

# The Daily Tar Heel

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Tom Gooding, Editor

## University needs course in addition

Municipal governments and corporations could be forced into bankruptcy by what appears to be normal "computational error" for the UNC administration.

Town governments carefully figure their projected incomes, make a reduction to a more conservative level and plan their expenditures accordingly. Their fiscal responsibility is seriously jeopardized if the budget is unbalanced. In fact, it is against the law for most state legislatures to run an unbalanced budget.

However, the University administration now tells Student Government that a "computational error" was made in projecting student fee monies.

University Budget Officer Victor Bowles informed student treasurer Guil Waddell last September that the maximum projected Student Government General Budget for the present fiscal year would be \$270,000. Bowles advised that a conservative estimate of \$265,000 should be used to base a projected budget.

Consequently, Student Government decided to play it even safer and add an additional \$5,000 cushion.

However, Student Government officials have been informed the total will be only \$256,000—a \$9,000 error leaving the budget \$4,000 in the red.

Student Government officials were enraged over Bowles' announcement. They were enraged

with just cause since the University has now required students to place their money under an office that makes errors of this magnitude.

The University would need to maintain slush funds in the Student Stores, non-academic fees, athletic fees or other areas to cover errors like this. If their business office is normally this inaccurate they will need considerable reserve at all times.

However, we find it hard to understand exactly how such an error could have been made. The University knows the number of students in every class except those entering the school.

Such an error would require a miscalculation of more than 525 students. That's a pretty serious mistake for a university that has been in the admissions business for nearly 200 years.

The "mistake" becomes even more unbelievable in a year when overenrollment was a serious problem.

We also wonder why it took until the end of February for the University to discover the error.

Either the University is plagued with incompetence in its business office or they plan to use such tactics to harass student officials in all dealings with the student activity fees.

Whichever is true students have reason to be concerned about their funds being under the control of officials prone to make such "mistakes."

## Bricks, bricks and...

Granted, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill builds the best sidewalks in the world.

With a skill equalled nowhere in the history of man, with the

possible exception of the Roman road builders, University workmen can take a load of bricks, a few wheelbarrows of sand, some boards and some string and come up with a sidewalk that will last through everything.

Not even tree roots can crack the sidewalks on the campus of UNC-CH.

Thousands upon thousands of students walking across the walks every day for hundreds of years have only a minor effect.

The same brick walks that were built when the University was first founded still serve to keep the student body out of the mud.

Other campuses suffer with normal, blase, dull, boring, unimaginative concrete, cement and asphalt walkways leading from dorms to classrooms, but we at Chapel Hill are treated to bricks laid neatly side-by-side without the aid of the technological invention of mortar.

The brick walks on campus, along with the old, ivy-covered buildings do more than anything else to give Chapel Hill its own unique charm.

But do they have to cover the entire campus with the things?

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# Student government holding proverbial bag

Three student leaders among with Student Government attorney John Brooks met today with State Auditor Henry Bridges in Raleigh to discover first hand what specific changes he felt were necessary in the accounting of student activity funds.

Since University administrators have consistently indicated the fee change did not originate from them, but rather as a result of a request by the state auditor, the trip to Raleigh was vital to get information from the proper source instead of depending on rhetoric of the Chapel Hill administrators. The students,

Tommy Bello, president of the Student Body; Tom Gooding, editor of The Daily Tar Heel; and Guil Waddell, treasurer of the Student Body, have received more than their share of double talk and broken promises from the administration.

The meeting was brief. Bridges told the student delegation there had apparently been some misunderstanding, for neither he nor his office had initiated the fee change.

Bridges felt it was the responsibility of the University to insure the proper accountability of all fees collected by the University, and it was the responsibility

No soap radio

# All normal before disaster hit

by Robin Brewer

Tornado! Mindless, brutal, eccentric, it can level cities in minutes, a lifetime in seconds. In its aftermath lie the twisted fate of all it touches.

At 6:10 p.m., February 24, 1971, the town of Chapel Hill was just like any other college town in America, sitting down to dinner.

By 6:17 it was all over.

A tornado passing through Fayetteville completely missed the university, the town, the entire county about Chapel Hill. In its wake it left the village and community just like any other college town in America.

The populace, warned of the possible weather condition since the early

morning hours, were nevertheless left dazed at this twist of fate.

Al Rigerstone, of 115 Bentley Road, recalls:

"When we heard the news on the radio my wife and I looked at each other and dove into the fruit cellar.

"When we come out, that'd be around seven I reckon, well, there was our house, still standing, just as we'd left it. The dining room. The wedding pictures. Not a thing out of place. Can you beat that?"

Across the street from the Rigerstones, however, live the Smeldons, who were not so lucky.

"Larry, he's my husband, came into the playground," remembered Mrs. Livy Smeldon, "and shouted to grab the kids, that a tornado was on the television. I picked Judy out of the crib, which was

about the time Larry tripped over the hi-fi and fell through my miniature horse collection.

"Larry has his wrist in traction, but my God, I'd had those horses for 29 years and now they're out in the trash can. I'm just miserable over it, and I don't see how we'll ever get started again."

The Smeldons were not alone in their grief. Also hard hit were the R.T. Mendingers, at 7 North Franklin Street.

"I'm usually working that time of day," said a sober Roy Mendinger, "but the union had scheduled a sick-out for the day so I was home with Clarissa. Thank God for unions.

"We heard the neighbors across the rhododendrons talking about the tornado and since the Chevy was just back from the shop we all piled in and drove to

Richmond where Clarry's mother lives, until the worst had blown over.

"When we got back that night we found our TV stolen and mint coin collection in shambles. Drug addicts, I figure, taking advantage of natural disaster. They must have come through the front door, which we'd left wide open. You know what panic can do to your thinking. I figure they just walked right in.

"But the strange thing about it is they didn't steal my varsity letter jacket, and it was lying right on the sofa."

Memorial Hospital reported a 200 per cent increase in tornado-related accidents during the peak hours of the crisis. The two accidents, however, were minor.

In the first a Morrison College resident received an electrical burn on his ring-finger when the wiring on his radio short-circuited as he was tuning to a news bulletin.

In the other, Gifford Spindle, part-time employe of Danziger's on Franklin Street, was putting hurricane tape over the store windows when the ladder he was using tipped and fell through the window. Flying glass produced a cut over Spindle's left eye.

The physician on duty at Memorial during the peak hours reported that "substantial quantities of serums, antibiotics and vaccines were not ordered, as we did not need them."

A large carton of adhesive tape, at first believed to be emergency medical supplies, was later found to be earmarked for the hamster ward of the hospital laboratory. The physician, Dr. Robert Flanagan, could not say where the laboratory was, but said he "likes hamsters."

University Buildings Supervisor Roscoe Quick was reached late in the day and termed damage to University property as "slight." He cited a bent window screen in Winston Dorm that was damaged when the room's occupants attempted to "get a better look at the dark clouds."

Criminal activity, which, like the U.S. Post Office thrives on inclement weather, was not absent. A police chief at the Chapel Hill Police Department, who wished to remain anonymous, admitted that "vandalism, hooliganism, misdemeanor and communism rose a bit after five o'clock," but added that "this type of thing happens every night that it gets dark."

According to Chief Johnston the most significant statistical rise in criminal activity came under the vagrancy statutes. "We had a lot of people walking around on the streets," explained the Chief.

Mayor Howard Lee, contacted at his office, stated that "emergency planning funds from the Governor have not been requested. Nor do I intend to ask the President to declare Chapel Hill a disaster area."

The President could not be reached for comment.

And so it went. The tornado wasted itself out somewhere northeast of Goldsboro, N.C., gone forever. Chapel Hill wasn't. Isn't. The memory, though, is there. Some will leave. Many will stay.

And over half will never know what didn't hit them.

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## Letters to the editor

### Power to the bike riders

To the editor:

Now there are those who decry oil industries, paper industries, plastic industries, industry-industries, and strip mining companies. And chances are, that after delivering a bombastic salvo of words for the cause of the environment, those same decriers will ease into the comfortable seats of their Super Bees, Corvettes, or shabby, untuned, smoking '59 Fords, drive 3/10 mile for a loaf of bread and then to their home around the block. Then there are those (most of us people) who realize that there is a pollution problem, but could care less when confronted with giving up a luxury or two to prevent a bit of it. In fact the deadly enemy is not so much the tangible result, pollution, as it is the ignorant carefree attitude of those who pollute.

Have we come to the point of no return when people can't walk, talk, wash or sit with some sort of convenience? Dreadfully enough, it seems so. Every bit of fossil fuel burned into the air, phosphates dropped into the water, trees felled to the ground or whatever, usually spells convenience for the "intelligent species." It makes us wonder how people ever lived without super-technological conveniences in past ages. It also makes the old timers wonder where the grass, trees, fresh air, and fresh water went to. Some pretty intelligent and clairvoyant ecologists flatly tell us we won't live to see the 21st century because of the impending governmental services breakdown due to an ever increasing, ever demanding world population.

There are a number of ways an unintentional would-be polluter in the Chapel Hill-Carrboro-UNC area could begin to change his attitude toward "convenience pollution." One of the most effective and personally benefiting things he could do is not drive a car. Cars, rolling out of General Motors, Ford, Chrysler and other lesser known plants yearly, are the voracious monsters that have earned the dubious title of the number one air polluter in America. To

own and operate a car in the Chapel Hill vicinity is insanity! The price of a new or late model auto is enough. Gas isn't very cheap in North Carolina, either. Parking space around the UNC campus is almost nonexistent. And the cost of car maintenance makes the owner (and the environment) a little more destitute.

Presently, there is a group of ECOS members very interested in reducing the air and noise pollution around Chapel Hill and Carrboro by discouraging people from excessive use of cars. Walking is much nicer. And when in a hurry, one can ride a bicycle with very little cost, even to places where cars can't go. A parking space for a car can accommodate 14 bicycles!

There's a lot of work to be done. There is some legislation concerning bicycle riding on streets to be passed. And there are attitudes to be changed. We ask anyone who gives a damn about "car pollution" around Chapel Hill, Carrboro and the UNC campus to join with us. Should you want to take part, contact the ECOS office in the Union, or call me, Grover Cable, at 933-3309. Power to the Pedestrians! ... (and the bike riders)

Grover Cable  
ECOS member

### Carolina gentlemen still left at UNC

To the editor:

Yes, South Campus Coed, there are still some Carolina gentlemen left, just as sure as dogs run free on campus, and birds sing in the springtime they exist. They live in the spirit of chivalry and in the lower quad, and in Morrison, and in the Beta House, and in an apartment in Carrboro, and in some other places also. South Campus Coed, the Carolina gentleman does exist in every sense of the word, just look around you.

He's the guy that stops to give you a ride as you thumb around town; he's the guy that smiles at you as you pass by in the grocery store with your hair up in

rollers; and he's the guy that teaches karate at your women's liberation meetings.

Rudyard Kipling said something a long time ago that made a big impression. "A woman is only a woman but a cigar is a good snake."

Think about it, girls!

A lower quad gentleman

### Parking officials should be removed

To the editor:

The time has come for the citizens of North Carolina to demand the immediate resignation of those irresponsibles in charge of motor vehicles at the University of North Carolina. How can Mr. William Locke, supervisor of parking lots, remove a small, but heavily used motorbike parking place (about 10 sq. ft.) in the rear of the hospital and one in front of the Medical School and not replace them? How can Mr. Alonzo Squires threaten to cancel my UNC registration because I am 21 years old, a voting, tax-paying resident of Chapel Hill BUT happen to own and/or operate TWO motor vehicles in the Chapel Hill area? How can a campus policeman tow a student's car from an A-2 lot when half the cars in the lot belong to students who were "smart" enough to buy A-2 stickers? How can UNC Dept. of Motor Vehicles spend \$20,000 to have a study made to find out that more parking places are needed? How can they force students to buy a T-sticker that isn't worth a damn? We can no longer, as the Strauch cartoon of a few years back poked, "Close our eyes and hope it will go away." It's time a bit of irresponsibility was removed from the University Bureaucracy. The Chancellor should remove these people from their office or ask to them to show what they have done to help the parking situation here. They'd be hard-pun to do that.

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