

Showers will taper off Friday night. Saturday will be fair with temperatures in the upper 40s. Slightly warmer on Sunday.

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New rape plan increases arrests

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Rape arrests and convictions in Orange County have increased dramatically since District Attorney Wade Barber Jr. began a special rape prosecution program, a recent study by a Duke University student shows. "We already considered the program a success," Barber said Thursday. "But after (Seth Truwit) did the study, we were pleasantly surprised to see just how much of a success it was."

Two arrests were made in Chapel Hill area rape incidents last month. On Dec. 14, a 21-year-old woman was raped in her room in Morrison Dorm. Jessie Lee Grissom Jr. of 227 Fisher St. in Raleigh was arrested in the case, which has not yet come to court.

In a Dec. 11 incident, a woman was raped after a man forced his way into her home on Jones Ferry Road and threatened her with a knife. James L. Jackson of Davie Road in Carrboro was arrested but has not yet been tried in the case.

The two rapes brought the number of attacks on women in the area to 10 this fall.

Truwit's study looks at similar time periods before and after March 1978, the month the district attorney's program began. A comparison of the two periods showed that arrests for rape more than doubled and convictions in rape cases tripled after the program went into effect.

Truwit's study found that convictions were obtained in 11 of 13 rape cases tried after the program was begun, as compared to two convictions in six cases tried prior to the program.

Barber said he was especially happy with one finding of Truwit's study. "Of the 18 (defendants) who were convicted (after the program began), 17 of those pleaded guilty and were convicted without a trial," he said. Sparing victims the necessity of undergoing a trial has been a key effort of the program.

The district attorney's office has made other special efforts in cases involving sexual assault, Barber said. "We give primary attention to rape cases," he said. "We try to move them through (the court) as quickly as possible."

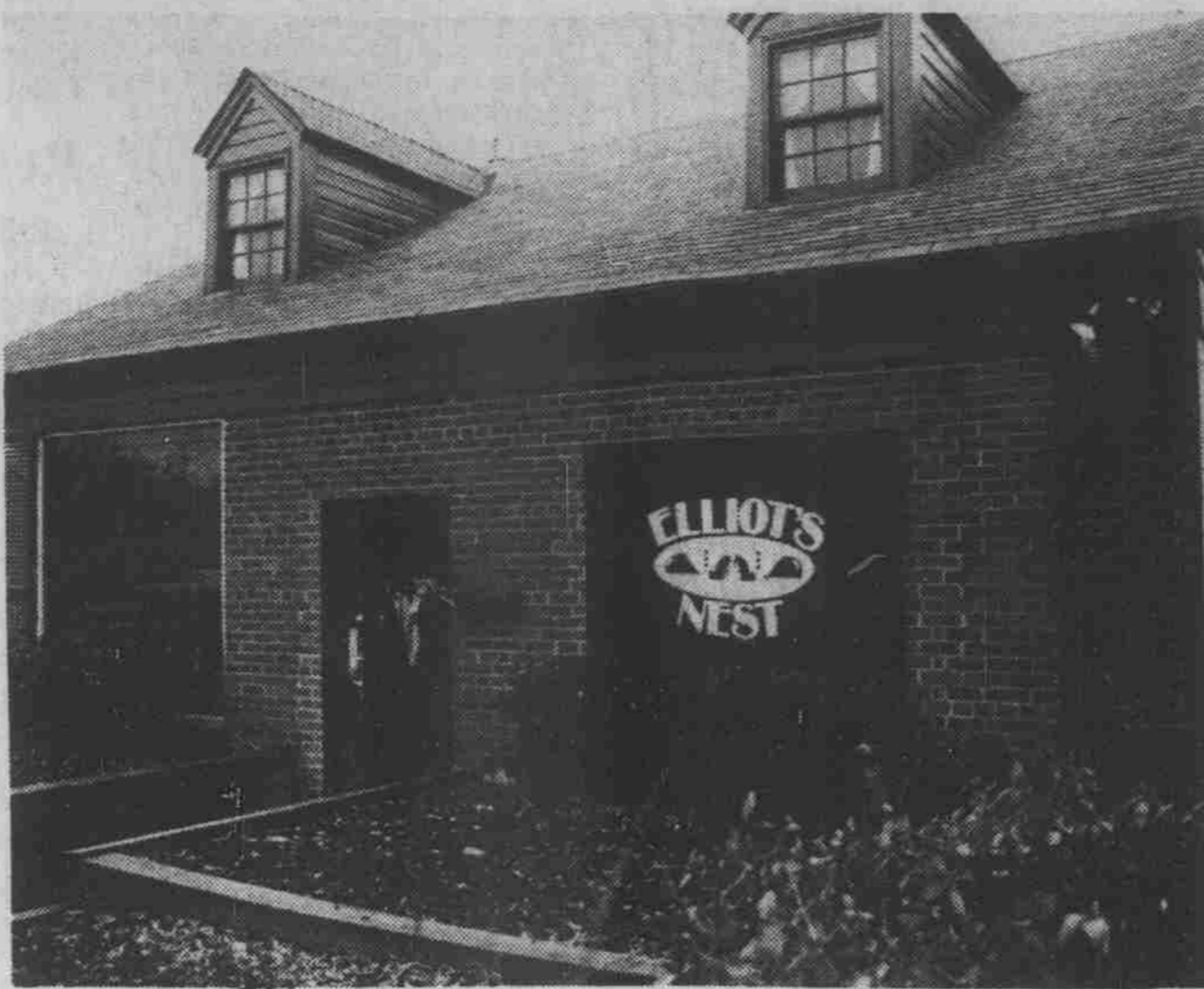
"We are always as well prepared as possible in these cases. And we let the defendant and his counsel know that, as an encouragement to plead guilty."

Barber's program is based on cooperation between local police and the Orange County sheriff's department, N.C. Memorial Hospital and the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Rape Crisis Center with the district attorney's office.

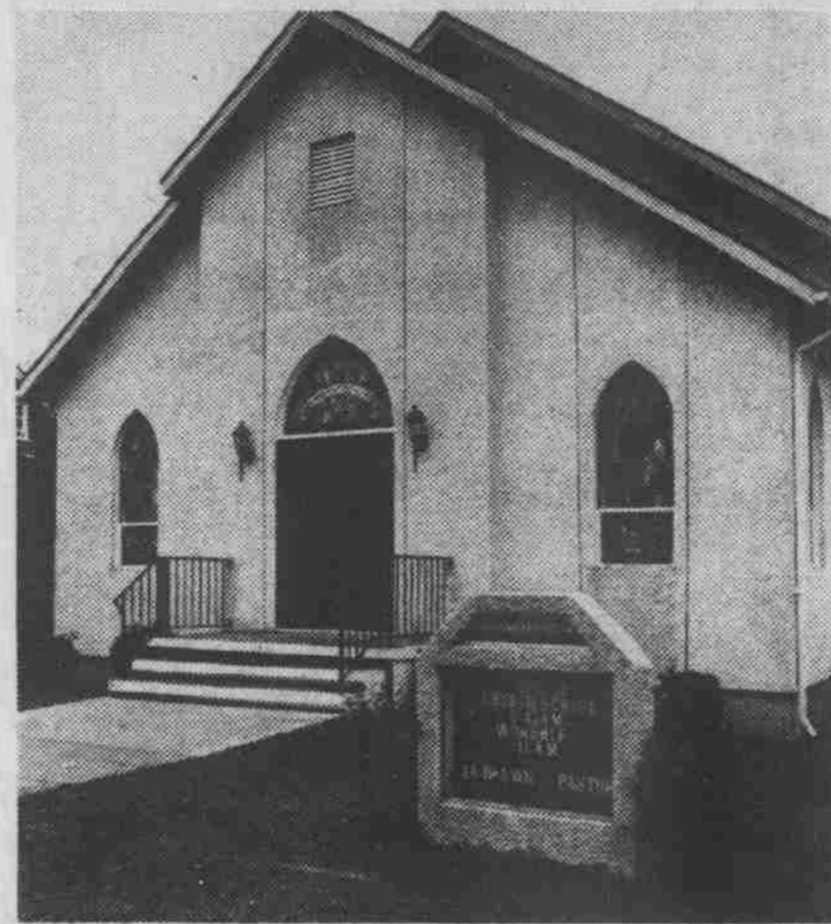
"We've spent a lot of energy in making all the people (in these institutions) aware of the victim's needs," Barber said. This has been done by education and training sessions and the establishment of an open line of communication between the institutions, he said.

"The primary concern of the program is that consideration of the victim's

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Residents living near Elliott's Nest (above) say some of the people who attend the disco may be committing offensive acts in the near-by Second Baptist Church (left). The residents also have complained about noise and parking problems which they say are caused by the disco-goers.

Noise, parking prompt protest

By ANNE-MARIE DOWNEY
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While University students may have few complaints about Chapel Hill night life, some patrons of one town night spot have come under attack from residents who live near the club.

Residents of Graham Street have complained for several years about parking problems, noise and disruptions in their neighborhood caused by the patrons of Elliott's Nest at 112 S. Graham St.

Now the residents have petitioned the town of Chapel Hill to eliminate parking on Graham Street from 10 p.m.-6 a.m. every day, with permits for residents. The petition will be presented to the Town Council Jan. 14.

Gloria Roberson of 120 S. Graham St., who has been active in residents' efforts against the club, said, "There are lots of problems. We have continuous loud, nasty and boisterous noise when normal people are sleeping."

"It is not suitable for a residential section," she said. "I can't describe to you what it is like to live with it. Or at least I don't know any nice words to say what it is like to live with it."

On the residents' list of complaints about the club, which is frequented by many students, are noise created by the patrons, litter strewn on residents' lawns, cars jammed on the street and disrespectful treatment of the residents by the customers of Elliott's Nest.

"Not only do they (people leaving the club) throw trash in our yards, but they are also nasty to people of the street," Roberson said. "They even argue with people on their porches."

"In our church, before we worked on the door to put in a lock, there actually

was a couple caught in the act of sex—in our church."

The Second Baptist Church is at 116 S. Graham St.

Albert Regester, who lives at 205 N. Graham St. and attends the Graham Street church, also said that on many late nights someone zoomed up and down the street on a motorcycle shouting, "Niggers, niggers." The Graham Street neighborhood is predominantly black.

The residents hope that a parking restriction will solve the problems but are prepared to take other actions, Roberson said. The residents have hired a lawyer to advise them.

"We would really like to get it (Elliott's Nest) closed," Roberson said.

Elliott's Nest recently changed ownership from the Chapel Hill Entertainment Corp. to Atlantic Coast Entertainment Systems, Inc. One of the new owners, Tony Gore, said he was concerned about the residents' complaints.

"It's a bad situation," Gore said. "We are a community business, and we are located in a fringe area. The problem is in trying to move the crowd out of here as soon as possible after they leave here."

"We are hopeful we can work to solve the problem without it damaging our business or their neighborhood," he added. "This situation has me very concerned. We have a lot of money tied up in this place."

Gore also said the problems may have been exaggerated.

Both the owners and residents have met with representatives of the Chapel Hill Police Department. Police Chief Herman Stone attended a recent meeting at the Second Baptist Church to discuss

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Parking:

This lot for flag-wavers and red-blooded Americans only

By JOHN ROYSTER
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Sticking together against the Ayatollah is a fine thing, but really, isn't "parking for patriots only" going a little too far?

That's what the town of Chapel Hill appears to be doing in its parking lot behind the East Franklin Street post office. Due to a town public works department error, the sign reads "Parking for employees and patriots only..."

"It is a mistake, to be corrected tomorrow (Friday)," said Chapel Hill Public Works Director Harold Harris. "We'll take it down and bake on the correct word."

Harris said the sign should read "Parking for employees and patrons only."

"It would certainly be nice if everybody who entered the post office were patriotic," Harris said,



Patriotism pays off...at least for parking

"but we admit our mistake, and it will be corrected."

Harris said he did not know how long the sign had been up, but that the sign department had made it and put it up without correcting the error.

The process of correcting the sign will take only part of a workday, Harris said. The present sign face will be removed and a new one put on by a process similar to printing a T-shirt. Letters are placed in the sign and heated until they melt and adhere to it.

So if you were worried about Chapel Hill trying to legislate morals, don't worry. The town merely has a comedian, or a poor speller, in its public works department.

And militant Iranians are free to park where they please, except on the UNC campus without a sticker.

Service costs rising

Tax increases, service cuts possible

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By ANNE-MARIE DOWNEY
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Chapel Hill and Orange County officials say that rising costs of town and county services may require either property tax increases for fiscal 1981 or a cutback in services.

"I think people are going to be inclined to recognize a need for an increase," Chapel Hill Town Council member Jonathan Howes said Thursday. "Or it may mean cutting back on services."

If the town and county do raise property taxes, it is likely that University students will feel the effects of the increase through higher apartment rents.

Philip McGill, co-chairman of the Chapel Hill-Durham Apartment Managers Association, said, "Any cost to the owner is going to be passed on to the renters sooner or later. I can guarantee you there will be a connection. That (property taxes) is a legitimate business expense."

The University Business and Finance Department has estimated that University students pay approximately 18 percent of all Chapel Hill property taxes through rents on apartments, Granville Towers and fraternity and sorority houses.

Chapel Hill Town Manager Gene Shipman said it was too early to predict whether town

property taxes would go up because the Town Council had not begun the town budget process yet. But Shipman did say that the town probably would have to provide an extra 19 cents per \$100 assessed property value to cover the operating costs of new projects, rising energy costs and the town's debt payments. The town's property tax currently is \$1.16 per \$100 valuation.

Although Shipman said the additional 19 cents probably would have to be allotted, he explained that this would not necessarily mean a tax hike. He said possible growth in the town's tax base as a result of recent annexations, changes in services and shifts in the budget all would have to be considered by the council before it recommended any tax increase.

"You cannot say that (there will be a tax raise)," he said. "There are just too many variables."

But he added that the additional 19 cents required definitely would have an effect. "I can look at these figures and say to the council that it is going to be a challenging budget to put together this year."

Under recently elected Mayor Joe Nassif, the Town Council plans to revise its budget process in accordance with plans outlined by Nassif during his campaign. The council is scheduled to begin the budget process in February, much earlier than in previous years. The council plans to schedule numerous budget work sessions and re-evaluate all town service levels.

Howes said he believed the new budget process

would work better, but he added that it would have to work better to deal with the difficult budget issues facing the council.

Howes said he thought the rising costs of operating town services may demand a reduction in services or at least require the town to tighten existing services.

"(The budget process) is going to be very difficult," he said. "There aren't any fatty parts in the existing budget. Anything we cut is going to cut into the meat as well as the fat."

In addition to the town's \$1.16 tax assessment, Chapel Hill residents pay a 90 cent county tax per \$100 valuation. Orange County officials also are facing problems of rising costs, possible service curtailment and tax hikes, County Finance Director Neal Evans said.

The county's finances were complicated by the failure of its bond package in November. Evans said the Orange County Board of Commissioners would have to decide if it wanted to proceed with the improvements which would have been paid for by the bond funds. The proposed projects include renovations to the county jail, expansion of county offices and improvements to area schools. Orange County is under court order to improve the Hillsborough jail facilities.

But like Shipman, Evans said that whether a tax increase would be required could not be established until after the budget had been prepared. The commissioners also plan to begin the budget process in February.

China seeks friendship, development

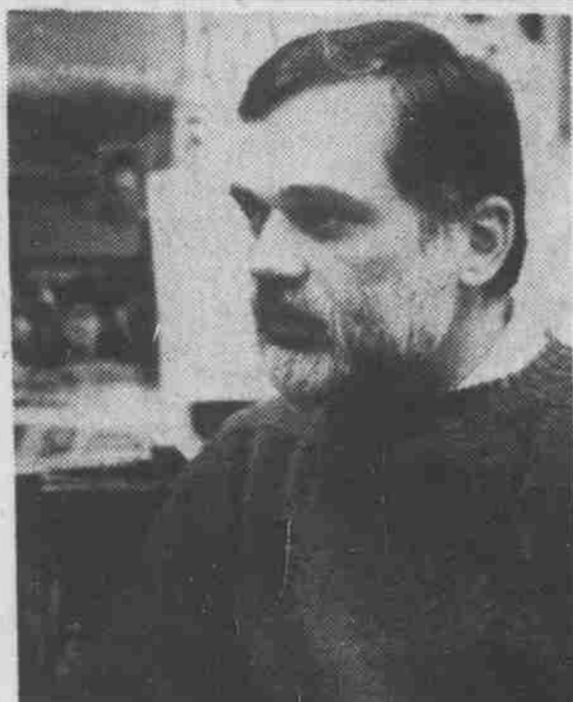
By KAREN BARBER
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The Chinese government is using its newly found friendship with the United States to make modernization by the year 2000 the top priority for the Chinese people, said Lawrence Kessler, UNC professor of Chinese history.

Kessler, who spent 14 days in China during the Christmas holidays, said the Chinese have developed a four-point modernization program during the past 18 months. Chinese leaders are working to simultaneously develop and improve their country's agriculture, industry, scientific technology and defense, he said.

"The Chinese are extremely friendly toward the American people," Kessler said. "Their general attitude is that America has all the things their country needs—conveniences, technology and educational institutions."

"The stated policy of China and the United States is to improve relations between the two countries. The people I met would certainly support that goal. The Chinese are looking to the West for more modern machinery and



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—Lawrence Kessler

technology."

Kessler left for China with approximately 150 other people Dec. 12. He described the trip as a general scenic tour of the country. Kessler's group visited Beijing (Peking), Changsha, Guilin and Guangzhou (Canton).

The group spent much of its time visiting such scenic and historic sites as the Great Wall, the Palace Museum and Mao Tse-Tung's birthplace. The group also spent time visiting various Chinese institutions including hospitals and schools.

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Textbook businesses booming on campus

By NANCY THORNE
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Business is booming this week at the Student Stores textbook department and the APO book co-op as inflation-weary students scheme and scurry to get the best possible bargains from selling old books and buying new ones.

Many students are trying to convert their old books into quick cash at the Student Stores buy-back line but a store employee said the used book market isn't always a seller's dream. New editions or a textbook switch for some courses make old books virtually worthless. Student Stores will pay 50 percent of list price for hardbacks and 33 percent for paperbacks that will be used in courses offered this semester.

Students are also losing ground in the new book market. A Student Stores spokesman said spiraling publishing costs have pushed the price of some texts up as much as \$1-2 per semester. Release of new editions also can increase the price of textbooks, the spokesman said.

Many students have been attracted by bargain prices at the APO service fraternity book co-op, which acts as an intermediary for students wishing to sell

their used books directly to other students. Students selling books in the co-op receive 85 percent of the price they ask for the books. The remaining 15 percent goes to the Bernard Grail Scholarship fund.

The APO co-op does have a few drawbacks, however. Co-op chairman Wesley O'Brien said the fraternity is unable to give refunds on books bought at the co-op because of the difficulty in matching the books with the original seller. "We remove the tickets and file them when the books are sold," O'Brien said.

The Student Stores textbook department offers full refunds on books that are returned unmarked within the first four weeks of the semester.

O'Brien said the APO co-op continues to grow each year. APO has collected 12,000 books since Monday, a new co-op record. The co-op has taken in \$15,000 so far, O'Brien said.

O'Brien said the co-op usually sells approximately 60 percent of the books it takes in. Unsold books are returned to the original owner.

The co-op has been operating on the UNC campus for the past 10-15 years, O'Brien said. Student Stores cooperates



Searching for that buried book bargain at APO co-op...students have turned in a record number of books to sell this semester

with the co-op by furnishing a list of textbooks required for each course, he said. The co-op is open 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. through Jan. 14 in rooms 206 and 207-209 Carolina Union.

Alternative textbook sources include several local bookstores, which although

may not stock standard texts, carry a variety of supplemental books and novels. The PTA Thrift Shop, with locations in Carrboro and on West Franklin Street, also buys and sells textbooks and paperbacks in several subject areas.