

# Falling ice damages cars on campus

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After ice falling from campus buildings almost totaled one car Wednesday and damaged two others, campus police warned students not to walk too close to buildings. "It's never been this dangerous before," said Sgt. Ned Comar of Campus Police. "There is a potential grave danger to people going in and out of buildings. The falling ice could hurt them, or kill them."

Matt Mlekush, associate director of facilities management at UNC's Physical Plant, said faculty and students should be aware of hazards caused by melting ice and snow. "There is a possibility that sheets of ice could come sliding off the roofs of campus buildings."

Comar said students should be aware of the danger and take precautions when walking near buildings. "Look up before you go into

a building, or be careful when you walk under the eaves or near the edge," he said.

Falling ice damaged a Datsun station wagon parked outside of Beard Hall at about 10 a.m. Wednesday, Comar said. The car's front windshield was cracked and the rear windshield was completely shattered.

Comar had no estimate of the cost of the car's damage.

Mitch Camp, a junior who saw the damage, said the falling ice took a portion of the building's gutter with it. One section of the gutter fell to the ground, and another part was left dangling from the roof.

Physical Plant workers taped off the site of the accident to prevent people from getting too close to the roof's edge.

Falling ice also damaged two cars parked outside of Swain Hall at

about 12:15 a.m. Wednesday.

The ice dented the roof of a police officer's car and knocked out the back window, filling the car's interior with ice and glass, Comar said. Damages were estimated at \$700 to \$800.

The ice also caused about \$300 in damages to a faculty member's car, but Comar could not describe what the damages were.

Large icicles were hanging on the walkways over Manning Drive near North Carolina Memorial Hospital, Comar said, and they could fall and damage the cars parked beneath the walkways.

Drivers should be careful not to park their cars where they could be damaged by falling ice, he said.

Dr. James McCutchan, a physician at Student Health Services, said most of the injuries treated this week were related to the ice and snow. However, no injuries caused by

falling ice were reported, he said.

The precipitation from the recent winter storm formed huge sheets of ice on the roofs of buildings, Comar said. As the sheets of ice melt, they slide off the roofs, he said.

The ice poses an immediate problem, but if more precipitation this week falls the danger may increase, he said. "I believe it could get worse before it gets better."

Claude E. "Gene" Swecker, associate vice chancellor of facilities maintenance, said the Physical Plant advised people to be careful when walking near the edges of roofs.

But Swecker said he didn't think falling ice was a serious problem. "Most roofs are not too steep, or right alongside walkways or parking lots," he said. "I hope it's not too big a problem, but the Physical Plant is calling around to tell people to be aware of the problem."

# Senate committee moves to stop U.S. aid to Contras

From Associated Press reports

WASHINGTON — The Senate Foreign Relations Committee voted 11-9 Wednesday to halt U.S. aid to Nicaragua's anti-government guerrillas in the first major test of sentiment in the new Congress toward the Contras.

However, even supporters of the measure passed by the Democratic-controlled committee conceded that it will be vetoed by President Reagan if it eventually passes the Senate and the House.

## Druse battle Shiites in Beirut

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Druse gunmen hurling grenades stormed the Commodore Hotel and drove out Shiite militiamen Wednesday in one of the fiercest fights of a four-day battle for control of Moslem west Beirut.

## News in Brief

### Pre-marital AIDS test

RALEIGH — Two Democrats got the first publicity for a bid to require AIDS tests to get a marriage license, but three Republicans filed the bill on Wednesday, apparently without realizing a competing effort was in the works.

Rep. Al Lineberry, D-Guilford, and Sen. Charles Higgs, D-Haywood, said earlier this week that they would introduce bills this week for the mandatory blood tests.

"I'll join up with them and we'll work together," said Rep. Trip Sizemore, R-Guilford, who said he did not hear about the other proposal.

# Sanford obtains fresh insight from trip to Central America

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Sen. Terry Sanford, D-N.C., learned a lot about Central America on his six-day fact-finding tour of Costa Rica, Honduras, and Nicaragua, said Tom Lawton, Sanford's press secretary.

Lawton said Sanford went to Central America last Tuesday to get first-hand knowledge of the region and its problems so that he could make better decisions about proposals presented in the Western Hemisphere Affairs subcommittee of the Senate Foreign Relations committee.

"It's hard to make decisions about such a complex region from an office

building in Washington," Lawton said. "The senator was doing his homework."

Sanford came home from his trip Monday impressed with Costa Rican President Oscar Arias' 10-point peace plan for the region, Lawton said.

"The senator thinks that the United States should do its best to get the other Central American countries to endorse this peace plan," he said.

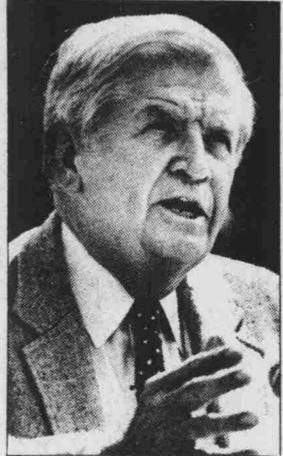
Arias' peace plan calls for amnesty for all political prisoners, a cease-fire in countries engaged in civil wars, complete freedom of the press, election of a Central American parliament to oversee the working

of the plan, the end of all outside military aid to the region, and reduction in the size of armies throughout Central America.

Sanford met with other high government officials and representatives from the church, business, industry and community groups, Lawton said.

Sanford also visited a grocery store in Nicaragua and talked to the people inside, Lawton said. There were long lines inside the store and Sanford noticed that there were not enough goods and supplies to go around, he said.

Sanford was unable to speak with Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega, Lawton said.



Terry Sanford

# Credit Union to seek charter for students

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Roy High, commissioner of the North Carolina Credit Union League, met with the organizing committee of the Carolina Students Credit Union Wednesday to discuss obtaining a charter.

If High decides that the league will charter the credit union, it will be the first student credit union in North Carolina.

But even if High chartered the credit union, he said he would revoke the charter if the national credit union insurance company does not insure the group.

"We grant charters with the understanding that you can't start business until you get the insurance," High said.

"Some people feel they've had some problems with student credit unions, so I don't know if (the national insurance credit union company) will grant the insurance," he said.

The decision about granting the charter will be made around March 3, High said.

If the charter is granted, the committee will meet March 4 to elect officers, committee member Erika Birg said Wednesday. If the credit union does not receive the charter, its organizers will meet to revise their business plan, she said.

"We'll take criticisms that he (High) has given us, and work with

those to revise our business plan and re-submit it for a charter again," Birg said. "It's not uncommon for credit union charters to be re-submitted several times before they're granted."

Services of the proposed credit union would be available to full-time and part-time graduate and undergraduate students and their immediate families, as well as student organizations, said Todd Hart, committee president.

"The reason students want a credit union is for convenient access to funds," Hart said.

The initial service available to students would be a share account, Birg said. After the credit union obtains a certain amount of funds, the union will begin loan, checking, travelers' checks and money order services, she said.

"It's all dependent on how well we do on each of the services," Birg said. "The more students support us, the more we can support them."

Committee Vice President Andy Taubman agreed. "We don't plan to offer loans for a specified amount of time after we open business," he said. "We feel they aren't necessary for us to be successful, and the most responsible plan would be to wait a semester or two. It's beyond our initial scope."

The credit union is tentatively scheduled to begin business in the fall of 1987, Birg said.

# Student Congress elects speaker, committee heads

By JUSTIN MCGUIRE  
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Rob Friedman (Dist. 16) was elected speaker of UNC's 69th Student Congress Wednesday night, defeating Neil Riemann (Dist. 12) by a vote of 17-8 during the congress' first meeting.

"I want to have the administration listen to us more than they do now," Friedman said after he was elected. "I'm not sure exactly what action I'll take to accomplish that, but I really want to work with (the

administration)."

The congress should also work to gain more student respect, Friedman said. "I want students to realize that we're their representatives," he said. "We have to go to them more."

His ability to work hard was the most important thing in his election as speaker, Friedman said. "I get along with all the new members pretty well," he said. "We'll be able to work out most problems before we get to meetings and that's really important."

The congress also elected other officers Wednesday. Brock Dickinson (Dist. 13) was elected speaker pro tem with 16 votes, defeating Bobby Ferris (Dist. 14), who received 5 votes, and Brien Lewis, who received 3 votes.

Stephanie Ahlschwede (Dist. 14) was elected chairwoman of the Student Affairs Committee, defeating Steve Day (Dist. 15).

Riemann was elected chairman of the Finance Committee with 22 votes. Stuart Hathaway (Dist. 12)

was elected Rules and Judiciary Committee chairman with 24 votes. Jim Wooten (Dist. 19) was elected chairman of the Ethics Committee with 23 votes.

Friedman said he's looking forward to working with the new congress.

"I know all the chairmen and the speaker pro tem," he said. "They're very qualified and they'll do a good job." And the rest of the congress is hard-working, he said.



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