Officials express concern over speed limit increase

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Although I was doing 85 mph on the highway, my car was equipped with a radar detector so the last thing I expected was flashing blue lights. The detector hadn't saved me this time. I slowed the Porsche, pulled to the side of the road, and warily watched the policeman approach from his car. "Well, little lady, now where are you off to in such a hurry?" he asked.

According to traffic statistics, many people in North Carolina must be in a hurry. In 1986, 54 percent of all moving violations were blamed on speeders.

N.C. Highway Patrol Sgt. Don McLean said he does not believe that the new 65 mph speed limit will curb the speed at which

motorists drive.

"If anything, this will give some speeders an excuse to drive even faster," he said.

McLean said there has been no word as yet about formal enforcement policies for the law change, which will probably be implemented on state roads by the end of summer.

"We've been told to use com-

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mon sense judgment when dealing with speeders," McLean said. "Obviously, someone who is traveling at 66 mph and weaving in and out of traffic will be stopped before someone driving a constant 70 mph in the driving (right-hand)

James T. Sughrue, special assistant to the secretary of transportation, said the speed limit change will only be implemented on a few carefully chosen roads.

"The traffic engineering department of the Department of Transportation is preparing a report on the matter," Sughrue said. "We will only approve the safest and least-congested roads for 65."

Sughrue said he is concerned with the possibility of increased highway deaths because of the increase in the speed limit.

"There is a case to be made for both sides of the new law," he said. "I just hope that when the police enforce the law they say, '65 means

Sughrue added that the mandatory seat belt law will probably aid in reducing highway fatalities.

"If we want to be completely safe from highway deaths, we will have to stay at home," he said.

'At home' was where I wished I could be as the stern-faced policeman handed me the speeding ticket - my second of the year. I waited until he drove off in the opposite direction before I floored the accelerator . . . and went from zero to 85 in 10 seconds flat.

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who can establish an alibi.

Scherstrom said she asked for the names of the defense witnesses prior to Fenner's indictment but did not receive them. She made a formal demand for them Friday, invoking Maryland state law. Worshtil said he will comply with the request.

Prosecutors have at least one witness who selected Fenner from photos as the man who shot Leach and Robinson.

In Fenner's sophomore season, the 6-4, 222-pound tailback led the Atlantic Coast Conference in rushing with 1,250 years. He set a single-game ACC rushing record by rolling up 328 yards against Virginia last November.

Fenner was suspended from the UNC team in December of academic deficiencies. Coach Dick Crum did not allow Fenner to accompany the Tar Heels to Hawaii for their Aloha Bowl game against Arizona.

Fenner was declared academically ineligible and returned home to Maryland soon thereafter, enrolling in six credit hours of correspondence courses in the spring semester. Fenner had enrolled in the first summer school session, attempting to earn his way back onto the team at the time of his arrest.

Paint Day

Incoming students who have come to sessions of the C-TOPS orientation program have already had the opportunity to select their paint color from the housing department's color chart, he said, but students who haven't chosen a color can still get paint from housing when they arrive on campus.



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He gave an example of a high school valedictorian who had an outstanding record but hadn't completed a half-unit of physical science before he graduated. In such a situation, Strickland said, "we ought to be able to admit that student, contingent on that he

takes a similar course here." The BOG is allowing flexibility in the standards for the next two years so high school students will have an extra two years to prepare for the new requirements. For the years 1988-89, the UNC-system will be using a modified set of requirements that admits students lacking a course in social studies, mathematics, or science.

Then, in 1990, the full set of requirements go into effect.

During the interim period, intensified efforts will be made to inform students and their families about the new minimum requirements.

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