

### Some clouds

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## Cable TV to air local programs

Carrboro's Alert Cable TV will begin broadcasting a variety of community programs within a few weeks on its local channel 12 the company's local manager said Monday.

"Things are still in the formative stage, but we're going to shoot our first production next week," manager Treff Faubert said. "We're in the process of developing a community show which will be broadcasted at least once a week."

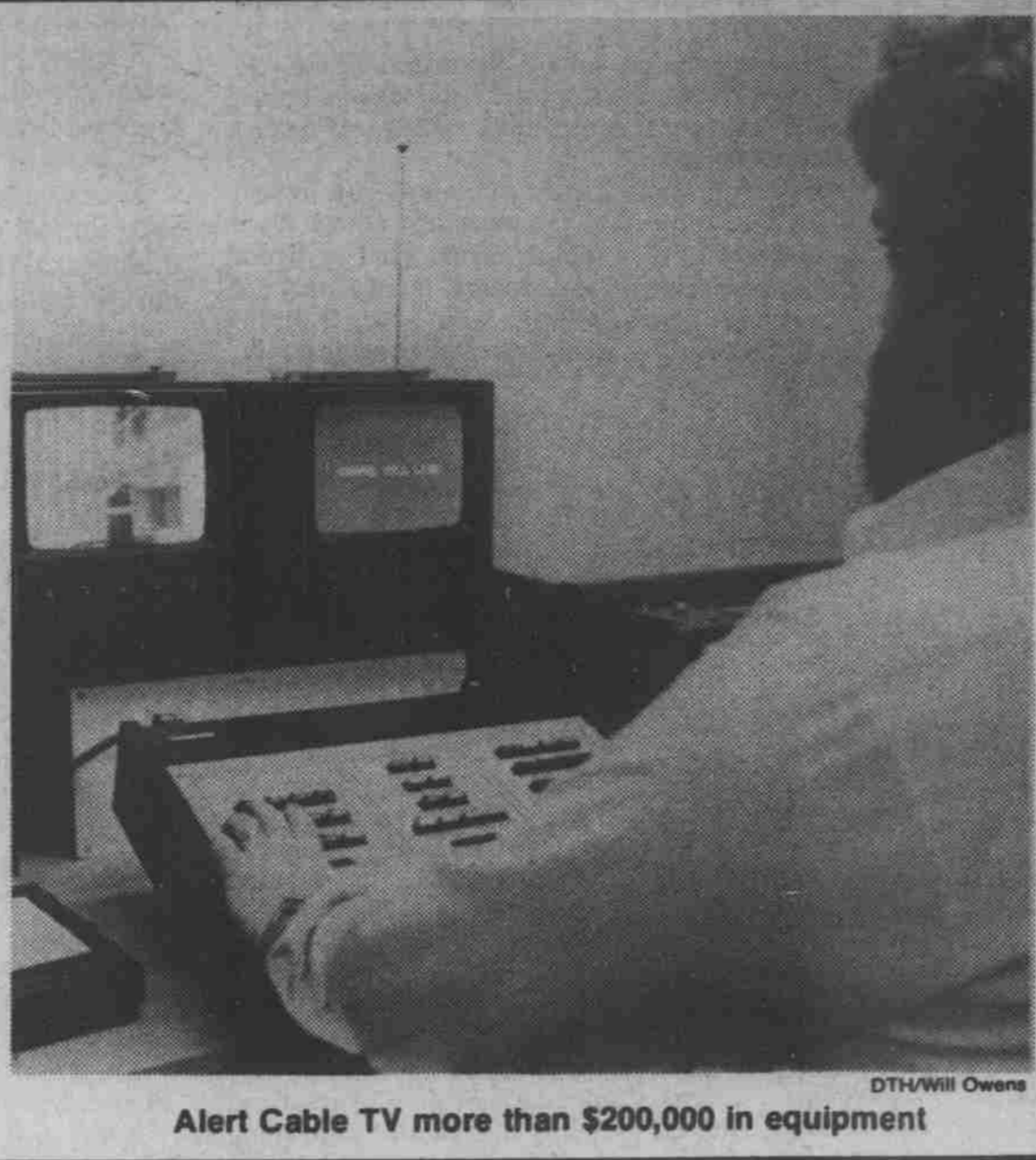
Alert Cable TV has a studio on West Franklin Street. A mobile studio and more than \$200,000 worth of equipment it will use to develop community programming.

"We're thinking about broadcasting Carrboro Art School productions, for the aged and the hearing impaired and government information programs we could shoot live from Carrboro Town Hall," Faubert said. "We've developed successful news shows in other parts of North Carolina and eventually we want to develop one here."

Alert Cable TV officials met on Monday for the first time with the company's Carrboro advisory committee, a seven-member citizen's group which will advise it on how to get the best use out of its local programming. Faubert said the group's members include people from Carrboro's educational and business community.

Until local programming begins, the company is filling air time on channel 12 with satellite programs, he said.

-PAM KELLEY



Alert Cable TV more than \$200,000 in equipment

## Voter registration to be held Sept. 25 in Woollen Gym

By ANNE-MARIE DOWNEY  
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The Orange County Board of Elections Tuesday approved a request to hold special voter registration in Woollen Gym on Sept. 25 from noon to 4 p.m.

None of the board members opposed the request, which was presented by Chapel Hill Town Council member Gerry Cohen. "This shows that the board is not opposed to student registration," Cohen said. "It demonstrates the fact that they are not being antagonistic, but that they just want proper procedure followed."

On Sept. 11 the elections board denied a request by several Carrboro and Chapel Hill political leaders to hold special registration at night in several Carrboro apartment complexes. The board also rejected a request for voter registration in the Carolina Union. Both requests were aimed at registering student voters for the upcoming November elections.

Cohen said that after the Sept. 11 meeting he talked to several student representatives and assured them he would "look for another avenue to get the request approved."

The request for registration in Woollen Gym was presented by Cohen at the meeting, but was formally submitted by the chairman of the Country Club precinct, Woollen Gym is the regular polling place for the precinct.

While the board has decided to allow voter registration on campus, it is still unclear whether it will reconsider the other special registration requests.

In a letter to Tom Banks, a Carrboro precinct chairman who has been active in attempts to expand registration, elections board Chairman Pat Carpenter denied a request for a special meeting to reconsider the proposal.

Carpenter said she did send Banks a schedule of the board's regularly scheduled meetings and told him he could add the request to the board's agenda.

Banks presented a petition to the board on Sept. 11 asking that the special meeting be held at night when

people could attend. The election board meets every Tuesday at 10 a.m.

Banks said he was unsure whether he will pursue the special registration, but several other local leaders who have been outspoken in their support of the request said they have given up the idea for this election year.

Steve Rose, a candidate for the Carrboro Board of Aldermen, said, "I don't intend to let the matter drop, but it's too late to pursue it for this upcoming election."

"They've given us worse than no encouragement," Rose said.

Carrboro Alderman Doug Sharer also said he was not going to pursue the special registration request, but will try to get people to register at existing registration sites.

"You can't club this body (the board of elections) over the head and make them do what you want," Sharer said.

"They aren't going out of their way to discourage student voters, but they're not doing a great deal to encourage it," Sharer said.

Rose objected to limited registration times and the time of the board's meetings, which he said prevents the public from expressing its views.

"They seem to think the world can walk off the job or out of class and go register," Rose said.

"The meeting today (Tuesday) is a perfect example of that attitude," he added.

At the Tuesday meeting, the board also approved special voter registration at the Lutheran Church on East Franklin Street on Oct. 3 from 7 to 9 p.m.

Greg Cranford, a Carolina student, was selected as a precinct judge for the Mason Farm precinct, which includes Hinton James and Craige dormitories. As a registrar, Cranford will be able to register voters in his residence by appointment. Cranford lives in Craige.

Registration for the Nov. 6 election ends Oct. 8.

## During gas shortage

# Carter gets ration power

WASHINGTON (AP)—House-Senate negotiations reached agreement Tuesday night on a compromise formula to give the president authority to ration gasoline during a severe shortage.

Under the agreement, Congress would have two shots at rejecting a rationing plan—first when the president proposes it and then again when he attempts to invoke it.

The compromise came on the sixth day of negotiations and broke a stalemate over the degree of congressional involvement in the rationing process.

House and Senate leaders of the conference committee said they thought they could win final approval in their respective chambers of the measure. An administration official attending the session said the White House

could accept the compromise version.

House conferees abandoned their earlier insistence that the president be given a free hand in drafting details of the rationing program.

The conference committee, named to resolve House and Senate differences on the rationing legislation, voted to give Congress the power to reject a rationing scheme once it is submitted by the president.

However, such a rejection could be vetoed by the president, requiring both houses of Congress to override the veto by a two-thirds vote in order to block a rationing plan.

Once the president actually attempts to impose rationing, Congress would get a second crack at the proposal and then could block it with a veto by either house.

Before rationing could be imposed, the

nation would have to experience a 20 percent decrease in gasoline or diesel fuel supplies. However, under the compromise, the president could ask Congress to waive this 20 percent threshold. Such a request would require consent of both houses.

U.S. Rep. Clarence Brown, R-Ohio, immediately denounced the compromise as the worst of both House and Senate bills. He said the measure, with its complicated system for congressional oversight, "will delay the process and there will be no meaningful input by Congress."

However, a majority of conferees on both sides said they would agree to support the compromise as the best that could be negotiated.

## UNC police sponsor bike registration

By LYNN CASEY  
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In an effort to stop a sudden increase in bike thefts on campus, the University police will sponsor a special bike registration program next week.

The registration will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. Sept. 25 and 27 in the Pit and Sept. 26 at Chase Cafeteria. Anyone who wants to register his bike may bring it to either location. Stolen bikes are more easily recovered if they have been registered, police say.

Thirty-three bikes have been stolen since July 1—a 57 percent increase over the same three month period last year, said Lt. C.E. Mauer of the University Police Department.

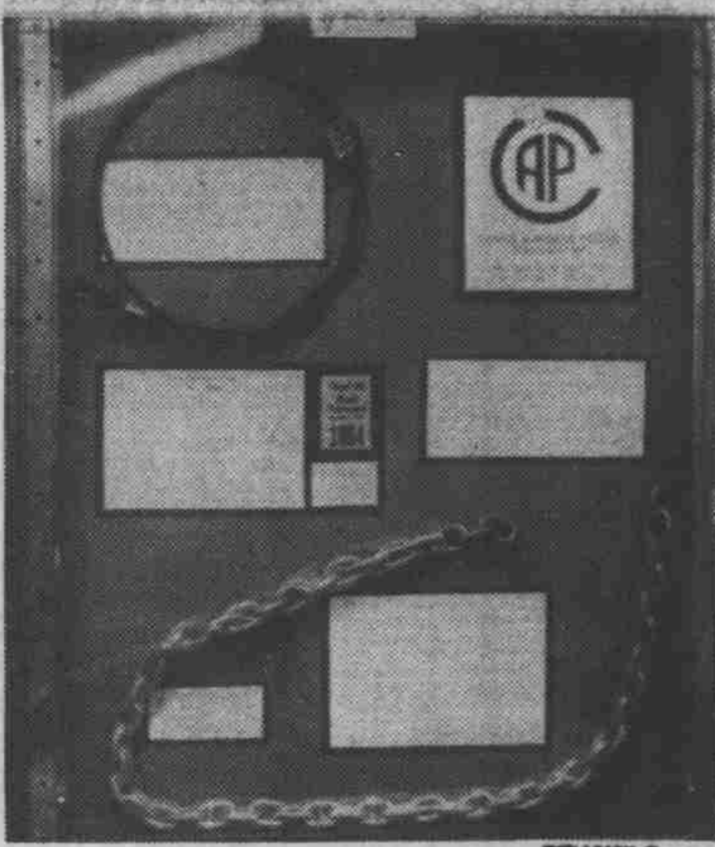
Mauer attributes the increase in theft to students' ignorance of bike security.

"There's a new crop of people who don't know about registering bikes and bike security," Mauer said.

None of the 33 bikes stolen were registered in Chapel Hill, he said.

Mauer said he recommends case-hardened padlocks, chains and cables to prevent thefts. "Combination locks are bad," he said. "One lick of a hammer smashes them to pieces."

In an interview Monday, Mauer demonstrated that a pair of wire cutters can easily cut through a chain that is not made of case-hardened steel.



Police warn riders to lock up...or its 'Bye bye bicycle'

"It doesn't take any special tools to steal a bike," he said. "He goes through the rack, finds the best-looking, most expensive bike, and if it has a cheap cable or lock, it's bye-bye, bike."

Since bikes are being stolen at all times of day and in no particular places on campus, Mauer said he does not believe a professional ring is responsible for the bike thefts.

Ben Callahan of the Chapel Hill Police Department said 22 more bikes were stolen during July and August of 1979 than during those two months in '78. But so far bike thefts this September are down compared to thefts last September.

"This (bike theft) happens when things get rough economically," Callahan said. "People need money and bikes are easy to sell."

## Hunt backing Carter

# Kennedy pushed in N.C.

The Associated Press

The mushrooming draft-Kennedy movement has reached North Carolina, but prominent Democratic Party officials seem to be keeping their distance.

Tony Adams, a young Wake County political activist, has started organizing a state campaign designed to draft Massachusetts' U.S. Sen. Edward M. Kennedy into a declared candidacy for the Democratic presidential nomination, according to party sources.

Adams could not be reached for comment.

Gov. Jim Hunt is President Jimmy Carter's most visible supporter in the state and, according to Hunt's press secretary, Gary Pearce, he will continue to support the president.

But Pearce admitted that some of Hunt's supporters across the state are getting nervous about Carter's dropping popularity and the adverse effect it could have on Hunt's anticipated re-election campaign in 1980.

"Everywhere we go we hear talk about Carter hurting the Democratic ticket in North Carolina," Pearce said. "But the governor is closer to Carter than he is to Kennedy on the issues, and I'm

reasonably confident that (in a North Carolina presidential primary between Carter and Kennedy) Carter would win."

Pearce said Hunt "is aware the president is in trouble nationally, but he's going to stick with him. The governor believes in Carter and thinks he's doing a good job."

"The governor can't go wrong by supporting an incumbent president. If Kennedy should win the nomination, he'll need the support of Southerners and Carter people in the general election," Pearce said.

Hunt and Kennedy get along reasonably well, he said. They have worked together on the National Governors Association's Crime Committee.

Former Gov. Bob Scott, a likely Hunt opponent in the Democratic primary next year, is also in the Carter camp now, said Susan King, Scott's campaign office manager.

State Sen. Russell Walker, chairman of the N.C. Democratic Party, has criticized Carter but said, "right now, as party chairman, I'm supporting Carter."

He said he is not afraid a Kennedy candidacy would divide and weaken the party.

## Student apartments near approval

By SUSAN LADD  
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The University moved a step closer Monday to town approval for construction of a 192-unit student apartment complex near University Mall.

No citizen opposition to the project was voiced at a public hearing Monday night. The hearing was the University's second step toward obtaining a special-use permit that would allow a private contractor to build the apartments. The matter was referred back to the planning board, which will make a recommendation to the Town Council. The issue will come before the planning board Oct. 16, and before the council for a final decision Nov. 12.

The proposed complex would consist of eight three-story buildings, a community center, four tennis courts and two swimming pools. The complex would house 768 students.

One problem that has surfaced in the proposal is access to streets on the area. The proposal calls for access to East Franklin Street by way of Coach Lane, and to Willow Drive by way of an extension of Conner Drive. The University already owns the right-of-way to Coach Lane, but it may have to acquire additional right-of-way to widen the road. The

University is also negotiating with surrounding property owners to acquire the Connor Driver access.

Town Council Member R.D. Smith said he is concerned about the high volume of traffic that would be generated by the project, and about the Couch Lane access, which he said would encourage left turns onto Franklin Street.

But Gordon Rutherford, the University's planning director, said, "We don't feel that there will be a great deal of vehicular movement in this area during the day. The complex will be served by several bus routes, and there won't be any parking on campus."

"I spoke with the people at the state department of transportation, and they felt that a traffic light there (at the intersection of Couch Lane and East Franklin Street) would not be necessary."

Chapel Hill realtor Mel Rashkis, who spoke on Rutherford's request, said there would be no damage to area property values.

"The project will have no detrimental effects at all," Rashkis said. "It might even dictate similar uses, and enhance the value of the surrounding property."

"The future of that area is pretty well written on the wall," he said. "It is not likely that Franklin Street will remain a single family area."

## 'Vend-a-flowers' saves forgetful lovers' necks

By PHIL WELLS  
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Rushing to get home late one night before your roommate locks you out, you remember that the next day is your boy or girlfriend's—or worse—your mother's birthday. And you don't have a present. Uh oh, you're in trouble now.

If you live near Raleigh, just stop by Watkins Flowers and Bridal Shoppe, drop your money in the machine, grab those precious flowers and dash home. The 24-hour vending machine, almost two years old, stays extremely busy around holidays, said florist Kenneth M. Watkins. It's especially popular among people who have forgotten birthdays and anniversaries (sound familiar?), and people on their way to visit a hospital patient.

Watkins said the vending machine's popularity turned it into a great investment and got it mentioned in several flower books and on the Johnny Carson Show. Until recently, the Raleigh florist claimed the only flower vending machine in America. But now, Watkins has sold similar machines to florists in other parts of the country, including one in Cleveland and one in North Carolina.

The vending machine offers between

10 to 15 kinds of flowers to choose from. These include potted plants, cut flowers, roses, carnations and mums. The prices range from \$5 to \$30—payable in \$1 or \$5 bills—depending on how important your loved one is.

The flower vending machine works much like any other vending machine. It has 14 windows, each with its own flower and price listing. You insert your money for the flowers in a compartment at the end of the machine, and push the button that corresponds with the flowers you've selected for your special person. The door then unlocks and stays unlocked for one minute, allowing you to snatch that valuable gift.

Watkins started pondering the idea about three years ago. He said many people would call him at night and ask for flowers, and in talking with various people, he came up with the vending machine notion. He feels that flower vending machines would be popular items in hospital lobbies and convention center hotels.

So don't be surprised the next time you walk into a hospital and see white mums and red carnations attractively sitting in a fancy flower machine, right there between the cigarettes and the candy. After all, flowers are much better for a sick hospital patient than cigarettes and candy.



For those who can't seem to remember...florist Kenneth M. Watkins' invention