

Cold and cloudy

It will be cloudy and cold through Tuesday. The daytime high will be in the upper 30s while the low will be in the 20s.

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The Arts

Drama undergrads say they're upstaged by PRC professionals

This is the last in a six-part examination of the quality and variety of artistic opportunities on campus and in the community.

By ANN SMALLWOOD
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Campus drama has gone through many changes since the Carolina Playmakers gave their first performance here nearly 60 years ago.

Most recently, the Playmakers have been transformed into the Playmakers Repertory Company, a resident theater group that supplements its core of professional actors with second- and third-year graduate students and a few undergraduates.

But the department of dramatic art, which backs the PRC, no longer holds a monopoly on campus theater. The Carolina Union brings professional touring companies to Memorial Hall through its Broadway on Tour program, which regularly sell out

shows like this year's *California Suite*, *The Wiz* and *The Sound of Music*.

The Union also has produced student plays on its own, or in cooperation with the drama department, such as *Jacques Brel* (1977) and *In the Boom Boom Room* (1978).

The Black Student Movement backs the Onyx Theater, which usually presents one or two plays per year.

The speech department sponsors the Readers' Theater. Under departmental supervision, students from oral interpretation classes produce, direct and act in about 15 productions per year.

The drama department received a production budget of \$12,000 this year from the University and the use of three theaters: Playmakers Theatre, Paul Green Theatre, and Graham Memorial Laboratory Theatre.

The Lab Theatre program, which receives \$1,350 of the funds, produces about 15 plays per year through classes and projects of individual drama

students or instructors.

The remaining \$10,650 goes to the department's major productions, this year including six PRC plays and two student-community plays done in the old Playmakers tradition of open casting.

In 1976-77 there were four Playmakers shows and four PRC shows, but in 1977-78, seven shows were done by PRC and none by the Playmakers.

Arthur Housman, chairman of the drama department, said the change to a repertory company may have been too fast. "It was probably a mistake to have an all-PRC season last year," Housman said. Some drama students claim they have been victimized by the rapid changeover, but the faculty disagrees.

Tom Rezzuto, professor of drama, said, "We want the company (PRC) to be a professional teaching tool comparable to the medical school. Now, instead of actively participating so much, they (the students) are interning with professionals. I think people don't realize how much the students are involved."

Rezzuto, who has been on the faculty since 1956, also said, "Earlier, a lot of professionals were turned out, but they were just really talented." He said the experience students got then, working with the amateur Carolina Playmakers, was not as good as what they are exposed to now.

PRC Artistic Director Tom Haas said he sees the PRC as a service organization "to lay in theater as an art" on campus.

He said he believes a university's purpose is to "expand the horizons" of its undergraduates, not to train them "to repair cars or to be ballet dancers."

Housman said he also subscribes to a strong liberal arts curriculum for undergraduates, because "the value that accrues to a student in college is humanizing."

"We may be remiss that we can't address all potential talent, but we want to do theater well or not at all," Housman said. "I'm not interested in anything less than excellence."

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Wrestling wins

The UNC wrestling team defeated Maryland Saturday to assure it of a first-place conference tie. For wrestling and other sports, see page 5.



Arthur Housman
...drama chairman

To voters

Bill introduced to cut challenges

By KATHY CURRY
Staff Writer

Rep. Trish Hunt of Chapel Hill has introduced a bill in the General Assembly that would make it harder for someone to challenge large numbers of voters at one time without providing proof of illegal registration before each challenge.

The major changes in the present law that would be made under the bill include a requirement that any challenger must appear at a preliminary hearing before the county Board of Elections and provide proof a person is not a legally registered voter. Under the present law, anyone wishing to challenge a voter needs only to send notice of his challenge to the Board of Elections and to the person being challenged, and a hearing is arranged. No display of proof by the challenger is now required before the actual challenge hearing.

A second proposed change would require the challenger to be present at each challenge hearing. The present law does not require the challenger to appear at the hearing.

The burden of proof at the challenge hearing would be shifted under the proposed law. Instead of the challenged voter being required to show he is legally registered, as is required under the present law, the burden of proof of illegal registration would fall on the challenger.

"I introduced the bill in some hopes that we can prevent the kind of challenges made in the county during the past few years," Hunt said.

The Orange Committee, a group of conservative Orange County Democrats, challenged the voting rights of more than 6,300 Orange County residents last March, including many students. Lucius Cheshire, spokesman for the northern Orange County group, said Sunday the new law would not affect his committee's attempts to challenge student voters.

Cheshire conceded the proposed amendment would make it harder for his group to challenge the legality of a registered voter, but he maintained the law must coincide with the state Supreme Court's interpretation of a person's domicile.

"There is a presumption by the state Supreme Court that you

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Tar Heel forward Al Wood tries for bucket during second-half play Friday against Furman
...Heels dropped 83-70 decision, but bounced back Saturday for 92-80 win over VPI

DTH/Andy James

ERA bill in Senate by today

From Staff and Wire Reports

A bill to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment is expected to be introduced in the state Senate today said Sen. Rachel Gray, D-Guilford, Sunday.

"Senator (Craig) Lawing (D-Mecklenburg) brought the bill around for us to sign on Friday, and I suppose that he will introduce it on Monday," she said.

The Equal Rights Amendment, which has been rejected three times by the state General Assembly, picked up momentum in the state Senate last week. Because of lobbying pressure by Gov. Jim Hunt and others, the amendment has gained four votes in the Senate in recent days.

The replacement of Sen. Crawford by Larry Leake of Asheville was a boost for ERA proponents. Leake has said he will vote for the amendment.

The Senate, which has long been the stumbling block to ERA passage in North Carolina has at least 22 votes committed to ERA, said Lawing president pro tempore of the Senate.

A companion to Lawing's bill may be introduced in the state House by Rep. George Miller, D-Durham, but the bill is expected to be introduced first in the Senate.

In past years, the bill has been introduced in the House, where it passed by six votes in 1977. But because of last week's supposed gain of votes in the Senate, where it failed by two votes last session, ERA supporters say they plan to introduce bills in both chambers and try to move it through the Senate first.

One important vote in the Senate is that of Sen. Walt Cockerham, R-Guilford. Cockerham's vote will be determined by a poll run Saturday in the *Greensboro Daily News* and the *High Point Enterprise*. Cockerham has pledged to vote according to the results of the poll, which will be tallied by a certified public accountant. He said he will consider forms submitted by registered voters only.

Lawing said that once again this year joint hearings on the issue would be held, with the proponents in one day and the opponents in another.

Sen. R.C. Soles, D-Columbus, said he is reconsidering his negative vote in 1977. Soles said that his district is evenly divided on the issue, but that he has been influenced by Hunt, President Carter, top party officials and friends back home.

That leaves 23 firm opponents, 22 supporters, and five uncommitted senators to determine the fate of ERA in the Senate. These uncommitted senators are: Joe Thomas, D-Craven; Joe Palmer, D-Haywood; Billy Mills, D-Onslow; and Walter Cockerham, R-Guilford.

Palmer and Mills, who both voted against ERA in previous sessions, say that does not mean they cannot change their minds this time.

The sudden shift toward ERA last week took some opponents by surprise. "I understand it's tightening up," said Sen. I. Beverly Lake Jr., D-Wake. Part of the problem, he said, is that no Senate opponent has taken a visible leadership role. However, with the gains in the Senate, Lake and other opponents say the House, where ERA's passage has been assumed because of the 1977 vote, may have tightened also.

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Even Civil War easier than North-South weekend

By PETE MITCHELL
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CHARLOTTE—It's been a long time since a North Carolina basketball team lost three games in a row—1970 to be exact. But about three-quarters of the people taking in this year's North-South Doubleheader thought that the Charlotte Coliseum was as good a place as any for it to happen again.

First, Furman kicked the Tar Heels 83-70 on Friday for Carolina's second straight defeat. And the way UNC was playing, Virginia Tech knew it also had a chance.

At half time Saturday, Gobler fans sensed upset with their team trailing by only three. N.C. State supporters chuckled under their breath, amused at the whole thing. The Furman people are always game for an upset.

Glamorless program?

Med tech trains lifesavers

By MELANIE SILL
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On television's *Medical Center* it always was handsome Dr. Joe Gannon who got to stride in and make dramatic announcements to patients about what he had discovered in their blood samples.

In real life, however, the detailed analysis of blood and urine samples as well as most other laboratory tests are done by medical technologists—med techs for short. At Carolina, med tech majors encounter much of the same lack of public awareness as their professional counterparts.

"The only time the public sees us is in the blood drawing situation," said Dr. Joann Stephan, director of the UNC School of Medical Technology.

Stephan said the UNC medical technology program was expanded from 12 to 20 months this year to give students "time to do more than accumulate facts."

There now are two separate UNC med tech classes—the class of 1979, which will

be the last to complete the 12-month program, and the class of 1980, which will be the first group to complete the new 20-month program.

"They spend the first two semesters in a structured lab-lecture situation," Stephan said. "Then comes 12 months of on-the-job education. When they graduate, they're ready to work."

Students may begin preparing for the med tech program as early as their freshman year by enrolling in a heavy science curriculum. When they have completed the required courses, students then may apply for acceptance into med tech school.

Stephan said the advantages of becoming a medical technologist center on whether persons "really enjoy analyzing things and obtaining a result."

"We're also helping people, like any other medical profession," Stephan said.

Jayne Baker, a member of the med tech class of 1979, said the 12-month program becomes hectic at times.

"It's a pretty rough pace, but I like it,"

Baker said. "I think most of the people in the class enjoy it."

Baker said the new 20-month program will be better because it will offer students more time to gain practical experience in hospitals. In contrast to the one week Baker's class spent in small North Carolina hospitals, students in the new program will work for most of the summer in such locations.

"I'm kind of glad it (the program in which she is enrolled) is just a one-year program," said Baker, who is a fifth-year student. "I kind of want to get it over with and get out."

Baker said the specific training provided in the med tech program attracted her interest.

"It gives you a specific skill to sell," she said. "This is one of the best programs around, and I wanted to give it a try."

Tim Futrell is the only male in the Med Tech class of 1980, but said he doesn't notice it most of the time.

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(Friday)."

"It was a total flop," said O'Koren, who typified the UNC effort with a 3-of-12 shooting night. "We were lazy, and you can't do that against a team like Furman."

It was the second straight year the Paladins dumped nationally ranked Carolina in the North-South. Jonathon Moore (16 points) and Al Daniel (29 points) did most of the damage as Coach Eddie Holbrook's team toyed with UNC's uninspired defense, and pressured the Tar Heels into a 42 percent shooting night.

"At halftime they didn't seem like they wanted the game," Moore said. "We felt we could stick it to them. If we wanted it, all we had to do was take it."

The Paladins held Carolina without a field goal the first 6:50 of the second half while building a 51-38 lead. The Tar Heels were



Med tech students
...work behind the scenes

Russian flu (a-a-a-achoo) brings reds to Chapel Hill

By PAM KELLEY
Staff Writer

Many UNC students are coming down with the flu, but based on information from areas that have recently suffered influenza attacks, the illness should not effect more than 30 percent of the population, says Dr. James McCutchan, Student Health Service physician.

"We're seeing about 50 people a day," he says. "The number of cases has increased from two weeks ago. We were seeing around 12 or 15 cases a day."

McCutchan said the strain of flu attacking students is probably the Russian flu, although N.C. Board of Health hasn't isolated the strain yet. "The Russian flu doesn't attack the whole population," he says. Since a similar flu strain hit the United States in the early '50s, most people over 25 have some immunity from it. Young people most frequently contract the virus, he says.

The virus was probably brought into this area by students returning from Christmas vacation, McCutchan says. "It has been in Atlanta and Washington, and just about anyone who flies somewhere has to go through those airports."

The flu brings with it headaches, fever, muscle aches, a sore throat and a cough, he says. It usually lasts from three to nine days. McCutchan says doctors at the Student Health Service make sure flu victims don't get complications, such as an earache or bronchitis.

An American Lung Association pamphlet recommends flu victims go to bed, take aspirin and drink plenty of fluids. Room temperature should be moderate and humidity should be high.

Smoking and antibiotics should be avoided, a *Medical Center News* bulletin says. It adds that even after fever is gone, most people go through a 10-day convalescence period, often referred to as the "post-influenza poop."