Program helps families pay bills

By CRYSTAL BAITY

It's freezing outside, with icicles hanging from the window ledge. Inside the house, it's not much warmer. And to make matters worse, the heating bill is due, and the grocery store took most of this month's salary.

For a poor family, this scene is all too common. The N.C. Department of Human Resources' Division of Social Services will administer a lowincome energy assistance program to help needy families avoid frostbite. It is a one-time cash payment for their heating bills.

Locals may apply for assistance at Orange County Social Services, the agency that will determine eligibilty, from Oct. 15 through Nov. 27.

Eligibility depends on meeting three requirements, according to Martin Whitt, a spokesman for Orange County Social Services. A household's total income must be at or below the current poverty level. For a family of four, \$977 would be the maximum monthly income allowed for eligibility.

If a family lives in public or government-supported housing, they might get a partial payment.

A third requirment states households may not have

assets exceeding \$2,200, excluding such items as a home, car, insurance or personal belongings.

"Out of 1,132 households who applied last year (in Orange County), 877 payments were approved," said Susan Sears, spokeswoman for the N.C. Department of Human Resources' Division of Social Services in Raleigh. "The average payment in Orange County was \$173."

The average statewide payment for the 1984-1985 year was \$175 for 160,000 households receiving aid. "The income limits are lower this year than last year, so there may be more people eligible," Whitt said.
"The number of people in the household, their

income, the type of fuel they use and the region they live in, all determine whether or not a family will receive aid." Whitt said.

A western N.C. family would probably receive more money than a coastal family because of the temperature differences, said John Syria, director of the N.C. Department of Human Resources' Division of Social Services. "They base it on the average of degrees."

Syria said he could not estimate how many people would receive aid because the local social services departments would not begin processing the applicants until after the November deadline. Payments will be made in February 1986.

Checks will be made payable to the applicant, not to the provider (of the heat source) as in years past, according to a spokeswoman for the Orange County Social Services who refused to be identified. "So if they borrowed money to pay some bills before February, they can handle the money however they want without any governing intervention," she said. Congress allocated \$44 million for North Carolina out of an estimated \$2.1 billion in federal funds set aside for the low-income energy assistance program, which evolved in 1981, Syria said. "I think that is a reasonable share," he said.

Another aid to low-income families is the crisis intervention program. The program shares similar requirements with the energy assistance program, but is designed for heating or cooling emergencies, Whitt said. "It is for an immediate need that will result in a problem if a family doesn't get help." For more information on the low-income energy assistance program or the crisis intervention program call Orange

County Social Services or CARELINE, toll free, at 1-800-662-7030. Going for the green at '87 Olympic Festival

By SCOTT LARSEN

By KIM WEAVER

sity librarian.

Athletes participating in the Olympic Festival that will be held in the Research Triangle area in July 1987, will see only gold, silver and bronze, but area businessmen will be seeing green.

The event will pump about \$10 million into the local economy, the chairman of the group planning the festival said Sunday night

Dr. LeRoy T. Walker, chairman of North Carolina Amateur Sports Inc., spoke at the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce's annual meeting and installation banquet at the Hotel Europa. Walker is also chancellor of

Davis Library will be open slightly

longer on Fridays and Saturdays in

response to student and faculty

requests, said James F. Govan, Univer-

The closing time for weekdays was

extended from 11 p.m. to midnight last

year in reponse to students' complaints,

Govan said. To do this and continue

to remain on a strict budget, Friday's

hours were shortened last year, he said.

Students complained about the change, and after receiving input and

a request from Student Government to

extend the library hours, the issue was

discussed within the staff and library

administration. Govan made the final

With this extension of hours, how-

ever, there was a decline in the library

services offered, he said, and students

After 6 p.m. on Friday, the circula-

tion desk and stacks remain open, but

periodicals and newspapers, the refer-

ence department and microforms are closed. The same also applies on

also have complained about this.

Saturday after 5 p.m.

decision to extend the hours.

North Carolina Central University.

Thirty-four sports will be played during the 10-day festival, he said. Spectators will be able to see both summer and winter Olympic events, including ice hockey and figure skating, which will be held in Greensboro. Walker said.

The remaining events will be held in local university and municipal facilities, he said.

"It's like a mini-Olympics," Walker said. "It's the nearest thing to seeing what the Olympic Games look like." Since 1987 is a pre-Olympic year, the

festival will provide the opportunity for

ever get what they ask for in total,"

Govan said. "Depending on the funding

we receive, we'll try to be as responsive

The quality of service in the daytime hours could not be sacrificed for the

Govan said maintaining a large

library for longer periods of time cost

more than it did for the Undergraduate

"It's much easier to do it there (at the Undergraduate Library)," he said.

"There are not as many physical things, for example lights, to maintain, or as much staff required."

The Undergraduate Library also was

Staff members have expressed no

major complaints about the extension

besides the problem of asking students

Davis' hours are 8 a.m. to midnight

The Undergraduate Library is open

until 2 a.m. Sunday through Thursday

Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to

9 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday

to leave the closed areas, he said.

and 1 p.m. to 11 p.m. Sunday.

open longer because its book-

borrowing period was shorter than

nighttime hours, he said.

Davis', he said.

some of the nation's best athletes to aspire toward higher levels of achievement, he said.

"Imagine about 3,800 of the finest athletes in this country descending on the Research Triangle area and Greensboro," Walker said.

The festival will provide great opportunities not only for athletes but also for Triangle area businessmen. The exposure the festival receives will have a tremendous impact on the local economies, he said

"Tourism will never be the same after 1987," Walker said.

An excess of 100 hours of television coverage will bring about 1,000 media

people to this area, he said. Media coverage of the festival will be international. Other nations will want to know about the American athletes' capabilities, Walker said.

The Olympic Festival, formerly called the National Sports Festival, is based on the European "youth games" which bring together the each nation's best amateur athletes, he said. The 1987 festival is the eighth of its kind in the United States, Walker said.

Walker has been involved with the Olympics as a track and field coach for Israel, Trinidad, Kenya and the United

Researchers win Nobel Prize

STOCKHOLM, Sweden - Sweden's Karolinska Institute on Monday awarded the 1985 Nobel Prize for Medicine to Michael S. Brown and Joseph L. Goldstein, two University of Texas researchers, for their work in the regulation of cholesterol metabolism.

The institute said Brown and Goldstein "revolutionized our knowledge about the regulation cholesterol metabolism and the treatment of diseases caused by abnormally elevated cholesterol levels in the blood."

U.S. criticizes Italy

ROME - The United States strongly opposed the release of Palestinian Mohammed Abbas, the accused planner of the Achille Lauro hijacking.

U.S. Ambassador to Italy Maxwell Robb met with Italian Foreign Minister Giulio Andreotti Sunday to voice disapproval over the release of Abba, who was allowed passage to Yugoslavia Saturday.

"I pointed out that it is incomprehensible to the government of the United States and to the people of the United States how Abbas could be permitted to leave Italy," Rabb said after the meeting.

Murder witness reported

NEW YORK — A Philadelphia judge who was taken hostage on the Achille Lauro says a bartender on

news in brief

the luxury liner saw two terrorists shoot Leon Klinghoffer, The New York Times reported Monday.

Stanley Kubacki, 70, said Sunday the hartender told him he witnessed the murder. The bartender also said he gave a full report of the murder to Egyptian officials 12 hours before the hijackers were released, Kubacki

Johnny Olson dies

SANTA MONICA, Calif. -Johnny Olson, the announcer famous for his thundering "Come on down!" on CBS's "The Price Is Right," died Saturday from a stroke. He was 75.

Olson died of a brain hemorrhage at St. Luke's Hospital.

Daniels seeks Senate

Former Democratic state Sen. Melvin R. Daniels Jr., 60, announced Sunday that he would seek the Democratic nomination for U.S. Senate seat currently held by Sen. John East.

The Elizabeth City banker, who served 10 years in the N.C. Senate, will face Mecklenburg County Commissioner Fountain Odom, so far the only other Democrat to officially announce a bid for the seat.

for the record

Due to a reporting error, the review of the department of dramatic arts' production An Evening of Tennessee Williams (Oct. 11) incorrectly credited costume design to Rosemary Howard. John Franklin designed costumes for the production. The DTH regrets the

create conditions from outside. We are

against the foreign export of

The Soviet Union is interested chiefly

in economic aid to Third World

countries, Meshcheryakov said. The

Soviet government has sponsored more

than 1,300 development projects in

lesser developed countries and has contracted for 1,800 more, he said.

Meshcheryakov said the projects were primarily industrial and included mining, oil refining and metallurgy

Michael David Hasen, associate

Hasen said student debaters at U.S.

"Some have been fairly antagonistic,

and others have taken more moderate

universities had taken a variety of

professor of speech communication at

Wake Forest University and host for

the Soviet students, said audiences had

responded well to the debates.

stances during the debates.

projects as well as agricultural aid.

revolution."

USSR

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... does not contribute to mutual understanding," Meshcheryakov said. When Sandra McKenzie, a senior political science major and a member of the Carolina Union Special Projects Committee, said she had bought government-printed posters in the

Soviet Union portraying the United States as a devil and a greedy whale, Meshcheryakov reiterated that the Soviet government did not attempt to portray the United States as evil.

"No official edition could have said that America is the evil empire," he said.

The Soviet debate team - headed by Aleksey Krugelov, a member of the Committee on Youth Organizations to the Praesidium — will try to show that Soviets are interested in promoting development in the Third World and providing military arms only to nations struggling for independence, Meshcheryakov said.

"It is not immoral to provide aid to countries struggling for national sovereignty," he said.

Meshcheryakov said the Soviet Union was not trying to interfere with the national sovereign right of Afghanistan with Soviet troops stationed in that country. Instead, the Soviet Union is cooperating with Afghanistan's government in protecting that right, he

"It was Lenin who said that every country will arrive at a communist state," he said. "Peaceful arrival is not excluded. We do not try to artificially

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positions," he said. "The better debates have been the ones when they have taken a more antagonistic stance. Issues get out on the floor." Hasen said the students had been put

on the spot several times by questions from students in the audience. At the University of California at Los Angeles, he said, they were questioned by two Afghans. He added that they also had been questioned by a student whose parents apparently had suffered in the Russian gulags (forced labor camps) and by a person who had been a member of the Cuban rebel force in the Bay of Pigs crisis.

"They have been put in a defensive position, but they usually handle themselves pretty well," he said.

Thoroughfare plan to be implemented By MITRA LOTFI violators will be towed and charged

The first phase of the thoroughfare plan that makes South Columbia and Pittsboro streets one way will be implemented Wednesday at 1:30

Mike Neal, assistant town engineer, said traffic will be blocked with the help of the Chapel Hill Police Department at three intersections of Pittsboro Road: at Cameron. McCauley and Manning streets.

Traffic signals at the intersection of Cameron and Pittsboro will be activated Wednesday, and the road surface of Pittsboro will be repainted to accommodate the one way traffic.

"We should be able to re-open the roads within 30 minutes," Neal said. When it is re-opened, Pittsboro traffic will travel one way going

Another change is that parking at the end of Pittsboro between University Drive and South Columbia is now prohibited. "There are signs recognizing it as a tow zone, but no one takes it seriously since we've only been giving warnings," Neal said. Beginning Wednesday, however,

\$55 (\$30 towing fee and \$25 ticket).

The second and final part of the plan will go into effect Sunday at 8:30 a.m. Southbound traffic on South Columbia will be redirected to Pittsboro (at Cameron Street), and traffic on South Road at South Columbia will be prevented from turning left. Police officers will be on the scene to facilitate both transitions.

"Northbound traffic will be restricted to one lane on the right," said Neal, "until the repainting is finished and the road can be re-opened as one way going north.

"There is some concern that persons traveling from Carrboro on Cameron will pass Pittsboro before they realize that it is the only southbound road in the area," Neal

Once past Pittsboro, the only way to go south will be on Raleigh Street. The thoroughfare plan, which is being implemented by the town and the N.C. Department of Transportation, is needed to improve north/ south traffic flow, Neal said.

"It's hardly likely that students will and until 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. USSR and the USA: A STUDENT DEBATE

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