."

Porter said he would be happy to see the issue come up on the spring ballot.

"This way, the people supporting the issue would not be affected by it," Porter said. "Also, a larger voter turn-out can be expected in the spring."

If the issue appears on the spring ballot, the terms of Moss, Porter and present CGC representatives will not be affected.

Moss cited CGC representatives J. B. Kelly and Bob Long, and Dean of Student Affairs Donald Boulton as other proponents of an academic year term for officers.

"A rule of thumb has been if projects are not completed by Thanksgiving, they won't get done," Moss said. "So we end up with a caretaker or lame-duck president. Under the new plan, a president would have two full semesters to work. We'd be saving six or eight weeks."

Parking case set for today

A hearing scheduled for Monday on a court-ordered injunction prohibiting Chapel Hill from ordering vehicles towed from newly restricted parking zones was postponed until today.

The hearing could not be held Monday due to a crowded civil schedule in Orange County Superior Court. It was rescheduled for sometime Tuesday.

Town attorneys will ask Judge Henry A. McKinnon Jr. to lift the injunction pending a hearing on the constitutionality of the town ordinance which created the restricted zones.

The injunction, part of a class-action suit by UNC law student Philip E. Williams, forbids the town from ordering vehicles towed from 41 streets restricted by the ordinance, which went into effect Aug. 15.

McKinnon's order stopped towing Aug. 29, but left the town other enforcement options. Police have been issuing traffic citations and parking tickets to violators.

A date for a hearing to decide on the constitutionality of the ordinance is expected to be set today.

Students ambivalent toward shared-ride taxi service

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The night-time taxi service went into effect as night-time bus service was ended. Paul Arne, director of student transportation, says any evaluation of the success of the taxi service is premature.

Chapel Hill's experimental night-time taxi service, which replaced night bus service Aug. 22, has attracted some regular riders, but no official evaluation has been made to determine its merits.

"The problem is that this is something brand new to the Chapel Hill experience," Paul Arne, student transportation director, said Friday. "It's premature to tell how well it's going to work."

The shared-ride taxi service has replaced fixed-route bus service which carried about 190 persons each night last year. The taxi service is averaging about 40 riders per night, according to Chapel Hill Transportation Director Bob Godding. The service got off to a slow start, he said.

Although no date has been set for evaluating the service, Godding said he will give an initial report to the Transportation Board Sept. 20.

UNC officials said last week they prefer the system maintain some level of fixed-route bus service, and contract negotiations between the University and the town of Chapel Hill for transit service are

continuing. Arne said he favors giving the new service at least a six-week trial period.

"If it hasn't improved in six weeks to two months, I think we should can it," he said. "This thing is getting some regular riders now. I guess that says something for it."

The new service operates Monday through Friday from 7 p.m. to midnight, and serves areas within one-fourth of a mile of any bus route except those in Carrboro. Although it provides service along the U bus route, Godding said the taxis will not use one-way streets or parking lots around campus because of the inconvenience and delays.

"We'll take students just about anywhere they want to go," Godding said.

The service is available only to bus-pass holders. Cost for the rides is 25 cents from bus stop to bus stop, 50 cents from door to bus stop or bus stop to door, and 75 cents from door to door. Tipping is not required.

To use the service, students are requested to call 942-3668 an hour in advance of their desired pick-up time so that the dispatcher can schedule trips for riders having the same destination.

strongly "in favor of affirmative action but opposed to quotas."

The case involves Allan Bakke, a white who was denied admission to the University of California medical school at Davis. He contended his rights were violated when some less-qualified minority members were admitted under a special program that set aside 16 of the 100 places in entering classes for "disadvantaged" applicants.

The university appealed to the Supreme Court after Bakke won his case in the California Supreme Court.

At a Capitol Hill news conference, Congressional Black Caucus Chairperson Parren Mitchell, D-Md., said he and two other members left an hour and 15-minute meeting with the solicitor general optimistic the brief would be different than a "bad" draft they read earlier. He said they got "no commitments."

Rep. Louis Stokes, D-Ohio, said the earlier draft which did not strongly advocate affirmative action would do "irreparable damage to this President's policy as it relates to 25 million black people."

"Essentially what we're doing is carpooling," Arne said.

Godding and Arne said they have received little feedback about the service, but they said the number of complaints and praises has been about the same.

"I've had people tell me they really like it, and I've had people tell me they didn't like it," Arne said.

Godding said his office received one written complaint about the inconvenience of having to call an hour in advance of desired pick-up time and the expense of having to pay a fare in addition to having a bus pass.

Arne said Student Government is urging students to let it know what they think about the service.

Godding said one of the advantages of the taxi service is its flexibility. He said the town of Chapel Hill contracted with the Carolina Cab Co. for the use of three to six taxis per night. On nights when ridership is low, fewer cars can be used, thereby eliminating the wasted-capacity problem that plagued the fixed-route bus service, he said. So far, the service has used between one and three cars nightly.