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It will be cloudy with a 60 percent chance of rain. Highs will be in the upper 70s with lows in the mid 60s.

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Dana Atchley's 'Roadshow' will be presented at 8 p.m. today in the Great Hall. See story on page 7

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Tolkien-inspired

Game sells well in town

By MARK MURRELL
Staff Writer

A winding network of treacherous tunnels harbors, sorcerers, griffins, trolls, gnomes and even death for players of "Dungeons and Dragons," a fantasy game that is selling out of stores here and attracting national attention.

At least one northern university, steam and drainage pipes are reportedly the real-life setting for the medieval fantasy game that has developed a cult following.

Playing "Dungeons and Dragons" underground has aroused curiosity recently with the disappearance of a Michigan State University student, who some say made the game as realistic as possible.

The much-publicized search for 16-year-old genius James Dallas Egbert III, a computer whiz at MSU who was last seen Aug. 15, has centered around the game, which friends say Egbert played constantly. Police say Egbert may have disappeared while acting out the game in an elaborate network of steam-pipe tunnels running under the school.

The popularity of the game, reportedly inspired by J.R.R. Tolkien's novels about a make-believe underground world, has spawned a collection of D&D accessories in Chapel Hill which are snapped up as fast as the hit shelves.

"It's hard to keep the game in stock," an employee at Billy Arthur Inc. at University Mall said. "It sells real well, mostly to college students and 12-year-old boys."

For students, there is the standard "Dungeons and Dragons" game, which sells for See STUDENT'S on page 2



DTH/Richard Kendrick

Dragons work in computers

By ANN SMALLWOOD
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Inside the UNC Computation Center, in the basement of Phillips Hall, two students are earnestly discussing a treasure hunt.

"Did you get into the maze?"
The student at the terminal nods affirmatively.

"Without the pirate's chest?... Oh... there was an empty chest there. That's terrible. And now you can't find your way out."

The students are not really in danger, as some players apparently were as they took their fantasy exploration into the real world at the University of Michigan recently, but are playing

a computerized fantasy-simulation game called "Adventure," available through the Triangle Universities Computation Center which serves N.C. State and Duke as well as UNC.

Another system that obtained adventure was at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where two students were inspired to design a similar, but more complex game, Zork, which UNC obtained just last week.

Both programs were modeled after a fantasy game called "Dungeons and Dragons," which is usually played on paper. One player would be the "Dungeon Master," or the equivalent of the computer program, who would design the

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Carpenter agrees to review special registration policy

By SUSAN LADD
Staff Writer

Orange County Elections Board Chairperson Pat Carpenter Wednesday agreed to schedule a special meeting to review the board's policy on where special voter registrations may be held.

The board angered several south Orange County political leaders Tuesday night when it rejected three separate requests for special registration activities to be conducted apart from the regular registration places.

After the board's decisions, North Carrboro Precinct Chairman Tom Banks presented the board with a hand-written petition requesting that it schedule a special meeting Sept. 18 to reconsider the denials.

The board's policy is to consider requests for special registration from precinct registrars who say the extra time is needed to meet demand. Registrars may petition to hold special registrations in their homes or in regular polling places.

"It seemed to me from the actions of the board that the policy was that they could only have special registration at the request of the registrar at their home or a regular polling place," Banks said. "My whole understanding of special registration is to get the registrars out to the people, to go where the regular registration places have not been before."

Banks requested the Sept. 18 date because of the time necessary to gear up a voter-registration campaign. Carpenter said the time of the special meeting will be announced as soon as she arranges a

time that the board members can meet.

The board rejected requests for special registration presented Tuesday night by Carrboro Alderman Doug Sharer, N.C. College Democrats President Scott Brewer and David Hinds, chairman of the South Orange Black Caucus. Board members Carpenter and Evelyn Lloyd said the proposed registrations offered certain groups of citizens special advantages. They rejected the registrations because many of the proposed special sites are on private property.

The board did approve two special registrations presented by Chapel Hill Town Council member Gerry Cohen on behalf of two registrars. Special registration will be held at the Community Church on Purefoy Road Monday, Sept. 24 from 7-9 p.m. and at the Ephesus Road School on Ephesus Church Road on Monday, October 1, from 7-9 p.m.

The board also expanded registration hours at the Chapel Hill Municipal Building and the Carrboro Town Hall to include Wednesday nights from 7-9 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Carpenter said Wednesday she thinks the expanded registration approved Tuesday would "spread the special registration commissioners thin enough." She said she would consider expanding registration even more if the demand is great enough.

Sharer and Carrboro attorney Steven Rose, who was also involved in the special registration proposals, said Wednesday they still are considering

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Town/gown conflict in mayor's race?

By ANNE-MARIE DOWNEY
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Although Chapel Hill voters will go to the polls on Nov. 6 to elect a new mayor, the University Board of Trustees may cast the deciding vote long before the polls open.

Before Jonathan Howes, who is director of the University Urban Institute, can run for mayor he must receive the permission of the trustees to take a partial leave of absence that would allow him to run for and hold office.

An Analysis

Howes, a current member of the town council, has not announced his candidacy for mayor, but he is regarded as a strong contender for the office—especially since Mayor James Wallace announced last week that he will not seek reelection. But Howes must get permission from the trustees.

Even though Howes said he does not expect getting permission to be too difficult, if the trustees deny his request, he would have to resign his job to run for mayor. But he said he would rather give up the idea of running than resign from his job.

But if the trustees do give Howes their consent, some local officials say, an even more interesting problem arises. If Howes runs and wins, how much influence will the University have over the mayor? Some officials say they fear a serious conflict of interest would arise, since Howes would hold the office with the University's "blessing."

Council member Bill Thorpe, who has been mentioned as a mayoral candidate himself, said recently that he is concerned about the possibility of what could be called a University-approved mayor.

"I don't know if that would be the healthiest thing," he said.

The regulation that gives the trustees a potential veto over Howes' candidacy was passed by the Board of Governors in 1976. The guidelines contain specific categories that are applied

differently for specific university jobs and political offices.

The category that applies to Howes is for a part-time political office for which compensation is more than nominal. The mayor of Chapel Hill earns \$10,000 a year.

This category requires the potential candidate to first gain permission from his immediate superior. In Howes' case, this is Charles J. Morrow, the provost of the University. His recommendation, with that of the chancellor, is sent to the trustees for approval.

Howes says he has not yet decided whether to petition the trustees for permission to run. But when asked about which section of the regulations would apply to the mayor of Chapel Hill, he was able to cite the page and location of the passage.

Chancellor N. Ferebee Taylor said he has discussed the Board of Governors' regulations with one University employee, but he refused to name which one.

Howes did say he will make an announcement later this week on whether he will request formal

permission to run from the trustees.

Even though Howes' plans have not been formally announced, some town officials have already expressed their concern over the University's potential influence.

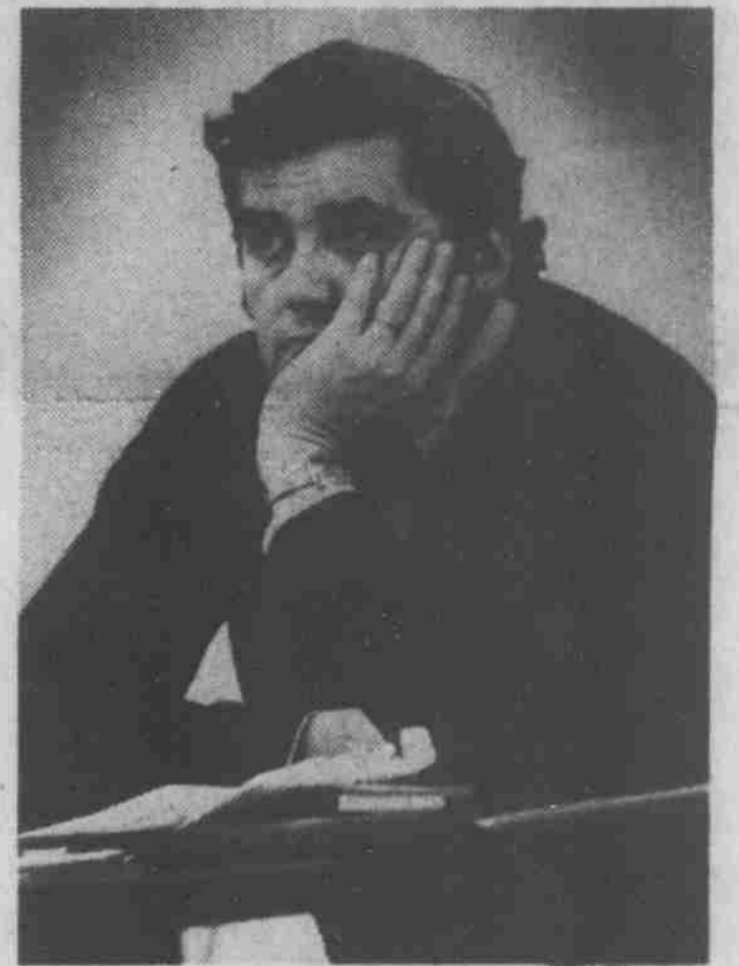
One town official, who asked not to be identified, said the possible conflict of interest on University-related issues should definitely be a concern of voters.

But Howes said he does not feel the University's power to block or approve candidates would constitute a conflict of interest later on.

In his four years as a town council member, Howes said, the University has never pressured him, as an employee, to support its policies. He has opposed some University proposals, he said.

But Howes did say that he could not rule out the possibility that the University could exert pressure on a mayor it had given permission to run. "It could occur," he said.

The last University employee to serve as mayor of Chapel Hill was Oliver Corwell, the head of the physical education department, from 1954-1961.



Jonathan Howes
DTH/Photo

Ticket system changes again

By MELANIE SILL
Staff Writer

Pre-game distribution of tickets for the UNC-Pittsburgh football game at Kenan Stadium Sept. 22 will follow a schedule slightly different from that used for the Tar Heels' season opener against South Carolina, Carolina Athletic Association president Matt Judson said Wednesday.

Only group block tickets will be available on Tuesday, Sept. 19, the first day of distribution. Groups wishing to reserve blocks of 20 to 100 seats must notify the ticket office Friday, Sept. 14 or Monday, Sept. 18. Block tickets not picked up Tuesday will go back into the general student ticket allotment.

Individual student tickets will be distributed Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 20 and 21. All tickets remaining Friday will be available for sale to the general public.

Other changes designed to cut down on ticket office lines, Judson said, include splitting up the group ticket distribution into three separate lines—one each for dormitories, Greek organizations and other groups with blocks reserved. Judson said ushers will be on hand to monitor ticket lines.

"Also, all available gates at Kenan Stadium will be open on game day," Judson said. "All the lanes at every gate will be open."

Judson also said recommendations had been made for a concession stand selling soft drink to be located near the end zone. Beverages at the UNC-South Carolina game were sold only in the main concession area.

Hours for distribution at the Carmichael Auditorium ticket office will be 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, and 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thursday. Students must present a valid athletic pass and ID when picking up tickets.



Shipman signature means year-round service

By PAM KELLY
Staff Writer

Year-round bus service in Carrboro will become official as soon as Chapel Hill Town Manager Gene Shipman signs a contract for it, Carrboro alderman Ernie Patterson said Tuesday.

The addition of summer service to Carrboro's C, F and L routes was recommended by the board's transportation committee last week. With sufficient funds already in the transportation budget to pay for the additional service this year, it was not necessary that the board approve the proposal, Patterson said.

Year-round service will cost Carrboro approximately \$65,000, or about \$30,000 more than it paid for nine-

month service. But because Carrboro received a federal grant this year, its share of the year-long service costs will be the same, about \$35,000.

Patterson told the board the transportation committee has requested cost information for shared-rate taxi service and Saturday bus service on the C route.

"We're also requesting information about any available buses we could use on the C route. Even with the extra buses, there are still times of the day when the buses have severe capacity problems," he said. "The demand for used buses is tremendous, and Chapel Hill literally doesn't have an extra." The number of C route riders has increased 98 percent over last year's ridership, according to one report.

In other action, the board continued a public hearing on an application for a conditional-use permit for the

construction of Sun Creek Apartments. The proposed 54-unit complex would be built near the intersection of North Greensboro and Hillview streets. Public hearings have been held on the project since last spring, when residents living near the site said the extra traffic generated from the proposed apartments would create severe problems.

The developer of the project, Southside Land Company, complied with the town planning staff's recommendations to change the apartment's main access drive from Hillview Street to North Greensboro Street and Tuesday the company presented its altered plans to the board.

The board voted to continue the public hearing until Oct. 9 to give the town's planning board, appearance commission and administration a chance to review the changes in the project.

BSM questions story

'Crackers' remark misunderstood

By ROANN BISHOP
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Leaders of the Black Student Movement said this week that a quote in *The Daily Tar Heel* in which Hayden B. Renwick, assistant dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, referred to whites as "crackers" was misleading and taken out of context.

In a story Aug. 27 about black student pre-orientation activities held Aug. 19, Renwick was quoted as saying, "These crackers have been taking affirmative action and trying to shove it out the window." A letter to the editor which appeared in the Sept. 4 *DTH* and an editorial cartoon in the Sept. 5 edition also referred to the quote.

BSM Chairperson William Bynum said Tuesday he felt the story did not accurately reflect what Renwick said.

"I was there at pre-orientation and I heard Renwick speak," Bynum said. "The comment about 'crackers' was entirely out of context. He was talking about the BSM at the beginning of his speech. The term 'crackers' came later in the story. There were comments in between that were left out."

"I don't think that the wording of this speech

should be an issue," Bynum said. "I hope it's not just another push in the face of Renwick because of the charges he made last year. Renwick said a lot of things like 'nigger' and 'crackers.' He's the type of guy that if he thinks that's the best way to get the point across, he'll use those terms."

"I think that it was bad on the *DTH* reporter's part to use one term without using any others," he said. "This way you get a one-sided view. I also recognize the cartoonist's right to depict what he sees when he draws his political cartoons. But in this case I fail to understand the humor."

In an interview Tuesday, Renwick said, "That statement was taken completely out of context. In one line of the story I'm commending the Black Student Movement and urging the incoming black students to join the BSM. Then in the next line, this statement comes out with a bang. My question is, what did this statement have to do with the BSM?"

Renwick declined to comment on the entire passage from which the statement was taken. "I don't want to answer a side issue, thus getting away from the charges I made a year ago concerning the University rejecting qualified

black students," Renwick said. "I don't particularly care how people see me. I'm looking for positive results for black students on campus."

Greg Cranford, BSM secretary and a counselor at black student pre-orientation, said Renwick has really done a lot to help the black students and I appreciate the man. I was at the speech and Renwick said a lot of things like 'crackers' and 'nigger.' But you have to realize that he was speaking to a predominantly black audience. I don't believe that he meant the statement to be offensive."

BSM Vice Chairperson Jesse Cureton said he believed Renwick had intended for his remarks to be understood in a joking manner.

"The way the article appeared in the paper, it seemed like Renwick made a really radical remark," Cureton said. "It wasn't anything like that. Renwick wasn't trying to put anybody down. He was just talking with the freshmen in a joking tone of voice."

"I do feel, however, since 'crackers' was printed in the story that 'nigger' and some of the other terms should have been printed also."

Renwick charged last fall that qualified blacks were denied admission in 1976 and 1977.



Chip shot
DTH/Richard Kendrick

Red Cross needs blood. Give today in Great Hall, 9:30-3p.m.