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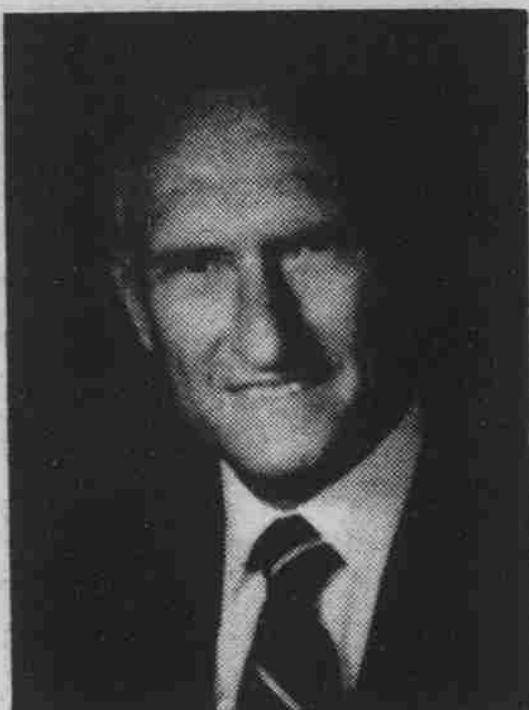
University of Houston president takes post at UNC

By **BONNIE BISHOP**
Staff Writer

The University announced Friday that Dr. Charles Edwin Bishop has been named special assistant to the provost. Bishop, who is currently the president of the University of Houston system and the former vice president of the UNC system, will take over the position Sept. 1.

The provost is the chief academic and planning officer for the University system. As special assistant to the provost, Bishop will coordinate the Small Business and Technology Development Center's activities across the system along with assignments for the provost's office. The center creates programs to facilitate economic development in the state.

Bishop is an expert in economic development, labor mobility, and income distribution. He has served on various commissions for four presidents and has been a consultant to numerous groups, including President Kennedy's Task Force on Vocational Education, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the U.S. Department of Labor, the Office of



Charles Bishop

Economic Opportunity, and the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development in Paris.

He was also a member of the Southern Regional Education Board, chairman of the Advisory Committee for the Institute for

College and University Administrators of the American Council on Education and state science adviser to former N.C. Gov. Dan K. Moore.

"His presence is a further indication of the University's commitment to assist in economic development of the state and to bring the skills of the University to that task," University Provost Samuel R. Williamson Jr. said in a press release.

"He brings knowledge of the state, expertise in economic development and superb administration experience to his new assignment," he said.

In 1946, the Campbello, S.C., native received his bachelor's degree in agricultural education from Berea College and then went on to the University of Kentucky to earn his master's degree.

He joined the N.C. State Univer-

sity faculty in 1950, but continued to work on his doctoral degree in economics, receiving it from the University of Chicago in 1952.

During his 20 years with N.C. State University, where he was William Neal Reynolds Distinguished professor of agricultural economics, Bishop developed a familiarity with the University system.

While at N.C. State, he was chairman of the Department of Agricultural Economics, headed the Department of Economics and directed the Agricultural Policy Institute.

Bishop has served as both administrator and professor since leaving his post as vice president of the University of North Carolina system in 1970. He has been chancellor and professor of economics at the University of Maryland and president

and professor at the University of Arkansas. In 1980, he joined the University of Houston system.

Bishop has written numerous articles for scholarly publications including four works cited for excellence by the American Agricultural Economics Association. He is also the co-author of the book "Introduction to Agricultural Economics Analysis."

In addition to his special assistant to the provost duties, Bishop will be an adjunct professor of business administration and economics.

"That such a distinguished educator has been recruited for this post gives an indication of the importance of this program and this task to the University," Chancellor Christopher C. Fordham III said in the release. "We shall be more than delighted to have Dr. Bishop join us."

Residents against coal plant

By **MATT LONG**
Staff Writer

Chapel Hill residents continued to fight UNC's proposed power plant during the Chapel Hill Town Council meeting Monday night.

The council met to discuss the University's request for a special use permit to build the \$96 million plant, which would replace the existing plant and would be located between Cameron and McCauley streets.

Farris W. Womack, UNC vice chancellor of business and finance, called the new plant the "most intelligent solution" to the University's growing needs.

Womack said UNC's growth in the last 10 years was a result of expanding research facilities, not a rise in student population. The campus has

gone from six million square feet 10 years ago to nine million today, he said.

The boilers at the current plant are old and could become a hazard to the University's research, he said. "The two principal components will be 50 years old when replaced. They are unreliable for adequate heating and cooling."

Charles Morrow of 420 Brookside Dr. suggested the University explore other sources of power before committing to a new plant, calling expansion "undesirable."

The plant would include new exhaust stacks that could be as tall as 275 feet. Also included in the plans is space for another boiler to be added in the future if necessary.

Womack explained that there was

time pressure on the University. If the plan is not passed and the financing plans completed by September, the cost of the plant could escalate 10 percent to 15 percent.

Other residents said they were afraid that the new plant would increase noise and air pollution. University officials admitted to the plant's high noise level but said that it was an unavoidable aspect of the larger facilities.

Also suggested at the meeting was the possibility of using gas instead of coal. Coal must be crushed into smaller pieces in order to burn, therefore creating a lot of noise. University officials claimed that coal is more economical, however.

A petition signed by 300 people was presented to the council by Ruth Foster of 421 Brookside Dr.

The meeting was a continuation of the May 19 hearing and no date has been set for further discussion.

Free concert

The UNC Summer Chorus will present its final concert tonight at 8 p.m. in Person Recital Hall. Conducted by Christine de Catanzaro, the concert will include works by William Byrd, Robert Schumann and the 19th century American composer Henry Clay Work. Also featured on the program, W.A. Mozart's "Missa Brevis in F Major," K. 192, will be accompanied by chamber orchestra. The concert is free and open to the public.

Lend a hand

The Summer Tar Heel, as usual, needs writers and copy editors. Anyone the slightest bit interested is encouraged to give it a try. The state and national, features, arts, sports and university desks are all seeking new staff members. No prior writing experience is necessary, as long as you can meet deadlines and do one story a week. Anyone interested should stop by the STH office and ask for Jo or Jill or call at 962-0245. Story assignments are usually made on Friday afternoons for the next issue, so that would be a good time to come by and get started.

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