

Carrboro board declares temporary limit on towing

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The Carrboro Board of Aldermen amended the town's towing ordinance and declared a 14-day moratorium on enforcing fire-zone towing in non-residential areas at its meeting last week.

During the two-week period, Town Manager Richard Knight and his staff will examine whether designations and markings of the lanes are adequate in non-residential (business) areas, according to Phillip Whitaker, assistant town manager. On Feb. 28, when the moratorium ends, the group will submit its findings to the board so it can render a decision on the issue.

The board also amended the town ordinance, adopted in October 1976, that allows the towing of cars from private property that has been marked as a fire lane.

With the amended ordinance, Whitaker said, street curbing must be painted yellow, signs must be posted at a height of six feet and each lane must be 16 feet wide. These specifications were not included in the original ordinance.

"The moratorium gives us time to see whether or not the fire lanes were adequate or clear enough," Whitaker said.

According to John Blackwood, Carrboro police chief, indistinct markings of the fire lanes have created problems. "Our problem has been that in businesses like shopping centers, the fire-lane markings have met minimum state standards. The curbing was painted, but usually no signs were posted."

This, he says, may have led people to believe they could park in the fire-lane area, resulting in a \$25 fine and having their cars towed.

"With the moratorium, we can't do this," he said. "Now in non-residential areas, if we find someone parked in a fire lane, we try

and find the owner. We don't ticket or tow them. I don't know what we would do if we couldn't find the owner. We haven't run into that situation yet."

Blackwood said that because the moratorium affects only fire-lane towing in business areas, towing still is being enforced in residential areas.

Four residents of Carolina Apartments filed a class-action suit last semester challenging the town's right to tow cars from residential areas. Robin Braxton, H. E. Douglas, Joyce Garrett and Sonia Schiller filed the suit naming former Mayor Ruth West, the six aldermen, Knight, Blackwood and Fire Chief Robert Swiger as defendants.

Carrboro officials deny that the lawsuit influenced the decision to implement the moratorium.

"The lawsuit is against the town's right to tow in residential fire lanes, while the moratorium deals with non-residential areas," Alderman Doug Sharer said.

"I don't think they'll win the suit anyway," Sharer said. "I don't think the judge would decide in their favor, because if he did it would mean we couldn't get in to the area to set up fire lanes for public safety."

Swiger, who decides where to place the fire lanes, agreed. "Fire lanes enable us to accomplish our No. 1 motive, which is to save lives. We've got to have clear fire lanes in residential areas, because there are more lives involved. People live there are opposed to business areas."

There have been more problems with blocked fire lanes in business areas than in residential areas, Swiger said.

"This is another justification for the moratorium applying only to business areas. We have, however, gone to four apartment complexes with the ordinance and told them that they have 10 days to get up signs and mark the curbs with yellow paint."



Jane Fonda (left) stars as Lillian Hellman, and Vanessa Redgrave portrays the title role in *Julia*, nominated for Academy Awards, including Fonda's for best performance by a starring actress and Redgrave's for best performance by a supporting actress.

'Star Wars' leads Oscar balloting

HOLLYWOOD (UPI) — A pair of sensitive movies dealing with women, *Julia* and *The Turning Point*, tied for most Academy Award nominations with 11 each Tuesday in the 50th annual Oscar Derby.

The science fiction extravaganza *Star Wars* and *Close Encounters of the Third Kind* were third and fourth in the voting with 10 and eight nominations respectively.

The awards will be presented April 3 in the nationally televised ceremonies of the Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences at the Music Center.

Nominated for the best picture were *Annie Hall*, depicting the befuddling complications of a modern unmarried couple in love; *The Goodbye Girl*, a story of the despairing divorcee who finally finds a man who will stick by her; *Julia*, the true

story of the relationship between Lillian Hellman and a schoolboy's friend; *Star Wars*, the outer space epic which has surpassed *Jaws* as the all-time box office winner; and *The Turning Point*, which deals with two women, one who chooses stardom as a ballerina while the other opts for the domestic life.

In the most closely contested category — best actress — the five nominees were Anne Bancroft in *The Turning Point*, Jane Fonda in *Julia*, Diane Keaton in *Annie Hall*, Shirley Maclaine in *The Turning Point* and Marsha Mason in *The Goodbye Girl*.

The five nominees for best actor of 1977 were Woody Allen in *Annie Hall*, Richard Burton in *Equus*, Richard Dreyfuss in *The Goodbye Girl*, Marcello Mastroianni in *A Special Day* and John Travolta in *Saturday Night Fever*.

Officials to discuss energy-saving measures

By BRIAN PUTNAM
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Officials of the UNC Physical Plant and Utilities Division will meet today to discuss possible energy-saving measures for the University, and official said Tuesday.

Robert S. Peake, UNC utilities director, said the University already has decided to shut off heat in many buildings at night. Many campus buildings have a time clock which will shut off the heat at 10 p.m. and turn it on again at 4 a.m.

The action comes two days after Gov. Jim Hunt asked all North Carolinians to pursue "voluntary conservation measures" now. Hunt made the request in response to news that Duke Power Co. and Carolina Power & Light Co. only a 50-day supply of coal.

"The governor may at some point tell us to cut the thermostats down to 60 degrees," said

Claude E. Swecker, director of the UNC Physical Plant.

The UNC Power Plant, which supplies heat for all University dormitories and buildings, has been affected little by the 76-day national coal miners' strike, said Raymond E. DuBose, plant operations engineer.

"We have a four-to-six week supply of coal in stock," DuBose said, "and we are still being shipped 50 percent of our regular coal order."

The governor has said that if the utility companies' level of coal drops to a 30-day supply, he would declare a state of energy emergency, placing mandatory conservation measures into effect.

As for how such an energy emergency would affect UNC, Frank Coan, an official with the Dual Allocations and Emergency

Planning Department of the N.C. Department of Commerce, said that nothing is definite yet. However, the governor might request that at universities across the state "all non-essential functions, such as athletic events, be curtailed," he said.

United Press International reported that Duke Power called on its customers Tuesday to eliminate all unnecessary uses of electricity until the coal miners' strike is settled.

While the heating for UNC buildings and dormitories is supplied by the school-owned power plant, the University gets its electricity from Duke Power.

Duke Power issued a news release reiterating Hunt's plea Monday to reduce residential thermostats to 65 degrees during the day and 60 degrees at night to help conserve coal by reducing electricity usage.

children (all of whom died before their parents). Out of this sight grew *Children of the Sea*, which used the Ocracoke family names and the idea of a father whose children died early. Peter Wahab, a staunch, religious man who had given up his family wealth to live simply on Ocracoke, could not understand why all his four sons died prematurely from malaria. Seeking some answer to his questions, he befriends old Ezekiel, a demented black who builds fantastic sand castles on the beach and paints strange, violent pictures of storms and disasters.

Mr. Nichols skillfully weaves in Biblical passages, old island folk tales and superstitions and vivid descriptions of storms and ceremonies as he allows his fictional Wahab to question his own faith in God and his relations with other people. The author may only have adopted North Carolina for his favorite place, but he writes knowingly and movingly about his fictional "children of the sea."

What Are You Up To, William Thomas? (Westminster Press, 192 pp. \$7.95) by Suzanne Newton of Raleigh is the pleasantly entertaining story of 15-year-old William Thomas growing up in the small North Carolina town of Riverton back in the 1920s.

Newton was born in Bunnlevel in Harnett County, North Carolina, and was graduated from Duke University in 1957. Her two earlier juveniles, *Purro* and *The Prattleberries and C/o Arnold's Corners*, both won the AAUW Award for Best N.C. Juvenile; and her present book is a Junior Literary Guild Selection.

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shape of a spiral or accordion-shape rather than a circle. But as long as it is continuous Guinness will accept it, he said.

The nature of the record attempt has caused confusion among some students lately, Miller said. Some thought there would just be a mass of people on the floor of Carmichael; others thought the chain of people would rise vertically, not horizontally.

Actually, there will be a chain of students on the floor of Carmichael, seated on one another's knees. Only the person at the front of the chain will be seated in a chair, and the world record will be set if, 3,334 people later, a person replaces the chair. If that does happen, a continuous chain will have been formed, meeting the stipulations in the record book.

Difficulties will come in putting the final person into the chain, Miller said. The final person will have to be fairly strong to bear the strain of all the other people ahead of him. Miller also said strong people will have

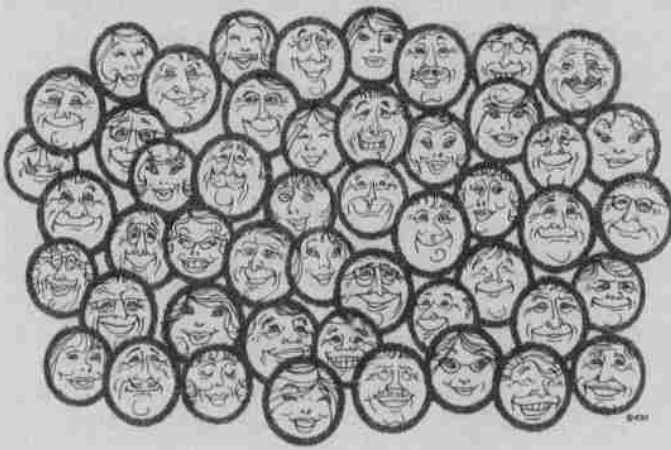
to be positioned at the slight bends of the spiral-like chain.

Miller, a basketball usher in Carmichael, got the idea for the record attempt from reading a bit in a comic strip section of a newspaper which mentioned the Air Force Academy feat. "When I saw it I immediately thought of our ticket distributions," he said.

Woody Durham, sportscaster on the Carolina sports radio network, and Charlie "Choo-Choo" Justice, UNC football star in the late 1940s, will be official witnesses for the world record try. Miller said he wanted people like Durham and Justice to judge the event because they had "popular appeal with UNC students."

Miller is optimistic about Carolina's chances of breaking the world record but he said that if the chain starts to collapse "it will look like human dominoes."

Over 300 persons more than those who receive tickets will be needed in Carmichael at 3 p.m. if the attempt is going to be a success, Miller said.



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ELECTION '78

Lewis complaint resolved

The Elections Board decided unanimously Tuesday night that a birthday party held by one of student body presidential candidate Jim Phillips' campaign workers should not be reported as a campaign expenditure.

Former student body presidential candidate Sonya Lewis filed a letter of complaint with the Elections Board Monday that questioned the validity of Phillips' campaign expenditures list. "The validity is being questioned because of the lack of an inclusion of a report of an alleged 'campaign party,'" the letter stated.

Lewis did not come before the Elections Board to state her case at its 7 p.m. meeting. The board voted at 7:50 p.m. in her absence.

"I've done everything I think possible to allow her to present her case," Election Board chairperson Bob Saunders told the board. "I had her paged in the union, I contacted her roommate and I called Parker (where he was told she might be reached).

Saunders said there was no doubt that the party was for the campaign worker's birthday and not for the Phillips campaign. "If you talk to anyone that was at the party, there is no way this could have been a campaign party," he said.

FOR THE RECORD

Reporter credited

A byline was omitted from a campaign story in the *Daily Tar Heel* special election tabloid Tuesday. The story, headlined "Presidential runoff efforts intensifying with posters, handouts, endorsements," was written by DTH staff writer Eddie Marks.

DKE endorsement

The DTH incorrectly reported Tuesday that the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity endorsed Gordon Cureton for student body president. Eighteen DKE brothers, not the entire fraternity, have endorsed Cureton.

Afro-Am films to be exhibited in culture series

The Afro-American Film Workshop, the second major event in the African and Afro-American Culture Series, will be held Friday and Saturday in 101 Greenlaw.

The workshop, which is sponsored by the Curricula in African Studies and Afro-American Studies, will be divided into two sessions: Black Filmmakers in Africa and America (8 to 10 p.m. Friday) and African Cinema and Women (10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday).

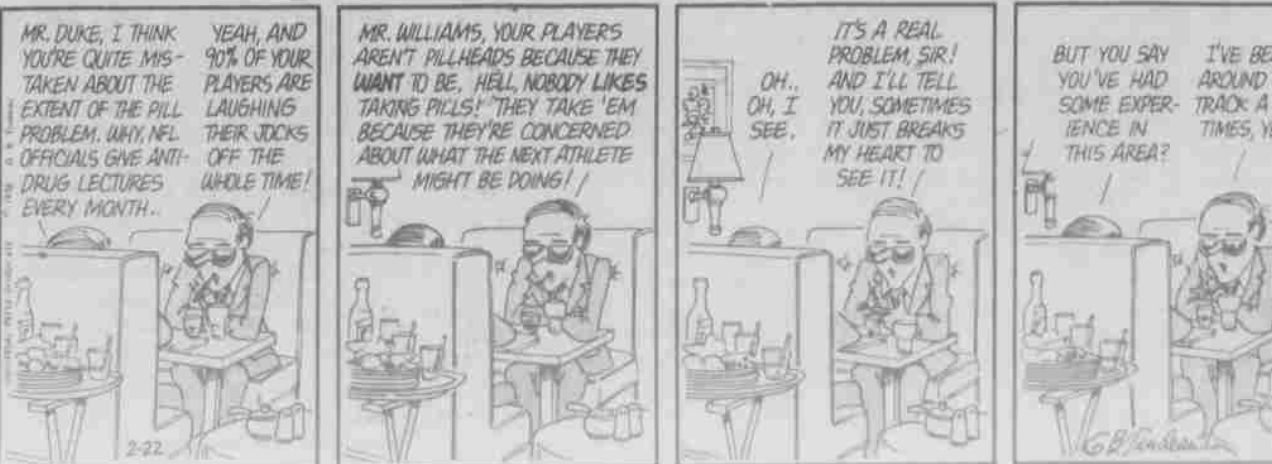
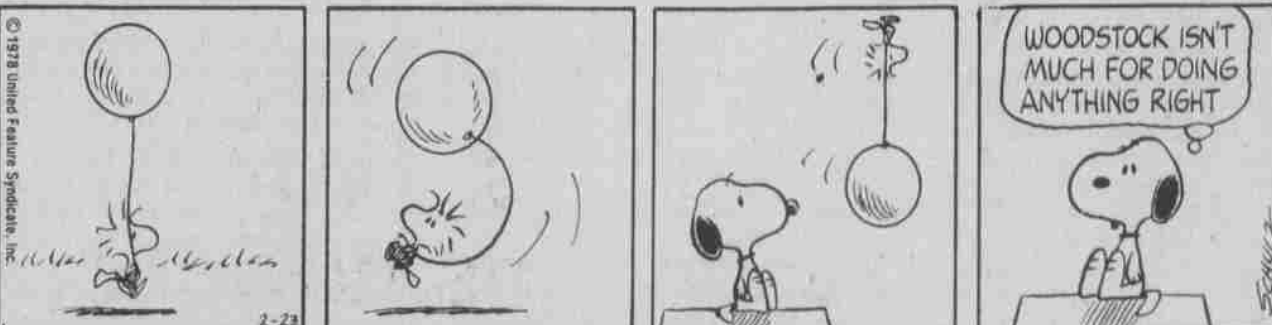
Two films by Ousmane Sembene, *Xala* and *Emtial*, will be featured during the workshop. Sembene is known as the father of African cinema and has gained the attention of international film distributors.

"The entire series of programs are an effort to make the campus and community more aware of the cultural activities of foreign cultures," Robert Dunbar, director of African Studies, said.

"This particular event in the series offers students and the community an opportunity to see films not normally available to the public. They depict contemporary African life and the artistic development of African and Afro-American filmmakers."

The first event in the culture series was the faculty-student production, *Down Home*, presented in conjunction with the English department. All events of the series are free and open to the public.

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