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It will be clear and cold tonight with temperatures in the low to mid-20s. Thursday will be cloudy with the high in the 40s. The chance of precipitation is near zero through Thursday.

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What is it that makes a "distinguished professor" distinguished? Staff writer Etta Lee asked several multi-award-winning teachers just what makes the difference. See page 6.

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Orientation Commission, Student Affairs, RHA, hope to solve problems

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Freshman orientation for fall 1979 may be a fragmented and sketchy affair if Student Affairs, the Orientation Commission and the Residence Hall Association can't reach an agreeable solution to problems with orientation funding.

Student Affairs and the Orientation Commission will begin a series of weekly meetings with RHA this week to work out problems of organization and funding of the program.

Members of the RHA Governing Board expressed concern in a Nov. 7 meeting with Lisa Harper, Orientation Commission chairperson, and Barbara Polk, program assistant for the Division of Student Affairs, that funding orientation activities is an unreasonable burden on dorm social fees, particularly with an extended orientation planned for Fall '79. The board also complained that some orientation workers are untrained in budget management and programming, which often results in overspending.

RHA passed a resolution Dec. 5 to withhold funds from orientation activities until some

problems with the system are resolved.

William R. Strickland, associate vice chancellor for student development, said he appreciates RHA's position on funding, but believes there has been some misinformation about problems with the system.

"They (RHA) feel that they're having to spend an inordinate percentage of their year-long budget on orientation, and I have no argument with that," Strickland said. "I do feel that the selection process for area coordinators has been misunderstood."

William Porterfield, governor of Ehringhaus, and other board members complained in the Nov. 7 meeting that area coordinators could not be held accountable to the dorm executive councils for programming and budget mismanagement.

"The understanding of the Orientation Commission and Student Affairs has been clear—that area coordinators are accountable to the hall government," Strickland said. "The degree of accountability and communication between the area coordinators and the hall personnel varied from residence to residence, but I don't know of any area with serious problems."

Polk and Harper also said orientation area

coordinators in most cases had close communication with either the residence director or the dorm executive council.

"All area coordinators are required to turn in a weekly report, their budget and programming plans to the commission," Polk said. "We had the plans in writing before they left in the spring."

Strickland said complaints of many misuses and problems with overspending are not factual.

"Under investigation and close examination, all of these complaints have turned out to be exaggerated and blown out of proportion," Strickland said.

RHA had suggested charging an orientation fee for freshmen that would make the program self-supporting and take the financial burden off the dorms. Strickland said that although orientation fees might ultimately be considered as a solution, it is not currently a practical alternative because of fee increases already planned to fund construction of the Carolina Union extension and Student Health Services operational costs. In addition, Strickland said, a fee wouldn't cover all the costs for orientation.

Strickland said he feels Student Government

should be considered as a possible source of major funding.

"I feel that Student Government can afford, and has the responsibility to put something into orientation," Strickland said. "I also feel that the residence halls should have some concerns for orienting students."

Strickland said another traditional source of funding is the Chancellor's Discretionary Fund, which has traditionally been used to pay for publication of orientation literature. He also said that the Carolina Union will play a bigger role this year in sponsoring activities.

"Even with the prospect of an eight-day orientation this year (previous orientations have been five days), our fiscal resources won't be radically increased," Strickland said. "This is not the time for anybody to withdraw their obligations."

Polk said Student Government currently funds the purchase of office supplies for the Orientation Commission, and said increased Student Government funding would ease the problem until a final solution could be reached.

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William Strickland

Hunt urges remedial aid to lift scores

RALEIGH (AP)—Ninety percent of the public school students who took the state competency tests in November passed the reading portion and 85 percent passed the mathematics section, education officials said Tuesday.

The tests were taken by more than 81,000 11th-grade students, and the results showed that fewer students failed the tests than state education officials had expected. But Gov. Jim Hunt, in a 30-minute speech televised across the state Tuesday night, said the scores are "not nearly good enough," and promised to spend more money to help teach those who failed.

Hunt said he has ordered an additional \$3.4 million be taken from elsewhere in the state education budget and spent on further remedial help for the 13,312 11th-graders who failed the test.

Among private schools administering the tests, the failure rate was slight, with only 1 percent failing the reading test and 2 percent failing the math portion.

The tests were ordered by the 1977 General Assembly at Hunt's urging, and passage is a requirement for students to receive a high school diploma.

State education officials said in releasing the figures that they were pleased with the scores but promised intensive efforts to help those who failed to overcome their problems. Students who failed will get another chance to take the test in May.

"These test results do tell us very clearly that the public schools of North Carolina are serving the majority of our youngsters very well," said Jerome Melton, deputy superintendent of public instruction.

"But there is a minority of students, mainly disadvantaged students ... for whom our school system is just not as responsive as it needs to become."

Opponents of the statewide test said the results show what they had feared—that blacks and lower income students would fare poorly.

Gov. Hunt said 29 percent of the black males failed the reading portion and 35 percent failed the math section. Among children of all races whose parents had an 8th-grade education or less, 32 percent

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Basketball wrap-up

Carolina raced through seven straight opponents since its Dec. 4 home victory over Detroit, with defensive effort like the kind demonstrated by Dudley Bradley Saturday night against Virginia

helping the UNC effort. The Tar Heels, 2-0 in the ACC, meet Wake Forest tonight in Winston-Salem. See page 8.

More classes likely

By DIANE NORMAN
Staff Writer

The already perplexing and sometimes infuriating process of registration has been complicated just a little more this semester for approximately 160 students still on waiting lists for English 1 and 2 courses as of Tuesday.

Such waiting lists are generated nearly every semester, said John Auchard, assistant director of freshman English. The department will get a better idea of the true magnitude of the problem today after classes meet and the number of absentees and drops can be better assessed, he said.

The department's efforts to determine the actual number of students enrolled in English 1 and 2 and the number of spaces

available in the courses were further complicated by the theft of the department's registration cards last weekend, Auchard said.

If there still are not enough spaces available for the students on waiting lists, additional sections probably will be created and more teaching assistants hired, Auchard said.

Because of the overflow of prospective students for English 1 and 2, rumors began to circulate that the problem was caused by departmental cutbacks in the hiring of teaching assistants. But Auchard denied the rumors said there had not been any real cutback.

About 19 teaching assistants from the fall semester did not have their contracts renewed for this semester because of a

budget crisis in November, he said. Funding did come through in December, Auchard said, and all but three or four of the TAs were rehired. The assistants not rehired were graduate students from departments other than English, he said.

Auchard said he anticipates no difficulty in finding additional teaching assistants, should the department determine a need for them.

It is not unusual for the department to rehire TAs as was done this semester due to the department's budgeting procedure, Auchard said.

A decision on what action to take concerning the overflow of English 1 and 2 students should be made today by Peter L. McNamara, director of freshman English, Auchard said.

Shah presents royal property to foundation

TEHRAN, Iran (AP)—Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi on Tuesday turned over the Iranian royal family's multimillion-dollar personal property to a crown-sponsored foundation in an apparent bid to remove the taint of corruption from the dynasty. He also ordered the release of 266 prisoners.

The United States, in a policy shift, was reported in Washington to have informed the shah that only his temporary departure abroad would quell the violent protests shaking the country.

American officials, who asked not to be identified, said the U.S. view changed after it became apparent that the installation of a civilian government was not significantly easing the conflict.

Tehran, blanketed by the first snow of the season, experienced one of its calmest days in months, but at least six persons, including an army officer, were killed in anti-shah violence in the provinces.

Iran's state radio announced that the royal family's property was being transferred to the Pahlavi Foundation "for the use of religious, educational, social and welfare organizations organized by the people and run by them."

The decree, actually signed by the shah last Sept. 25, came into effect Tuesday, the state radio said. Attached to the decree was an undisclosed list of divested properties.

Palace sources said the properties included the shah's enormous domestic holdings in company stocks, banks, factories and land.

A diplomatic source viewed the transfer of property as a halfway step toward fulfilling the shah's pledge to sever the royal family's ties with foundations and turn them over to a government agency.

"The step is not meaningless," he said, "but in the context of today's reality, no one is going to care...it probably will not meet the demands of the opposition" trying to force the shah from Peacock Throne.

The foundation, the diplomat said, had "done a lot of good things, such as financing scholarships for study abroad, but it has a bad reputation as far as corruption in the family is concerned."

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The shah's divestiture follows a previous royal decree, also last September, prohibiting members of his family from having business dealings with the government or from controlling charitable organizations. Sixty-four members of the royal family have gone abroad since the political turmoil increased last fall.

The \$1 billion Pahlavi Foundation was created 18 years ago with a personal grant of \$133 million of the shah's wealth. It is involved in a broad range of activities from scholarships, reparations of holy graves to investment in industry and oil tankers.

The national Pars news agency said the shah pardoned 266 prisoners held at Tehran's central police department prison for various offenses. They reportedly had been convicted by military tribunals.

Pardons for other prisoners were being studied, Pars said, but it was not known whether this referred to political prisoners. The government previously said about 200 prisoners were convicted of non-capital offenses.

The date of the shah's departure for an extended vacation abroad still was uncertain. His absence was expected to ease opposition pressure on the newly installed civilian government of Shapour Bakhtiar.

A London Financial Times reporter said Bakhtiar told him in an interview Monday that the 50-year-old shah would stay in Iran until both houses had given the government a vote of confidence—at least another 10 days.

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Weekend thieves rob 8 departments of drop-add cards

By JIM HUMMEL
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If it seems like you had to wait longer than usual in drop-add time, there was a good reason for the delay. Over the weekend, drop-add cards from eight departments were stolen, causing a lot of confusion on Monday and Tuesday.

"We believe it happened sometime over the weekend," said Ray Strong, director of records and registration. "It takes us a day and a half to set up, so we had everything in here on Friday. I've been here for 30 years and this has never happened before."

According to University police officer James Council, the incident took place sometime Saturday. "Saturday night about 10 o'clock," he said, "I came in, and one of the doors to Woolen was ajar. I walked in and listened but didn't hear anybody. I think that it probably took place during the ballgame and that there were several people involved."

The departments missing cards were English, chemistry, botany, zoology, math, philosophy, music and history. As a result, temporary cards had to be made out by the affected departments, causing long delays. Monday, lines for the chemistry and English tables stretched halfway across the gym, with some students waiting more than an hour to find out if the course they wanted was available.

Registration officials were alerted about the stolen cards, making it difficult for anyone to use them. A set of specially marked cards was made up and delivered Tuesday. Only the temporary cards or the specially marked ones will be honored. As of Tuesday none of the stolen cards had shown up, Strong said.



The theft of drop-add cards hindered registration in 8 departments

"The main thing we want to stress is that if anyone tries to use the stolen cards they will be caught," Strong said. "We believe we can stop anybody."

The main delays came about because not only did department officials have to fill out temporary cards but also had to keep a running tabulation of how many students changed classes.

"I think the departments have done well," Strong said. "You've got to realize we're dealing with 20,000 students, 4,000 sections and 100,000 cards. In the long run I'm sure everything will work out. Things have gone smoothly so far. I just think it's unfortunate that this had to happen because it's caused a lot of extra confusion."

"We have no clue as to whom stole the cards. We've looked all over and can't find them. The people who stole them

certainly didn't have any discretion." The only departments of the eight affected that didn't have every card for every class stolen were chemistry and history.

Sgt. Walter Dunn of the University Police said nothing has been discovered so far. "The case is at a standstill right now," Dunn said. "We're investigating the situation and will continue until something turns up, but nothing has happened so far."

Kim Holbrook, a registration official, said she had been informed about the two sets of cards and was instructed what to do if a stolen card happened to appear. Holbrook said that she had not seen any problems.

"It's unfortunate this had to happen," Strong said. "We feel drop-add is important. It's good to be able to give the students a chance to choose exactly what they want."

F route extends into Carrboro

By EVELYN SAHR
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Many residents of the North Carrboro area received bus service for the first time Monday when the F bus route began extended service on North Greensboro and Hillsborough streets.

The route, which does not have regularly established stops yet, runs south on Hillsborough Street and north on North Greensboro Street in the morning and then reverses direction in the afternoon. Carrboro Alderman Doug Sharer said Tuesday that regular stops will be established soon and until then passengers should flag the bus whenever they want it to stop.

The route begins service in Carrboro at about 6:45 a.m. and ends service about 6:45 p.m. when the last bus arrives at Hillsborough and West Main streets.

The extended route, which was adopted by a vote of the Carrboro Board of Aldermen on Dec. 12, will cost \$17,342.56. The cost will be split equally by Carrboro and the University. Sharer noted, however, the net cost will be less for the University that for Carrboro because the University receives bus-pass revenues unlike the city of Carrboro.

The extended route serves the apartment complexes in Carrboro that are not presently served by the C or N routes. Many of the rental housing projects in the area also will be served by the extended F route.

"With the extension of the F bus route we now have the basic bus system which Carrboro hopes to offer its citizens. However, insofar as the times are concerned we are not yet where we would like to be," Sharer said. He explained that Carrboro only offers services when the University is in session.

"We offer no Saturday service, no service during the summer or during University vacations and no night service, except for the C route which runs until 8 p.m.," Sharer noted. He indicated that an extension of service times would be needed in order to complete Carrboro's bus system.