

# Funds change: communication breakdown

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## News analysis

"The problem is communication at this point." That is what University Comptroller David M. Johnson said last Thursday when asked about the proposed changes in the disbursement system for student activities fees.

The problem from the beginning has been one of communication, or at least one of no communication at all.

When the decision to study the possibility of switching the handling of student fees from the Student Activities Fund (SAF) office to the University accounting office was first discussed by University officials last October, Consolidated University President William C. Friday instructed the six chancellors to include students in the local discussions.

But the first Student Government officials heard of the proposed switch was the last week of exams, and at that time local administrators had already mapped out a plan for the switch, according to several sources.

Students from this campus first met with administrators to discuss the switch last Tuesday when Student Body President Tom Bello, Treasurer Guil Waddell and SAF Audit Board Chairman Ken Day met with CU officials, Chancellor J. Carlyle Sitterson and Vice Chancellor Joseph C. Eagles.

"Originally there was a question in my mind as

to the amount of power the University administration will exercise over the student funds," Bello said after the meeting.

"At most, the administration will only disburse the student funds," he continued. "There is no doubt in my mind that the administration will not exercise veto power over those funds."

Therefore, the argument between student government and the administration seemed settled. The students and administrators walked out of the Tuesday meeting saying they were in total agreement.

The switch was to begin immediately. But communication, or the lack thereof, interfered again a day later when the Residence College Federation announced their opposition to the move.

RCF funds come from room rent, and have been handled by the SAF office in the past. No RCF representative was invited to the Tuesday meeting.

"The RCF does not recognize any actions taken as binding unless the RCF is properly consulted and gives proper consent," RCF co-chairman Mark Evens said Wednesday.

Before anyone had a chance to consult RCF

officials, Student Government and Vice Chancellor Eagles were in conflict again over the move.

Eagles informed the SAF office that all its accounts would have to be completely closed out before the new system could be begun.

Student Government balked. Waddell said Eagles' move was a breach of the trust established at the Tuesday meeting, and the Finance Committee of Student Legislature voted immediately and unanimously to freeze all Student Government funds except for those of The Daily Tar Heel and WCAR.

Waddell carried four requisitions to the University accounting office Friday for checks to cover residence college dances and a printing bill for The Daily Tar Heel.

The Daily Tar Heel check was the only one not approved by the administration, and editor Tom Gooding charged the University with "financial censorship" of the paper.

Somewhere, someone had misunderstood one of the understandings worked out during the past week. Either Student Government officials were mistaken in thinking the new system would begin regardless of the balance left in old accounts or administrators were mistaken in thinking they had the power to require SAF accounts be closed out.

No new developments occurred over the weekend.

Student Government officials, both those in the executive office and legislators, have objected to

the move on the grounds that it would allow the administration to exercise a veto over student expenditures, and they argue that the administration would quite possibly be able to prevent funding of any agency or activity of which they did not approve.

The administration counters that they have no desire to exercise a veto over student spending and that the system is to be one of disbursement and accounting only.

To that point, SG leaders say they are willing to have an outsider, an independent efficiency expert, evaluate the two accounting systems to see which is better. Students are confident that the SAF method would be found far superior to the University system.

This student argument is dismissed by the University. Officials say it does not matter which is more efficient. What matters, they say, is that there must be some system of continual auditing of funds available under regulations spelled out by the State Auditor's Office.

There has been no audit of the SAF books in 15 years, administrators say, and if the N.C. General Assembly were to find out, they would be incensed.

Students, in response to that argument, are quick to point out that the possibility of an audit of SAF books was discussed by the University in 1964 and discounted as being too expensive and inefficient.

Waddell said last week that the SAF office was indeed audited for a number of years, from its founding in 1932 through 1954. The annual audit was dropped by the University after 1954, Waddell said, because it was "too expensive and inefficient."

"There has to be an audit," one University official said last week, "or we'll have the General Assembly all over our backs."

Waddell answered that statement by saying he was in complete agreement, that he welcomed an audit and that he had been working to hire a private certified public accountant to audit the SAF books at the end of this financial year.

In 1932 the founding of the SAF offices gave Student Government its first real power. The control of pursestrings has long been the power which has given legislative assemblies the power to go against the will of kings.

Control of the SAF has been the major foundation for Student Government.

Money has become the basis of power for the "independent Student Government" talked about in UNC's brochures and handbooks, and SG is now fighting a move which it feels will erode that power base.

"They want to bankrupt us," SL Finance Committee chairman Robert Grady said Thursday. "Money is the only power we've got."

And as it stands now, Student Government is fighting a losing battle to keep their total control of that money.

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## Spencer coeds opposed to Project Hinton move

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The possibility that Project Hinton might move into Spencer Dormitory has brought complaints from residents in that dormitory.

Fenna Boon, a Spencer resident, said Friday that a petition against the move will be presented to Dean of Student Affairs C.O. Cathey today.

The protest was provoked by the endorsement of the notion by a student evaluating committee from the Project and the consideration of the move by the Chancellor's Evaluating Committee. The

second committee is evaluating the entire project in all its aspects as an experiment.

Susan Oldham, a member of the Project committee, said that Spencer is "by far the best" possibility for relocation. "Spencer has more advantages than the others."

The project is located at present in Hinton James Dormitory on the ninth and tenth floors. Project advisor Jim Wharton explained that Spencer was considered the best location for several reasons.

Wharton listed the advantages of Spencer as the dining room and kitchen,

the size, the location and the potential for classroom space. There are some 150 students involved in classes taught in the Project at present.

An especially important factor is that in Spencer project members would be able to eat together, said Wharton. Members are at present "making do" with small kitchen facilities in James but would like very much to have bona fide eating facilities, he continued.

Wharton said that for the first time this year Spencer has not required girls to eat in its dining room and that now the dining room is losing money.

"Those of us who have lived in Spencer are pretty strongly against moving Project Hinton into the dorm," said Miss Boon. She explained that the dorm is the "best, oldest and most prestigious and mothers want their daughters there."

Miss Boon feels that it would upset the alumni if the move were made. She mentioned as alternative locations Connor or Parker dormitories.

"There's a lot of sentiment against it," said Miss Boon. "They're special on their ninth and tenth floors of James. Just for practical reasons another place would be better."

"Sure, maybe we're being sentimental but we have a right to be. Project Hinton is a cohesive unit. Spencer is a cohesive unit. Why destroy one for the sake of the other. I think we should keep both of them."

Asked about the "cohesive unit," Patsy Walters, who just moved from Spencer into the Project, said, "It is definitely not. I suppose it can be, it is for maybe half of the girls."

"The location and the dining room are advantages but it's just a place to live. If it is united, it has become so in the fight against the Project."

by Harry Smith  
Staff Writer

## D.C. trip meeting tonight

Faculty members and student leaders met for a second time Sunday afternoon in the Law School lounge to further organize plans for Washington Witness II.

The purpose of the trip by students and faculty to Washington, D.C. is to talk with Congressional leaders, urge them to

support specific legislation to end the Indochina War.

A public meeting has been scheduled for 8 p.m. tonight in 105 Gardner to discuss plans for the trip with interested students, faculty and staff members and community leaders.

A trip has been scheduled for Feb. 23. A committee has been formed to work through the YMCA, the Wesley Foundation and Chi Psi fraternity to

organize buses for the trip. Statewide activities will be coordinated by the N.C. Veterans for Peace.

The Sunday meeting resulted in the following statement to be placed as an advertisement in several newspapers in the state:

Does it make sense to disengage from the Vietnam war by entangling it to country after country? To protect the withdrawal of our troops from Vietnam, we are massively increasing our air activity throughout the area and supporting South Vietnamese troops as they range widely beyond their borders. Does that make sense?

Are we protecting our national honor and credibility by destroying without limit? Twenty-five per cent of our allies in South Vietnam alone are now homeless refugees; hundreds of innocent people are killed weekly by our air attacks in Indochina. Is that what we stand for?

The morale and the ethics of our army are disintegrating as the war drags on: drug-taking is rampant; authority is being undermined as men threaten their officers; innocent civilians are being killed out of fear, frustration and hate.

After 10 years of fighting and the loss of 50,000 American lives alone, we believe our military obligations to South Vietnam are at an end.

buy 75 per cent of its power from Duke Power with the remaining 25 per cent being generated at the University's Cameron Ave. steam plant.

Another reason given for the rate increase by Culbreth was the increase in the cost of fuel for the production of electricity at the Cameron Ave. plant.

Carrboro is also currently embroiled with the University in a legal battle over the water rates the University charges.

The University raised the rates over 100 percent this past summer with Carrboro refusing to pay the increase. The University then filed suit against the town to force the payment.

The reason given for the increase, which is now being challenged by Carrboro, was that the wholesale supplier of electricity to the University Duke Power Company, had raised their wholesale rates 18.46 percent in December.

Culbreth also said the University only



What does one do to clean out the Union parking lot after a thaw. Unplug the drain, of course. Thurston Farrar is doing his best but the sea of mud is hard to overcome. (Staff photo by Johnny Lindahl)

## New bus system begins operation by March 15

The final legal steps necessary for the operation of a Chapel Hill-Carrboro bus system to start by March 15 were decided upon last week.

The Carrboro Board of Aldermen formally ratified the agreement with Raleigh City Coach Lines, Inc. to provide the \$2,000 subsidy as its portion of the money to keep the system in operation if it loses money as expected.

The Board of Aldermen of Chapel Hill made a similar agreement several weeks ago, consenting to pay up to \$10,000 to subsidize the proposed system.

Joint Transportation Commission chairman George Lathrop told the Commission in its regular meeting Thursday the \$12,000 total subsidy would keep the system in operation until at least the end of this fiscal year.

A special public hearing has been set for the week of Feb. 15 to give the citizens of the area a chance to express their views on the proposed routes, and fares. The exact date, time and place for the hearing has not been finalized.

The bus system as now proposed and worked out by Lathrop in consultation with R.L. Denton, head of the Raleigh City Coach Lines, will operate three routes in the two towns with 25 cents fare for each route.

A transfer charge of 10 cents will be made to passengers who transfer from one route to another at the central junction point to be located somewhere in the downtown Chapel Hill area.

The routes as now proposed are:

Eastgate Route—Begin at Ephesus Church Road and follow to intersection with Longleaf Drive; then go down Longleaf to the intersection of Willow Drive, through Ridgefield to 15-501 Bypass, going toward Glen Lennox; then take Brandon Road in Glen Lennox, past Flemming Road to Hamilton Road to NC 54 into town by way of South Road and Columbia Street, to Franklin Street, then out Franklin Street to Eastgate, completing the loop.

Carrboro Route—Begin on Franklin Street going south to Columbia Street then to Cameron Avenue; then West to Mallette St., and north on Mallette to

Franklin; then go west to Weaver and main Streets intersection; then southwest to Greensboro Street; then north on Greensboro to Simpson Street; then down Simpson Street to NC 54; east on 54 to Westview Drive; then down K Street (off Davie Road) to Fidelity Street; then down Fidelity Street to Carrboro Town Hall; then down Hillsborough Street to Main following Main to Franklin; then take the final block on Rosemary.

Airport Route—Begin at Franklin and Columbia Streets, go south on Columbia to Cameron; then west on Cameron to Graham Street; then up South Graham to Franklin and Rosemary; cross Rosemary on South Graham going out to Gommans Street; turn east on Gommans, crossing by way of Edward's Alley and Mitchell Lane to Clark Street; then to Church Street to Rosemary; then east on Rosemary and back to Franklin; then one loop around Franklin going north on Columbia Street to Longview; then left on Longview to Pritchard; then to Umstead Drive; then east to Bradley to Barkley; then east to Airport Road; on Airport Road toward town to Hillsborough Road; then up Hillsborough and on to Rosemary then back to Franklin.

The Carrboro Board of Aldermen have decided not to ask for a court injunction against the University concerning the recent electric rate increase.

In a special session, the Board last week voted instead to pursue at this time the course of obtaining a hearing before the full UNC Board of Trustees for reconsideration of the rate increase.

The Board voted at its January meeting to seek an injunction against the University to prohibit the 12 and a half percent increase which went into effect Feb. 1.

by Evans Witt  
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## Town balks at power hike

Town Attorney W.W. Staton, however, advised the Board to seek the public hearing as a preliminary step before any legal action is taken.

The University announced the rate increase in December through University Service Plants Director Grey Culbreth.

The reason given for the increase, which is now being challenged by Carrboro, was that the wholesale supplier of electricity to the University Duke Power Company, had raised their wholesale rates 18.46 percent in December.

Culbreth also said the University only