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## Mayor: Meal tax 'unlikely'

By Kelly Ryan  
Associate Editor

If the Chapel Hill Town Council opts to abandon a 1-percent meal tax, the local restaurant community has pledged to join forces with the town to develop a more acceptable solution for raising money earmarked for downtown improvements.

The proposed meal tax would be levied on all food and beverages sold for immediate consumption, which would include most items bought in restaurants. The legislation currently is stalled in the Senate Local Government Committee until the council decides whether to push the legislation through

during this session of the N.C. General Assembly.

Mayor Ken Broun said that after Tuesday's meeting with Sen. Howard Lee, D-Orange, town council members would determine by June 7 whether to go ahead with the tax plan. Local delegates to the General Assembly will offer the council advice by next week before the council makes a final decision.

Broun said the meal tax would likely be killed this session. "I feel strongly we need the support of the (Chapel Hill-Carrboro) Chamber of Commerce and of other business interests," he said.

Joel Harper, president of the commerce, said it was premature for the

town to consider raising revenue for a multi-million dollar Streetscape plan because too many residents did not understand it.

The Streetscape plan is a proposal for major downtown improvements, including constructing more sidewalks and adding more lighting.

"When (restauranters) buy into it, they'll underwrite it," Harper said. "I'm not aware of one restaurant on Franklin Street who would benefit from Streetscape that supports the meal tax. That's very telling to me."

Harper said restaurant owners should have been included in the legislation process from the beginning but would be willing to help the town start a

Streetscape public education program.

Lee said the council determined Tuesday that it had two options: to delay the tax until 1994 to unify town and business relations or to develop a new proposal that would be more responsive to the opposition's concerns.

"It would appear that there is a slant toward waiting," Lee said. "I have not made any recommendations at this point. I have tried to let them know the facts — the fact that not any tax bill of any consequence has passed the legislature this year."

Last Friday, council members Julie Andresen, Mark Chilton, Joyce Brown

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## Davis, Jordan to join BOT in time for BCC decision

By Steve Robblee  
Staff Writer

When Gov. Jim Hunt's recent appointments to the Board of Trustees take their seats in July, they could begin their term thrust into the middle of the debate about whether to build a new black cultural center on the UNC campus.

Walter Royal Davis — for whom Davis Library is named — and Dr. William Jordan, who earned his bachelor's and medical degrees from the University, were appointed by Hunt last week.

It is the BOT which will make the final decision on whether to build a free-standing BCC. The BOT plans to meet June 24-25, but might not make a final decision until July or later. Many current trustees will be replaced by new members in July, and the new trustees could affect the decision whether to build the BCC.

Jordan said he was still a "neophyte" regarding University affairs including the BCC debate, but he would be talking with other trustees and going over the minutes of past meetings during the next month to become more familiar with University issues.

If the trustees decide to approve the center, Jordan said he hoped it would be a place where all people felt welcome.

"I think a black cultural center could be an extremely positive thing, or it could be a divisive thing," he said.

The center could be a positive facet of the University, provided it did not

separate black students from the rest of campus, Jordan said.

Davis was traveling and could not be reached for comment.

Jordan and Davis will join the Board of Governors' recent BOT appointments: Ann Cates, Charles Sanders and William Arnfield. All of the new trustees will begin their term at the board's July 23 meeting.

Provost Richard McCormick said that because of delays in assessing the needs of a physical-sciences library, it was possible that Chancellor Paul Hardin would not present his recommendation to the BOT until the new members join in July. The chancellor is waiting on a report from the Buildings and Grounds Committee, which will recommend a site for the BCC, before he gives his report to the BOT.

Student Body President Jim Copland said Hardin might have to wait until July to give his report, especially if the Buildings and Grounds Committee cannot endorse only one site for the BCC. Two sites have been recommended for the BCC — one located between the Bell Tower and Coker Hall and the other next to Wilson Library.

Copland said he met with Hardin on Thursday to discuss the BCC issue, and Hardin reaffirmed his support for a free-standing BCC. But Copland said Hardin probably would wait for the Buildings and Grounds Committee's recommendation before deciding which site to support.

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## Kuralt charms audience with childhood stories

By Yi-Hsin Chang  
Editor

N.C. native and 1955 UNC graduate Charles Kuralt, host of "CBS Sunday Morning," entertained more than 300 University and community members with memories of his early childhood during a free lecture in Hanes Art Center Auditorium last Friday.

Kuralt was in town to receive the 1993 North Caroliniana Society Award, which honors North Carolinians who have made great contributions to the state's cultural heritage.

Because Kuralt's younger brother Wallace Kuralt, owner of the Intimate Bookshop, was to be the keynote speaker at the society banquet Friday evening, the CBS anchorman decided to limit his talk to memories his brother didn't have — the first six years of Charles Kuralt's life before his brother was born.

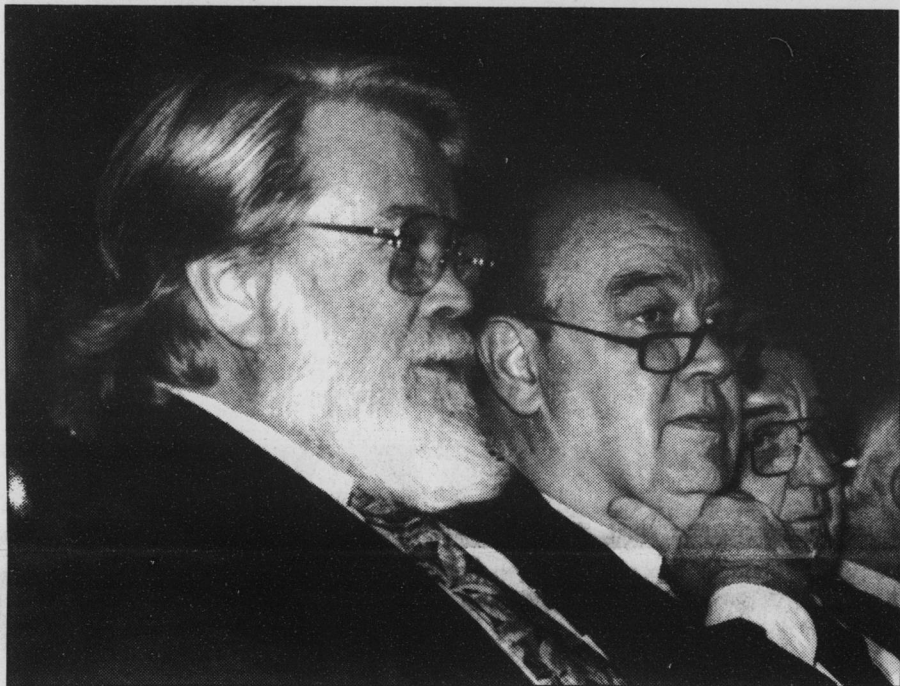
One by one, Kuralt recalled the many N.C. towns in which he had lived during his formative years — Wilmington, Lumberton, Fayetteville, Stedman, Salisbury and Washington — stories that brought many laughs from the audience.

"In Washington, N.C., a number of things happened that affected my life ever after," Kuralt said. "My brother was born there. That was a nuisance. I knew he would prove to be a thorn at my side, which he has been from time to time, most recently yesterday morning when he took me to Finley Golf Course and beat me by 17 strokes."

"So I gained my first sibling in Washington. Far more important at the time, I caught my first fish."

Kuralt went on to tell about the first striped bass he caught while fishing with his father and grandfather on the Pamlico River. "Hold on to him," my father shouted as he started rowing hard for shore. But I couldn't hold on to him. I didn't know where to hold.

"So I threw myself upon it, weighed him down with my whole body and with my whole heart and struggled all the way to the dock to prevent that fish from getting away."



Charles Kuralt, right, sits with his brother Wallace Kuralt on Friday before his talk about growing up in North Carolina

That day made him a fisherman, said Kuralt, who now does his fishing in Montana. "I mostly put the fish back out of sportsmanship I tell myself, but possibly out of disappointment that they're never so big anymore that I have to fall on them to hold them down."

At the age of 5, Kuralt started kindergarten at St. Agnes Academy in Washington. Immediately after beginning school, his teacher, Sister Rosalind, promoted him to the first grade.

"This was no favor to me, in fact," Kuralt said. "It was to mean that all the way through school I was at least a year

younger than my classmates.

"I was actually enrolled at this University as an innocent of 15. My pals were all older than I. My girlfriends were older. In time, my wives were to be older than I — both of them — all because of Sister Rosalind."

Thinking back to the days before he was 6, Kuralt said he had been a boy of no money but much privilege. "I wish every child in our state and in the world had the kind of childhood I had in the Depression days of the 1930s in North Carolina."

After his lecture, Kuralt answered

questions from the audience. One man asked what CBS anchorwoman Connie Chung was really like. Kuralt answered, "Connie is sweet and talented, sort of just the way she appears on the air."

Chung was promoted recently to co-anchor the "CBS Evening News" with Dan Rather. "This news came as a great shock to me, but I think it'll probably be a pretty fair combination on the news," Kuralt said.

When asked for his advice to aspiring journalists, Kuralt quoted a colleague who said: "One good word is worth a thousand pictures."

## Coleman to leave UNC for provost position at UNM

By Yi-Hsin Chang  
Editor

The University will have to say goodbye to its first vice chancellor of graduate studies and research in two months' time.

Vice Chancellor Mary Sue Coleman will assume the post of provost at the University of New Mexico in early August.

Coleman, who received a Ph.D. in biochemistry from UNC in 1969, said she would miss the people at UNC the most. "I've had just a wonderful time here," she said. "I would not have gone

(to UNM) for the same position I have here."

The University hired Coleman in 1990 for the position of associate provost and dean of research. The position was changed last year, and Coleman was promoted to her current post of vice chancellor of graduate studies and research.

Chancellor Paul Hardin said he supported Coleman in her decision to leave UNC even though it would be a loss to the University. "I hate to lose her," he said. "She has done such a good job for us. (But) she'll be doing good work out there wearing the Carolina label (as an

UNC alumna). We're very proud of her, but we will miss her."

Provost Richard McCormick also said Coleman's departure would be a great loss to the University. "She did just sensational work here. We will miss her very much."

Coleman said she was looking forward to her new job. She pointed out that UNM is about the same size as UNC but has a very diverse student body — 45 percent of the incoming freshman class are Hispanic.

"I'll be learning about Native American culture — things I don't know," she said. "I'll be learning about Hispanic

cultures, and that's real exciting to me. I'm looking forward to it."

Coleman's husband, Kenneth Coleman, a UNC political science professor, also will be heading for Albuquerque, N.M. Kenneth Coleman specializes in Latin American studies, and UNM has a well-known Latin American studies program, Mary Sue Coleman said.

Hardin said he probably would appoint an interim vice chancellor until a search can be conducted to find someone to take Coleman's place. "We will miss her, and she will be very hard to replace."

## Town budget to include funds for two investigative police officers

By Kelly Ryan  
Associate Editor

To keep up with increased crime and growing police forces in the Triangle area, the Chapel Hill Town Council decided Tuesday night to try to find money in its 1993-94 budget to hire two narcotics officers for the police department.

The council met with the Law Enforcement Committee of the Violent Crime and Drug Abuse Program at its budget work session. Former mayoral candidate Rosemary Waldorf, who leads the committee, said it was important for the Chapel Hill Police Department to keep up with other Triangle police forces.

"If Durham hires 38 more officers and Raleigh hires 44, that'll impact us," she said. "Criminals are going to come over here."

Police Chief Ralph Pendergraph said Wednesday that the town council had

been very receptive to the department's increasing needs.

The police department currently employs two narcotics officers.

"You're never going to run into a police chief who has enough people," Pendergraph said. "The council has given us a reason to reexamine what we're doing."

"The problem of narcotics in Chapel Hill is so much a part of our other problems, so we feel like we need to put more emphasis on that problem."

Mayor Ken Broun told the council Monday that he thought it was a worthwhile investment to hire two additional narcotics officers.

"I think this is a service people need and are telling us they need, and it's our obligation," Broun said.

Town Manager Cal Horton said Wednesday that the council has met for several years with the law enforcement committee.

"The council said in its annual plan-

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ROSEMARY WALDORF  
LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE

ning meeting in January that public safety and crime was their top priority, and I think this is consistent with that," Horton said.

To improve police services, the committee requested:

- Purchasing a computer system for the department's records,
- Improving downtown lighting, including lighting on Merritt Mill Road,
- Completing the transition to separate

police and fire departments,

- Increasing crisis counseling,
- Using more police dogs and
- Hiring two more narcotics police officers.

The 1993-94 budget proposal already includes funds for downtown lighting, a computer system, crisis counseling and additional police dogs.

Pendergraph said all parts of the plan were important for making the department more efficient, but the town would see the most obvious results from hiring two narcotics officers.

"I would have to put the investigators as my number one priority," he said.

Waldorf said several police officers estimated that drug-related crimes could decrease by about 25 percent if two more investigative officers joined the force.

"Enforcement is not the answer — it's not the only answer," she said. "Even though nobody can solve the drug problem, maybe the best thing we can do is

make it difficult to have a market here." Pendergraph said he thought it was optimistic to expect a 25-percent decrease in drug-related crimes, which still are on the rise in nearby towns.

Waldorf said the presence of drugs in the community contributed to the number of violent crimes, including rape, domestic violence, aggravated assaults and armed robberies.

Town Manager Cal Horton told the council that it would cost about \$90,000 to hire two additional officers and purchase another police vehicle for the officers.

Horton also said that \$186,000 were included already in the town budgets for 1994-95 and 1995-96 to fund the process of separating police and fire departments.

The council should complete the separation of the police and fire departments in the next two years, Horton said.

"You get to the point in the size of

your community and the number of crimes and the types of crimes, you need to concentrate your training to get the best possible services," Horton said.

Town resident Rebecca Clark, who served on the law enforcement committee, said the corner of Merritt Mill Road near Crook's Corner was too dark at night, and it needed better lighting.

"It wouldn't be so bad if Chapel Hill weren't so dead set on keeping trees," Clark said.

Waldorf said riding around Chapel Hill in a police car exposed her to the increasing crime problem.

"You see things you can't see in a memo," she said.

Horton said the council would reach a final decision on police protection when it adopts a budget or an interim budget before the 1993-94 fiscal year begins July 1.

The council will hold its next budget work session June 15 at 7:30 p.m. at town hall.

Do what we can, summer will have its flies. — Ralph Waldo Emerson