

Weather

Today: Partly cloudy with 32 percent chance of rain. Low 62. High 82.
Wednesday: Partly cloudy. High in the 80s. Low in the 60s.

Poll has Broyhill leading Sanford

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Student aid lobbyists accomplish goals

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Union film: Circle of Deceit

Showings at 7 and 9:30 p.m.

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Shearon Harris plant protested by CASH . . .

By JILL GERBER
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NEW HILL — About 20 members of the Carolina Coalition for Alternatives to Shearon Harris protested at the Wake County nuclear plant Monday in connection with a visit here by Lando Zech, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission chairman.

After posting anti-nuclear banners along the mile-long entranceway to the plant, CASH members lined up near the guarded gateway, hoping to see Zech as he drove in for his official tour. Protesters held orange and black signs reading "Radiation Kills" and "You're Playing With My Life."

Campus CASH member Larry Lancaster said he was protesting the Harris plant because he grew up near a company that made cooling towers. This made him concerned about a nuclear plant 35 miles southeast of Chapel Hill, he said.

"It's not nearly as safe as they try to make it out to be," he said. "They're ruining health and the environment. This is the only way to let them know how we feel about it."

Group member Jeff Reichard also said he was concerned with the proximity of the plant, which will contain radioactive fuel by early 1987.

"Everything I've heard about . . . (the Harris plant) has led me to believe that it's not something I want around here," he said. "I'm not willing to have it around here."

Cheryl Phillips, a CASH member from Pittsboro, said many did not realize the dangers of the plant. "It's a man-made structure, and there will be accidents," she said. "People in Chapel Hill don't realize how

close they are to it. Power is not needed from this plant. People just need to conserve."

Don Whittier, a campus CASH member from Chapel Hill, said he had seen protest surge at the onset of the plant's construction and die out until the Chernobyl incident in July. Carolina Power & Light Co. first announced plans for the \$3.6 billion plant in April 1971.

"People say that since the plant is 90 percent complete, protest isn't worth it," he said.

Phillips agreed, saying, "People lose interest after a while, which is what the power companies want."

Campus CASH co-chairman Mark Reichard said that Zech, as a nuclear engineer and admiral who served on a nuclear submarine, should be the most skeptical of nuclear power.

"How can someone do this who knows the background of nuclear power?" he asked. "The more you can find about the plant, the more you're out here (protesting)."

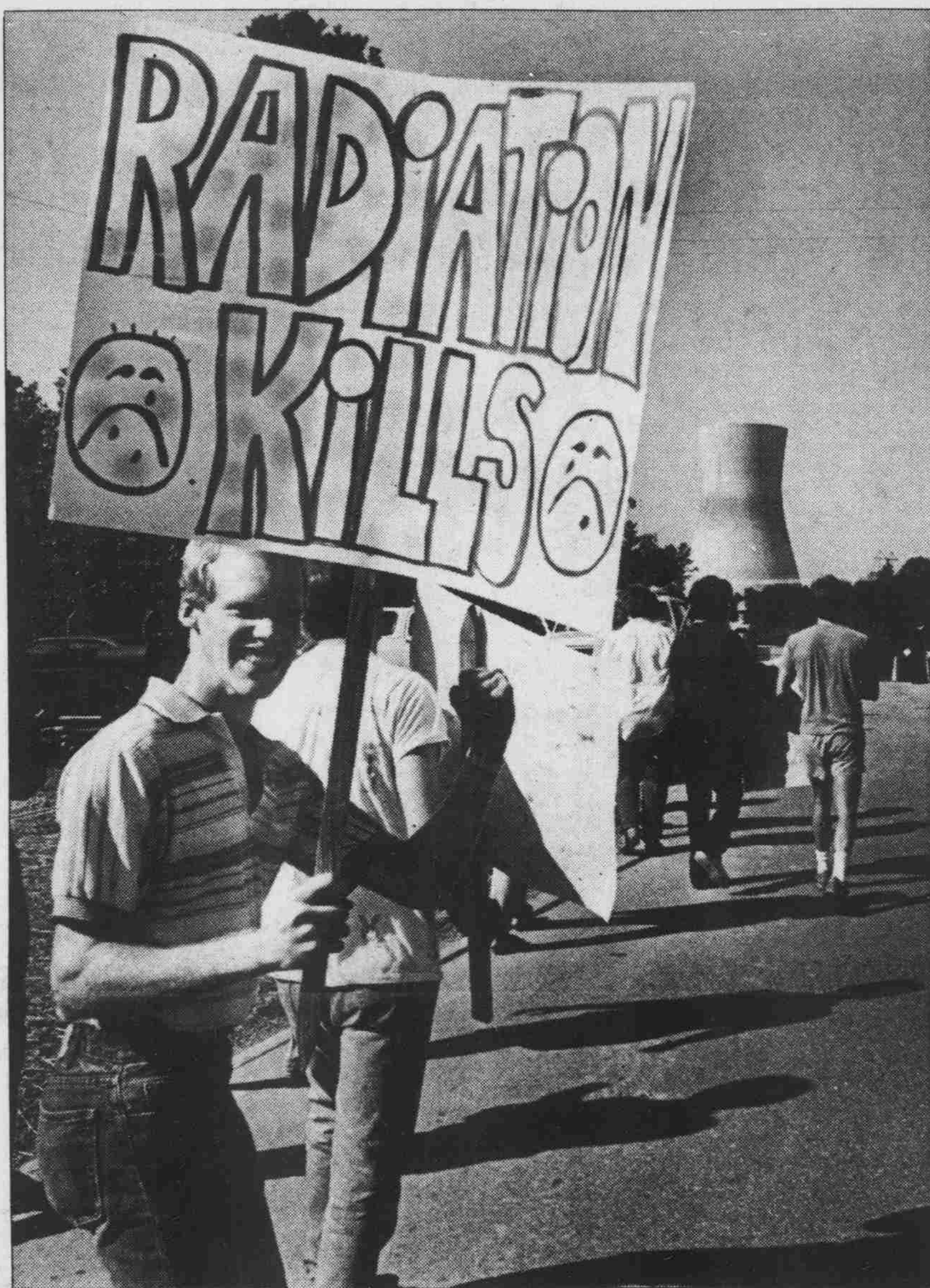
In response to the protesters' claims, a CP&L spokesman said there was not much point in arguing because federal agencies were already confirming the plant's soundness.

"We've said time and time again that we believe the plant is constructed safely," spokesman Roger Hannah said. "There's not much we can say."

"We are currently awaiting a low-power license. We will load fuel and begin low-power testing . . . when the NRC is satisfied."

Zech's visit came after an NRC order in Washington Thursday asked CASH to show why a second full-scale evacuation drill is needed at the plant. CP&L

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Freshman Campus CASH member Larry Lancaster protests the Shearon Harris Nuclear Power Plant

. . . but NRC chairman Zech impressed during tour

By JEANNIE FARIS
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NEW HILL — The chairman of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission said he had favorable impressions of the Shearon Harris Nuclear Power Plant after touring the facilities Monday afternoon.

Retired Adm. Lando Zech toured the plant, located about 35 miles southeast of Chapel Hill, with Carolina Power & Light Co. officials and members of the Coalition for Alternatives to Shearon Harris.

"This has been a very interesting and informative day for me here to visit the Shearon Harris plant," he said at a press conference after the tour. "The visit was very valuable to me and helpful."

Zech has served on the NRC for two years and was named chairman two months ago. He said that he came only to view the plant, constructed by CP&L, and would not comment on any controversy surrounding its licensing.

"I have come here to form my own impressions," he said. "I

wanted to see first hand the management of the plant and especially to talk to the operators.

"The intervenors did allow me to look at the plant and ask questions and look around as I wanted to. That's what I came down to do today."

Summarizing what he found good about the plant, he said it was clean, quiet and the operators appeared to be dedicated to their work.

"I thought the plant looked very clean at this stage of construction,"

he said. "My experience has been that as you look behind things and around things, you can tell whether people really care about their work."

When asked if he is a pro-industry NRC chairman, Zech said he is pro-American and pro-nuclear, but not pro-industry. "I don't consider myself pro-industry . . . but I do think our country needs energy and I think we need nuclear energy," he said.

But when asked about a letter sent by N.C. Attorney General

Lacy Thornburg to the NRC about the need for full-scale drills before the licensing of nuclear plants, Zech said only that the NRC had received the letter and was considering it. He also refused to comment on petitions protesting the opening of the plant and allegations of welding defects.

Sherwood Smith, chairman of CP&L, said he expected the Shearon Harris plant to receive its license within three or four weeks

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Officials want to end downtown takeovers

By TERESA KRIEGSMAN
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Although most students have recovered from the events of Aug. 31, UNC administrators, town officials and the Chapel Hill police have not forgotten the Franklin Street fracas.

In a meeting last week, both university and town officials agreed the Franklin Street incident broke valued traditions.

"This University and this town have a long-standing tradition of free expression of support and dissent," Boulton said Monday. "But we want

to avoid protests fraught with danger to human beings and property."

Attending the meeting were: Donald Boulton, vice chancellor and dean of student affairs; Frederic Schroeder, assistant vice chancellor and dean of students; Robert Sherman, director of security services; David Taylor, Chapel Hill town manager; Ronald Secrist, assistant town manager; and Herman Stone, chief of Chapel Hill police.

Secrist said the fracas did not follow the community tradition of peaceful demonstrations. "The blatant display of anger and defiance of

laws is not in the tradition of the campus of the town and cannot be condoned or tolerated," he said.

Stone said the incident was unfair to the town.

"I hope there'll never be another such incident," he said. "The town doesn't deserve it."

Secrist said he would meet with civic leaders and Franklin Street merchants Wednesday to hear their views on the incident. Boulton said he plans to meet with student leaders to get their reactions.

Both Boulton and Secrist agreed that the difference between protest

and celebrations needed to be considered. Secrist said he did not know whether future celebrations could be held on Franklin Street.

"We have to distinguish between two different types of activities," he said. "We need to find the proper and best way to celebrate our university's success."

Boulton said a meeting is scheduled in mid-October between university and town officials, student representatives, merchants and the media to discuss and plan ways to avoid similar incidents.

Fate of Old East and West in hands of 8

By RACHEL ORR
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The future of Old East and Old West Residence Halls depends on an eight-member task force finalized this week, said Wayne T. Kuncel, director of University Housing.

The residence halls are slated for renovation based on an architectural evaluation completed this summer. The formation of the task force is the first step in deciding what will be done with the historic

dormitories.

The two dormitories were last renovated in 1923. Old West was built in 1823, and Old East, the oldest residence hall at a public university in the United States, was built in 1774.

Originally, the University's proposal for the buildings' usage was due to the architects Sept. 15, but the date has been extended, Kuncel said, citing insufficient time to organize a task force that could adequately

review renovation proposals.

With the help of Gordon H. Rutherford, director of University Planning, the task force will determine a new timetable for submitting a proposal, Kuncel said.

The only proposal so far, submitted by Gillian T. Cell, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, reserves Old East and Old West for outstanding seniors. But Kuncel said the task force would be considering other proposals as well.

Proposals for the halls' usage can be submitted to members of the task force or to the housing department, Kuncel said.

Vice chancellor Donald Boulton, STOW Area Director Sharon McMillen, Student Body President Bryan Hassel, Residence Hall Association President Ray Jones, STOW Area Governor Elizabeth Larschan, former Old East President Roy Greene, Kuncel and Cell compose the task force.

More women leaders needed, students say

By JEAN LUTES
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To increase the ratio of women in leadership roles on UNC's campus, women need more support from each other and more confidence in their leadership abilities, student leaders said Monday night during "Women and Leadership," a forum sponsored by the Campus Y Women's Forum.

"The main issue about women in leadership positions on campus is (that) they are few and far between," Student Congress Speaker Jaye Sitton told about 30 people in the Campus Y lounge. "Especially when you consider that our student body is over 60 percent female and most of the name positions on this campus are filled by men."

"We have a Student Congress and there are 18 men and three women," she said.

Black Student Movement President Camille Roddy, Carolina Union President Jeannie Mit-

chell, and Student Body President Bryan Hassel also spoke in the presentation, moderated by Cindy Wolf, director of the North Carolina Fellows Program and Leadership Development.

Although there should be more women in leadership positions on campus, their numbers are sometimes underestimated because people only look at big-name positions, Roddy said.

"I think women are heavily involved in organizations," she said. "There are different aspects of leadership besides being president of an organization. I don't think women give themselves enough credit."

Mitchell said that before women can be accepted as leaders, they need to change their attitudes about themselves. "Barriers are within the women themselves," she said, and some women are afraid to go into leadership positions.

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Reagan ups drug penalties

From Associated Press reports

WASHINGTON — President Reagan Monday ordered the heads of each government agency to establish mandatory drug-testing programs for "employees in sensitive positions" and endorsed a House-passed measure that provides the death penalty for some drug-related offenses.

"This is the federal government's way of just saying 'no' to drugs," the president said, taking a line from his wife as he signed an executive order and sent his own legislative package to Congress, which is rushing to enact new measures to combat drug abuse before the November elections.

One day after joining his wife, Nancy, in exhorting Americans to "rise up together in defiance against this cancer of drugs," Reagan proposed legislation and administrative steps that would add nearly \$900 million in additional resources to combat drug abuse, bringing the cost of all federal anti-drug programs to \$3.2 billion for the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1.

The House has approved a \$2 billion package of anti-drug measures, including establishment of the death penalty for some drug-related crimes and assignment of a bigger role for the military in combating the flow of illegal drugs into the country.

Reversing his position as announced by a spokesman last week, Reagan endorsed the provision in the House bill providing for the death penalty "for those who intentionally cause death while committing an offense" under what is known as the "drug kingpin" law.

Spokesman Larry Speakes has said Reagan favored use of the death penalty for some drug-related crimes but would not propose it in order to avoid controversy that could block adoption of his other proposals.

The bill Reagan submitted today would also increase the maximum prison term for large-scale drug trafficking to life for a second offense and broaden the scope of existing legislation to include the sale of cocaine and marijuana.

Announcing his commitment to a "drug-free federal workplace," Reagan said, "The use of illegal drugs by current or prospective federal employees will not be tolerated."

He said those caught using drugs will be subject to penalties ranging from private reprimands to suspension. Federal employees in sensitive positions, as defined by their agency heads, "will not be permitted to remain on duty" if they are found to use illegal drugs.

While we are sleeping two-thirds of the world is plotting to do us in. — Dean Rusk