

The weatherman calls for sunny skies through Saturday with highs Friday and Saturday in the mid- to upper-70s. Chance of rain is 20 percent.

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Car pooling

Efforts pooled to save energy

By CAROL HANNER
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Off-campus students who want to combat the spiraling cost of gasoline have a new weapon for next semester—computerized car pooling.

The town of Chapel Hill, which has operated a car pooling system since last summer, will begin next week to expand its survey of possible car poolers to include students.

Information packets for parking permit pre-registration will include a survey sheet which students can fill out and return to the town for computerized match-up with possible fellow commuters, town ride-sharing coordinator Nancy Williams said Thursday.

Car poolers will receive the added benefit of higher priority for a University parking permit, said W.D. Locke, UNC's traffic and parking administrative director.

"We're encouraging car pooling a little more this year, particularly since we expect parking to be more scarce with the loss of the Carolina Union lot (due to library construction)," Locke said.

Williams said the continued gasoline shortage stimulates interest in the new system.

"Every time a newspaper article about gas shortages comes up, I get phone calls," Williams said. "Apparently, a few people had trouble last weekend finding gas, and I got 15 phone calls Monday from people interested in sharing rides."

But Williams said the program's goal is not to provide an emergency measure for cutting gasoline consumption temporarily.

"We want to change people's attitudes toward sharing rides, to make it the normal thing to do," she said.

Williams said car pooling reduces pollution, traffic congestion and wear on roads, in addition to conserving fuel.

The computer car pooling system began with surveys of 11,000 area residents, including UNC's faculty and staff and hospital employees. Of those surveyed, 1,100 were interested in the system.

The survey information was fed into a computer, which matched an average of six to eight riders with compatible schedules. Williams said the same 11,000 residents, plus UNC students, will be surveyed in the coming months to see if there have been changes in people's situations and attitudes.

"Some people see car pooling works for their neighbors, and they reconsider," Williams said.

The program, funded with an \$11,965 grant from the Federal Energy Administration, also includes a vehicle occupancy count, Williams said.

The town planning staff will conduct the count by counting the number of riders per vehicle at seven major intersections in Chapel Hill, then comparing the results with another count in November.

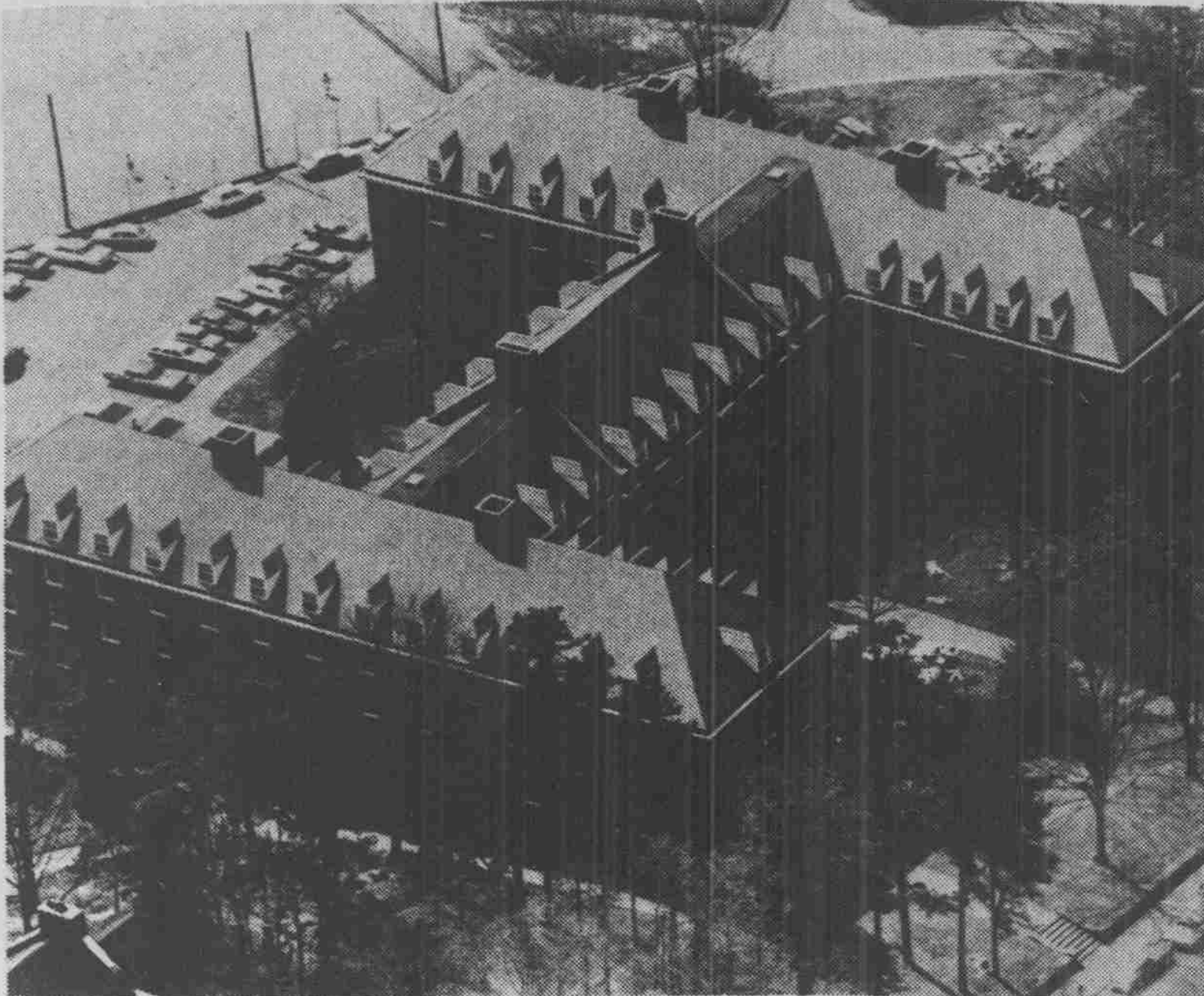
"If the average number of persons per car goes up, we'll consider the program successful," Williams said.

The town's system is not the only program for trying to loosen the tightening energy pinch.

The Chapel Hill Aldermen awarded a \$19,800 contract March 13 to Bolton Corp. of Raleigh for energy-saving modifications to the Municipal Building's heating and electrical systems.

The changes, such as creating separate light switches to avoid lighting a whole room for only one person, should pay for themselves in approximately five years through energy cost savings, town purchasing agent Bobette Eckland said.

Anyone interested in car pooling may fill out the survey included in parking permit packages in the basement of the Y-building or contact Nancy Williams at 929-1111.



Morehead Confederation unity at crossroads
...Cobb wants to stay in

Tempers flare at RHA forum

By CAROLYN WORSLEY
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A discussion session turned briefly into an emotional brawl during a Residence Hall Association forum on the future of the Morehead Confederation Wednesday night in Joyner.

The forum was the first of four sessions set up by the joint RHA-Morehead Committee of Governmental Options to inform Morehead residents of alternatives to the confederation before an April referendum is held to decide whether the organization should be dissolved.

An additional forum was held Thursday night in Graham. The forums will continue Monday and Tuesday.

The five Lower Quad dorms in the confederation—Aycock, Graham, Stacy, Everett and Lewis—have petitioned RHA to dissolve the Morehead organization which binds them with Joyner and Cobb. The Lower Quad dorms want to form a new residence college with the Upper Quad dorms in Old Campus housing.

Cobb and Joyner residents, however, say they do not want to form an all-female residence college or operate independently. Teresa Reel, a representative from Joyner, said the two women's dorms were not consulted during the preliminary discussions concerning the split because they were held during a January officers' retreat for Old Campus dorms.

"Since we were not involved in the preliminary thoughts we need to be very involved now," Reel said.

Aycock President-elect Shari Raymond denied that the impetus for the breakup came from the January meeting. Raymond did say, however, that Lower Quad officers had a successful planning session with the other Old Campus dorm representatives.

"We feel this kind of input is what we really want in a residence college," Raymond said. Due to the size of Upper and Lower Quad buildings, residents identify more with their individual dorms than with their residence college, and

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Hunt asks state to aid UNC

RALEIGH (AP)—Gov. Jim Hunt and legislative leaders pledged Thursday to use state money to compensate for any federal aid lost because of its desegregation dispute with the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

Hunt said he would ask the General Assembly to set aside a reserve in the proposed state budget as a standby allocation to the university in case federal funds are cut off.

HEW Secretary Joseph Califano rejected the University's desegregation plan Monday and said he was beginning administrative proceedings aimed at cutting off part of almost \$90 million a year in federal funds that UNC receives. (Friday said Thursday night he had heard nothing from HEW on further negotiations.)

Hunt said reimbursing the University would be more important than other state spending programs, including recommended tax cuts.

"I think that should take precedence over anything, frankly," Hunt said. "This matter is so crucial that we have to give it our highest priority."

"We'll find whatever money we have to have in North Carolina to keep our university excellent, and you can make book on that."

Hunt declined to say how much he would recommend to be held for the University or how much he believed HEW was prepared to

withhold. (UNC President William Friday said he is drawing up a list of programs likely to be targeted by HEW.)

Califano has said HEW plans to cut only money it decides is being used to perpetuate segregation in the 16-campus university system.

Hunt's press secretary, Gary Pearce, said later the governor has discussed setting aside a budget reserve with House Speaker Carl Stewart and Lt. Gov. Jimmy Green.

Stewart said in an interview he was certain the General Assembly would be willing to set aside emergency money for the university. But Stewart said the amount Hunt suggested in their talks was small, around \$5 million for the first year.

"That should take care of the problems for 1979-80," Stewart said. "But I'm still frankly optimistic we will be able to settle with HEW."

But John A. Williams, state budget officer and aide to Hunt, said he was still working on an estimate and would not have a figure for several days. "I think we can meet their needs, certainly for a while," he said.

UNC and HEW officials reached an impasse earlier this month over how much money the state is willing to spend to make building and program improvements in the five black UNC campuses.

HEW rejected as inadequate Friday's proposal to spend \$21 million over four years,

and suggested instead a package that some officials in the state have said would cost about \$120 million. Friday has called that plan unrealistic.

HEW is under court order to desegregate higher education systems in six southern states. North Carolina is the only state in that group whose desegregation plan has not been accepted by the federal agency.

Hunt said he was confident there would be enough excess state revenue collected to make up the federal losses.

"It is essential in my view that North Carolina be prepared," he said. "If funds are going to be cut off, we must be in a position to step in."

The governor said he did not believe his proposal for a \$40 million state income-tax cut this year would have to be sacrificed, however.

William A. Johnson, chairman of the UNC Board of Governors, called Hunt's remarks reassuring, but said he did not know how much money would be involved.

Hunt said the principle of North Carolina control over its higher education system's policies is the critical issue.

He said he supports continued improvements in the five predominantly black campuses and would not impede the use of more than \$30 million already appropriated for improvements at those institutions.



Gov. Jim Hunt

Over 1,300 tickets sold for Springfest concert

By PAM HILDEBRAN
Staff Writer

More than 1,300 tickets have been sold to UNC students for the April 21 Springfest concert, Springfest committee member Lyndon Fuller said Thursday.

"So far, we've sold over 800 on campus and I think between 500-600 off campus," Fuller said. Most of the tickets have been purchased by freshmen and graduate students, he said.

Fuller said he was pleased with the sales and that he felt many students are waiting to buy tickets until they find out what else might be happening that weekend.

"I expect we'll sell at least 10,000, if not more. Word is now getting out about Springfest and everybody is going to be there."

His committee will make heavy publicity efforts next week, including a poster and radio blitz.

In other concert developments, Springfest t-shirts will be on sale during the concert and Student Government will sell refreshments during the event.

Students who bring beverages to Springfest must not carry glass containers, for safety reasons, Committee member Jay Tervo said.

"We're very concerned," Tervo said. "There will be no glass allowed in the stadium."

Student tickets are on sale at the Carolina Union desk for \$4. Each student must present a valid student I.D. and may purchase one ticket. All tickets will cost \$8 after April 13.

Tickets may be purchased off campus at the following locations: radio stations WDBS, WDNC and WDCG in Durham; Apple Records in Greenville; Stewart Theater in Raleigh; and Schoolkids' Records in Raleigh and Chapel Hill.



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Some people just can't seem to get close enough to nature
...Charles Worth leafs through the leaves.

Danger passed

Low-level radiation escaping nuke plant

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP)—A federal inspector said Thursday the threat of contamination to neighbors of Three Mile Island nuclear plant is past, but low-level radiation continued to escape in one of the nation's most serious nuclear accidents.

"At this time, the danger is over for the people off-site," said Charles Gallina, an inspector for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission who has been monitoring the plant since an accident was reported early Wednesday.

"Our readings show radiation levels have dropped significantly," he said, adding that contamination remains a problem at the plant and radiation was expected to leak through vents into the air for 24 hours to a week.

Sen. Gary Hart, chairman of the Senate subcommittee on nuclear regulation, said earlier during a visit to the site that the incident was the most serious accident involving nuclear power generation in the United States.

"This corresponds to a major fallout pattern from a nuclear bomb test," said Dr. Ernest Sternglass, professor of radiology at the University of Pittsburgh, who measured radiation levels at the Harrisburg airport Thursday morning, two miles from the plant site, and found them 15 times greater than normal background radiation.

However, Gallina disputed that claim. "Any comparison between this type of fallout and fallout from a bomb is totally erroneous," he said.

Contaminated water vapor from the floor of a cooling building adjacent to the shut-down reactor was expected to continue entering the atmosphere until all the water is pumped out.

Despite the forebodings of Sternglass and others, officials of Metropolitan Edison Co., which operates the plant on an island in the Susquehanna River about 10 miles southeast of Harrisburg, said there was no danger to the public.

As for Sternglass' comment, Dick Miller, a company spokesman said, "We don't consider that a rational statement. It's kind of far out."

Joseph Hendrie, chairman of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, said at a congressional briefing Thursday that the radiation outside the borders of the plant was far below that considered a hazard to public health. But he added, "It is not a level I think we ought to take casually."

Hendrie and other federal officials told the congressmen there is no evidence the malfunction was a design problem that would show up in other reactors.

John G. Herbein, vice president of generation for Metropolitan Edison, said, "We didn't injure anybody, we didn't over-expose anybody and we certainly didn't kill anybody. The radiation off-site was absolutely minuscule."

Herbein said radiation readings indicate the level of exposure ranges from up to 20 millirems an hour at the site to as much as seven millirems in nearby towns. This is much less than what a person gets in a chest X-ray.

"There is no danger to the public," he said.

But nuclear critics attacked the company's no-danger posture.

"Every dose of radiation is an overdose," said Nobel biologist George Wald, professor emeritus at Harvard University, at an anti-nuclear conference. "A little radiation does a little harm and more of it does more harm."

Sternglass said, "The reaction of the community should be to stand up and scream. Risk for pregnant women and young children is significantly increased. It's not a disaster where people are going to fall down like flies. It's a creeping thing."

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A traumatic experience

Abortion procedure observed, recounted

By MARIE NANCE
Special to the Daily Tar Heel

Karen is 17. She is nine weeks pregnant and unmarried. She wants an abortion.

"Two or three weeks ago a friend of mine was killed in a car accident," Karen told me. She swallowed hard and continued. "I started crying at the funeral. I knew I was pregnant then, and I couldn't stop crying."

"I thought about having it (the baby) and then giving it up. But there's no way I could have if I carried it for nine months."

In 1976 an estimated 1.2 million Americans had legal abortions. Based on projections from 1976, an estimated 1.3 million abortions will be reported for 1977.

The rising trend exists in North Carolina as well. In 1976, 23,561 abortions were reported and an estimated 25,020 are expected for 1977 figures.

A private abortion clinic gave me the opportunity to find out the story behind the statistics. I was granted permission to follow a patient through the procedure. Karen was that patient.

Karen (not her real name) fits the statistics compiled by the N.C. Department of Human Resources. It was estimated that 80 percent of all patients who had legal abortions in North Carolina from January to June 1978 were unmarried. Ninety-one percent were 29 or younger. Seventy-five percent were white.

"Most women that come to the clinic used no contraception at conception," said a counselor at the clinic. Karen was no exception.

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When Karen considered why she and her boyfriend had not used contraceptives, she blushed, shook her head and said, "I just didn't think about it."

Karen chose not to tell her parents about her pregnancy or the abortion.

"My mom just had a nervous breakdown," she said. "I don't think she can handle it now, but maybe one day I'll be able to tell her. And as for my father, there's no way. I didn't have any money, so I had to tell my

boyfriend. It wouldn't be right not to tell him anyway. He's been very understanding through all of this. I know he wants me to have the abortion. But I had made my decision before I had even dreamed of becoming pregnant."

"Two of my close friends have had abortions. I had talked to them a long time ago about it and had made up my mind that if I ever got myself in a situation like I'm in now, I'd have one."

When I asked Karen how she thought she would feel after the abortion, she paused and said, "I really don't know, but I don't think I'll regret it. I'm going to be a lot more careful. I do know that."

One of the four counselors at the clinic had already explained the surgical procedure to Karen and two other patients. The counselor had also discussed the various contraceptives and how they work.

Contraception, a pregnancy test, individual counseling, the surgery and a post-examination are included in the patient's fee of \$225.

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