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Pep rally

A marching pep rally will begin at 7:30 p.m. today at Boshamer Stadium. The rally will proceed to North Campus and end at Hinton James.

Prep's cooler

Cooling off today, with a 50 percent chance of rain and high in the mid-70s. Low tonight in the upper 50s.

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Frat brothers use computer for card tricks

By ROSE WAGNER
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It only takes five seconds to toss those little white cards in the air at halftime.

But it takes Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity nearly ninety man-hours to prepare for the card-section show Saturday afternoons.

Since the fraternity brothers handle the time-consuming details of arranging message displays, other students do nothing except sit in the proper section of Kenan Stadium and hold up the cards.

Steve Scott, sometimes called "Tooter Tooter, the Computer Rooter," is a fifth-year computer science major who works out the configurations on a computer program. He then feeds the program to the computer, which maps it out.

"I used to plot it out on big boards and figure out which colors went where for each of the five stunts," Scott said. "It was real complicated, but now I just map it out, and the computer draws it up."

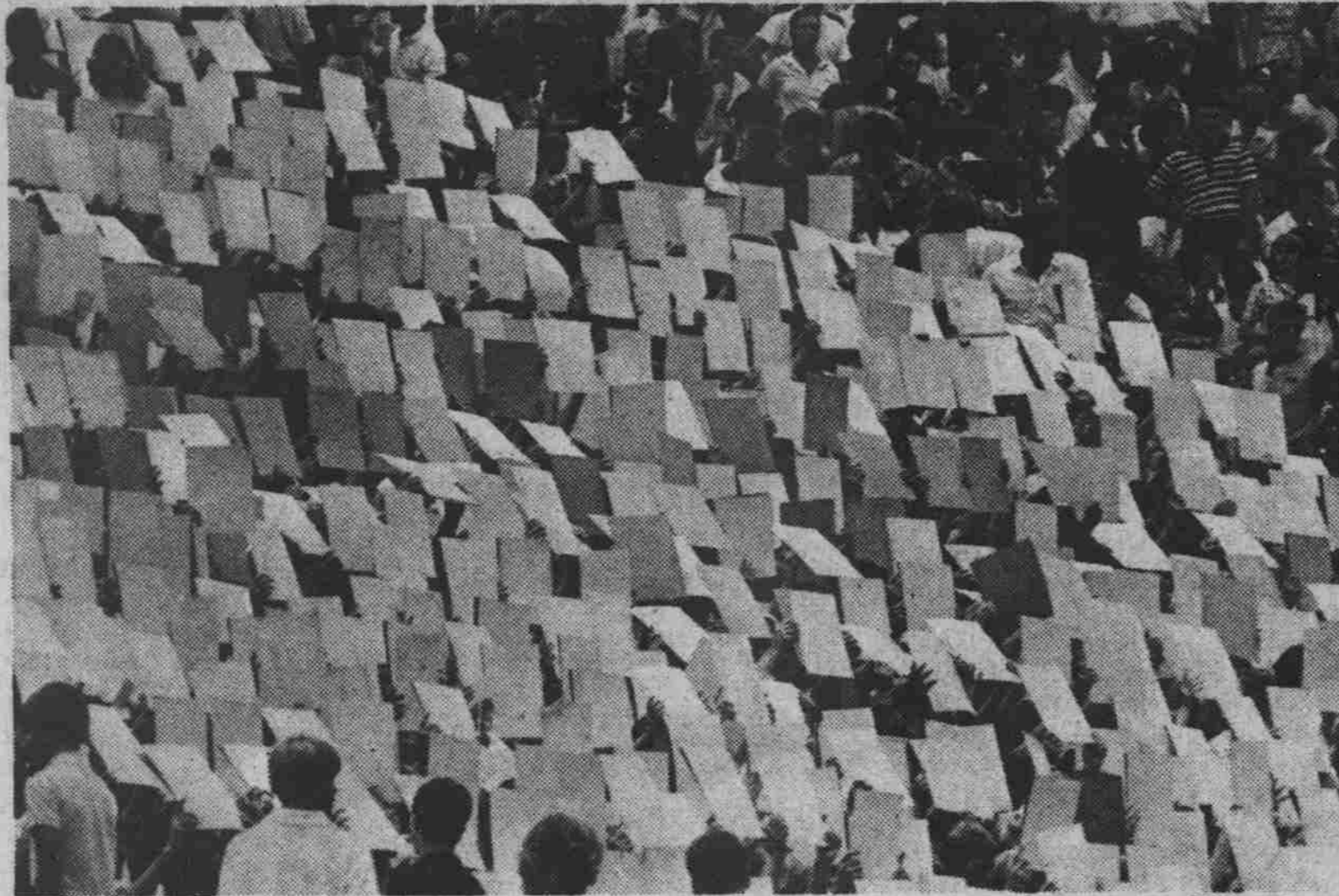
"It's worked out a lot better with the computer," President Joey Roberson said.

Yet Scott still spends eight to 10 hours alone working on the project for each Saturday. Scott said his job was even more difficult because the University has cards for only 26 rows of students. The card section in the stadium is large enough to accommodate 36 rows.

"That equals a whole extra word," Scott said. "I have trouble spelling stuff, so I have to run words together." He said the card section was relatively small because the University has had the same cards for 10 years.

Roberson spends about five hours a week on the project, while the rest of the brothers contribute two to three hours of their spare time.

Roberson said the brothers sorted the 1,326 cards in



Students in the card section hold up cards during halftime of the ECU game Saturday ... this part of game tradition means hard work for some, involvement for many

packs of four according to the colors of the program for that particular week.

"For instance, this week we didn't use purple and gold, because if an ECU fan got the chance, he would hold up those colors everytime," Roberson said. Then the men put 51 packs into 26 boxes for each of the 26 rows.

Roberson said the brothers then cut up the computer printout rules and glue them on to 1,326 small pieces of cardboard.

"It takes about 30 guys, three hours to do that," Roberson said. The instructions are different for many of the sets of cards.

"On Saturday morning, the brothers get up at 8 a.m. to go to Kenan to put the cards under the seats," Roberson said. At the game, he announces the instructions and holds up diagrams of what messages the students will display, he said. At the end of the stunt, the

brothers collect the big cards.

Scott said he tried to think of original sayings to use at the games to go along with the traditional "Go to Hell, State."

"We try to please the crowd," Scott said. "The school has been pretty lenient about what we can do."

This past Saturday the card section performed four stunts besides the traditional "Go to Hell, State." They did "Welcome Back," "Tarheels," "Lacrosse #1" and "EZU."

Students say they enjoy sitting in the card section. Mike Stout, a sophomore English major, sat in the card section last Saturday.

"If I can, I try to get seats in the card section, because they are the best student seats you can get," Stout said. He said he liked doing the stunts and did not think it

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President seeks to end agencies, delay benefits

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Ronald Reagan will propose that the departments of Education and Energy be eliminated next year, and is resurrecting a controversial plan to delay cost-of-living raises for Social Security recipients for three months, administration sources said Wednesday night.

The sources, who asked not to be named, said Reagan was scheduled to announce the proposals early next week as part of his latest blueprint for making additional cuts in the budget for fiscal 1982, which begins Oct. 1.

The administration also has signaled Congress that Reagan would not be opposed if the House and Senate voted to trim military spending by slightly more than the \$2 billion Reagan seeks for the coming fiscal year.

In addition, Reagan will propose deferring automatic cost-of-living increases in other entitlement programs, such as veterans benefits, food stamps and civilian and military pay raises.

Reagan's budget director, David A. Stockman, briefed key Republican senators on the administration's new budget-cutting proposals Wednesday night. At-

tending the meeting were Senate Majority Leader Howard Baker, Budget Committee Chairman Pete Domenici, Appropriations Committee Chairman Mark Hatfield and Finance Committee Chairman Bob Dole.

The new cuts, coming on the heels of \$35 billion in reductions approved by Congress this summer, was prompted by new estimates that high interest rates were driving the projected deficit for 1982 well beyond the \$42.5 billion target set by Reagan.

Reagan pledged repeatedly during his campaign and after taking office to abolish the Energy and Education departments.

Last spring, the president proposed cutting Social Security benefits, a move that would save \$3.8 billion in 1982. But the proposals drew so much political fire in Congress that they have lain dormant ever since.

Sources said Reagan had decided to propose anew one major Social Security proposal — deferral of the annual cost-of-living increase in monthly benefits from July 1, 1982, until Oct. 1, 1982. The move would save an estimated \$2.8 billion in 1982.

As cancellations occur

Housing decreases number of triple rooms

By DAVE KRINSKY
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At the beginning of the semester, 127 students were living as the third person in a room designed for two people.

But by the beginning of this week that number has been reduced to 33 people through relocation efforts of University Housing.

The remaining tripled students will be relocated as more cancellations are made, Phyllis Graham, associate director of housing, said this week.

Graham said it was hard to predict when more cancellations would be made, but five cancellations were made last week.

Students who are tripled receive a 20 percent discount on their housing bills for the amount

of time they were tripled, even if it is for only one day, she said.

This discount applies to all three students who were in the room, not just the student forced to relocate.

The discount is in the form of credit on the student's account, Graham said.

Jane Sommers, a freshman from Washington, D.C., was tripled in Winston Residence Hall until Friday, when she moved down one floor.

"I was supposed to move on the seventh (of September) to Hinton James," she said. "A whole new dorm would have been the hardest part," she said, explaining that she decided to wait until an opening could be found in Winston.

Although she said she felt that her reloca-

tion should have been quicker, Sommers said that on a personal level everyone was very helpful.

Jane said it felt "great" to move into her new room. "It was fine when we were working together," she said, referring to her former roommates, but when space began to become cramped, "it could be just awful."

"It was a luxury to have a closet to myself," Sommers said.

Robin Renn, a freshman from Coral Gables, Fla., said she was worried when she was informed that she would be part of a triple, mainly because her two roommates were already friends. But by the time Renn moved out on Labor Day weekend, her feelings had changed.

"I was so upset," she said. "I cried for an

hour."

Renn's roommates, Mary Alice Resch and Kim Buckner, both freshmen from Siler City, had little or no reservations about being tripled.

"I was glad," Resch said. "It didn't bother me."

Resch said there were no major problems until Renn moved out. "It's hard after you've been living together for three weeks."

"I was worried about it at first, Buckner said, referring to fears that her studying would suffer from living in a triple. But all three girls said that studying was no problem.

These women were so happy together that they decided to try to remain a triple. But the best that could be arranged was to have Renn move down the hall in Winston.



Residents use crosswalk at Franklin Street ... pedestrian safety has become an issue

Many pedestrians unaware of laws

By ANNA TATE
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Every weekday afternoon downtown Chapel Hill becomes a veritable sea of pedestrians.

Thousands of people cross Franklin Street and other downtown streets daily to run errands, reach classes, mail letters or withdraw cash.

Safe passage via crosswalks is essential to Chapel Hill residents, but many of 20 people interviewed by *The Daily Tar Heel* showed a lack of knowledge about pedestrian laws.

A public outcry for improvements to area crosswalks, especially at the crossing in front of the NCNB plaza on Franklin Street, followed a series of well-publicized pedestrian accidents during the spring of 1980.

The Chapel Hill Town Council recently ordered the town Department of Transportation to install "walk" and "don't walk" signs at the NCNB plaza crossing. The new signs were installed Monday, and plans have been made to add a crossing in front of the Morehead Planetarium.

Many Chapel Hill residents, including several UNC students, said they were basically ignorant of pedestrian laws in Chapel Hill.

Some said, for instance, that they did not realize pedestrians have the right of way at all white-lined crosswalks whether signs are present or not.

Fifteen of the 20 people interviewed said they looked both ways before crossing in a crosswalk, but only five said they did so at the crossing at the NCNB plaza.

"The NCNB crosswalk is what you call a liberal crosswalk," student Kathy Moore said. "You can usually just go right across without any problem."

One man who asked not to be identified said that as a driver he did not like to stop at night at the NCNB plaza crossing because his car was often hit or slapped by passing bar-hoppers.

Another pedestrian said she was often forced to walk out of the white lines by cars and city buses that stopped within the crosswalk.

All agreed that the new signs in the downtown area should help both drivers and pedestrians move along easier. But the other crossings, such as the one on Raleigh Street across from

Tobacco supports threatened

By ALAN CHAPPLE
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North Carolina tobacco farmers are worried that they might lose federal price supports if an amendment to eliminate the program is passed by Congress this month.

The federal price-support program currently guarantees growers a minimum price for their crop and limits the crop's size through allotments and quotas. The amendment to the 1981 farm bill, sponsored by Sen. Mark Hatfield, R-Ore., and being considered by the Senate this week, would eliminate the program.

Proponents of tobacco supports fear that elimination would have a harmful effect throughout the state.

"It would completely disrupt the tobacco industry in North Carolina," said Brent Hackney, deputy press secretary for Gov. Jim Hunt. "Price supports have cost the government very little, and the gains have been very high. It would have a weakening effect for some years."

Rep. Charles Whitley, D-N.C., said, "If we lose the tobacco program, big business will take over the farms and will buy pesticides, fertilizer and other things

needed for farming on the wholesale market, which will mean the loss of local sales."

Whitley's press aide, Skip Smith, said, "It would cause economic chaos in North Carolina. It would destroy the whole tobacco-based economy."

Opponents to tobacco supports disagree, saying the industry is strong enough to support itself.

"Tobacco is one commodity, a strong commodity, which will survive very nicely," said Jeff Arnold, staff assistant for Hatfield. "The demand for tobacco is inelastic, and cutting federal supports should have little effect."

One reason tobacco price supports have come under attack is because the crop is a non-food item. "With all of the budget cuts — school lunches, food stamps, food supports — it's not fair that we allow a non-food item to be supported," Arnold said. "Tobacco is the only commodity not coming up for periodic review. Federal support is automatic each year."

Price supports also have faced opposition from congressmen who find programs in their own districts being cut.

Ram's Club gives for support, tickets

By LYNNE THOMSON
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The 4,500 members of the Ram's Club gave \$3 million last year, providing all scholarship money for varsity athletics.

In return, the members get Club benefits including football and basketball tickets, parking privileges and access to the Club Room in Kenan Field House, depending on their level of membership.

Ernie Williamson, executive vice president of the Educational Foundation, the formal name of the Ram's Club, described how the benefits were awarded.

The club is divided into levels of membership based on the amount of contributions members have made. A member of the highest category is called a "super ram." He must give at least \$1,500 per year, and he receives four season home football tickets and access to a parking space in the Ram's Head parking lot outside Kenan Stadium on football Saturdays.

Basketball tickets are more scarce, and the Ram's Club uses a point system for deciding which of its members will be able to buy the 2,800 Carmichael Auditorium tickets allotted to the club, Williamson said.

The system gives a member two points for every year he has been in the club. Minimum membership is \$150 per year. The member also receives one point for every \$100 he has given to the club.

Williamson said that last year 160 points entitled a member to buy four of the \$97 tickets, while 106 points allowed him to buy two.

This same system is used in allocating ACC tournament tickets.

Other Ram's Club categories are less expensive than the "super ram." A "big ram" is one who gives \$750 a year. He also receives four football tickets, but these seats are behind those of the "super ram."

A regular Ram's Club membership entitles the member to buy four football tickets. They are \$63 apiece. The "regular ram" does not

Ram's Club members get other benefits for their contributions, Williamson said. They have the use of the Ram's Club Room in Kenan Field House at the south end of the stadium, where soft drinks and snacks are provided to them free.

They also receive football and basketball brochures and periodic letters from coaches Dick Crum and Dean Smith and Athletic Director John Swofford.

The Ram's Club holds an annual meeting at the time of the Blue-White football game in the spring. The members then get to meet the coaches and players, Williamson said.

Further, Smith held a basketball clinic for the children of club members last spring, Williamson said.

Of the \$3 million raised, \$1.4 million went to pay for athletic scholarships, he said. The athletic department and the University Scholarship Committee decided on the allocation of the money.

Williamson said that the National Collegiate

Athletic Council gives the athletes the maximum the NCAA will allow.

The Ram's Club is running the fund raising for the new student activities center that will house future Tar Heel basketball teams.

The center will cost \$30 million, and Williamson said that his organization was halfway to raising that amount.

The club is using the present scarcity of basketball tickets to entice members to contribute. If a member of the Ram's Club gives \$5,000 to the athletic center fund, he will receive two tickets when the new center opens, he said.

For \$10,000, he will receive four seats and access to a parking space. He will get four box seats and parking access for \$25,000 and six box seats for \$37,500. For \$50,000, a member of the club will receive eight box seats and access to two parking spaces.

Athletic center donations are not made in a lump sum, but are spread out over seven years to allow the contributor to take full advantage