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## Bus Strike Looms As Contract Nixed

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Continued bus service for more than 1,000 UNCC students is still up in the air as drivers and mechanics of the Charlotte Transit System voted overwhelmingly not to accept the latest contract offer.

According to United Transportation Union negotiator A. F. Warlick, it is now up to the transit system whether or not the drivers will strike. "We're willing to bargain to try to avoid a work stoppage," Warlick said. "However, we can't dilly-dally around with them everyday."

Drivers have worked without a contract since midnight Sunday, when a two-week extension of their contract ran out. The agreement originally expired January 31.

Although the system's offer was re-

ject by a 189-2 vote, Warlick won't predict a walkout. "As long as we see substantial movement in the contract talks, we won't stop the buses," he said.

But system general manager David Hines said his last offer was just that—the last. "That was our final offer," he said, "If they want to move some of the economic items around, that will be fine. The money is all out there for them."

Charlotte Transit's latest offer calls pay hikes totaling 56 per hour cents over the next year, a quarterly cost of living increase of 10 to 13 cents the first year and 9 to 13 cents the second year, Memorial Day off, and a clause allowing the bus system to hire 17 part-time drivers.

But money is not the union's main

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## Election Nominations To Begin Monday

By Karen Stout  
Special to the Carolina Journal

Nominations for the 1980 Spring Elections will be held February 23-27, the Elections and Publicity Committee announced recently.

Students who wish to nominate themselves can obtain a nomination form this week at the Student Government complex located in the Cone Center directly beside the Candy Counter.

All candidates will be required to attend a candidates meeting on March 5 in Room 6 of the Cone Center to discuss election and publicity

rules, draw for positions on the ballot, as well as answer any questions. If a candidate cannot attend he can send a representative.

The positions which are open for nominations are:

**President of Student Body, President of sophomore, junior and senior class; Legislature representatives: architecture (1); Engineering (2); HDL (1); Nursing (1); Business Administration (3); Arts/ Science (6); Commuters (7); Media Board (4); Editors of Sanskrit, Carolina Journal, Rogues-n-Rascals, WFAE, Chair and Vice-chair UPB.**

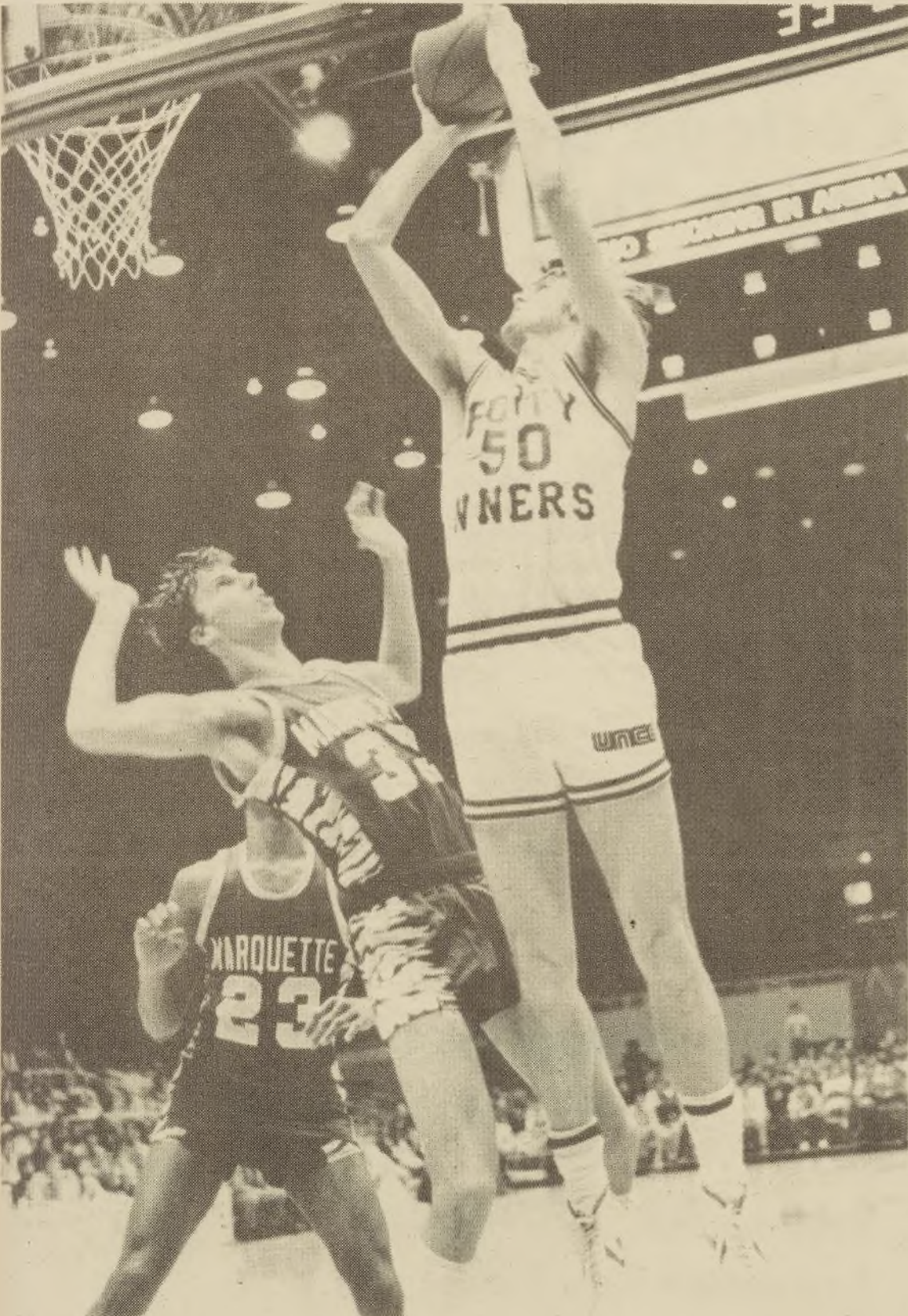


Photo By Debbie Miller

Roland VanDenBergh had his career high in rebounding against the Marquette Warriors Tuesday night in the coliseum. UNCC won the game 61-58 in what was the first meeting of the two schools since Marquette beat the 49ers 51-49 in the 1977 NCAA semi-finals. See the story on page 9.

## Olsen Vetoes Legislature Stipend Drop

By Chip Wilson  
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At Tuesday's meeting of the Student Legislature, 31 budgets were to be reviewed. Only one was approved. However, one line-item deletion of its own was recinded.

In the first such action of his term, Student Body President Ron Olsen vetoed the bill eliminating legislative stipends. The legislature voted 16-12 to cut the \$10 monthly salary, which in total forms \$3600 of the student government budget.

"I didn't say anything last week when you were debating this, because this body usually makes good decisions," Olsen said. "However, I sat here for 10 months and watched all but one of you (Vaughan Winborne) take your stipends. Now you are saying those who will come after you can-

not receive them. This is wrong."

The legislators voted not to override the veto on the proposal which would have taken effect in July, 1981.

After entanglements on the floor concerning eligibility of legislators who were members of certain clubs to vote, the members recessed for 10 minutes to consult with leaders of groups receiving funding.

Organizations to be voted on separately were Sports Club Council, Judicial, COA Student Council and the North Carolina Student Legislature. Only the Sports Club group, which has a budget of \$4199.09, received approval for its allocations.

The Judicial budget, which includes funding for student court and Legal Defense Counsel, snagged in debate

over an amendment providing salaries for the Chief Justice and the student legal defense counsel and two assistants.

"We're proposing this to make the pay compatible to the attorney general, who is paid for the summer," said Sharon Chisholm, Sanford residence Hall representative.

Olsen, a former chief justice, spoke to the legislators on the amendment. "I know from my experience on the bench that there is much administrative work to do in the summer. The attorney general now is paid for 12 months. Since the chief justice and legal defense work in the same area, they should also be paid."

Jim Johnston, a member of the Ways and Means committee, spoke on

negative debate. "This item should have been brought up in the weekend when Ways and Means held budget hearings."

However, Johnston joined nine other legislators in voting for the amendment. He differed with other Ways and Means members who voted against the addition. The final tally was 9-8, with three abstaining.

The total budget for Judiciary along with the rest, was not considered as the clock rolled past 2 p.m. and legislators filed one-by-one out of the room, leaving the meeting with out the needed quorum.

The legislators were scheduled to meet at 12:30 today to finish the appropriation process for all other primary-chartered organizations.