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## Opinions vary on proposed transportation fee

By MARK FOLK

Some student leaders and University administrators are in disagreement over a possible \$25 transportation fee that students would have to pay to help maintain and improve the Chapel Hill Transit System.

The fee, which the Board of Trustees (BOT) will vote on April 28, is included in the recommendations by the Chancellor's Ad Hoc Committee on Parking. If the BOT approves the fee, the Board of Governors will have to pass it before it takes effect next year.

Donald Boulton; vice chancellor and dean of student affairs, said the special fee would help make transit more available to students. The transit system would be able to run more buses for longer periods of time and add routes to its schedule.

"The fee is going to enhance the transportation system," Boulton said. "We want to improve service both on and off campus so that students will get better service."

Because the Chapel Hill Transit System operates all buses that serve the campus, the University pays it \$1 million per year, Boulton said. This money, which comes from parking fees collected from members of the faculty and staff, will still be given to the transit system even if the fee

is enacted, he said.

Boulton said improving the transit system for students was something he had been working on for a long time. One of the reasons for this is 85 percent of bus riders in Chapel Hill are students, he said.

"We are finally asking students to help pay for the improvements. I'm excited because it (the improvements) is something we've been needing for a long time.'

Wayne Jones, associate vice chancellor for business and finance, agreed with Boulton, saying he thought the transportation fee would benefit the University.

"I think it's a legitimate fee and

one that will help to improve service recommendation to the BOT. Davis to student users. It is a good move, and I am pleased that the student leadership is in agreement with it."

But Student Congress Speaker Gene Davis said although the transit system needs to be improved, he did not think a \$25 fee increase was the

"That is a lot of money for students. We need to improve the transit system, but I think we need to consider who is going to benefit from

Student Congress will have a nonbinding vote on the transportation fee April 26 and will then make a said he didn't think it was the student body's responsibility to pay for the improved services.

"It is up to the transit system to pay for the improvements and then pass the costs along to users. It should tax people that use the services instead of randomly taxing the entire student body."

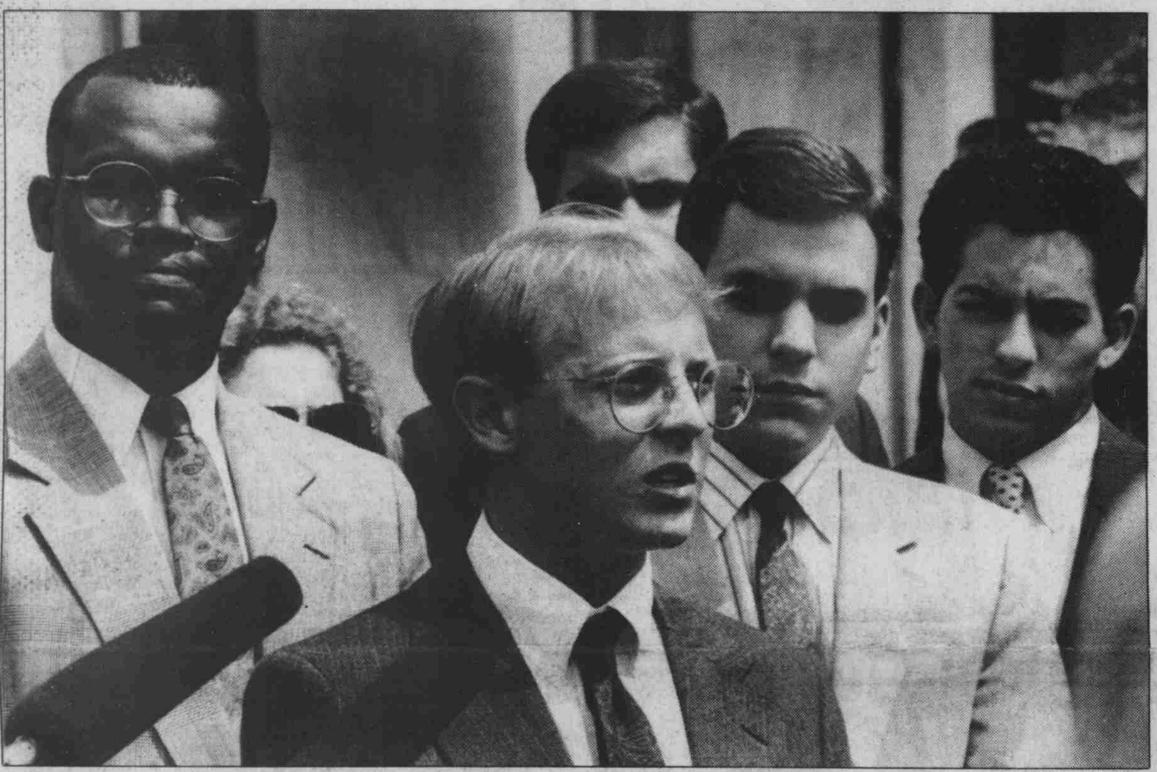
Students already pay enough for bus services through federal taxes and rider fees, Davis said. It would not be fair to make students pay for public transportation three times, he

Student Congress representative Jurgen Buchenau (Dist. 3) said he would oppose the transportation fee

when it came up for a vote next week. "I think it's an outrageous idea. People that pay for parking permits ' on campus shouldn't have to pay for

shuttle service also." Kevin Martin, former student body president, said he thought the transportation fee could be worthwhile because parking on campus was becoming an increasing problem.

"I don't think it's good to have any kind of fee increase. But if the \$25 fee is going to be paying for new services for students that wouldn't be able to get to class because of the parking problem, then I think it's



DTH/Jenny Cloninger Student Congress Speaker Gene Davis (center), Student Body President Brien Lewis (far right) and other UNC-system leaders

# Students protest bill in Raleigh

By JUSTIN McGUIRE University Editor

RALEIGH - Student leaders from several UNC-system schools gathered outside the General Assembly building Wednesday to voice opposition to a bill they said would threaten the autonomy of student governments in the state if passed.

The bill, introduced last week by Rep. Stephen Arnold, R-Guilford, would outlaw the use of student fees for homosexual groups on UNCsystem campuses. It would also prohibit the use of campus buildings by those organizations.

Arnold has said the groups promote homosexual acts, which are illegal in North Carolina.

The bill will go before a subcommittee of the House Education Committee next week.

But the student leaders, representing UNC-CH, UNC-Charlotte (UNCC) and N.C. State University

(NCSU), said the law would destroy North Carolina's tradition of student self-governance by interfering in the right to distribute student fees.

"As the future leaders of this state, I believe it's important for this bill not to pass, because we must allow student leaders to have leadership experience," said UNC-CH Student Congress Speaker Gene Davis, who initiated the gathering.

Efforts to reach Arnold for comment Wednesday were unsuccessful.

Davis said he had talked to student government leaders from Appalachian State University, East Carolina University, UNC-Asheville, UNC-Greensboro and UNC-Wilmington, and they have expressed opposition to the bill.

Brooks Raiford, president of the NCSU Student Senate, called the bill an attempt to "tie the hands" of the

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## Congress proposes condom machine installation

By JEFF ECKARD

UNC residence halls may soon have condom vending machines if the administration decides to support a Student Congress resolution passed Wednesday night.

"The time has come to think about things like this," said Jill Gilbert (Dist. 17). "The time of housemothers and dorm mothers has gone, and students come and go as they please.

This is not a question of morality; the fact is that it does happen. It is a positive step in the right direction."

dom vending machines be placed in first-floor bathrooms of residence halls and also on the top and middle than five floors.

Installation of the machines will come only after administrative approval, said congress Speaker Gene the administration to install the

Davis. The final decision is up to Chancellor Paul Hardin, he said.

But Davis said Wednesday before The resolution suggests that con- the meeting he was confident the administration would favor the

"I guarantee condom machines will floors of residence halls with more be in residence halls by the fall semester. The administration believes there is a need for the machines, and this will provide the impetus to move

condom vending machines."

Most of the debate Wednesday night centered around the technical aspects of where the machines would be installed, rather than the moral implications — a fact graduate member Jim Taylor (Dist. 5) said was

disturbing. "Everyone is too concerned with where the machines will be located and is not addressing the actual issue of whether condom vending

machines should be placed in the 12) said the purpose of placing residence halls," he said after the public debate. "There are other places, such as public health service, where students can obtain condoms. I am opposed to any effort to distribute condoms to students on campus. This is like putting sugar in front of a horse's mouth or, better yet, like putting candy in front of

children.' But Mindy Dawn Friedman (Dist. machines in the residence halls was to provide access to condoms for students who could not drive to offcampus areas to get them.

It is important to make condoms available at the Student Union because many students use the facility, Gilbert said.

"The Student Union is an excellent

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#### Campus parking allocations unclear

By NANCY WYKLE

A lack of information about which parking lots will have student spaces available next year is causing some students to register for parking permits in lots that have few or no spaces available.

Resident student parking on South Campus has been cut from about 1,000 spaces to 500 for next year because of the construction of the Craige parking deck on L lot, said Charles Merritt, director of campus

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affairs for student government. Of 561 L lot spaces, 531 will not

be available because of the construction, Merritt said. Students are being told about the even give good advice."

change in the number of spaces in L lot, said John Gardner, transportation planner.

But employees in the Transportation and Parking Office do not know which spaces will be eliminated because they don't have the Student Parking and Allocation Committee recommendation, said Beth Corn-

and Parking.

"We don't know what's going on. We don't know any figures. We can't The Student Parking Allocation

Committee began work one month before preregistration started, said David Smith, committee chairman. The Transportation and Parking Office will receive information Friday about how many spaces are available in each lot, he said.

The student body president needs

well, head cashier for Transportation to appoint members of the committee at the beginning of February next year to avoid the problems that arose this year, Smith said. If they are appointed earlier than they were this year, the Transportation and Parking Office should have all necessary information before preregistration begins, he said.

> Most of the remaining spaces in L lot will go to graduate students, Merritt said. "We tried to get resident

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#### Chapel Hill to begin drug tests

By JESSICA LANNING sistant City Editor

In compliance with new state and federal laws, Chapel Hill will begin drug testing law enforcement employees this July and its transit

employees beginning December 1990. Betsy Harris, Chapel Hill personnel analyst, said the town would only test newly hired law enforcement personnel and transit employees since these were the only groups affected

by state and federal mandates. The federal mandate also requires drug testing transit employees if there is a serious accident that causes property damage more than \$5,000, she said. This will not affect the town considerably because accidents have been reduced since the bus system was

Besides job applicants and afteraccident employees, transit workers will also receive drug tests for reasonable cause and random testing, Harris said. Employees will be tested for marijuana, cocaine, opiates including morphine and codeine, amphetamines including metham-

phetamines and phencyclidine. "If the town suspects someone's inability to perform because of alcohol or something else, then we have always assumed they would have a drug test if necessary," Harris said. "That's where the question of probable cause comes in."

The town also has a rehabilitation

program for those who test positive

so they may return to work. "We very

heartily support that, and we have

had the program for four years," she

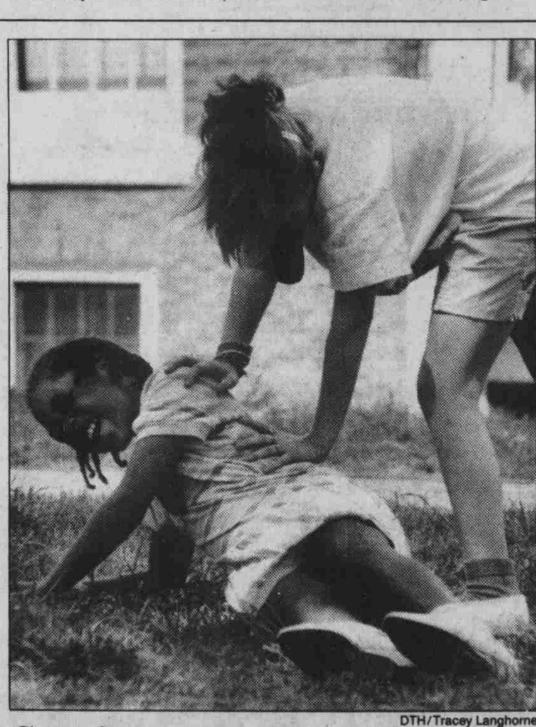
employee." The testing will be enforced

through the Urban Mass Transit Association for the transit employees and the N.C. Criminal Justice Department for the law enforcement employees, Harris said. The agencies will not do the actual testing.

said. "We don't just terminate that

To work on the details, an ad hoc committee composed of a crosssection of town administrative and supervisory employees has also been formed under the direction of the Town Manager David Taylor to address issues concerning drug testing, Harris said. The committee will look at the circumstances surrounding the issue and either make a

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Goose!

Third-grade students from Pendleton play 'Duck, Duck, Goose' outside the Morehead Planetarium on Wednesday afternoon.

Vulgarity is the garlic in the salad of life. — Cyril Connolly