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Today's weather forecast calls for a high of 82 and a low of 68. Skies will be sunny but there is a chance of rain.

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One of the focal points of the drama department's next play is a handmade chandelier which dominates the stage. Story on page 4.

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House bill could mean more funds

By RACHEL PERRY
Staff Writer

Chapel Hill and Carrboro may be receiving an additional several million dollars in public transit funds over the next 10 years if the U.S. House of Representatives approves a Senate transportation bill that passed earlier, 27-20, Chapel Hill Transportation Board member Gerry Cohen said Tuesday.

Proponents of the Senate bill plan to present the bill as part of House Bill 6147, HR 6147, due before the House within the next month, is a transportation bill reported out of committee before the Senate passed the public transportation bill in June of this year.

The transit provision of the Senate bill will allow state governors to channel up to 25 percent of unused federal transit funds into towns with fewer than 50,000 people.

"If this passes the House, there will be a lot more money available for transportation improvement," Cohen said. "This would help both Chapel Hill and Carrboro. Things will be a lot better in long-range funding, especially for Carrboro," he said.

Carrboro Mayor Bob Drakeford said that the possible additional funds "would allow us to do things we can't afford to do now." Slated transportation improvements for Carrboro include Saturday bus service, service to The Villages Apartments in Carrboro and improved service on the J route.

The long-term goal is more convenient transit service: improved evening, rush hour and taxi service and level maintenance of bus passes, Cohen said. Over the next five years, planned transit improvements will cost Carrboro approximately \$95,000, he said.

"So far, Chapel Hill and Carrboro have received a lot of money for transportation," Cohen said. "But more and more smaller towns are trying to improve their transit systems, so the competition is certainly stiffening for federal funds," he said.

On June 25 of this year, the U.S. Senate passed the public transportation bill. "Under this national provision, state governors can transfer as much as 25 percent of federal money from sections three and five to section 18," Cohen said. Cities with more than

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In Concert

Southside Johnny, of Southside Johnny and the Asbury Jukes, at the band's concert Tuesday night in Memorial Hall. The Jukes hail from the Asbury Park area in New Jersey and play a combination rock'n'roll/beach style music. Many of their rock ballads are reminiscent of Bruce Springsteen.

Iran-Iraq conflict develops into war

The Associated Press

Iraqi ground and air forces struck into Iran along a broad front Tuesday, zeroing in on the Iranian oil center of Abadan, as the conflict between the two Persian Gulf military powers erupted into all-out war. Iran's U.S.-made warplanes hit back with punishing raids on Iraqi cities and oil targets.

The night sky over Baghdad was alight with anti-aircraft fire and Iranian bombs "falling all over the place," a witness reported.

Four unidentified Americans were reported killed in Iranian bombing raids on the petrochemical complex near Basra, Iraq.

The Baghdad government said 47 people were killed and 116 wounded when wave after wave of Iranian jets bombed the Iraqi capital and other cities, air bases and oil installations in Iraq. Iran issued no casualty reports from the attacks on its side of the border.

The Iraqi command claimed 67 Iranian warplanes had been shot down, but the Iranians conceded the loss of only two. Iran said it sent 140 planes into battle.

The fiery attacks on Iranian and Iraqi oil installations stirred new concern that the war might seriously disrupt the flow of oil from the Persian Gulf.

U.S. officials said the Strait of Hormuz, the narrow southern entranceway to the Gulf, remained open. But an oil industry source in New York said two Iranian warships were patrolling the strait to stop ships bound to or from Iraq.

Meanwhile in New York, the Carter administration, asserting a "special stake" in the Persian Gulf region, supported a United Nations effort to end the growing conflict between Iraq and Iran.

The U.N. Security Council went into private consultations Tuesday evening at the request of Secretary-General Kurt

Waldheim, who called the fighting a grave threat to world peace.

Some diplomats on their way into the talks speculated they might lead to a statement from the council president calling for a cease-fire.

U.S. officials said that while the administration wants to maintain strict neutrality, it would back mediation efforts even if they stem from Iranian accusations that Iraq is largely responsible for the new fighting.

Secretary of State Edmund S. Muskie acknowledged, however, that the two warring Middle East nations might ignore the Security Council if it called for a cease-fire.

"I don't have the answer to that question in advance," he said after conferring with Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim and five Western foreign ministers. "But I would guess that all nations that are members of the United Nations are aware of its influence on world opinion and world opinion still influences nations."

Muskie refused to say whether the United States would consider taking unilateral action to protect Western oil supplies, about two-thirds of which come from the Persian Gulf region. He said it was a hypothetical question that could not be answered usefully.

"We have a special stake in this one. All the nations in this area have a special stake in this one, so there is a high level of concern."

Other U.S. officials, asking not to be identified, said a decision had already been taken tentatively to work for a U.N. inquiry, although the United States would not play a prominent role.

Waldheim scheduled urgent consultations Tuesday by the Security Council. He told reporters Iran and Iraq had not responded to his appeal for an end to the fighting.

Mideast conflict may prolong hostage crisis

WASHINGTON (AP)—U.S. and Iranian officials appeared to be in agreement Tuesday that resolution of the hostage crisis will not be possible as long as Iran's conflict with Iraq continues.

Nonetheless, the State Department issued an appeal to Iranian authorities not to link the two issues and said it was in Iran's self-interest to settle the question of the 52 Americans held captive in Iran without delay.

Speaking with reporters in New York where he is attending the U.N. General Assembly session, Secretary of State Edmund S. Muskie said he believed Iranian consideration of the hostage question probably would be suspended for the duration of the war between Iran and Iraq.

Muskie's statement echoed a Tehran radio broadcast earlier Tuesday, which said the Iranian parliament has decided to freeze consideration of the hostage question

because of the war with Iraq.

But State Department spokesman Jack Cannon said the issue of the hostages must be addressed on its own merits, adding that Iran would serve its own best interests if it released the 52 Americans, who spent their 325th day in captivity on Tuesday.

"We would of course be concerned over any delay of consideration of the hostage situation," Cannon said.

"We hope the Iranian parliament will realize that it is in Iran's best interest to resume consideration of the hostage question at the earliest possible moment."

He noted that continued holding of the hostages had caused Iran severe economic difficulties and had left the country isolated internationally.

President Jimmy Carter, speaking to a gathering in Torrance, Calif., on Monday, had suggested that

release of the hostages by Iran could lead to a resumption of military spare parts deliveries to Iran. These were suspended last November after the hostage crisis began.

Carter's statement indicated the possibility that the United States was siding with Iran, despite official statements earlier in the day that the United States is neutral in the conflict.

Cannon refused to elaborate on Carter's statement and he brushed aside suggestions that the administration was proposing to Iranian authorities that they release the hostages in return for a resumption of delivery of spare parts for U.S.-made military equipment.

Some analysts believe the Iranian military is severely hampered by the absence of U.S. spare parts, although Cannon suggested that Iran might be able to obtain such equipment from other countries.



Edmund Muskie

High Noon

Bell Tower still up in the clouds

By WILLIAM PESCHEL
Staff Writer

They began arriving at the Bell Tower Friday at 11:30 a.m. They tossed their books aside and pulled out rolling papers and marijuana. A few began rolling joints and talking as more students joined them.

When the tower chimed 12 bells, more than 60 people were sitting under the tower, smoking that controlled substance.

Another high noon had begun. Passing a joint, one member of the informal pot-smoking club explained why he was there.

"It's a smoke-in. If enough people come out here and wave (marijuana) in their faces, they'd see how ridiculous the laws are."

"It's new wave," another joked. One person explained that the club has met every Friday, but some people come every day to smoke.

In fact, it seems the only times high noon hasn't been held have been after it received publicity.

The original group, called the High Noon Society, was formed in the fall of 1974. It rarely was bothered by campus police. By November 1974 more than 300 people attended its weekly meetings.

But the group began to lose members after the Raleigh News and Observer ran a front-page story about its activities. The University received many complaints, and the next Friday, Chapel Hill police stood on top of Wilson Library, taking pictures of the gathering.

In the fall of 1977, The Daily Tar Heel reported a revitalization of the High Noon Society. A classified ad appeared proclaiming, "HIGH NOON at the Bell Tower. BYOD."

Again, campus police appeared, and high-noon members were forced to lay low.

The high nooners are now under investigation by the University Police, said University Police Sgt. Walter L. Dunn. He would not speculate on what actions the department was planning to take against the group.

But he added, "If we see it (students smoking marijuana), we're more or less obligated to make an arrest."



DTH/Garry Hymen

Students meet at Bell Tower ...uphold high tradition

Emergency telephones inoperable

By SUSAN MAUNEY
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Widespread vandalism and an obsolete system are being blamed for a temporary shutdown of the UNC emergency call box system.

Several campus call boxes have not been maintained properly and others have been vandalized.

Bobby Baker of Orange County Central Communications said that whenever five or more of the campus boxes are inoperable the monitoring system is shut down. Orange County Central Communications monitors all campus emergency calls and 911 emergency call for Chapel Hill authorities.

Baker said that the campus system had been down approximately three weeks.

University Police said they have noticed the

vandalism and the maintenance problem. Sgt. Walter Dunn of University Police said that department members were trying to educate the public to report any damaged call boxes to them.

"Our officers are responsible for the ones on campus," Dunn said. "But they check them very infrequently now; there's been so much vandalism."

Steve Harward, UNC telephone systems engineer, said that Southern Bell is responsible for the direct maintenance of the boxes but that needed repairs must be reported to them.

The boxes are monitored by the central communications service on the first floor of the Chapel Hill Police Department, although the town discontinued use of its emergency box system July 1.

When a emergency call is received, central

communications contacts University Police by radio.

The University plans to continue use of the campus emergency system with a few modifications.

Call-monitoring equipment is to be moved from the Chapel Hill Police station to University Police headquarters in the basement of the Campus Y. Harward said that the move should be completed by mid-October.

Until the move is effective, Central Communications will continue to monitor the calls, Baker said.

Baker said that the system used now was installed when the campus' telephone system was University-owned, and it needed major repair in order to be kept working at all times. Three emergency operators monitor calls—when the system is working, he said.

Cobey feels chances good for election win

By FRANK WELLS
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Saying the people of North Carolina want a change in state leadership, Bill Cobey told a small gathering of volunteers Tuesday that he had "a real chance to win" his November race for lieutenant governor against incumbent Jimmy Green.

Cobey was in Chapel Hill for the formal opening of the Reagan-Cobey headquarters on East Rosemary Street. Literature in the cramped four-room suite promised "principled leadership" and "a new team." The walls were covered with Reagan posters and a few hand-lettered Cobey signs tacked in the corner.

"There's no doubt that all the candidates are linked together; whether Reagan carries the state affects us all," Cobey said. But he said he thought his candidacy may help other candidates, particularly in Orange County.

"The voters of Orange County are particularly sophisticated and well-informed; there will probably be more splitting of ballots here," he said.

He said he hoped the headquarters would help him carry Orange County this fall. Volunteers in the office will be making several hundred phone calls to remind voters to register and vote.

Cobey said his campaign was consolidated under the guidance of the Congressional Club, an organization which supports several conservative candidates. "We are using their resources to hook into the Reagan campaign," Cobey said. "They can only give us \$3,000, but we can combine with the Lake, Reagan and East campaigns and share costs."

The unified campaign principle was evident from the political fliers in the headquarters. Only two were Cobey pamphlets while four outlined the stands

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Candidate for lieutenant governor ...Bill Cobey with daughter and son