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Students Oppose Phone Rate Hike

By David E. Griffith
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The North Carolina Association of Student Governments intends to fight a proposed rate increase by Southern Bell that would tack a 12 to 25 percent rate increase on campus phone services.

Student Body President Ron Olsen who is also president of NCASG presented their case before the North Carolina Utilities Commission on February 12. Olsen said he told the commission that students could not stand a 25 percent increase, and he asked for an exclusion of on campus students from the proposed rate increase.

At the February 12 meeting Olsen presented 25 petitions bearing over

1,000 names of UNCC students opposed to the rate hike.

Olsen said "NCASG feels certain that the 25 percent rate increase will not affect us on campus. We've asked them to exclude both dormitory and apartment students, and we were received very well by the commission.

Don McKay director of Auxiliary Services said, "there is no way of telling how this will affect the campus. On the last rate increase the dorm phones only went up a few pennies."

Kirk Peters a spokesman for Southern Bell said, "All of our subscribers would be affected by this rate hike. I do know that the issue was raised concerning dormitories and students, but it is up to the commission to decide."

Legislature Finalizes Budgets; Includes Plans For Stipends

By Chip Wilson
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The Student Legislature finished budget approvals Tuesday by approving its own budget, amended to provide stipends for its own members.

Last week Student Body President Ron Olsen vetoed an earlier action in which the legislators did not provide for stipends in the upcoming school year.

The whole process stretched over three of the legislature meetings. At the first, held Tuesday of last week, members pulled the budgets of the North Carolina Student Legislature, the College of Architecture Student Council, Sports

Club Council, and the Judicial section of student government.

The sports club budget was approved, but debate over the Judicial budget, spawned by an amendment to pay the chief justice and legal defense counsel over the summer sessions forced the meeting into overtime. Legislature chair Barry Brown called another special meeting, held the following Thursday.

At the special session, the COA, NCSL and requests from most other clubs were approved. The legislature haggled over the judicial and student legislature requests.

Symmes Culbertson proposed salaries cuts amounting to less than half the requested amount for court justices and legal defense counsels. Phil Fleming and Laurah Van Poole proposed an amendment offering moderate stipend decreases.

The Culbertson motion failed, but the Van Poole/Fleming motion passed 22-0.

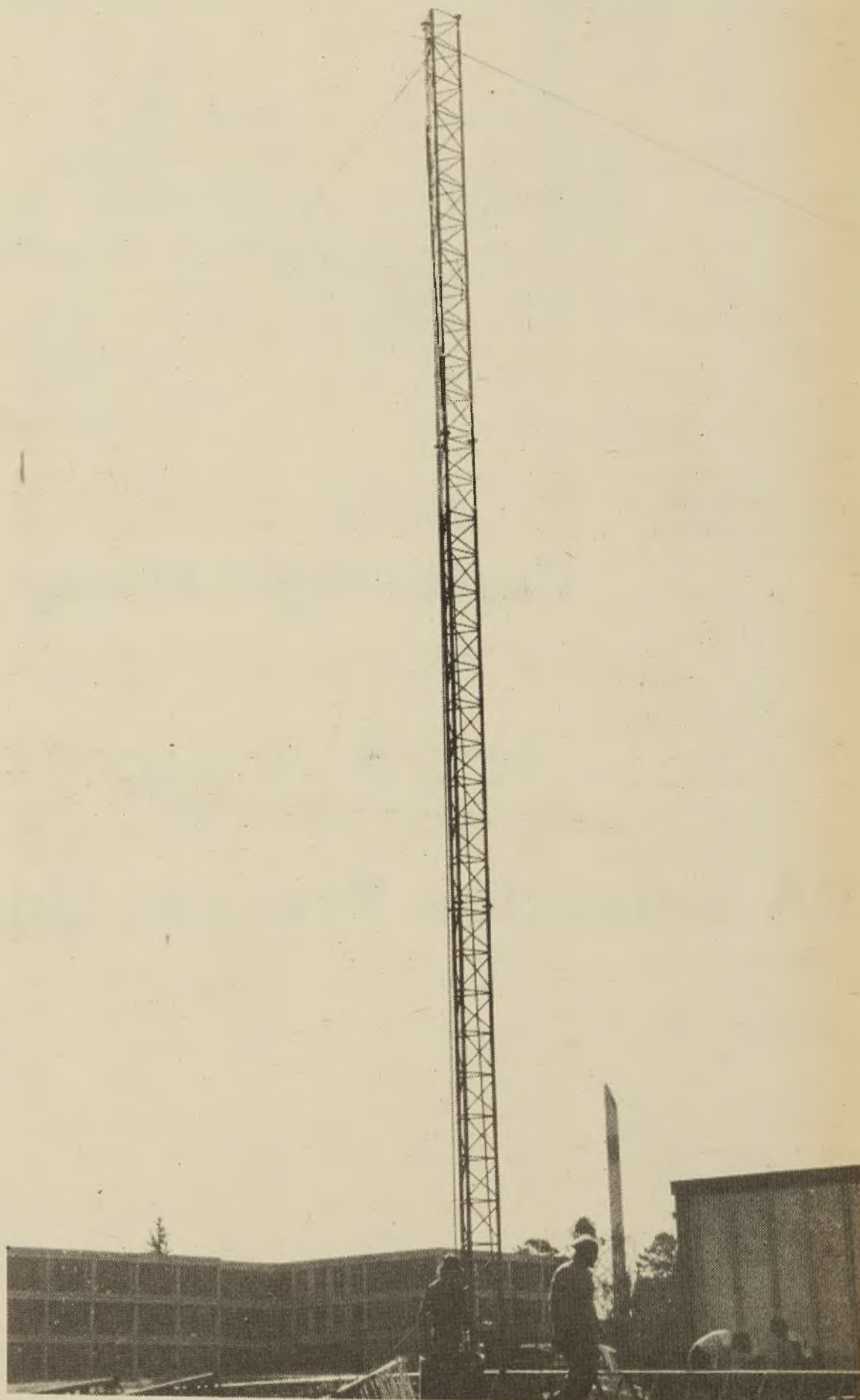
Because of the presidential veto, the amount of money needed to add to the proposal was unclear. Action was tabled to the next legislature meeting, held last Tuesday.

After Student Body Treasurer Joel Kepley presented a detailed breakdown of the requests to all members at the next regular meeting, the legislature passed the proposal overwhelmingly.

The legislative sessions capped two full days of work by the Ways and Means Committee over a recent weekend.

Renee High, chair of the committee, said she was surprised at the quick approval of most budgets.

"I was expecting them to pull more of the budgets than they did," she said. "The work the Ways and Means committee did over the weekend probably helped this — though the legislature changed a few items, I'm not disappointed."



WFAE started construction on their tower yesterday, and hopes to be on the air in early May.

By Rick Monroe

Parking Rate Increase To Open Visitor Spaces

By Teresa Skipper
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On March 16 there will be a rate increase for parking in the deck when the ticket spitting operation will go into effect.

The new rates are 50 cents for the first hour and a half, and 50 cents for each additional half hour, with a maximum of \$2.

The increase was put into affect to keep com-

muting students without parking stickers from parking under the deck. This should provide more visitor parking.

Another reason for the ticket spitting operation is to prevent tail-gating, which occurs when one car leaves the parking deck and a second follows so closely it gets out without paying.

To remedy this pro-

blem a toll booth was installed. A machine that gives change is also available at night when no attendant is on duty.

Most students are outraged by the increase. However, much of the displeasure is caused by confusion over the increase. Many students thought the price was \$2 no matter how long a car parked there.



Laura VanPoole