

More rain

Cloudy and rainy today and tomorrow. Scattered showers expected through weekend. Highs in 70s.

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A parent's death

Along with the pressures of academic life, a student may be forced to deal with the death of a parent. See Weekender cover story.

U.S. tour doubtful

Soviets fearing more defections

By ANGIE DORMAN
Staff Writer

If the Moscow Symphony Orchestra makes its scheduled stops in North Carolina in October, there is a possibility of defection right in our own back yard, Russian immigration specialist Vladimir Treml said Tuesday.

But Soviet officials have indicated they may cancel the orchestra's American tour, which was to open in New York's Carnegie Hall Oct. 3 and perform in Greensboro Oct. 23 and at Wake Forest University two nights later.

The symphony's booking agent received word Wednesday that the tour, which had been canceled Tuesday, might take place after all. The possible cancellation apparently stemmed from the recent rash of defections by Soviet artists and athletes.

"Brezhnev is sick and political change is imminent in the Soviet Union," Treml said. "We have no idea of the distribution of power and what is likely to emerge, and defectors are perceiving that; therefore, there will be more defections."

Treml, professor of economics at Duke University and member of a New York-based committee which screens Jewish immigrants coming from Russia, said that some who harbored the notion three years ago are defecting now because of the impending shake-up in the Soviet political system.

"There are some key Soviet leaders who are relatively moderate, but there are also some rough characters," Treml said. "There could be a major shift to the left or the right so the number of defectors is increasing."

Figure skaters Ludmilla Belousova and Oleg Protopopov, a husband-wife team and two-time Olympic champions this week became the fourth and fifth prominent Soviet performers to seek political asylum abroad in little more than a month.

Robert A. Rupen, UNC professor of political science, said Monday that the Soviet Union will have to tighten up again before long.

"The Soviets used to be cautious about letting families out; that way they always had hostages," Rupen said. "Opening up is costing them; there have been too many defections in too short a time."

The Soviets have tried to shift the blame to countries like the United States who have granted asylum to defectors, saying that through capitalist enticement, the countries trap the defectors, Rupen said.

"We try to exchange programs with the Soviet Union," Rupen said. "No doubt the programs are hurt by the defections. Soviet authorities will be more careful who they let out, especially husband-wife teams."

The intellectuals are in the position to defect because they have a chance to leave the country; the ordinary working class cannot, Rupen explained.

"Creative people find the conformity stifling and want a chance for experimentation," Rupen said. "That's difficult in Russia."

Defection very often is not reported in the Soviet Union or is treated as treason or desertion. However, the Russian media expounded on the fact that Ludmilla Vlasova did not defect with her husband in August. She was not prominent in Russia until her decision, then Russia made her a heroine, Rupen said.

"People are considered dead when they defect in Russia," Rupen said. "Then it can affect careers and emotions of relatives left behind."

Children are the most important factors to consider when people are making decisions to defect, Rupen said.

"When you defect, it isn't simply a personal question affecting only yourself; it also affects your family," Rupen explained. "It's easiest to defect if you're single, but most people leave hostages behind."

Rupen said that the time when children were in school was the hardest for Russian citizens. "They're away from home and in the hands of the government; you know they're being made into communists," Rupen said. "If you don't like the system, it really hurts."

Generalizations are made about defection but each case is individual, Rupen explained. Some defectors may be in trouble back home and don't want to go to prison when they return.



Road blocked, construction delayed, 'mega-buck' damage ...and it all happened on a Wednesday night

DTH/Scott Sharpe

Wayward car fells walkway near hospital

By MICHAEL WADE
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Part of an elevated pedestrian walkway under construction near the intersection of East Drive and Manning Drive collapsed about 8 p.m. Wednesday when a car apparently veered into a support column, slightly injuring the driver and two passengers.

All three occupants of the car were treated at the nearby N.C. Memorial Hospital emergency room for cuts and bruises and released. A spokesman for the Chapel Hill Police Department said they were narrowly missed by a large concrete beam which fell onto the trunk of the car.

All three occupants climbed out of the car and walked to the emergency room after the accident Public Safety Officer Chesley Austin said. The driver of the car was John William Edwards, a sophomore at the University. His passengers were David Lee Brewer, a junior, and Tracy Thomas Kindrick of Charlotte. It was not known if Kindrick is enrolled in the University.

Part of Manning Drive was blocked by scaffolding under the walkway. Austin said the car was in one of the open lanes, but suddenly veered into the support column.

Austin said the concrete beam would have fallen into the passenger area of the car instead of on the trunk if it had been travelling a little slower. If it had been

travelling faster, the car probably would have knocked down another support column and collapsed the entire walkway onto the car, he said.

Brewer, in an interview at the scene of the wreck after he was released from the emergency room, said he was uncertain how the accident happened. "I'm really not sure if it (the beam) fell on us or if we ran into it," he said. "I would guess that it fell on top of us."

Austin said some hospital employees who were driving nearby helped the three walk to the emergency room.

Authorities called the company in charge of the project, Avco Builders of Atlanta, to check the structure after the car was removed from the scene. Jerry Smith, superintendent of the project, estimated damage to the walkway at \$20,000 to \$40,000 and said that construction would be delayed at least three weeks. The car, a 1978 Ford, was a total loss, police said.

Smith said a woman crashed her car into some scaffolding under the walkway about two weeks ago, causing \$500 in damage and delaying construction for two days. "We've done everything the Department of Transportation asked for," he said. "We've got all the (warning) signs."

Workmen removed huge slabs of concrete from the remains of the walkway to relieve stress on the remaining supports. Police said they expected the road to be clear by this morning.

Residents upset at premature use of deck

By SUSAN LADD
Staff Writer

While residents of the Mason Farm area continue to complain about traffic generated by N.C. Memorial Hospital, the University is technically violating a city ordinance by allowing parking in the nearly completed hospital parking deck addition, apparently with town approval.

Residents of the Mason Farm area complained to the Town Council Monday night that the parking deck addition is being used daily, even though the town promised them that the deck would not be occupied until a solution was found for the area's traffic problem.

When the town granted a special use permit for the addition last year, it required that certain conditions be met. Most of these conditions dealt with the construction and design of the deck, but the town also required that the traffic problems in the Mason Farm-Manning Drive area be solved.

Residents of Mason Farm, Otey's and Purefoy roads have had to contend with increasingly heavy traffic generated by hospital employees who use the roads as a

short cut to avoid the traffic lights on Manning Drive. Although several alternatives have been considered, the town has not yet taken action to solve the problem.

Before the deck can be occupied permanently, the University must receive a certificate from the town confirming that the conditions of the special use permit have been satisfied. Town Manager Gene Shipman notified the council this week of his intention to issue the certificate of occupancy to the University, even though no traffic solution has been found.

Council member Ed Vickery objected to opening the deck at the council meeting Monday and suggested that the certificate of occupancy be denied until a traffic plan was approved. But Town Attorney Emery Denny said Shipman has the authority to grant the permit, and that the town could not legally deny certification since the University has met its obligations.

The certificate of occupancy has not been issued, however, and the parking deck has been in use for more than a week. The University also advertised parking in the deck this Saturday for football traffic.

Bertie Howard, administrative assistant to

Shipman, said that if the University is occupying the deck without the certificate of occupancy, it would be a violation of a city ordinance. But Howard said the official position of the town is that the deck was not open.

Charles Antle, assistant vice chancellor for business and finance, said Wednesday he had met with the town building inspector and town staff on Tuesday, and he said they did not object to the University's use of the deck.

"We went over the list of requirements for the special use permit with the staff, and we have fulfilled our part of the agreement with the exception of a few minor things," Antle said.

"We're using part of the deck, and we haven't got certification of the town," Antle said. "We will continue to use it until this is resolved."

Antle said that after discussing the recent problem of overcrowding at the hospital parking facilities, the town did not object to the temporary use of the deck addition before certification is granted. Antle said he expects the official certification within a week.

University Planning Director Gordon Rutherford said that all but two or three of

the 14 stipulations on the special use permit have been fulfilled by the University. The University has no control over the major unfulfilled requirement for the permit—the town's stipulation that the traffic problem be eliminated, Rutherford said.

"If I was a resident of that area, I'd be angry at the town also," Rutherford said. "They have the power to solve these problems, and have had the power to solve them."

Otey's Road resident Peg Rees said she is "fed off" at the town.

"We've been led to believe that no parking was permitted in the deck until some solution was found," Rees said. "We've been batted back and forth between the town and the University."

Rees and other residents of the Otey's/Mason Farm/Purefoy/Odum Village area met Monday night to discuss their ideas for a solution to the traffic problem. They quickly reached a consensus, she said, but will not make their request public until petitions are circulated in the neighborhoods to assure that most of the residents concur. The residents will submit their proposal to Shipman next week.

Action Line callers want more rebate

By MARTHA WAGGONER
Staff Writer

Nearly all of the calls concerning dormitory roommate tripling received Wednesday by the Student Government Action Line requested that the University absorb the cost of tripling by refunding more money to the overcrowded students.

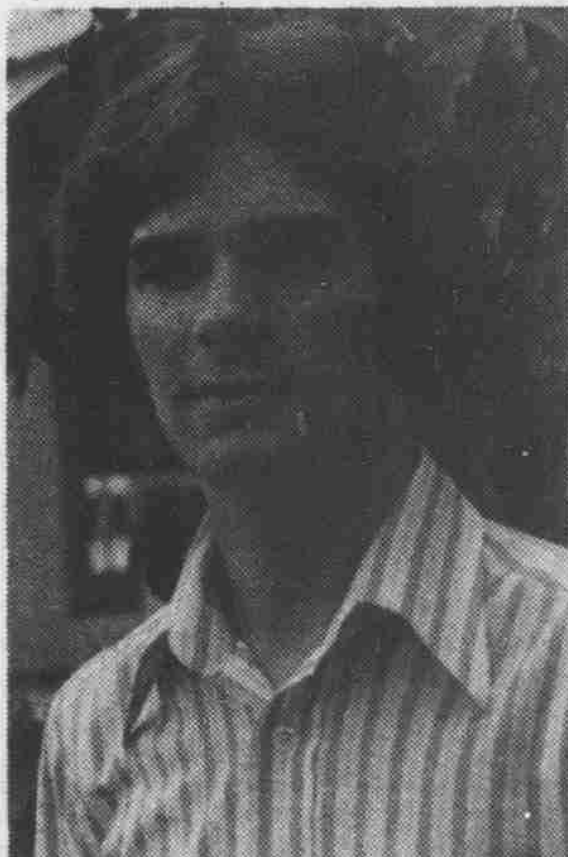
Currently, students in a triple receive a 20 percent rebate for the time they are tripled after Oct. 1.

Fourteen of the 16 callers said they felt it was unfair for the students to pay for the tripling. One student said the University and students should share the costs and the remaining caller tripled students should pay the full room rent with the additional monies the housing department would receive going into a fund to build a new dorm.

Student Body President J.B. Kelly said that although 16 people is not a lot, the suggestions they made were significant. "That's not a whole lot of numbers," Kelly said. "But this is the first time students have had to take the initiative to call in. Students definitely want a fairer rebate system. People are concerned with tripling."

Bob Cramer, a student member of the Housing Advisory Board said, "This is the best response we've ever had with Action Line. Maybe some people are still skeptical that their calls will be taken seriously."

Students complained about having less privacy in a tripled room than in a double room and about having less drawer and closet space. One junior called to complain about living in a triple two years ago when he was a freshman.



Student body president Kelly ...pleased with responses.

years ago when he was a freshman. A secretary in the housing department said 235 rooms remain crowded. Four men and seven women were moved into permanent spaces last week, and two men and six women will be moved out of their tripled rooms this week.

Kelly said the question of where the money for full refunds would come from has not been answered. "Once they (the University) make that commitment, money can be found," he said. "It's a principle more than anything else."

Although students do pay for services in a dorm, they are also paying for space, Kelly said. "Space does matter," he said. "A single room costs more than a double. Right there, space comes into consideration. You've reduced the space (by tripling) so you've reduced the service."

The Housing Advisory Board will meet at 4 p.m. Monday to debate either visitation policy or tripling.

Fraternity rush

Greeks looking for individuals rather than stereotypes

By THOMAS JESSIMAN
Staff Writer

Editor's note: Thomas Jessiman participated in rush activities at several fraternity houses this week. Many of the observations in this story are from his personal experiences.

Formal fraternity rush is a time when people are serious—the fraternity brothers dress to perfection as the rushees come around for three nights to vie for bids to join the Greek system.

Bothers size up rushees and rushees size up bothers and everyone is a little bit nervous and edgy. Most of the people say they prefer informal rush—the parties, mixers and hoopla that go on earlier in the term.

Rush format differs to attract brothers

By KAREN BARBER
Staff Writer

UNC men who don't like the stereotyped images associated with Greek life have the chance to build their own fraternity from the remains of one of the University's oldest brotherhoods.

Phi Kappa Sigma, founded here in 1856, is trying to increase its membership from the five active members who remain following a 1969 fire that destroyed the Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity house on fraternity court, said Chris Ballis, president of the fraternity.

"Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity was a major fraternity on campus before the fire," Ballis said. "We had a large house similar to the buildings on fraternity court now."

After the fire, the fraternity had no place close to campus to hold rush, a situation which led to a rapid decline in membership, Ballis said. The fraternity presently is housed four miles north of Chapel Hill on Highway 86, but is looking for a new home closer to campus.

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At the end of a rush night many of the fraternities get together and decide to whom they will offer a bid. The brothers congregate in a room and use any number of systems to grade and measure the rushees.

Every fraternity has different characteristics they look for in a rushee. Key qualities range from intelligence and confidence to having money.

"The basic thing about formal rush is that you try to get to know the guy better; if he's nervous you try to loosen him up," said a brother at one fraternity. "We don't want any pompous people. We want a decent guy who is bright, friendly and easy to talk to. And legacy is important too—no nerds."



Formal fall fraternity rush ...changes yet remains the same

A brother at another fraternity said, "We look for quality—if he's got a big ego and is too cocky we don't want him."

Most of the fraternities have a pretty good idea of who they want to join their fraternity before formal rush begins. It is an unusual case when a person just shows up on a formal rush night and gets a bid—in most cases the parties and dinners and activities of informal rush have let the rushees and fraternities get to know each other well.

"We look for leadership potential in rushees and all our decisions have to be unanimous," one brother said. The policy of having a unanimous decision on bids to rushees varies from one fraternity to another

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Housing, food costs same for frat, dorm

By DAVID SNYDER
Staff Writer

A recent survey by the Interfraternity Council indicates that it costs about the same to live and eat in the average fraternity house as it does to live in a dorm and eat on campus.

Tim Lucido, IFC president, said the results of the survey, which lists average costs of fraternity life, discredits the "popular misconception that fraternities are expensive, and only for rich people."

Of the 26 fraternities owning houses on campus, 23 responded to the survey of room, meal, and house-keeping costs. Social and chapter fees and national fraternity dues were also figured in the survey.

Although costs may vary between houses, Lucido said the average semester cost of living at a fraternity house is \$720. Food service charges included in the bill were for 15 meals a week.

The cost of room and board through the University, according to semester cost estimates compiled by the housing department and food service, runs about \$884. See MONEY on page 2