

Cloudy today with 20 percent chance of rain. Clearing tonight and cooler. Sunny Wednesday with high in the mid 60s.

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Kennedy can win N.C. says RFK Jr.

By CHARLES HERNDON
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Citing the weekend victory of his uncle Sen. Edward M. Kennedy in the Arizona caucuses, Robert F. Kennedy Jr., son of the late Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, said Monday night that the May 6 North Carolina presidential primary was within reach of the Kennedy forces.

Speaking to a crowd of 300 in Carroll Hall, Kennedy did not say if the Massachusetts senator would come to North Carolina, but expressed optimism about the candidate's chances in the South, an area where President Jimmy Carter has been projected to hold a strong advantage.

"People are becoming disaffected with the president," Kennedy said. "I think that the crisis in Iran has faded as a major issue. We have got some potential down here."

Kennedy was in Chapel Hill to kick off Sen. Kennedy's Orange County campaign and is making a sweep through the state concentrating on university campuses.

Kennedy lashed out at Carter's inability to handle economic and energy problems. "Carter is a man who doesn't have convictions or vision for this country," he said.

"The present administration thinks that the country's problems are a matter of statistics, but the problems are more than just statistics. They represent the broken dreams and broken aspirations of his presidency."



Robert F. Kennedy Jr. with Charles Webb and Burnele Powell ...at reception held after speech in Carroll Hall

Kennedy's speech centered on the policies of the Carter Administration, especially the areas of energy, economics and foreign policy. He said Carter's only program for energy development was the \$88 billion "synfuel" program which, Kennedy said, "only teaches the oil companies to squeeze oil out of rock."

On inflation, Kennedy criticized Carter for a lack of action and an ineffective administration. "Right now President Carter would get down on his hands and knees and pray for a 10 percent inflation," he said.

Kennedy said his uncle's anti-inflation plans would include wage and price controls and a comprehensive health-care plan for the country.

He said that unlike the failed controls of the Nixon administration Kennedy's wage and price controls would not be the only economic program of the administration, but rather the "scaffolding" with which to build a program.

"Carter has never drawn a line on the ground and stood by it," Kennedy said, referring to the Carter foreign policy. "There is no such thing as a Carter foreign policy. There is a (Secretary of State Cyrus) Vance foreign policy, and there is a (National Security Adviser Zbigniew) Brzezinski foreign policy, and they hate each other."

"Carter's foreign policy depends on what side of the bed he gets up on in the morning," he said.

CGC to cut requests for lack of fee hikes

By LYNN CASEY
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Student organizations requesting funds from the Campus Governing Council this week can expect many of their requests to be denied by the CGC Finance Committee.

The council has received requests totaling more than \$355,000. These requests must be cut by \$155,000, said Dianne Hubbard, CGC Finance Committee chairman.

Because student activities fees have not increased for the past few years, this year's funding will not be able to compensate for the inflation factor, Hubbard explained. "Most of the organizations have included the higher costs of inflation in their requests."

The Finance Committee began meeting with organizations Sunday to discuss budget requests and will continue meeting with the different organizations until Friday.

In Sunday night's session, the Minorities in Mass Media organization had its requests for \$1028 substantially cut to \$120. However, these are tentative cuts. The Finance Committee will rework the entire budget Friday night after meeting with all the organizations. Then the budget must be presented to the entire CGC for approval. Groups can lobby CGC members to amend the budget if they are not satisfied with the Finance Committee's appropriations.

Programs and services of an organization are ranked by their merits by the CGC Student Affairs Committee. The ranking is based on the worth and importance of a program to the rest of the student

body. The Finance Committee then cuts requests according to the priority stand taken by the Student Affairs Committee on each program.

Organizations which are narrow in scope have a hard time receiving funds from the CGC, as Minorities in the Mass Media did.

An organization such as MIMM has a maximum potential audience of 200 people. Presently it only has 27 active members, Hubbard said. But it differs from an organization like the Carolina Indian Circle, which has a limited membership but does not have a limited audience, since one of the purposes of the organization is to present Indian culture to the rest of the University, she said.

Operating costs, awards costs and costs of sending members to conferences are a few of the funding categories which will come under heavy scrutiny by the Finance Committee this year, Hubbard said.

Sunday night the Finance Committee was able to cut \$4,051 in requests from five organizations. But these are tentative cuts.

Former CGC speaker Rhonda Black views the limited funding from student activities fees to be a major drawback for the University.

"The biggest problem that the council faces is allocating fees that are scarce," Black said. "Organizations can't expand programs because of the limited funding and that's death to a University as progressive as ours."

Student activities fees were increased \$2 per semester in 1977—the first increase in almost 20 years.

If students want campus organizations to expand their programs, they will have to be willing to have their student activities fees increased, Black said.



Hubbard

Energy impact

Local car dealers have steady sales despite high gas prices

By DAVID TEAGUE
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Although high automobile and gasoline prices have caused a significant decrease in car sales nationwide, many car dealers in Chapel Hill are selling as many cars this year as they have in previous years, with some sales increasing.

Spokesmen for David Coggin Ford, Bradley Lincoln Mercury and Harriss-Conners Chevrolet said their sales had not been hurt by the current inflation rate. The spokesmen said, however, that large automobile sales have dropped sharply, while the demand for small cars with good gas mileage has increased. Most dealers also said the demand for used cars has risen.

Joe Coleman, sales manager for David Coggin Ford, said big car sales were down approximately 40

percent, but Honda car sales were making up for the loss.

"There are still some families that require larger cars," Coleman said. "So big car sales aren't off completely."

Charlie Stevens, sales manager for Bradley Lincoln Mercury, said that although small cars are selling well, he has been surprised by the demand for used cars.

"If the people can find a used car, one that is backed by a respectable dealer, then the cars won't stay on the lot for long," he said.

Most dealers said a major problem has been meeting the demand for small cars, which sell as soon as they reach the dealer.

"People just can't get what they want," said Bob Roman, sales manager for Old Hickory Motors, the area's Mercedes-Benz and Toyota dealer.

"We have a four-to-five month waiting list on the

Toyota Tercel and we just don't have any Celicas," Roman said. The problem stems from factory underproduction.

"The factories order a certain number of parts for a certain number of cars. If the manufacturers make any more than the number specified, the companies have to pay for them until they can be moved up to the dealers. But the factories realize the situation and are working to correct it."

Although Chapel Hill automobile dealers have not felt the crunch the rest of the industry has experienced, a decrease in the number of new car buyers could come soon, mainly because of repeated price increases from the national companies.

Last week, Ford Motor Company announced a 2.2 percent or \$170 per car increase, effective immediately.

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Fuel consumption targets set

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The American people are not the only ones becoming more aware of how much gas they use. The federal government recently set voluntary conservation targets for individual states in an effort to reduce the nation's gas consumption by 6.7 percent.

Bob Conly, a planner for the U. S. Department of Energy in Washington, said his office has increased energy planning within the past year. In addition to the federal government's emergency plan, Conly said most states are developing emergency plans of their own and are responsible for devising their own programs to meet the voluntary targets.

"The targets are voluntary, but if the states don't meet the targets and if there

were a shortage, President Jimmy Carter could make them mandatory," Conly said. "I don't see any real problems though. If there is no supply disruption or increased demand, the states should meet the targets without feeling much effect."

Steve Meehan, a spokesman for the N. C. Department of Commerce said the state should have no problem meeting its 7.2 percent gas reduction target.

"The past few months we've had 6.7 percent energy conservation when compared to the same period last year," Meehan said. "If we continue the present trend, we'll be able to meet our goal, and the state won't have to impose controls."

Meehan said high gas prices as well as increased public awareness about

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New economy cars on sales lot at Coggin Pontiac ...demand for small cars is greater than supply



Rainy days and Mondays

The recent rainy weather gave friends a good excuse to get close under the pretense of sharing an umbrella to stay dry. The unpredictable showers sent everyone running for the nearest shelter—whether it be in a building or with a dear one. The weather is expected to clear by Wednesday, so some will be looking for another reason to stay together.

Night college changes cause 200 to petition

By ELIZABETH DANIEL
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More than 200 University Evening College students filed a petition with Chancellor Christopher C. Fordham III Monday, that criticizes Evening College program changes passed by the Faculty Council on February 15.

The recommended changes are the result of a two-year study of the Evening College made by the University Planning Council.

The main complaints of the students concern the approved reduction of allowed class load, poor class offerings, and the lack of input on the changes from students and faculty before they were made.

Fordham said he had read the petition but that because the proposals were made before he became chancellor, he needed to study the general problem before he took any action.

The Faculty Council approved changes that would reduce the allowed number of credit hours a semester from 12 to eight hours for Evening College students and require students with no previous college work to remain in the Evening College at least three semesters before they could transfer.

Lea Mitchell, assistant director of

extension and continuing education, said that for most students the changes would not make any difference.

In the fall of 1979 there were 1,273 students enrolled in the Evening College and only 16 percent were registered for more than eight credit hours, Mitchell said.

The students are very concerned because no one took the time to explain the changes, said Jane Clay, an Evening College student and one of the organizers of the petition.

Charles Poplin, also a student and petition organizer, said he thought the Evening College tried to suppress the changes. "Maybe it's because they didn't know. I suppose they (the Evening College) weren't sure what was going on," he said.

The lack of student and faculty input regarding program changes is the only complaint specifically mentioned in the petition.

Clary said she felt that too many people viewed the Evening College students as people looking only for enrichment and not working toward a degree.

"Most people I know are working toward a degree—and these proposals will hamper their effort," Clary said.

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Thomas Wolfe in his own play ...performed for PRC in 1919

Beginning in fall

Playwriting classes revived

By JOE HOLLEMAN
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The UNC department of dramatic art will revive its playwriting sequence next fall. The sequence was suspended three years ago when drama professor Thomas Patterson, who taught the courses in the sequence, retired.

"We decided it would be better to suspend the program and review it then instead of continuing on," said Arthur Housman, chairman of the department of dramatic art.

"We're trying to restore the (playwriting) sequence slowly."

The sequence in playwriting was begun in 1918 by drama professor Frederick Koch and led to the formation of the Carolina Playmakers. The first class had 13 students—12 women and one man. The first man was author Thomas Wolfe.

Koch said in a 1919 lecture that the primary purpose of the Playmakers would be "the production of original plays dealing with North Carolina life and people, and the promotion of such playmaking in North Carolina."

In the following years, according to Walter Spearman in his book *The Carolina Playmakers—The First Fifty Years*, the Playmakers brought fame and national publicity to the University and their encouragement of original plays had a wide influence on the American

theatre. They also initiated the outdoor historical dramas such as Paul Green's *The Lost Colony* and Kermit Hunter's *Unto These Hills*, Spearman said.

"But the reputation of the Playmakers was not built on playwriting alone," Housman said. "It was the result of a creative atmosphere that drew students from all over the world," he said.

"We're trying to revive the spirit of the old Playmakers," Housman said. "We're trying to encourage another kind of creative atmosphere that would make students want to make theater a part of their life. Re-establishing the playwriting curriculum is just part of that. If we can reawaken students to the excitement of writing and producing their own pieces, it will be exciting," he said.

The course offered in the fall will be taught by Mark Sumner, who is director of the Institute of Outdoor Drama and a former Playmaker.

"I've missed the direct contact with students," Sumner said, "and I want to help restore the spirit of the old Playmakers."

Several professional playwrights have expressed interest in teaching in the sequence, such as Paul Green, past recipient of the Pulitzer Prize for playwriting, and Israel Horowitz, winner of several Obie awards for musicals, he said.

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