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## Study commission to hold public hearings

# Debate continues on University utilities sale

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Deliberations concerning the controversial sale of four University-owned utilities will continue this week as the Utilities Study Commission (Church Commission) holds a full-scale public hearing in addition to its regular meeting.

The commission was formed to recommend which of the public and private corporations bidding on the University water, sewage, telephone and electric systems should be allowed to buy.

Controversial debate on the question has continued since the sealed bids were opened April 16. Commission Subcommittee Chairman John T. Church said then that a number of considerations other than the bids themselves would be examined before prospective buyers would be recommended. The recommendations, which are expected to be issued by Nov. 1, will go first to the UNC Board of Trustees and

the State Utilities Commission and then to the Council of State and the Governor.

The public hearing, to be held 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Institute of Government auditorium, was scheduled in response to criticism from Chapel Hill Mayor Howard Lee, a member of the commission, and the Orange County Citizens for Alternative Power (OCCAP). Lee and the citizens' group protested early last week that original plans for public hearings did not provide enough time for the public to voice their opinions on the utilities sale. Hearings last Wednesday devoted one hour to the public and one hour to utilities employees for comments and questions.

Chapel Hill lawyer and state senate candidate Charles Vickery added his voice Saturday to the demand for more public discussion of the utilities sale.

In his original reply last week to criticism of the hearing plans, John Temple, UNC assistant vice-chancellor and staff aide to the commission, said plans for last Wednesday's two-hour hearing had been made by the subcommittee and not by the full commission.

"The full commission can decide anything it likes about how and when to hold hearings," he said.

Temple added that any groups or persons who wish to speak at the public hearings may do so by first contacting the UNC business office to request speaking time at the meeting. Uninvited speakers have spoken to the commission frequently from its beginning, Temple added.

The decision to hold this week's full-scale public hearing was made during a formal commission session following the two-hour hearings last Wednesday. A second outcome of the session was an invitation to the UNC administration to inform the commission of its opinion on who should buy the utilities.

Controversy over the prospective buyers of the four utilities has centered around the Consumers Utility Corporation, a locally formed public corporation, which entered a package bid of approximately \$32 million for the telephone, water and electric utilities.

Consumers has been fighting an unfavorable analysis of its bid which was prepared by the UNC Business Office and Vice-Chancellor Temple. The analysis predicts substantial rate increases and a larger-than-proposed bond issue of Consumers is allowed to buy the utilities.

As the only corporation whose bid was analyzed, Consumers countered the predictions in a full rebuttal, charging that the analysis contained "many erroneous assumptions... mistakes and questionable methods" and that its results were "utterly ridiculous." The Consumers representative said that Duke Power, the only other bidder for the water and electric systems, would have to charge 45 per cent higher water prices than Consumers.

Temple addressed the commission following the rebuttal and gave his reasons for analyzing only the Consumers bid.

"Consumers is the only bidder with no operating history," he said, "and therefore the questions of whether they will be able to raise sufficient funds for the purchase and then adequately operate the utilities are significant." In addition, Temple said it would be impossible to analyze proposed costs and funds of the large companies bidding and that further examination of the bids is needed to answer the many remaining questions.

The high bid for the telephone system was approximately \$20.5 million by Central Telephone and Utilities Corp. The Consumers bid was about \$19 million.

Duke Power's high bid of about \$13 million was challenged only by Consumers' bid of \$10 million. The town of Chapel Hill was the only bidder for the sewage system. The bid was \$157,000.

Adding to the controversy was a report from the American Appraisal Company which suggested water and telephone systems market values of \$5 million and \$24.5 million respectively, significantly higher than the top bids of \$2.7 million and \$20.5 million. Conversely, the electric system, which brought bids of \$8.9 and \$11.6 million, was appraised at \$7.5 million.

The commission will meet again this week, following Wednesday's public hearing, Thursday at 9 a.m. in the Morehead Building faculty lounge.

## Analysis of utility bids contested

by Ted Melnik  
Staff Writer

State Senate candidate Charles Vickery has charged the UNC Business Office with bias in its analysis of Consumers Utility Corporation's bid for the university utilities, and recommended that the utilities be sold to Consumers.

"I believe that the analysis of Consumers Utility Corporation's bid by the University Business Office showed a callous disregard for the best interests of the citizens of Chapel Hill," Vickery said in a position statement. "By selective omission of important facts and by focusing only on the consumers group and ignoring the other bidders, the business office has attempted to unfairly bias the members of the commission.

"In a town known for its insistence upon the free exchange of ideas, it is imperative that the distorted picture painted by the business office not blind our eyes to the true facts.

"Facts seem to clearly indicate that the wisest course for the Church Commission would be the sale of the

utilities to the local consumers group.

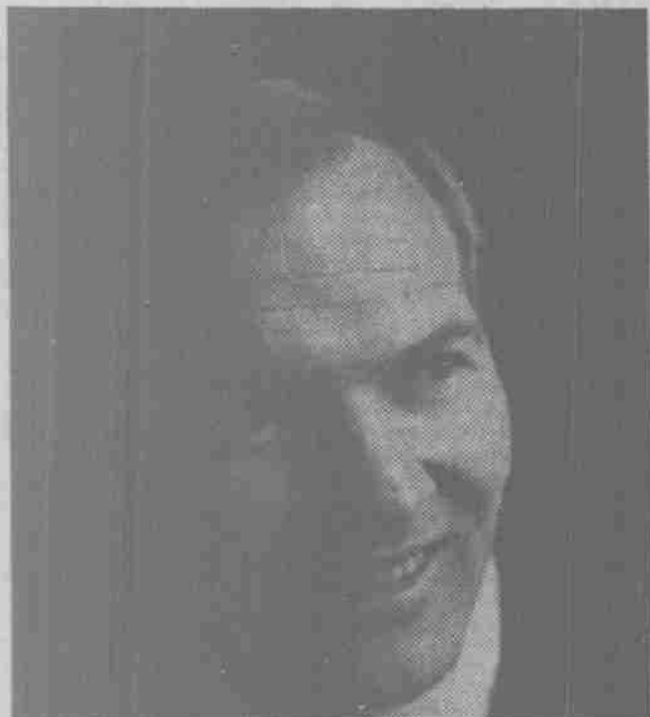
"Duke Power, Southern Bell and the others have a record of environmental degradation, unwillingness to bargain with employees, unprecedented rate hikes, poor service and use of political influence to gain favored treatment at the hands of the General Assembly. They have opposed every consumer protection measure ever introduced in North Carolina.

"We cannot allow the citizens of Chapel Hill to be subjected to the whim and caprice of such special interests.

"The rate structures of most private utilities such as Duke Power are biased in favor of large industrial users, and the costs for residential customers are considerably higher. In Chapel Hill, which has little industry, our residential rates would subsidize the industrial discounts of surrounding areas.

"I strongly encourage all citizens to go to Wednesday's public hearing and make their views known."

The Utilities Study Commission public hearing will be held in the Institute of Government auditorium at 7:30 p.m.



Charles Vickery

## Summer jobs

### Chapel Hill employment market labelled extremely tight

by Ellen Horowitz  
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If you want to live in Chapel Hill this summer, but need a summer job, you might have to commute to Charlotte for work.

The Chapel Hill summer job market is one of the tightest in the state, University placement officers and personnel managers say. A spokesman for an area employment agency agrees.

"We don't even try to recruit for summer jobs in Chapel Hill and Durham," said Roy Locke, senior counselor for Snelling and Snelling Employment Service on Estes Drive. "The market around here is so flooded that all we can do is take an application and notify the person if an employer happens to call up with an opening. We don't get more than about a half-dozen such calls in the course of a summer."

"I've been looking for a summer job for weeks," UNC senior Stewart Wilson said. "I don't think there is a single job available anywhere in town."

Last week's University announcement of staff vacancies included only one summer position, for a typist. "And I imagine that's filled by now," Asst. Director of Personnel Cy Matheson said a few days after the listing was published. "Summer jobs are always tight around here, and this year seems even worse than last."

North Carolina Memorial Hospital had about 10 summer openings and 120 to 130 applicants, according to Staff Planning Supervisor Elsie Rojo. There are fewer

hospital jobs than usual this summer, she said, due to financial pressures and a new policy phasing out part-time staffers.

"For the first time in ages," she added, "we're not hiring any students at all as nursing assistants."

Physical Plant Director Walter Hamilton reported he had 56 applicants for 18 summer positions. Many of the applications came from last summer's employees, he said.

One hundred thirty-nine students are working part time in University libraries this summer, compared to about 175 hired during the regular school year.

"The vast majority of our summer assistants are carried over from the spring semester," said Emma Thompson of the libraries' business office. "We had only a handful of openings and quite a few applicants."

A.R. Fields, head of the Wilson Library Circulation Department, reports he has no job openings, but does have a waiting list of 40 people.

The Career Planning and Placement Office in Gardner Hall provides a summer job reading room where students can find information on summer openings all over the state and nation. Their files include reports by many students who held jobs during previous summers.

In addition, students who have been at UNC for at least one year, taking the normal course load, can register with the Placement Office for summer employment. The resumes of registered students are made available to potential employers, and interviews are arranged with visiting

recruiters.

According to Career Planning and Placement Director Joe Galloway, 548 students registered for employment this summer. As of mid-May, he said, 329 of those registered reported they had accepted summer jobs, 126 of whom attributed their employment to direct contacts made through the placement office.

Many University departments and the Student Aid Office in Vance Hall maintain bulletin boards on which employers can advertise openings for student help.

The Vance Hall board has a note saying: "The following business always need help: It then lists the various franchised hamburger restaurants in town. But few of these businesses are hiring anyone either.

"I've been looking for a job for the last six weeks," sophomore Marty Shapiro said, "and yesterday I was even turned down by Hardee's!"

"We're not hiring anyone at all," said Tom Tompkins, manager of the Chapel Hill Roy Rogers. "We've had close to 100 people in here during the last week asking for jobs."

The Student Aid Office also provides guaranteed job placement for those students attending UNC under the federally funded Work-Study Program.

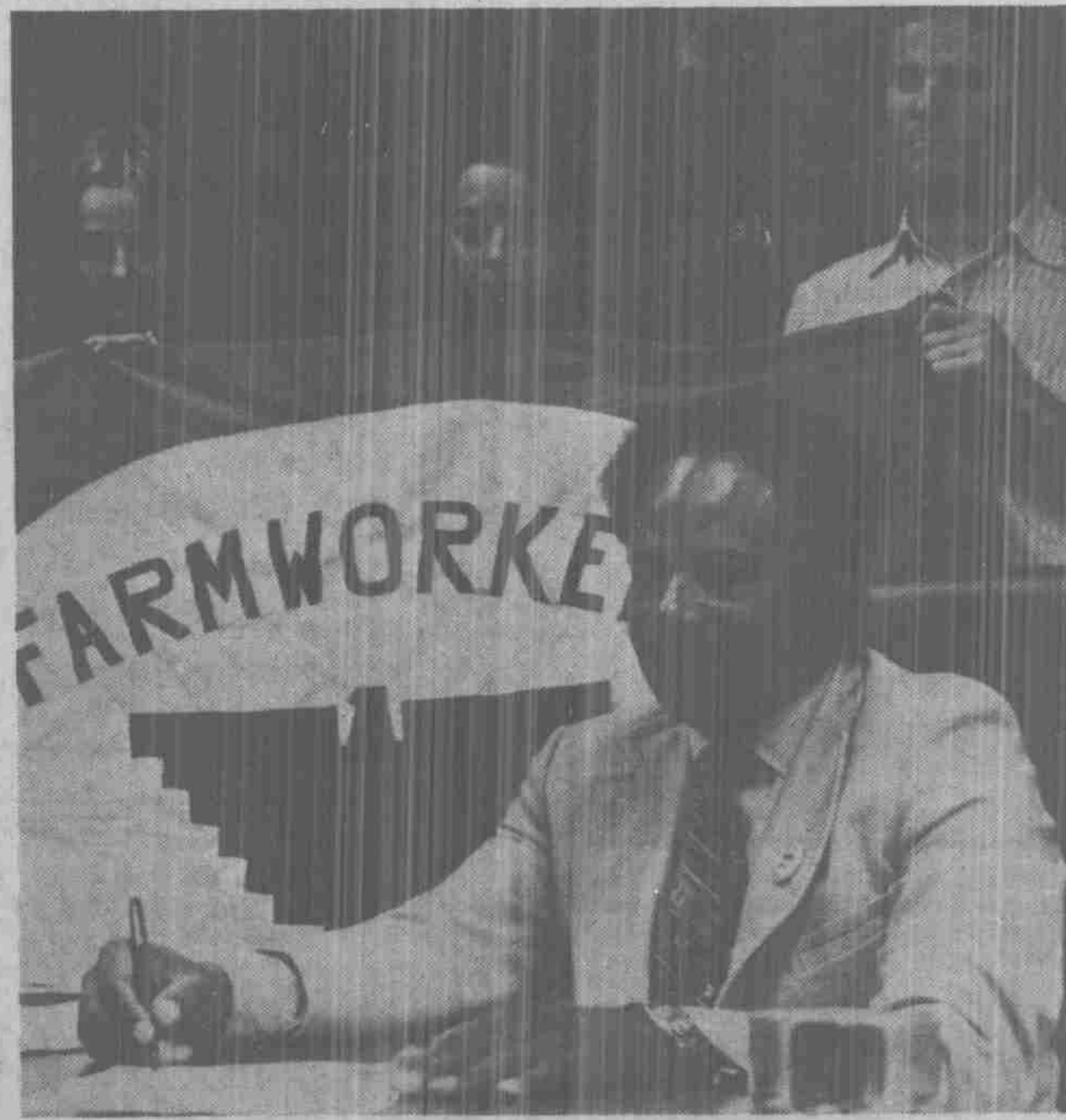
Work-Study Employment Co-ordinator Mary McKinnon said the number of students participating in that program could not be estimated, because applications for financial aid are processed continually.

"When it comes to people needing money," she said, "deadlines and dates don't mean a thing."

McKinnon said that most Work-Study jobs are on campus with various University departments. But through North Carolina's PACE program, a few Work-Study students are placed in summer jobs with non-profit community agencies, such as day-care centers.

"Looking ahead to next summer, the job situation doesn't look very bright at this point," Galloway of the placement office said.

He suggested that students seeking employment for the summer of 1975 register for placement as early as next October or November.



Lee endorses boycott

Chapel Hill Mayor Howard Lee signs a proclamation declaring June 9-16 United Farm Workers' Week, as Chapel Hill Friends of the UFW members (from left to right) Kathy Macbeth, Dianne Bryant and Pete Stroup look on.

The Chapel Hill Friends of the UFW have urged residents of Chapel Hill to support the Boycott by buying only California table grapes and iceberg lettuce that bear the Aztec eagle label.

(Staff photo by Ted Melnik)

## Officials skeptical of new SLA tape

BERKELEY, Calif. (UPI) — FBI agents were skeptical today of a 12-minute tape recording reported to be from a previously unheard of "Symbionese Liberation Army" member.

The tape, played by radio station KPFA Saturday night, contained the voice of a woman who identified herself as "Cabrella" and called for vengeance for the deaths of six SLA "soldiers" killed in a Los Angeles gunbattle.

Charles Bates, special FBI agent in charge of investigating SLA activities,

said that evidently only a tape recorder was necessary to set up a revolutionary movement.

The tape urged Patricia Hearst and SLA fugitives Emily and William Harris to "regroup and do nothing in haste — we will unite in time."

Randolph A. Hearst, whose 20-year-old daughter apparently has joined the terrorist group that kidnaped her Feb. 4, listened to two minutes of the new tape before walking out of the room commenting, "Ho hum."

As this went on, police and the FBI pressed an unrelenting search for Patricia Hearst and two fellow members of the Symbionese Liberation Army.

After more than a week of fruitless work, authorities still requested the public to help in the hunt for the 20-year-old newspaper heiress and Emily and William Harris.

"There's nothing new," said an FBI spokesman. "Calls in the case diminished over the holiday. We're still checking out all leads but they've all been false alarms — so far. Yet the next one may be it."

There was a possibility the trio may have tried to mingle in heavy Memorial Day traffic and flee unnoticed from this area where they were last seen a week ago Friday.

That sighting was in Griffith Park where the Harrises and Miss Hearst released unharmed a man they had kidnaped. Several hours later police cornered other members of the SLA in a south-central Los Angeles hideout and six of them perished in gunfire and flames.

Miss Hearst and the Harrises are wanted on federal charges of illegal possession and use of automatic weapons and on other charges of kidnaping and theft.

Public appeals from the Hearst family and from Mrs. Harris' father, asking the trio to surrender were unanswered.

Authorities believe the hard-core leadership of the SLA died in the south-central shootout.

Donald Defreeze, self-styled "Field Marshal General Cinque," apparently shot himself to death after his five companions succumbed to bullet wounds or smoke inhalation and burns.

Also killed were Nancy Ling Perry, described as the SLA's chief theoretician, Angela Atwood, Camilla Hall, and William Wolfe.

## Integration plan attacked

Student Body President Marcus Williams expressed concern Monday that the UNC general administration has not yet made a true commitment to desegregation.

"There are two areas of concern," he said. "First, the percentages of minorities to be admitted into the predominantly white schools is too low."

Currently, blacks comprise 5.3 per cent of the total UNC population, Williams said. The Board of Governors' new plan would

increase this percentage to 7.1 per cent. "This is not enough," Williams said.

Williams also claimed that the Board of Governors was not accepting enough input from other sources while formulating their plan. "Students are being completely ignored," he said.

The UNC Board of Governors must submit a plan to the U.S. Office of Civil Rights by June 1. The new plan will be the third submitted this year.

The Board of Governors is expected to draft their plan around recommendations provided by the U.S. civil rights office. This plan will include new means to induce minorities to enroll at predominantly white campuses through the provisions of financial aid and recruitment.

The revised plan is also expected to deal with the duplication of courses offered within the University system. This does not mean that duplicated programs, such as the

engineering programs at N.C. State, A&T and UNC-Charlotte, will have to be eliminated, John L. Sanders, vice-president in charge of planning said. Sanders is responsible for drafting the new desegregation proposal. "The University will not be allowed to close programs in predominantly black schools," he said. "In the future, the level of student need and student demand will affect decisions concerning duplicated courses."

University officials are also considering the use of remedial education programs to lure minority groups to predominantly white campuses.

"There is no point in enrolling a student in college if he's going to flunk out," Sanders said.

The UNC Board of Governors will meet at 2:30 May 31 in the General Administration Building to act on the proposed revisions in the desegregation plan.

## Weather

Sunny and clear today with highs in the upper 70s. The high tonight will be in the upper 50s. The probability of rain is zero per cent today increasing to 10 per cent tonight. The barometer is at 29.96 inches and the winds are from the North at 10 miles-per-hour.