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Fair enough

Fair today with light winds. High in the upper 80s, low in the mid 60s.

Bad checks

Some restaurants in Chapel Hill have stopped accepting student checks. See story on page 3.

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Lee Jobe

A hot job

This unidentified fireman puts out a fire at the construction site of the Davis Library. The fire occurred Monday morning, and was contained to a tar bucket. No damage was done to the construction site itself.

Retains post

Carrboro Town Manager Hunter survives close vote of confidence

By LAURENCE POLLOCK
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While most students were out of school this summer, Carrboro Town Manager Richard Hunter was fighting to preserve his professional integrity and job.

He faced allegations by a group of individuals in Carrboro that he misused a town car, did not live in the town and had been paid unjustifiable moving expenses by the council when he first took his post.

A June 16 vote of confidence by the Board of Aldermen saw the members split 3-3 along party and faction lines (the Association for a Better Carrboro and the Carrboro Community Coalition). Breaking the tie, Mayor Robert Drakeford voted to retain Hunter.

Hunter vigorously denied all the allegations and added that his moving expenses, use of the car and residence (he bought property in both Chatham County and Carrboro) were all approved by the council.

"I would like to see a return to more practical issues, the sort of things which affect students who make up about half of the town's population," he said.

But Charles Riggsbee, a town resident who made the original charges, said he still thinks there should be some outside investigation into the affair.

"I feel the vote was not an indication of whether Hunter had done anything wrong, it was an indication of who was backing whom," he said. "I am interested in seeing

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an independent investigation into this matter."

Hunter still believes the allegations were made by a small and unrepresentative group in the town. He said the group which opposed him thought he was too identified with the influential CCC, which controlled the Board of Aldermen before the election last November.

"I do not take any sides," he said. "The board, whoever they are, give me my instructions and I put them into effect," he said.

Alderman Steve Rose, who was one of Hunter's supporters in the vote, said the campaign against Hunter was politically motivated.

"There is a group of people in the community who would like to see Mr. Hunter go, and this was a way of attempting to put pressure on him," Rose said.

Those who opposed Hunter have stressed that their criticisms are based entirely on his alleged misconduct.

Effectiveness of students on committees questioned

By MARY EVANS
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Impact.

Each new academic year brings changes and developments in University policy, and students want their opinions to impact on administrative decisions.

At UNC, chancellor's committees provide a means for student-faculty-administrative deliberation on issues that affect the University community.

The Food Service Advisory Committee, the Housing Advisory Board, the Parking and Transportation Committee and other committees provide a meeting ground for students, faculty and administrators to exchange information and viewpoints about different issues — to assist in the actual policymaking for the University. But various problems within the committees may hinder them from achieving their full potential.

Problems of time constraints, absence of rates, meeting agendas and what effect committee findings really have on University policy are several questions in the minds of student chancellor's committee members.

Students appointed to chancellor's committees are selected through applications that must be approved by Student Government, Donald Boulton, vice chancellor for student affairs, and Chancellor Christopher C. Fordham.

The question, "How much do these committees really accomplish?" varies from committee to committee, Fordham said. "Some make a real contribution, some don't do much," he said.

Students in general make very positive contributions to the committees, and the faculty are sensitive to student opinions, Fordham said. "The chancellor's committees are a way that different people can get together and wrestle out their problems."

The committees are a "theoretically indispensable policymaking structure of the university," said Student Body President Mike Vandenberg. The committees can serve as either information-generating bodies or as review boards for policy, he said.

"Both situations are valuable," he said. "But to ensure student involvement, the committees need to be aware of the short and long term agendas of the administration."

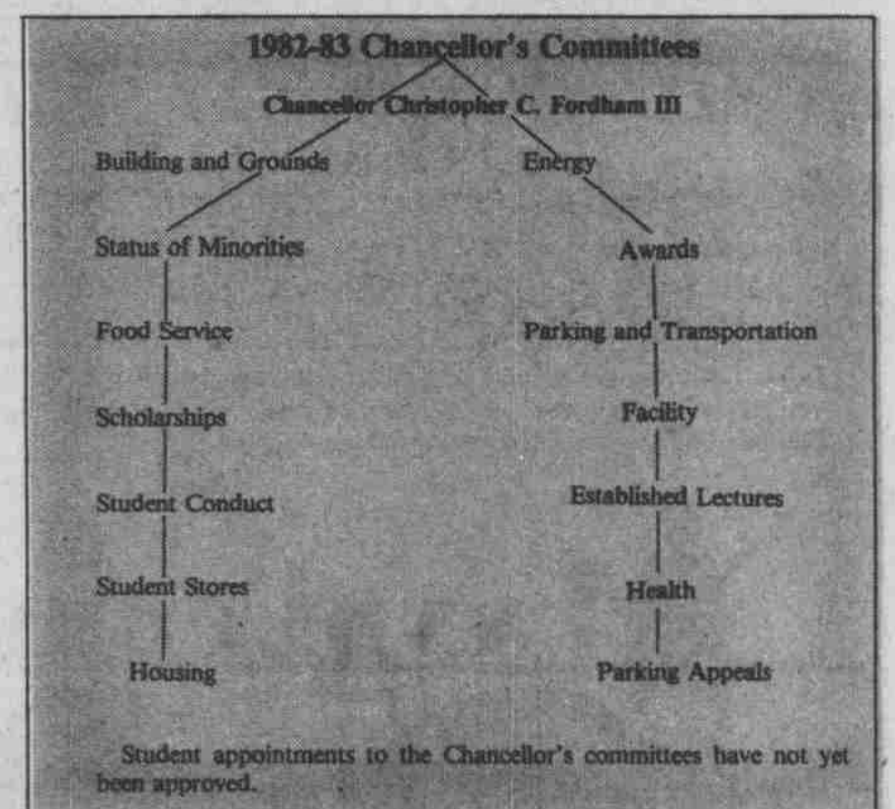
One problem is the lack of focus for policymaking in committee meetings, student committee members agreed. "It would be helpful if each committee had an agenda in the fall, and a pledge from the administration not to introduce policy changes beyond the agenda," Vandenberg said.

While there are certain issues which cannot be handled by agenda, "for foreseeable decisions the chancellor's committees should know what they're dealing with," he added.

Students serving on the advisory committees need to act as independent representatives of the student body, Vandenberg said. "It's very difficult to look an administrator in the eye and say, 'I understand your reasoning, but I disagree.'"

Controversy surrounding the issues of food service, tripling and the new cooking policy point to the need for more effective student input from chancellor's committees, Vandenberg said. "The students need a commitment on the part of the administration."

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Morehead Planetarium presentations draw serious and amateur astronomers

By DAVID McHUGH
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Want to see a lot of stars and pretty colors without running up a big pharmacy bill?

If so, you can put your head into a lot of space at the Morehead Planetarium on Franklin Street.

The planetarium, if you didn't know already, is one of the best around. NASA trains its astronauts in celestial navigation there, and the dome is one of the world's largest.

But you don't have to be an astronaut to enjoy it. Backed by state-of-the-art gizmos, Morehead's small band of media technicians and astronomy educators put on nightly shows for high-tech buffs, earnest people seeking self-improvement and those who just want to stare at all the nice whirling lights.

For *Star Trek* rerun addicts, there's *Juggernaut*, a multi-media show featuring the voice of Captain Kirk himself, William Shatner.

Shatner narrates the story of a mysterious blob from beyond Neptune that threatens to destroy Earth.

Written by Morehead Assistant Director Jim Manning and coordinated by planetarium artists and sound technicians, the program stars the Morehead's Model VI Zeiss planetarium projector, one of nine in the world.

Controlled by a computer, the projector whirls and shines, throwing the cosmos onto Morehead's 44-foot-high dome ceiling. The million-dollar contraption looks like a big dumbbell encrusted with optical barnacles and features split screens, exploding meteors and its very own rogue asteroid.

But despite the technological fruff, the show is a little cheesy. The story is a little corny, stars peek through ostensibly solid buildings and planets, and the spaceships don't really look like they're flying.

But don't worry — it has plenty of satisfying zoom and flash, plus an expensive-sounding stereo system playing Vangelis. Just don't go home in a huff if it's not like *Star Wars*.

The monster projector also stars in *Sky Rambles*, a guided tour of whatever the Friday night sky looks like.

Educational Assistant Terry Gibson plays a God-like role as she hunches over the faintly glowing console in the planetarium's control center. But she's gotten a little bored.

"It gets pretty routine, turning the universe off and on for every show," she sighs.

Juggernaut shows at 8 p.m. Monday through Friday, 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturdays and 2 p.m., 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Sundays. *Sky Rambles* is presented every Friday at 7 p.m.

Admission for students is \$2 for either show. As Ambassador Duke from "Doonesbury" would say, you can't get prescription blanks that cheap.

Foreign perspectives

International students offer unique views of Chapel Hill and United States

By LUCY HOOD
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Students often get caught up in the grind of classes, tests, papers, football and basketball games, happy hours and fraternity parties, and they forget that life exists beyond the boundaries of Chapel Hill and Carrboro.

But 375 foreign students study at the University, reminding students that Chapel Hill is a way of life, but not the only way of life. In addition, students from the University studied abroad last year and have returned with new ideas they acquired from countries all around the world including France, Spain, Germany and the United Kingdom.

Djuherati (Tati) Imam-Muhni, an English professor at the University of Gadjah Mada in Yogyakarta, Indonesia, is studying American literature on a Fulbright Scholarship at the University for a year.

University comparisons

Imam-Muhni found Chapel Hill's lifestyle similar to university life in Yogyakarta. "Yogyakarta is a university town and the University of Gadjah Mada is the oldest in Indonesia. Chapel Hill is really like my city. All the people speak on one wave length. I mean the professor-student wave length, not the merchant wave length."

Concerning the classes and work, she said the students in Indonesia protest when they think the professor has given them too much work.

"The teachers here are really very good, but they give us too much work. Here, you just accept it, but my students are rebellious and protest," she said.

An English graduate student from Seville, Spain noted another difference between the University of North Carolina and the University of Seville where he graduated with a bachelor's degree in English.

Jesus Lerate de Castro, a teaching assistant in the Department of Romance Languages, came to Chapel Hill as an exchange student last year. He said that students in Spain are given more freedom concerning homework and class attendance. Students are given a syllabus at the beginning of the year, and it is their responsibility to keep up until the exam. There is no mandatory attendance, he said.

However, he commended the American system for the freedom that exists between the students and the professors. The professors place themselves at more of a distance in Spain, he said.

Fritz Tiffenbrunner, a graduate from the University of Vienna, Austria, said the Austrian school system is following the American system by directing studies away

from the classical curriculum which includes an emphasis on Greek and Latin.

American influences

"We are very influenced by America," he said. "That's something Europeans don't realize until they've been here."

The influence can be seen in the architecture, the technology, fast food chains and the recent American music craze that spreads through all of Europe, he said.

He said that fast food chains were beginning to convert meals into a biological function rather than a time to relax and enjoy the food.

Later, he emphasized again that the American influence is very strong, and he cited two American products that set trends in Europe but not in the United States.

"Fruit of the Loom T-shirts were a fad at one time and so were UCLA T-shirts," he said. He said the UCLA T-shirt fad was amusing since most people did not know what UCLA was.

Views on America

Not only are these world travelers able to share their experiences in Europe, Asia or other continents, they are able to reflect upon the American lifestyle and culture from a different point of view.

Friendliness and freedom were the strong

points of the American culture and society most frequently mentioned by foreign students and by Americans who studied abroad.

"I think the first thing I noticed (when I got back) is how nice and friendly everybody is," Linda Eglin said. The senior international studies and French major studied in France last year on UNC's Year-At-Montpellier program.

"I appreciate American life more," she said. "There is nothing like America for having the best of everything."

Rosa Maria Lopez-Canete is an exchange student from Seville, Spain who graduated from the University of Seville. She said that parents generally are more strict in Spain and that students are more dependent on the family since they usually do not leave home to attend college. The university system is organized so that students must attend the university in their region of the country unless that university does not offer their field of study.

Lopez-Canete has been in the country since the beginning of August, and she said, "I prefer the way you live here. I appreciate the freedom. Perhaps, it is too early for me to see the failures."

Although America was praised for its friendly people and its freedom, the govern-

ment was criticized for its naive attitude toward international politics and the people for their ethnocentric attitude toward the rest of the world.

Tiffenbrunner said the president of the United States changes every four years and is elected on the basis of good intention. Therefore, the president is not capable of gaining a full understanding of international politics.

"Germany has an old warrior (Chancellor Helmut Schmidt) who has been around for years, and (Soviet Premier Leonid) Brezhnev has been around for years," he said. "He knows his stuff inside and out."

"As well-intentioned as people are, international politics do not work like that. You have to be able to forgive, forget, and you can't expect anything good. You cannot expect gratitude on the international politics level."

Lori Massey, a senior who spent last year on the UNC-Year-At-Seville program, said she learned to appreciate the more relaxed lifestyle. "I felt like I had time to enjoy my friends and to do the things I wanted to do. I enjoyed the lifestyle, and if I had my choice, I would go back now."

"I hate the American attitude — we, us, we're great. Others have made an effort to learn English and to understand the United States," she said.