

There's a 50 percent chance of snow, sleet or freezing rain tonight. The high will be near 40 today and in the mid-30s Thursday.

Two UNC doctors are using a new surgical technique to reverse female sterilization. The new process has proved to be more successful than previous methods. See page 3.



UNC President William Friday urged rejection Tuesday of a new Health, Education and Welfare proposal which calls for the elimination of duplicate programs in order to promote racial segregation around the 16-school UNC system. Staff photo by Billy Newman.

## Recovery agency hunts down bad check writers for stores

By DEBBIE ODELL  
Staff Writer

The cashier looks at the name on the check, turns to her alphabetized list of names, then completes the sale. Your name has just been cleared. You're not a bad-check risk.

Bad-check-writer lists are common and practical in the Chapel Hill area, according to Dick Hammond of the check-recovery department of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Merchants Association. Hammond says that one time a merchant brought in 12 bad checks from one man. "This would not have happened, shouldn't have happened, if there had been a list," Hammond says.

The department helps about 70 members, including Fowler's Food Store, Kwik-ee Take-Out and Dine In, Billy Arthur, Inc. and Pizza Transit Authority. Any member can take advantage of the service by sending a notice to the association.

Merchants may try to collect on their own, and some wait six to nine months before giving the check to the department. The department sends its own notice which includes a \$9 fee from the merchants.

If the check is not cleared in 72 hours, a representative will phone or visit the person responsible for the check. If there is still no action, the representative forwards the check to an attorney.

Although the department can take no legal action, the merchant can take the case to court where a conviction could mean a criminal record and six months in jail.

The department keeps a permanent record of all bad checks. The name remains in the file, but it is noted if a check clears the bank.

Merchants and the department can decide to list the name with the credit bureau, where it will remain for seven years.

"We handle 175 to 200 checks a month," Hammond says. The recovery rate for the three-year-old service is 50 to 60 percent, which he says is good for such a transient situation.

Local residents do not write so many bad checks, says Andrew Landes, head of the check-recovery department. "Foreign students and people with no social ties here think they can get away with it," he says.

Landes, who is virtually a one-man staff with some part-time clerical and collection help, says the department is an incorporated business and a service organization operated on a break-even basis.

Members of the merchants association pay a fee for the service, and non-members can get the service for a slightly higher fee, Landes says.

"They give us real good service, real good results," says Marion Lasley, an employee at Fowler's. "We couldn't do it ourselves. We probably have the highest volume of bad checks in town."

UNC Student Stores has similar lists, but it does not use a collection agency, says Thomas Shetley, general manager.

"We have a considerable amount of bad checks," Shetley says. UNC Student Stores handles \$25,000 in checks a year, or between \$1,400 and \$2,000 at any given time.

## Uncandidate puts hat in ring; cites SG uninvolved

The Uncandidate, a junior from Elsewhere, S.C., announced Tuesday his candidacy for student body president.

The Uncandidate is a duly registered UNC student seeking signatures on his nomination petition. Student election law allows him to have his nickname, the Uncandidate, placed on the ballot. He asked that his given name not be used in his announcement.

"It is my intention to return Suite C to the nameless, faceless majority who put it there in the first place," the Uncandidate said.

"I expect some criticism because of my lack of involvement in Student Government," he said. "However, my supporters maintain that I am well-qualified because of my lack of involvement in Student Government."

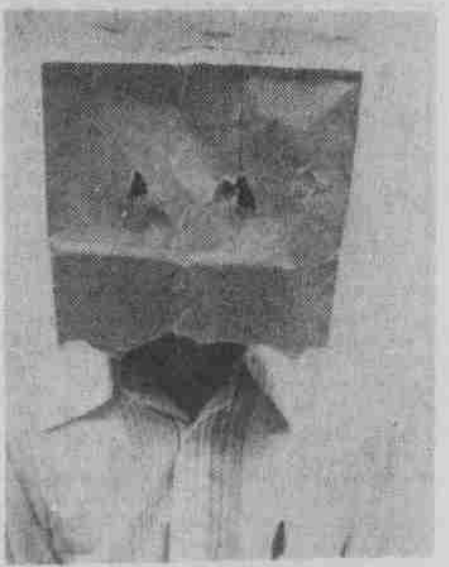
The Uncandidate said he wanted to open Student Government to all students and suggested moving the executive offices to the Pit.

"Suite C could then be used to house the new administration's political prisoners," the Uncandidate said.

"In addition, I will choose an ordinary student to don the presidential bag once a week."

The Uncandidate said he would work for several academic reforms, including a half-point rebate on all 1977 QPAs, an extension of the drop period to one and one-half years after the completion of a course and a large gong in the rear of each classroom to be sounded "whenever faculty members lapse into their periodic drooling absurdities or reach new depths of boredom."

"I hope to promote student-faculty interaction



Uncandidate

by allowing under graduates open access to faculty homes and cars on weekends," the Uncandidate said. "I would also like to implement a series of student-faculty slumber parties in the Pine Room."

The Uncandidate proposed a solution to the current money controversy in Student Government. "The \$184,000 surplus should be used to commission a giant statue of Jesse Helms to be placed on the right side of 100 Hamilton Hall," he said. "If we run into a cash flow crisis, we'll authorize Student Graphics to print enough bills to tide us over."

He also suggested establishing an NBA franchise in Chapel Hill, free pinball machines, institution of mandatory homeroom and organized field trips to Decatur, Ga.

The Uncandidate urged students to "show us you don't care. Bag it."

—HOWARD TROXLER

# HEW adds new requirement: halt duplication to mix races

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University system President William C. Friday said Tuesday he will recommend the UNC Board of Governors reject an eleventh-hour requirement by the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare for the UNC desegregation plan.

HEW asks that the board eliminate duplication of programs offered in both traditionally black and white institutions.

Eliminating the duplicated programs would be necessary only to the extent that it is necessary to "dismember the formerly racially dual system," said a memo from David Tatal, director of HEW's Office of Civil Rights.

The Tatal memo also stated that due to the vast amount of work necessary to eliminate the duplicated programs, HEW would accept any desegregation plan in which the board agrees to finish by July 1 studies necessary for the elimination of duplicated programs.

The HEW memo also expressed dissatisfaction with the UNC board's approval of 12 new programs for the six black institutions and, according to Friday, a redefinition of the "good faith effort."

"We look on that (the new requirement) as educationally unsound," Friday said Tuesday. "But even more important, the authority to make changes is put in the hands of a federal agency, not in the Board of Governors, the trustees of the institutions or the faculty members."

Friday said the memo from Tatal is, in

effect, a statement that the UNC plan is unacceptable. However, the president of the 16-member system said he could not speculate on Califano's final ruling on the plan.

"I don't know what Califano's (HEW Secretary Joseph Califano) ultimate decision will be," Friday said. "If it is to say our plan is not acceptable, I informed Mr. Tatal a few days ago I couldn't support this new plan."

Friday said to comply with the new HEW requirement "would be to set aside all of our long-range planning and all of our planning to eliminate racial duality."

He said that within the past 36 hours he has talked with the chancellors of the six traditionally black institutions, and they support his decision to oppose the new HEW requirement.

William A. Johnson of Lillington, chairperson of the Board of Governors, said he had not seen the Tatal memo. But he said if the program elimination is a requirement made by HEW, the board will not go along with the federal agency. "I feel sure the board will not approve that kind of requirement," Johnson said.

Under the new requirement, the board would have to study any program, other than basic core requirements, offered at both black and white institutions in the same geographical proximity.

For example, under the new requirement, either the library science program at UNC-Chapel Hill or the library science program at North Carolina Central University would have to be eliminated.

Friday said he believes the thought behind

the plan is to eliminate programs at traditionally white institutions in order to make students and faculty in the program move to the black institutions.

The UNC board has previously said that all the 16 campuses in the state system consist of a "statewide service area." Friday said a careful study would have to be done to see if programs offered at universities in opposite parts of the state would be affected by the rule.

Tatal's memo states the UNC board is not committed to offer the 12 new programs for the six black schools approved by the board.

However, both Friday and Johnson said approval by the board was the same as a commitment for the programs.

Friday said he believes that Tatal's claim of the board's noncommitment comes from a lack of understanding of what North Carolina does.

Friday said HEW also has refused to keep its promise not to cut off federal funds if the board made a "good faith effort" to increase black enrollment by 150 percent by 1983. Earlier plans had stated that the "good faith effort" was acceptable.

## Chapel Hill man arrested, charged in 12 arson cases

Orange County authorities Tuesday drew up 12 warrants against a Chapel Hill man, accusing him of setting fire to 11 cars and Fowler's Food Store.

Five of the charges were in connection with six fires which occurred between 7:30 and 11:30 p.m. Sunday. The remaining charges were for the burning of seven vehicles last month.

Lt. Bucky Simmons of the Chapel Hill Police Department said David McKinley Allen, 23, of 207 Creeks Edge was arrested at 10:10 p.m. Monday. He was transferred to Dorothea Dix Hospital in Raleigh for a psychiatric examination, Simmons said.

Police reports said a citizen wrote down the license-plate number of a car near the China-Nite Restaurant Sunday night after two vehicle fires occurred there. Authorities then traced the car to Allen.

Chapel Hill police charged Allen with one count of burning a public building for two fires set Sunday in Fowler's, officer Ben Callahan said Tuesday night.

He said Allen also is charged with nine-counts of willful and malicious burning of personal property for the burning of two other vehicles Sunday night and seven vehicles Dec. 13, 1977.

—KAREN BARBER



Grounds workers have begun the removal of fallen trees and other debris from the UNC campus. Staff photo by Scott Johnson.

## Six to eight months to repair

# Grounds storm damage extensive

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It may be six or eight more months before the last trace of damage to University grounds from the ice storm Jan. 19 and the high winds Jan. 25 is removed or repaired, according to UNC grounds superintendent Larry Trammel.

The ice storm downed trees, snapped branches and ruined ornamental shrubbery with the weight of the ice. Six days later, wind gusts up to 70 mph following 30 hours of rain uprooted trees from the soggy ground, ripped shingles from roofs and broke several windows.

## Altering habits could help save energy

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The energy crisis is a lot like the weather. People are talking about it, but they're not doing much about it.

Mary Jane Boren Meeker of Sunspot Solar Products Inc. of Carrboro, says, "Students need to change their lifestyles by wearing layers of clothing — long-sleeved

shirts and sweaters — so they can be comfortable at 66 degrees."

Meeker suggests the university system could use solar heat for hot water in dorms and gyms. "This would cut down on energy consumption and will pay back more quickly than with a home unit," she says.

Apartment dwellers can conserve also. "Open your water heater, unpeel the insulation from the dial and turn the

thermostat down to 130 or even 115 to 120 degrees so it doesn't work so hard. You really don't need it that hot," Meeker says.

You can also buy a timer for \$21, attach it to the heater and set it for the hours you will not need hot water — say from 10 p.m. to 6:30 a.m. The heater then will turn itself off and on, taking only one-half hour to warm up, thus saving electricity.

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in trees to eliminate risk of the branches' falling and injuring passersby.

This work has proceeded slowly, however, because the University employs only one tree climber and one helper, who can attend to only six to eight trees a day. Trammel said additional tree climbers may be hired when warmer weather arrives.

About 30 other grounds employees have been carting away piles of debris, sawing down trees and hauling the sections and attempting to salvage drooping shrubs.

The most heartbreaking loss from the storms, Trammel said, was the uprooting of a sturdy cherry laurel which stood between Saunders and Steele buildings. "That was one of the largest cherry laurels I've seen. It was too heavy to try to set it right."

Trammel said he is already concerned himself with preparations for graduation ceremonies in May. The prospect of crowds of visitors being greeted by sawed-off stumps and hanging tree limbs is spurring cleanup efforts, he said.

## Majors mart turnout small; 'helpful' to those who came

By EVELYN SAHR  
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Although project coordinator Joni Peters was disappointed with the turnout for the Major Possibilities Mart held Monday in the Great Hall, the freshmen and sophomores who attended received helpful advice on choosing their majors.

"Through the mart I got information on the two or three majors that I've been leaning towards, and now I can sort through and decide what major I'll declare," said sophomore Jimmy Lancaster.

Another sophomore went into Great Hall as a biology education major and left as a botany major. "I'm glad I went," she said. "Now I've got to

go sort through all this information."

Peters estimated that attendance at the mart, the first major activity of the Declaration Days programs sponsored by Student Government, was about 250 students at most.

"The mart didn't achieve my expectations," Peters said. "While the number of departments represented was very good (about 40 departments were present, representing about 98 percent of all departments on campus), the success of the mart can't be gauged this way."

"The purpose of the mart was to bring together the students and the various departments, and in this larger sense, it was not as successful as it could have been. I had been more optimistic and had hoped for 500 to 600 persons."

Richard Cramer, a sociology professor, called the mart a great idea, but noted, "There's been a lot of wasted time on the part of the faculty. I think the mart could serve just as many students if, say, it was opened from just 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. instead of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The students that I talked to, though, seemed satisfied, and I feel that they really learned something."

Peters attributed the low turnout to two things — students either already knew what they were going to major in or they simply were not interested.

"The mart was very well publicized, in light of what has been done in other years," Peters said. "We had announcements in the DTH, WXYZ and WCHL, and distributed posters throughout campus and apartment complexes. I just think a lot of students didn't feel it would be worth their while."

The second phase of the Declaration Days program begins today as individual departments conduct special programs for students interested in that particular major.



This student was one of about 250 undergrads who showed up Tuesday for the Major Possibilities Mart in Great Hall. The mart was the first of many activities to be held during the Declaration Days program. Staff photo by Billy Newman.

### DAYS COUNTDOWN

**History department** open house from 2 to 4 p.m. in the history department lounge in Hamilton Hall.

**Botany department** tour at 4 p.m. Meet at Coker Hall front doors. Botany 11 classes at 9 a.m. MWF and Botany 10 classes at 12:30 p.m. TT are open to interested students.

**Career Planning & Placement** drop-in career counseling from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday in 208 Hanes Hall.

**University Counseling Center** academic, career and personal counseling from 2 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday through Feb. 13 in Nash Hall.