

### Transportation tax is question

# Vote set today on bus system

Citizens of Chapel Hill and Carrboro will vote today on a tax subsidy for the public transportation system.

The referendum would authorize the town boards to levy up to eight cents tax per \$100 assessed on property evaluation and to appropriate other public funds for partial support of a bus system.

Mayor Howard Lee and all except one of Chapel Hill's six aldermen have endorsed the subsidy. Alderman George Coxhead, Transportation Commission representative, announced last week he is opposed to the subsidy.

All of the Carrboro candidates participating in a public forum last Thursday night opposed the bus subsidy.

In order to begin the bus service on March 26, the two boards of aldermen appropriated a \$12,000 subsidy for the

Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Coach Lines. The boards decided to fund the bus system to give the voters a chance to test it.

Operation of the bus system ended Friday night when funds dwindled to less than enough to cover a full day of operation.

Bus riders had increased last week, following a reduction in fares from 25 cents to 15 cents. The total number of riders last Thursday was 522, the highest daily total and 40 per cent more than the week before.

Daily revenue remained below \$100, as compared to the \$435 needed to cover daily operating expenses.

Transportation Commission Chairman George Lathrop stated the week of reduced fares was not enough to get the

transit system "in the black." The 15-cent fare was put into effect to increase patronage and to satisfy those who attacked the 25-cent fare. By reducing the fare the Commission wanted to show citizens that they had made a serious effort to insure the bus system's success.

Two major changes were made in the bus system by the commission during the four weeks of operation. The Merritt Mill Road-Colonial Heights bus routes were changed to include service to the apartments on the 54-Bypass and the Lincoln Park area and the Saturday operation schedule was changed to run buses from 7:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. with only a 30-minute break in mid-day service. The Saturday change was made to provide service for shoppers.

The Transportation Commission will seek a contract with another bus company with a more favorable operation cost.

The present contract with the Raleigh company is at charter rates, Lathrop said. The Raleigh company was chosen because it offered a contract with a 30-day cancellation clause. If a favorable subsidy and an assurance of a year's operation are voted in today, Lathrop said a lower cost contract would be negotiated.

Regardless of the outcome of the referendum, the towns are planning to do a study of transportation needs. The towns have applied for a \$29,000 feasibility study grant from the Urban Mass Transit Authority, a division of the Department of Transportation. The grant is expected to be approved early this month.

If the referendum passes, the bus system will serve as a model for the study.

# Dale, Medford proposed for top SG positions

by Woody Doster  
Staff Writer

Cam West, advisor to Student Body President Joe Stallings, Monday announced the appointments of Donnie Dale as treasurer of the student body and Mike Medford as student attorney general.

The appointments, which must be approved by Student Legislature (SL), will go to the Legislature's Ways and Means Committee tonight at 7.

Dale is currently treasurer of Morehead Residence College and the Residence College Federation (RCF). A junior from Wilson, Dale is majoring in business administration.

"I'm learning procedure right now from the current treasurer, Guil Waddell," he said. "This is a big job but I think I am going to enjoy it."

Dale said his first main projects are finding a workable solution to the student fee crisis and settling the matter of graduate student funding.

The student body treasurer handles over \$250,000 per year. His main duties include "writing the checks to pay the bills, making recommendations to SL concerning finance bills and sending a budget for next year to SL's Finance Committee."

"Guil Waddell has done a fine job as

treasurer this year and I am going to have a hard time following him," Dale commented.

Mike Medford, appointee for the student attorney general post, is a sophomore from Canton. He is majoring in political science.

Medford has served for two years on the attorney general's staff. This year he is the student assistant attorney general.

"Not only does he have a working knowledge of the attorney general's

office but he has gained the respect of everyone there," Stallings said.

The attorney general is the student body representative in all of the operations of the judicial branch of Student Government. His staff would investigate any violations by students against the student body, determine whether they are in the jurisdiction of student courts and decide whether there is enough evidence to bring the case to court.



This Washington policeman found Monday's protest to be a bit too much. Bleeding from the head, he appears to have been hit by a demonstrator trying to stop the government. (Staff photo by John Gellman)

# John Mitchell says war protesters lose

United Press International

WASHINGTON—Attorney General John N. Mitchell claimed victory Monday in enforcing President Nixon's order to prevent war protesters from closing down the government.

While his Justice Department attorneys searched for possible felony violations against the thousands of demonstrators arrested Monday, Mitchell issued a terse statement which said: "The city is open. The traffic is flowing. The government is functioning."

Nixon had expressed his desire to prevent any interruption of governmental functions and Chief Jerry V. Wilson of the District of Columbia police relayed

the President's "personal desire" to every member of his force.

Government lawyers, meanwhile, studied law books to determine if there were any federal charges that could be brought against some of the protesters arrested on a variety of District of Columbia misdemeanor charges.

Mitchell, who was at his office before 6 a.m. Monday, consulted at least twice with Chief Wilson before noon, and held a continuing series of meetings with Justice Department officials.

Mitchell's own department reported only 5 per cent absenteeism, which a spokesman said was half the normal rate among its 13,000 employees. The State Department reported 6 per cent absenteeism, which it said was normal.

## Crossword Puzzle

- ACROSS
- The sun
  - Lean-to
  - Expire
  - Macaw
  - Baked clay
  - Sicilian
  - Free tickets
  - At present
  - Note of scale
  - Hit lightly
  - Pearl Gym's mother
  - Article of furniture
  - Son of Noah
  - Simian
  - Rabbit
  - Spread for drying
  - Knock
  - Stroke
  - Part of "to be"
  - Mexican shawls
  - Senior (abbr.)
  - Brick-carrying device
  - Tattered cloth
  - Ocean
  - Barracuda
  - Marry
  - Chief god of Memphis
  - Number
  - The sun
  - Meadow
  - Indefinite article
  - Preposition
  - Plunged
  - Poison
  - Hurried
  - Hawaiian wreath
  - Base
  - Vast ages
  - Shade tree
- DOWN
- Weaken
  - Anglo-Saxon money
  - Endured
  - Walk

Answer to Yesterday's Puzzle

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