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The Union and surrounding buildings look different in the soft light of sunset.

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Athletic department agrees to release a simplified budget

by Jane Albright
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Athletic department officials have agreed to release to the public a simplified version of their budget but not until it has been approved by the University administration, the *Daily Tar Heel* has recently learned.

Each Carolina student pays the athletic department \$25 a year in mandatory student fees. This guarantees the UNC Athletic Department more than \$475,000 annually. Student fees constitute a small proportion of the athletic department's \$3 million program, but the students increase the athletic department's income by buying tickets and attending games. They are also potential fund-raising alumni.

Over a week ago, Assistant Athletic Director of Finance and Promotions, William Cobey, prepared a simplified

budget summary for the athletic department. By simplifying the budget summary, Cobey said he was making the athletic department operation easier to understand.

The summary was then reviewed by Athletic Director Homer Rice last Friday. Today Rice is meeting with Chancellor N. Ferebee Taylor to get the final permission to release the budget.

"It usually has to go through the (UNC) Athletic Council to get permission to release the budget," Rice said. "But Taylor can give his permission since the council meets only twice a year."

Taylor said he knows nothing about the pending release of the athletic budget summary and would not comment until he has spoken with Rice.

The Athletic Council is composed of representatives of the faculty, alumni, administrators and students. Each council

member has access to a confidential copy of the budget.

Rob Friedman, student-elected president of the Carolina Athletic Association, is a student representative on the Council but refused to release his copy of the budget. Friedman said he doesn't have a copy in his possession, but is satisfied with what he has seen.

"I've had everything explained to me fully and nothing kept secret," Friedman said. "They (athletic department officials) have been perfectly open and frank and honest."

Friedman said the athletic budget is on record in Raleigh and available to the public. No auditing has been done of the athletic department for public record, an official in the state auditor's office said. The athletic department budget is not required to be audited by the state because it does not receive state funds.

Sex bias in housing decades old

By Bob King
Staff Writer

First of a two-part series

While the Department of University Housing is attempting to equalize men's and women's campus housing facilities, it faces a number of obstacles resulting from a decades-old philosophy that a woman's dormitory is her home.

Women in the traditionally women's dorms — Spencer, Whitehead, Cobb, Joyner, Alderman, McIver, Kenan and Parker — pay an average of \$55 more per semester than men who live in all-male dorms.

The room rent difference is based on facilities (parlors, kitchens and laundries) included in each dorm.

When he took over the housing department in the summer of 1973, Director James Condie committed the department to a 10-year objective to "have all residence

halls, men's, women's and coeducational, North and South Campus, of equal quality and amenity and have the same price charged for equal facilities and services."

Already, the department has installed kitchens in all North Campus men's buildings, and has established study rooms in most.

But despite its efforts, the housing department may never be able to upgrade the men's facilities to the level of such North Campus dorms as Spencer and the Women's Triad dorms.

"These dormitories were built at a time when the prevailing idea was for women to entertain in their homes, in living rooms," Associate Dean of Supportive Services Katherine Carmichael said recently. "So the permanent design of the buildings allowed the dormitory to be the girls' home." Carmichael served as Dean of Women from 1946 to 1970.

"Girls would hold parties and functions in their dormitories, and they'd all take their

meals there, too. It was a lovely tradition.

"Men's buildings were no more than columns of rooms, with some small parlors where they played bridge and talked," she said.

Only four buildings were constructed specifically for women: Spencer in 1924 and Alderman, McIver and Kenan, all around 1938.

All other buildings now housing women (Whitehead, Connor, Joyner, Cobb and Parker) were men's dorms and had to be remodeled. This remodeling and superior construction of the other women's dorms accounts for the present room rent differences.

Created in 1970, the Department of University Housing assumed all housing affairs in a comprehensive agency. The goal of achieving equality among the dorms evolved during Condie's administration.

The demand for more expensive, quality

Loggers threaten Congaree Swamp

by Miriam Feldman
Staff Writer

Although South Carolina's Congaree Swamp is one of the last virgin hardwood forests remaining in the Southeast, a lumber products corporation, the Georgia-Pacific Corp., is logging the swamp at a rate of 500 acres a year.

The Congaree Swamp National Preserve Association has been formed to save the swamp, even though the swamp's owners, the Beidler family, support the logging operations there and the congressman representing the swamp's district has taken no action in Congress to save the swamp.

The swamp, located along the Congaree River southeast of Columbia, contains 24 state record size trees, including sweetgum, oak, tupelo, bald cypress, ash, sycamore and other water-tolerant trees.

Some tree in the swamp, often called

Redwoods East, are 700 years old and are 25 feet in circumference.

The National Park Service attempted in 1963 to establish the swamp as the Congaree Swamp National Monument because the park service does not include an ecosystem like the swamp's. But South Carolinians did not support the project and nothing was done.

Rep. Floyd Spence, R-S.C., is seen as the key to preserving the swamp because the National Park Service cannot buy the land until he introduces legislation to preserve it. Spence has been criticized for doing nothing to introduce legislation.

Although Spence was unavailable for comment, his administrative assistant, W.A. Cook, said that despite recent pressure placed on him, Spence will not introduce legislation to save the swamp.

Cook acknowledged the recent flurry of interest in saving the swamp but said that

"it's rather a controversial issue, and some strongly oppose it, but some strongly favor it."

Swamp owner Francis Beidler II does not want even a portion of the land to be sold to the National Park Service.

Of the 21,000 acres of swampland involved in the dispute, 14,000 are owned by the Beidler family and the remaining 7,000 acres are needed to buffer the Beidler tract.

Beidler contends that his family has been preserving the swamp since they became owners of the land in the 1890's. "Our family has been preserving it for approximately a century, so we have obviously considered it worth saving," he said.

But Beidler said he does not think logging will destroy the land, describing it as "valuable for producing crops." He likened logging trees to any other kind of farming.

The Beidler tract is now used as a private hunting and fishing club. But the Swamp

Trustees examine utilities sale today

by Dan Fesperman
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The sale of two University-owned utilities to Duke Power and Southern Bell, opposed by several local consumer interest groups and town officials, faces another hurdle today when the UNC Board of Trustees decides whether or not to approve the sale contracts.

The UNC Utilities Study Commission (the Church Commission) recommended Sept 12 that the Board of Trustees approve the sale of the electric utility to Duke Power for \$16 million and the telephone utility to Southern Bell for \$24 million.

If approved by the trustees, the sales must then be approved by the Governor's Council of State and the State Utilities Commission. The sale of the telephone utility must also be approved by the Federal Communications Commission in Washington.

UNC Utilities Director Grey Culbreth said Sunday the sale would result in an immediate increase in local electric rates of 15 to 20 per cent, because of the recent 21 per cent rate increase granted to Duke Power by the State Utilities Commission.

If the sale is approved Duke Power could be operating by March 31, 1976. Southern Bell could take over the telephone service by April 31, 1976, John Temple, UNC assistant vice-chancellor for business, has said.

The Church Commission was established in 1971 when the utilities system grew too large for the University business office to handle. Members of the commission were appointed by Gov. Bob Scott.

In 1972 the Church Commission voted to recommend that the electric and telephone utilities be sold. The recommendation was approved by the Board of Trustees and the UNC Board of Governors.

The General Assembly said any negotiations recommended by the Church Commission would have to be "in the interests of the state of North Carolina, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, employees of the enterprises or projects involved and those served by the enterprises or projects."

The commission then began accepting bids for the contracts from Duke Power, Central Telephone and Utilities Corp., Carolina Telephone and Telegraph and Southern Bell.

In response, Chapel Hill citizens formed the Consumers Utility Corporation, a public, non-profit organization, to buy the utilities.

In the next Church Commission meeting, member Tom Eller suggested that the commission recommend to sell the telephone utility to Southern Bell and the electric utility to the consumer corporation. His motion was tabled when state Assistant Atty. Gen. I. Beverly Lake Jr. questioned the legality of the corporation.

At its next meeting, the Church Commission passed a resolution recommending the sale of the electric utility to Duke Power and the telephone utility to Southern Bell.

This action was opposed by the Chapel

Hill Board of Aldermen, Mayor Howard Lee, the Orange County Citizens for Alternative Power and the Student Consumer Action Union.

Despite the opposition, the Board of Trustees approved the sale resolution and sent it back to the commission, which began discussing contract terms.

Because of a Chapel Hill franchise law, there is still a possibility that the Board of Aldermen can stop Duke Power from taking control of the electric utility.

The law states that an electric utility must have a franchise before it can operate in Chapel Hill. If the Board of Aldermen denied Duke Power a franchise, the company could either seek legal action to force the town to grant the franchise or return the electric utility to the University.

Can drinks still 30¢ despite cheaper sugar

by Sam Fulwood
Staff Writer

Despite recent reductions in sugar prices, nationwide prices of canned soft drinks sold in campus vending machines have not been reduced.

But according to Bob Greer, vice-president and manager of Triangle Coin Caterers which owns and operates all campus vending machines, sugar prices were not the major cause of the soft drink price increase last fall.

"Even as sugar prices increased, other items were going up. Gasoline, tires, repair equipment, maintenance and transportation costs also led to the five cent increase of soft drink prices."

Prior to the sugar shortage, vending machine soft drinks sold for 25 cents. Last year, as sugar prices rose, Triangle Coin Caterers increased the cost of soft drinks to 30 cents.

Greer said sugar prices are still high, but not as high as during the recent sugar shortage. The 30-cent price of soft drinks is still necessary because other costs are still increasing rapidly, he said.

Locally, the price of drinks sold in vending machines ranges from 20 to 30 cents. Most area machines sell soft drinks for 25 cents, Fowler's Food Store Manager Roger Cooke said.

Ed Mizell, Coca-Cola company operations manager said area Coke prices vary because bottled drinks are 10 ounces and canned drinks are 12 ounces. He said all bottled drinks were 5 cents less than canned ones.

The University has contracted with Triangle Coin Caterers to be the sole vending operation on campus, Greer said. "In the University's opinion, we had the best bid on total vending operations," he said.

Triangle Coin Caterers also operates soft drink vending machines at Duke University, North Carolina Central University and Durham Business College. UNC is the only school in the area with all vending operations supplied by Triangle Coin Caterers.

John Temple, UNC vice-chancellor for business affairs, said the University wants the best price possible, the best commission and at the same time the lowest price. He considered 50 factors in awarding the bid. The reason he contracted with Triangle Coin Caterers was because that was the best bid.

Temple said Triangle Coin Caterers contracted to provide substantially improved service for the next five years. The contract became effective on Aug. 15.

In return for using University space to locate vending machines, Triangle Coin Caterers received 15 per cent profit commission, Temple said. He said the University makes approximately \$40,000 a year from the machines before utility bills are paid.

The University has discussed the possibility of lowering campus soft drink prices with Triangle Coin Caterers, but the prices could not be lowered, Temple said.

"They wanted to take another reading on it (lowering their prices) somewhere around the first of the year," Temple said. "If they saw that they could, they would go ahead and lower their prices."

Temple said the contract allows Triangle Coin Caterers to raise prices to cover costs. Of course the school would have to justify it to us, and we would have to be convinced that the request is reasonable," he said. "It is the kind of thing where we have to be fair to them in allowing them to charge prices to cover cost and get a reasonable return."

Security being tightened at Sigma Nu and DKE

Security measures at the fraternity on Columbia Street and Cameron Avenue are being tightened as a result of Monday morning's fires at the Sigma Nu and Delta Kappa Epsilon (DKE) fraternities, Chip Graves of Sigma Nu said Wednesday.

Fraternity members are patrolling the

area 24 hours a day, he said, adding that they are also keeping close watch on persons walking through the area.

DKE President Bill Freiberg said fraternity members are staying up all night in two-man, two-hour shifts to watch the house.

The Chapel Hill police have men posted at Fraternity Court, Chapel Hill Police Detective Ben Callahan said. But police are not patrolling other fraternities and sororities any more than usual, he said.

Parking at Fraternity Court may also be restricted as a result of the fires, Graves said. Although the Fraternity Court parking lot was almost empty Monday morning, allowing fire trucks to reach the Sigma Nu party house, there is usually a bottleneck at its entrance, Assistant Fire Chief Robert Williams said.

"I would love to see the fraternities turn that area into a fire lane, but they will have to do it on their own or through the Intrafraternity Council," he said. "It's private property, and there is no way we could enforce fire lane violations."

The State Bureau of Investigation (SBI) is still investigating the possibility of arson in the Sigma Nu fire, Jack Thomas of the Raleigh SBI office said. He refused to comment on any aspect of the case.

Callahan said no new leads have been uncovered in either case.

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