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Payroll overbudgeting remains underexplained

by Greg Nye
Staff Writer

Mistakes made by a university involving large numbers of students or faculty are usually well-hidden. But the failure to pay more than 100 teaching assistants couldn't be kept secret for long.

Why they were not paid, however, no administrator is willing to say.

The graduate teaching assistants and graders will receive their first paychecks and raises of the semester Feb. 28. Claiborne S. Jones, vice chancellor of business and finance, said Tuesday. But no one—including Jones—seems to know exactly why the teaching assistants have had their paychecks withheld.

James R. Gaskin, dean of the college of Arts and Sciences, where the mixup took place,

blames it on poor accounting and mid-term hiring. "When department chairmen hired teaching assistants for second semester, they didn't know how much money they had to spend," Gaskin said last week. "We won't be hit with this again because there won't be any more mid-term hiring."

But Dr. George Taylor, chairman of the history department believes mid-term hiring is necessary. "We usually need more help for second semester," he said last week.

Taylor also doesn't see how mid-term hiring could cause an overrun of the budget. "We prepared our budget last summer and made allowance for the hiring we would do after first semester," Taylor said.

Other departmental chairmen agree with Taylor. "The trouble was not caused by mid-term hiring," Fred Wright, chairman of the math

department, where 23 people have not received paychecks, said Tuesday. "We planned our hiring well in advance, and informed the dean," he said. "I don't know what the foul-up was, but someone is renegeing on my promise to pay these people."

Administrators say the cause of the problem is

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unclear. University Provost J. Charles Morrow III believes the problem is a matter of paperwork. "We're not sure that anyone overdrew their budget," he said. "The paperwork involved was delayed while we attempted to find out what the status of the budget was."

"We had to stop things for awhile—

fortunately, not for too long," Morrow said.

The delay, however, was too long for many graduate students who depend on their part-time teaching jobs to pay rent and food bills.

Taylor also felt the wait was too long. He established a personal loan fund for the 13 teaching assistants and graders in the history department who have done without checks. "We feel that someone should try to meet the University's obligations," he said in a letter to his teaching assistants.

The University, in the meantime, did not seem to be aware of its obligations. Chancellor N. Ferebee Taylor found out about the unpaid teacher assistants only after a *DTH* article appeared two weeks ago. Someone, apparently, felt he didn't need to be informed.

But after discovering the problem, Chancellor Taylor assured students that "No one is trying to

pick on graduate students." It was just a matter of time for the paperwork to be completed so they could be paid, he said.

And Dean Gaskin put the problem in a certain perspective. "This whole thing is only a 0.2-0.4 per cent overdraft of the budget," Gaskin said. "A relatively small amount of money affected the largest amount of people. Some of these grad students make only \$100 a month."

Gaskin said if it weren't for the accounting error, the graduate assistants and graders wouldn't be getting any money from the University at all—they wouldn't have been hired, he claimed.

Perhaps, then, the unpaid teaching assistants should be thankful? This is the kind of conclusion that emerges from the seeming cloud of ignorance and deception which surrounds any University bungle.

Town eyes bus system referendum

by George Bacso
Staff Writer

The Carrboro Board of Aldermen voted 3-2 in a special meeting Monday night to consider a fall target date for a public transportation referendum.

After hearing the results of a survey undertaken independently by Transportation Commission chairman Harriet Imrey, the board passed a motion by Alderman George Beswick which set a September or October date for the referendum.

The matter was then referred to the law and finance committee for future consideration.

Beswick was joined by Aldermen Braxton Foushee and Fred Chamblee in supporting the motion. Aldermen John Boone and Boyd Ellington dissented, while Mary Riggsbee, a persistent critic of public transportation, was absent from the meeting, recovering from surgery.

Imrey had hoped the board would act fast enough to schedule a referendum for this spring, but said there is now little chance this could be done.

Imrey's survey, conducted in association with the UNC biostatistics department shows 87.5 per cent of Carrboro's residents favored holding another bus referendum.

A referendum for a joint bus system with Chapel Hill was narrowly defeated in May, 1973. The survey, however, states Carrboro's population has changed considerably since then, increasing by 40 per cent.

The 1973 referendum was also held when many students had already left school for the summer. Imrey's survey shows 42 per cent of Carrboro's residents are students.

Imrey said last week the study was originated by the Transportation Commission, but the commission voted against giving it final approval.

Commission member Ernest Riggsbee said at Monday's meeting Imrey had bypassed the commission in presenting the survey directly to the board.

Last week, however, Riggsbee said he could not recall why the commission had decided to discontinue its involvement in the study.

BSM leader faces trial; verdict is not yet known

Algenon Marley, Black Student Movement (BSM) chairman, was tried Tuesday in Undergraduate Court for his participation in the David Duke protest Jan. 16 in Memorial Hall.

Duke, national information director for the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, was shouted offstage by more than 200 students, predominantly black, and was unable to deliver his Union Forum lecture.

The trial was closed to the public and the press at the defendant's request, as is his right under student court proceedings.

Copies of the sentence will go to Student Attorney General Nita Mitchell, Student Life and the court. These files are locked and confidential.

Arthur Pope, a freshman from Raleigh, filed the suit in January charging that Marley had violated Section D (1,g) of the Code of Student Conduct delineated in "The Instrument of Student Judicial Governance"



Charlotte Adams protests in front of post office each Wednesday at noon

Tenants dissatisfied

Old Well conflict goes on

by Vernon Loeb
Staff Writer

"I feel rooked all the way around." This quote by one Old Well apartment tenant in a telephone survey Tuesday revealed promises by Roberts Associates about the installation of dishwashers at the complex are not the only complaint tenants have.

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"When we moved in last October, they told us we'd get a dishwasher as soon as they were delivered, and they've (Roberts) told us nothing since," he said.

One tenant said the only reason he moved to Old Well was because the complex featured dishwashers. "Now they tell me

they're not going to put one in, and I don't know whether we'll ever get the laundromat or swimming pool either," he said.

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The tenants contacted in Tuesday's survey all said they had the impression when they signed the lease that dishwashers would be installed.

Some tenants, however, said they have been consistently told they would get a dishwasher, while others said they have been told recently the dishwashers would not be installed.

Five dollars a month rent is being deducted in those apartments without the dishwashers which Roberts Associates claim they are not obligated to install.

"We moved in January under the 'free rent for a month' program, and they said they hoped the dishwashers would be in soon, but they couldn't be sure," a tenant said. "We were under the impression we'd have one before we moved out."

At a tenant-landlord meeting last fall, Roberts Associates representative Lewis Bobbitt said the swimming pool would be built this spring, but that the laundromat may never be built.

Dishwashers, a swimming pool and a laundromat were all advertised last spring as features of Old Well.

James H. Johnson III, UNC lecturer in business law, who was asked by the *DTH* to give a legal opinion about whether tenants had possible grounds for legal action said, "They might or they might not."

"It is in the public interest to advertise truthfully," Johnson said, "although advertisements are by no means law."

Court: Nixon wrong for impounding funds

by Charlotte Moulton
United Press International

WASHINGTON—The Supreme Court ruled unanimously Tuesday that Richard M. Nixon wrongfully impounded about one-third of the water pollution control funds Congress allocated to the states while he was president.

The Court's opinion frees an additional \$5 billion for state water pollution control projects, in addition to the \$13 billion already allotted. Much of the money has not yet been spent, nor will the additional funds be distributed until specific projects are approved by the Environmental Protection Agency.

The Court ruled in a challenge by New York City and Detroit of Nixon's impoundment of \$6 billion allotted to help construct of publicly owned sewage treatment works.

The impoundment was one of several Nixon imposed on congressionally approved funds for highways, education and pollution, complaining disbursement of the money would be inflationary.

Later the lawmakers enacted a new statute requiring a president to come back to Congress if he feels he doesn't need all the money provided for a particular purpose.

Water pollution control funds released by Nixon for the three-year period ending next June 30 originally totaled \$9 billion of the \$18 billion made available by Congress. In January, President Ford released \$4 billion more as a means of providing more jobs.

The Court's opinion, by Justice Byron R. White, did not deal with constitutional issues involving the President's right to impound congressionally authorized funds—only with the meaning of the Water Pollution Act.

In another action on its return from a two-week recess, the Court ruled 8-1 that minority members of a union have

no right under federal law to bargain or picket on their own behalf because of dissatisfaction with their union's pursuit of grievances.

The decision upheld dismissal of minority employees by Emporium Capwell Co., San Francisco, who picketed the firm while the Department Store Employees Union was attempting to resolve their discrimination complaints.

The justices also unanimously struck down a Florida procedure that fails to provide for a judge to determine that there was probably cause for an arrest when a suspect is arrested solely at the discretion of a prosecutor.

In other actions, the Court:

- Granted a hearing to Maryland residents challenging the state's aid to private colleges, including church-affiliated schools.

- Blocked enforcement of a Missouri law requiring a doctor to save the life of a fetus if it can live independently of the mother.

- Let stand the conviction of a New York doctor who allowed an abortion patient to bleed to death.

New process used to foil fake grades

by Andy Sidden
Staff Writer

A new procedure to prevent possible student forgeries of grade changes has been established, Robert Cornwell, assistant director of records and registration, said this week.

The Office of Records and Registration began using new grade change forms this semester which contain a carbon copy to be mailed to the instructors.

In the past, a student could forge grade changes by forging an instructor's signature on a permission note (required to receive the form) and on the form itself.

"The new procedure closes one loophole in the form," Cornwell said, "by making sure the instructors receive copies of all grade change forms."

Cornwell said returning copies of the forms was a mutual decision between the director of the Office of Records and Registration, Raymond E. Strong, and Provost J. Charles Morrow.

"We did this procedure a little last semester," Cornwell said. "It was a *de facto* sort of thing where we sent xeroxed copies of all grade changes to the instructors at the end of the semester."

Cornwell said that with the new system, the copies are mailed directly after the change.

Last semester a *DTH* reporter changed a B grade to an A in an experiment designed to test the grade change process. He was not caught until after the *DTH* published his story.

Cornwell said this was the only forged grade reported in the more than 3,000 forms returned to professors last semester. No forgeries have been found this semester, he said.

Last year, two students were caught forging grade changes. Forging the signatures of University officials violates the student honor code of responsibility. Violators are sent to the student attorney general and then tried before the Honor Court.

Those who have been caught in the past slipped up by filling out the form incorrectly, Cornwell said last semester.

'DTH' candidates trade views

by Art Eisenstadt
Staff Writer

The entire roster of candidates for *DTH* editor concentrated on how the paper should be operating during a question-and-answer session held Tuesday in the School of Journalism.

Each candidate spoke for up to eight minutes during the session, which was sponsored by the *UNC Journalist*, a publication of the journalism school.

Tom Wright, the first candidate to speak, called himself "the only candidate who doesn't have a vested interest in maintaining the status quo at the *DTH*."

Wright said since students published the *DTH*, and since there is no political viewpoint among students, the editorial page should reflect more than one ideology.

He called for greater accuracy from reporters, and said Tuesday's lead story on the Algenon Marley case is a "departure from the 'business as usual, sun is shining, chancellor is in his office and all is right with the University' attitude of the *DTH*."

"Don't they realize that is what they should be doing every day?" Wright asked.

Cole Campbell, who spoke next, listed four main areas of concern in his campaign—improvement in the credibility, responsiveness and innovation at the *DTH* and the distinctiveness of his candidacy.

If the paper's credibility improves, Campbell said, the *DTH* "can be an influential and constructive force on campus." He also recommended that both for articles and feasible.

He said more than "campaign promises and a clever campaign" is needed to improve the paper.

While all candidates agreed that campus coverage should be increased, and that students should have an easier time obtaining a copy of the paper, they disagreed on other points.

Campbell called for hiring investigative reporters, while Sugar said beat reporters should do their own investigative work through their contacts.

Day, Baer and Sugar and Campbell all stressed increasing the circulation of the paper, while Wright and Warnock both said first emphasis should be on an equitable and efficient distribution system.