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reporter to see the ballots.

Both the refusal by the trustees to make their ballots public and the final vote granting tenure by the Board of Governors may have been technical violations of North Carolina's open meetings law, said William Chamberlin, assistant professor of journalism at UNC. Chamberlin teaches media law.

The Board of Governors' vote "certainly violates the spirit if not the letter of the open meetings law," Chamberlin said. "Based on what we know, final votes on employees should be made in public." He said that even if the vote was a violation of the open meetings law, the vote still would be valid.

The North Carolina open meetings law says, "Final action making an appointment or discharge or removal by a public body having final authority for the appointment or discharge or removal shall be taken in open meeting."

Both vice president Dawson and Richard H. Robinson, legal assistant to UNC President William C. Friday, denied the Board of Governors' vote violated the open meetings law.

Dawson said the vote was not an appointment but a reappointment with tenure. He said that even though Stone's employment with the University technically ended June 30, the board's decision was retroactive.

Robinson said Stone's employment status had been "held in abeyance" while she pursued her appeal.

However, a vote against Stone by either the trustees or the Board of Governors would have had the effect of discharging Stone. Since, theoretically, neither body could know in advance the vote would be favorable to Stone, the open meetings law appears to apply to those votes, Chamberlin said.

The Board of Governors did not announce its decision to grant Stone tenure on Friday. Dawson said it was the board's policy to let the chancellor of the university involved make the announcement.

Susan H. Ehringhaus, assistant to the chancellor at UNC-CH, said the University did not plan to make a formal announcement concerning Stone.

Asked why he did not tell reporters about the decision to grant Stone tenure, Dawson said, "I thought it was important, but nobody asked me about it. They were just interested in salaries."

CGC disagrees with brochure

By Bill Peschel

ARA Services, the new campus food service, has run into problems with Student Government concerning a brochure advertising its meal plans.

Student Body President Bob Saunders met Wednesday with Carver Camp, ARA's student relations coordinator, to clarify refunds under the meal plans.

There are two types of meal plans available to students. Under the board plan, refunds are made only to those who drop out of school or begin eating at the athletic training table.

Operation of the budget plan, by the new ARA food service, will begin with the fall semester. Under that plan, customers make a deposit for meals at the beginning of the semester. Any money not spent during the term of the meal plan will be refunded, minus a small service charge, the food service said.

Board plan refunds do not cover people who join a fraternity or sorority, Saunders said. The brochure says, "If you intend to join a fraternity or sorority, perhaps you should consider our budget plan."

"Students will not make that decision (to rush) until they're on campus," Saunders said. "What I see is a real potential for conflict."

Budget plan refunds have a small service charge, but no one knows how much that is yet, Saunders said.

"My initial reaction is 'what is this service charge,'" he said. "If it's \$15, it's too much. If it's \$5, then it's all right. That scares me off when I see 'a small service charge.'" Saunders said.

Court says taxes don't apply to UNC

By Jeff Bowers

UNC will not have to pay city and county taxes on its non-educational property, the North Carolina Supreme Court ruled Tuesday.

The court ruled that UNC does not have to pay the cities of Chapel Hill and Carrboro and Orange County taxes on the Carolina Inn, the Hill building on Franklin Street and the Horace Williams Airport.

The decision reversed the North Carolina Property Tax Commission's decision of last year. The commission said

UNC must pay \$2 million in back taxes on its property since it was not used for a public or governmental purpose.

Tuesday's decision held that the state constitution says no state property can be taxed. The court opinion said, "To allow Orange County, Chapel Hill and Carrboro to tax University property would be to allow entities created by the state to tax their creators."

The court said state property could not be taxed regardless of the purpose for which it is used.

The ruling marks the end of a six-year fight by the cities and Orange County to

collect taxes for the years between 1969 and 1974.

In 1974, the county and cities attempted to tax UNC for property used for commercial purposes. In addition to the Carolina Inn, the Hill building and the Horace Williams Airport, University electric and telephone utilities, which have since been sold, were included.

UNC appealed the case to the N. C. Property Tax Commission in 1975, but the commission upheld the county and cities' rights to tax the University.

Last year the case was appealed to the North Carolina Supreme Court, bypassing the Court of Appeals.

Tuesday's Supreme Court decision also protects state-owned property on the 15 other campuses of the UNC system.

Saunders not chosen for jury

By John Royster

UNC Student Body President Bob Saunders has been excused from jury duty in the Greensboro Ku Klux Klan-Nazi trial by Judge James Long, on grounds of personal hardship.

Saunders said he and several other prospective jurors were interviewed by Judge Long with regard to possible hardships.

"I told him I'd be willing to cut back on my academic load," Saunders said. "But there were some things that as student body president I just couldn't miss—trustee meetings, orientation, that sort of thing."

"He (Long) asked me if I had planned to be a rising senior this year. I told him yes."

Saunders said he would have been willing to serve on the jury, but that the

trial came at the wrong time. "I thought it would be pretty presumptuous of me to ask them to delay the trial for a year."

Six Klansmen and Nazi Party members are standing trial in connection with the November shooting deaths of five Communist Workers Party members during an anti-Klan demonstration.

Saunders said he probably would have been rejected as a juror if he had been interviewed by the trial lawyers.

"I think the defense (attorneys for the Klan and Nazis) would have objected to me," he said. "They'd look at me and see college, Chapel Hill—they would assume I'd be liberal."

"Because of that, I'm a little worried about how fair the outcome of the trial will be," he said. "I think the defense wants a jury that's all-white, high school educated. The defense's strategy concerns me."

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Luncheon Specials

- MON. Steak and cheese sandwich with french fries \$2.50
- TUES. Barbeque chicken with salad and french fries \$2.25
- WED. Barbeque Beef Ribs with salad and french fries \$3.35
- THURS. Hot Roast Beef sandwich with salad and french fries \$2.50
- FRI. Barbeque Plate with french fries slaw and hushpuppies \$2.75

Fried shrimp with french fries \$2.75

BBQ Sandwich \$1.60

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- WED. Texas Platter with salad and baked potato \$2.99
- THURS. Spaghetti with salad and bread \$2.50
- Fried Shrimp with salad and french fries \$2.99

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