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# **Greensboro** petitions sent to Washington

#### By FRANCES SILVA Staff Writer

Students gathered in front of the Franklin Street post office Friday to mail petitions to the U.S. Justice Department encouraging investigation of the recent Klan-Nazi trial verdict in Greensboro.

The petitions, with 1,526 signatures of UNC students and faculty, resulted from the acquittal of four Klansmen and two Nazis for the fatal shootings of five persons at the Nov. 3, 1979 "Death to the Klan" rally in Greensboro.

"I was a little surprised and encouraged (by the response)," Student Body President Bob Saunders said. "This isn't just a response against the trial verdict, but also against radical, racist, right-wing organizations. I've gotten comments from students saying, 'We don't want to see North Carolina turned into a racist state," " he said.

The signatures were collected during and after the Thursday "Pally for Justice" at South Building. Mark Canady, Black Student Movement chairperson, said the petitions were also a protest to the

central issue of racism.

"We have stated time and time again that we are concerned. We want to manifest this in a positive way. We want to bring attention to the issue, which is not confined to Greensboro or North Carolina. It is a problem all over," Canady said.

He also said a march to Raleigh to follow up the petitions was being discussed.

Another petition organizer, Robert J. Cox, associate professor in the speech

## **Fordham letter clarifies** position on Smoke-In

#### By MELODEE ALVES Staff Writer

Chancellor Christopher C. Fordham said he sent letters to members of the Board of Trustees Thursday to clarify the University's position on the Nov. 16 Smoke-In, in which participants smoked marijuana, and received wide media coverage. UNC had received heavy criticism from some members of the these agencies to assure this remains a community.

much feedback from the board satisfactory explanation of the members, but he felt a letter was necessary because board members had read so much about it. In the Nov. 20 letter, he said, "I want you to know that we have made it clear that the University does not, and cannot, condone any illegal act."

Much of the criticism came because there were no police present at the Smoke-In and no arrests were made.

"We have consulted with the law enforcement agencies on campus and in the town and state, and the Office of the Attorney General," Fordham said in the letter.

"We shall be alert to the possibility of future recurrences and shall work with peaceful and law-abiding community."

Fordham said he had not received "It is a very simple letter with a very University's handling of the matter," board member Thomas Lambeth said.

#### used and developed by the American Association of University Professors to analyze faculty salaries. This was against the recommendation of the Committee on Instructional Personnel. The method was designed to help determine inequities in male and female salaries. The petition on the trial read, "...we (the faculty members signing the petition) believe that the outcome of the recent trial in Greensboro is one to which we should respond as faculty From left: Richard Rosen, Mark Canady and Bob Saunders members because, in addition to our ...with petitions protesting Greensboro Klan/Nazi trial individual concern about it, it is clear that for a variety of reasons it has created unease among many of our "We're hoping that if the Justice department, said he hoped the outcome students, and a sense of insecurity and of the trial would not deter the trial of

### Faculty sign petition

#### By ELIZABETH DANIEL Staff Writer

Fifty-two UNC faculty members signed a petition at Friday's Faculty Council meeting urging state, local and federal authorities to review the Klan/ Nazi trial in Greensboro. It was not done as part of the council meeting.

At the meeting, the Council approved the adoption of the statistical method

foreboding particularly among minority students.

The petition was sent to the district attorney of Guilford County, the Attorney General of North Carolina and the United States Attorney General.

It urged them to review all aspects of the case to determine whether justice had been fully done, and if not, to take appropriate steps to see it was.

During the meeting, the council adopted a resolution recommending that the appropriate officials give serious consideration to the AAUP survey as a basis for reviewing faculty salaries as well as to the method currently being used.

The method was recommended by a special report of the Committee on the Status of Women last spring.

J. Charles Morrow, chairman of the Committee on Instructional Personnel and UNC provost, said the University should not adopt the analysis because it had serious flaws. He specifically noted the grouping of faculty members from different disciplines. He also said the analysis erred by including men's administrative salary supplements but not women's.

Department will intervene then the state

### prosecutor will be more encouraged to try the others," Cox said.

University-owned Horace Williams Airport.

**Council to reconsider conversion request** 

fare system and franchise distribution.

authority to consider the proposal.

In a letter to the council explaining the resubmission of his company's request, Oaks representative Austin Bisbing wrote: "During the original submission of this application, the petitioners were advised by legal council to file action against the town Board of Adjustment. This act had an effect of confusing the clear consideration of the original petition. We, therefore, wish to resubmit the request to allow the action of condominium ownership to be considered on its merit."

Town Council member Bill Thorpe, who initially

voted against The Oaks request, made the motion to reconsider after the developer withdrew his lawsuit, which Thorpe had termed a "threat" hanging over the town. The motion failed after the council voted that the request should have to go back through the public hearing process before it could be resubmitted for a vote.

The leash law proposal would require that any dog of the owner's property be physically restrained. Now a dog only needs to be within voice range of its owner and obedient to its owner's commands.

The new animal ordinance would increase fines for leash law infractions or improper vaccinations from \$15 to \$20 and increase boarding fees for impounded animals from \$2 to \$3 per day. Recovering an impounded animal would cost \$5 under the new ordinance. Now there is no charge if the animal is picked up on the first day and a \$10 charge for any day thereafter.

Homes of Greensboro begins anew the process of public hearing and review necessary to obtain the special-use permit modification needed for its

ownership change. Other items on the agenda are:

the remaining members of the Ku Klux

Klan and Nazis.

· a hearing on proposed strengthening of the town's leash laws.

By ANN SMALLWOOD

Staff Writer

to condominiums will come before the Chapel Hill

Town Council again at 7:30 tonight, as developer Brant

· a hearing on proposed changes in the town's drivein business policy,

· a hearing on a proposal that would allow optional payments by developers in lieu of dedication of open space in new subdivisions.

· a resolution to create a task force to seek and study locations for an Orange County airport to replace the

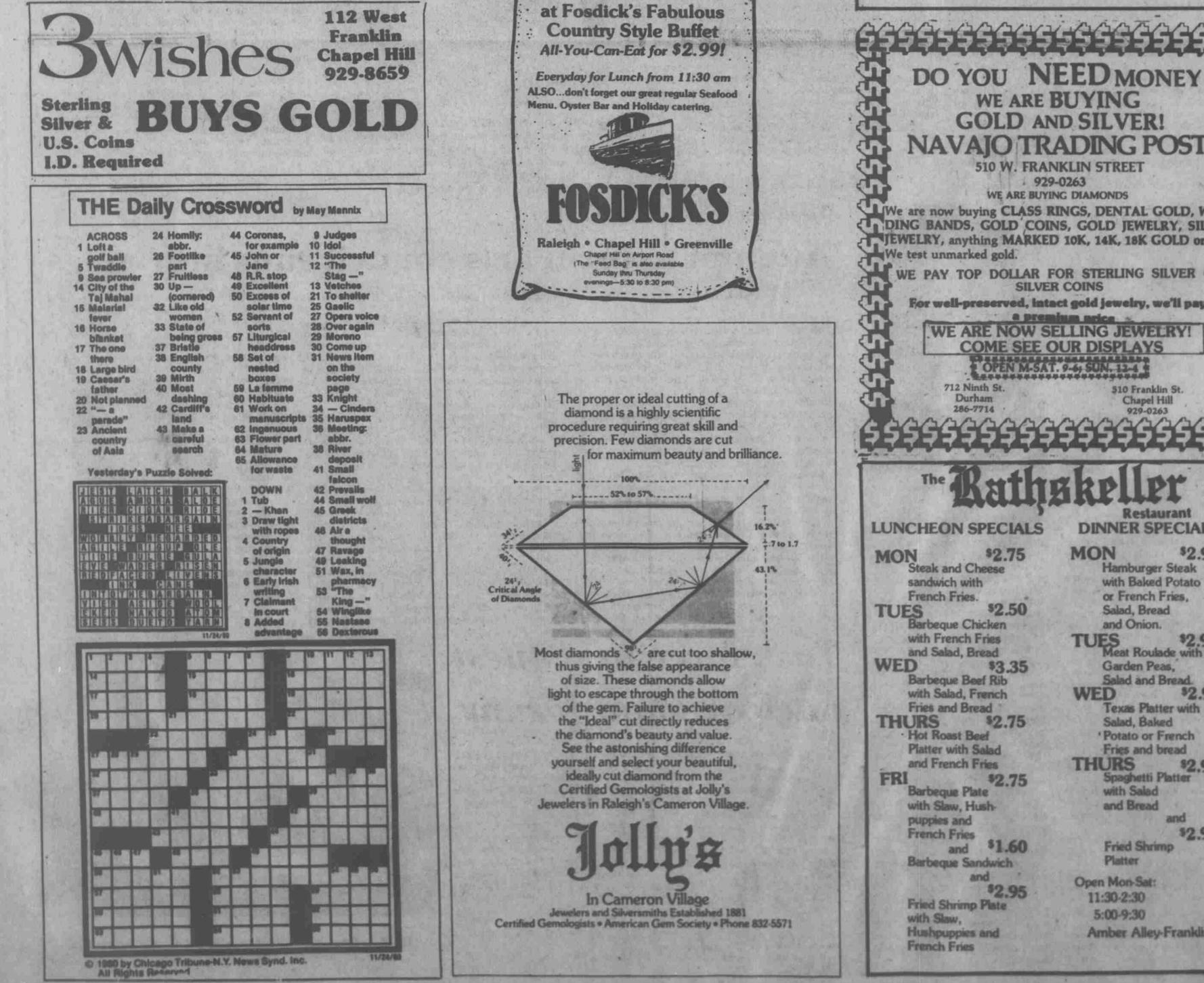
· action on proposed changes in the town's taxicab The proposed conversion of The Oaks Apartments

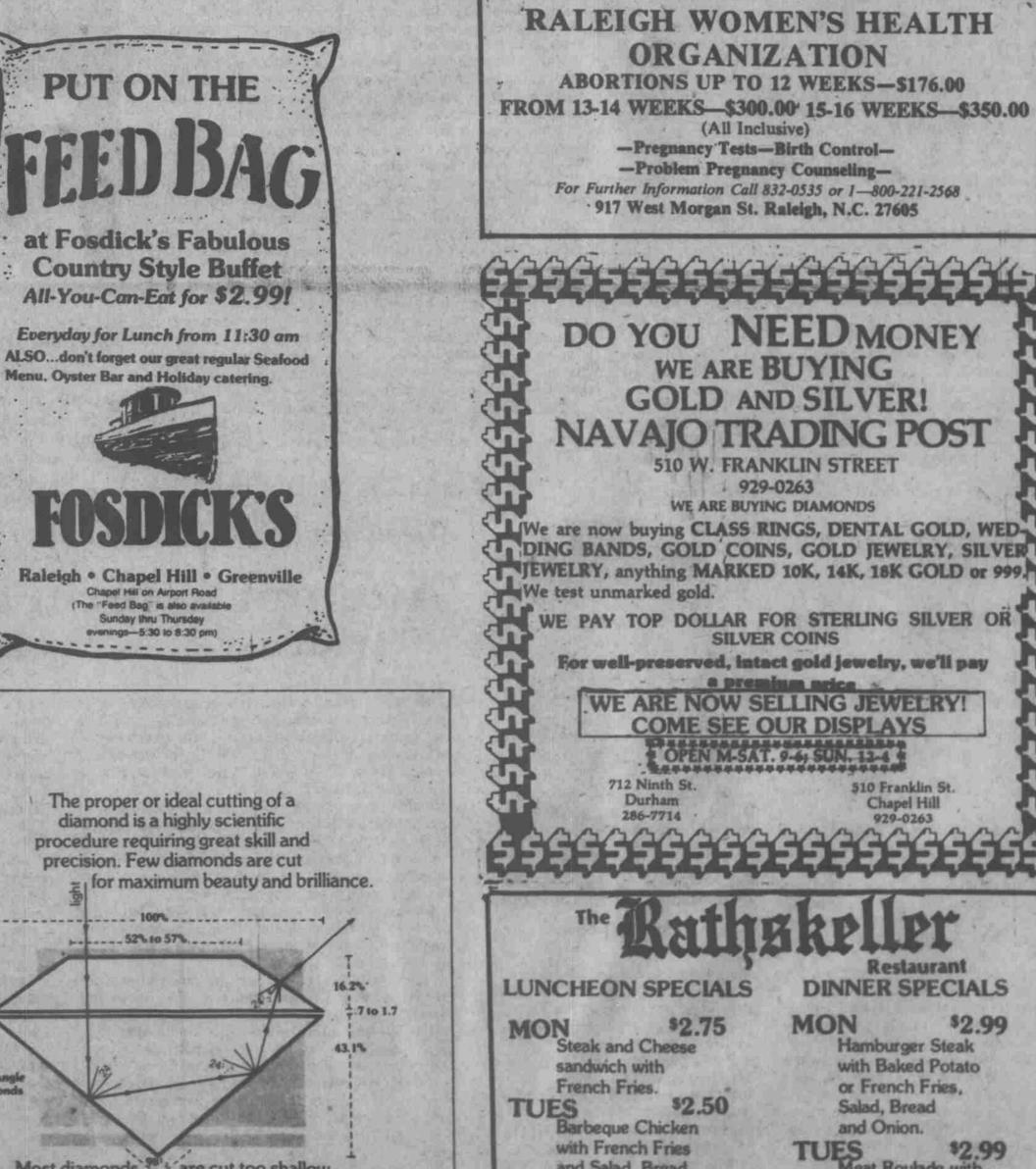
The Oaks conversion request was denied by the council last month in a close vote. A motion to reconsider the denial was defeated two weeks later after the applicant withdrew a lawsuit contesting the town's

Fordham labeled the Smoke-In "an unsanctioned gathering" in the letter and said that the effort was a failure.

Bob Saunders, Student Body President and ex officio board member, said the media coverage of the Smoke-In had been a major conflict because the University's position was not reported.

"The intentions of the University were not shown by the media," he said.





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