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Student Riders Could Face 15-Cent Bus Fare Increase

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The Chapel Hill Town Council agreed May 17 to consider raising bus fares as a part of the new budget to be adopted June 5.

The council voted 5-3 in favor of increasing bus fares from 60 cents to 75 cents and increasing the price of annual bus passes from \$89 to \$204, according to Mark Chilton, a council member who voted against the measure.

"We discussed it some at a budget hearing," Chilton said. "At this point, it looks like it is going up. It would take some effort not to have it pass."

If the budget is adopted, the increase in bus fares would take effect July 1.

Steve Hoffman, president of the Graduate and Professional Student Federation at UNC, drafted a letter to the town council encouraging them to look for other alternatives to offset budget decreases.

The letter stated that an increase in bus fares would not encourage bus use in any way, but it would instead lead to less ridership and more automotive congestion.

Cal Horton, Chapel Hill's town manager, said the last day for the council to remove the increased bus fares from the budget would be June 5.

"It would not be voted on until June 5,"

Horton said.

"The basic thing it would do is provide a little more funding to pay for basic operating expenses. The bottom line depends on where you look in the system."

Bob Godding, director of transportation for Chapel Hill, said ridership was expected to decline slightly with the increased fares.

"It anticipates about a five percent change in ridership," Godding said.

Although the ridership might decline initially as a result of raised bus fares, the increase in the services may lead to higher ridership over the long run.

"Back in 1990 when we increased the fares, ridership actually increased," he said.

"In the current budget, the only new service would be the North-South Express."

The increased fares would raise bus revenue by \$85,000 from its present level which is \$457,000 per year.

This would serve to offset a decrease in federal funding the town could experience, Horton said.

He also said he thought public reaction to the fare increase was mixed. Students of the University had expressed concern over the potential increase through both the representation of their student body president and Hoffman.

At the budget hearing on May 17, Hoffman spoke against the bus fare increase and asked council to reconsider the

proposed hikes.

"We are students, but valuable voting citizens of this town and we deserve accountability for our interests," he said.

Hoffman told the council that two-thirds of the town's bus ridership were students of the University who already paid their share.

"I thought the people who use mass transportation were the good guys," Hoffman said.

Members of the council are still searching for other options.

"I oppose raising the bus fare," Chilton said. "There are cuts out there. There's also the possibility that an alternative revenue source may be offered to us by the

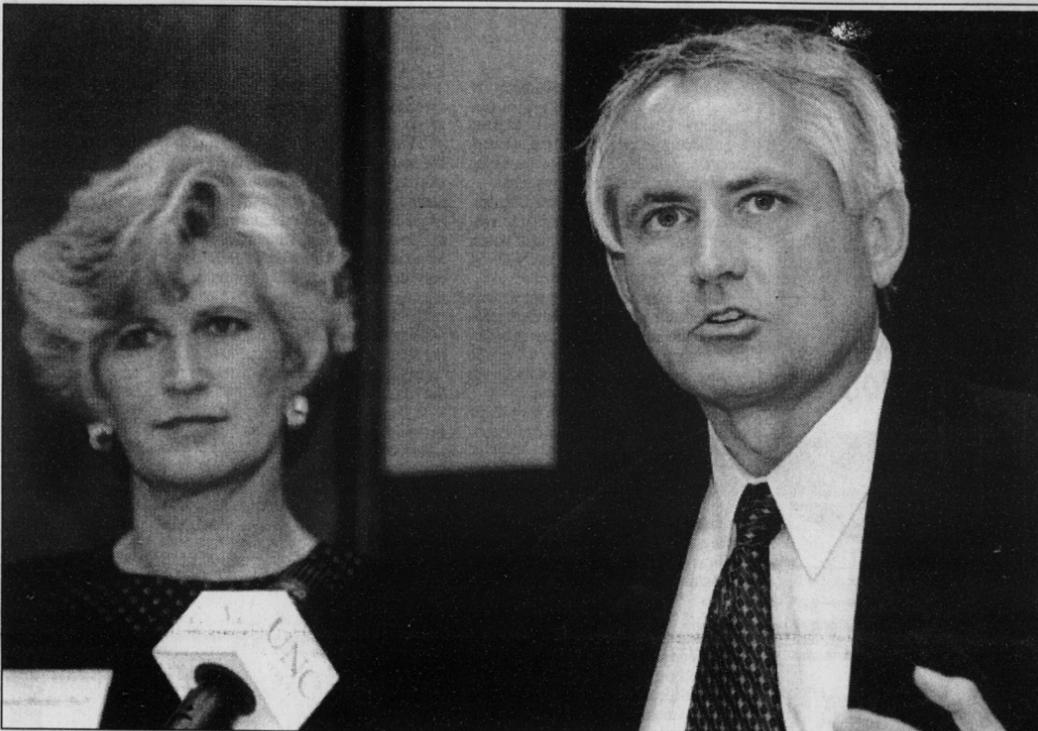
state legislature."

Chilton also said the council was increasing fares to raise revenue without calling for tax hikes on the residents of Chapel Hill.

"We're raising the fees on that sort of thing," Chilton said. "(It) is basically to impose a greater tax on a segment of society that least deserves and least can afford the tax."

He said the people who take public transportation to work are the ones conserving fuel and helping traffic problems.

Chilton also said many public transportation users occupy a lower income bracket and should not have to face the fare increase.



Chancellor-elect Michael Hooker and his wife Carmen Hooker Buell answer questions at a press conference Friday. Hooker will replace outgoing chancellor Paul Hardin, who is stepping down from his position June 30.

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Decision Won't Affect Carolina Scholarships

BY STEPHEN LEE
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The U.S. Supreme Court's decision Monday to allow a Maryland ban on race-based scholarships to stand should not affect the University of North Carolina system's scholarship program, officials said.

"We have a minority presence scholarship that is designed to meet federal guidelines," said George A. Antonelli, associate vice president of student services General Administration. "I'm concerned, but I don't think it's like Maryland. But then again I'm not a judge."

The 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled unconstitutional a University of Maryland scholarship program for black students. The Supreme Court refused to hear an appeal of the decision, letting it stand but refusing at the same time to set a national precedent.

Antonelli said the Maryland case was a scholarship exclusively for black students at a white school. "There is a crucial distinction," he said. "I don't think there is a comparison between the Maryland case and the minority grants here."

Provost Richard McCormick said the Maryland decision should not affect UNC-CH's scholarships, which give "preference" to minorities, as opposed to being tagged exclusively for members of one ethnic group. In anticipation of the Supreme Court's decision, the University's legal counsel has looked at scholarships that might pose a problem, McCormick said.

"We think our scholarships are okay," he said. "It's very important to our academic excellence that we become even more diverse racially."

Chancellor Paul Hardin said that since the decision came in North Carolina's circuit, the University had to pay close attention. "We have to analyze the decision carefully," Hardin said. "If a restrictive interpretation is placed on this decision, it

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Minority scholarships are necessary to integrate the universities, Antonelli said.

"I think scholarships help students attend the University - black and white," he said. "If they did away with it, less minorities would attend."

He said the criteria for minority students receiving need-based scholarships are the degree of course difficulty, grade point average, class rank, standardized test scores, letters of recommendation and extracurricular activities.

Antonelli said North Carolina has 11 historically white universities and five historically black universities. White students receive minority grants to attend the predominantly black schools and black students receive grants to attend white schools.

He said the need-based scholarships are used as recruitment and retention tools.

Eleanor Morris, director of the Office of Scholarships and Student Aid at UNC, said some preference is given to minorities in selecting scholarship recipients.

"The scholarships at this institution are not restricted to ethnic groups," she said. "There are some that have preference to minority groups."

Thanassis Cambanis contributed to this story.

NEW CHANCELLOR READY FOR JUNE CAMPUS VISITS

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Before Michael Hooker takes office as UNC's chancellor July 1, the newly-appointed leader said he planned on making at least two earlier visits to campus to coordinate his transition.

When accepting the chancellorship last Friday, Hooker, president of the University of Massachusetts system, described coming to Chapel Hill as "the dream of a lifetime."

"It has always been my professional

ambition to finish off my career at Chapel Hill," he said. "My vision is always that this would be the last stop in my career."

So far, Hooker has not set firm dates for the visits he plans on making to UNC before actually taking over.

"I'll probably make some visits before (July 1) but obviously I have some responsibilities in Massachusetts," he said. Hooker said he planned on spending much of the next two months lobbying for the UMass budget in the Massachusetts Legislature.

Hooker will draw a salary of \$200,000 at UNC — an \$11,000 raise for him. The

Board of Trustees will discuss Friday which University-related foundation will provide the \$50,000 supplement to the UNC chancellor's base salary as provided by the N.C. General Assembly. "I have a daughter to educate, so I wasn't ready to take too much of a pay cut," Hooker said.

He said it was difficult to leave UMass after only three years, and have someone else carry out his plans for that institution. But he has already begun to talk about UNC's priorities as if they were his own. Hooker said, "As an alumnus I'm very worried about seeing the campus maintain

its prestige and strength." He said he would continue to fight to protect UNC's budget in coming years.

"If the state is going to have a secure future, we need to keep a faculty that is excellent," he said. The University, he explained, must maintain competitive faculty salary levels to fight its slipping position relative to other universities. "You can trade ambience for salary only so far."

Hooker said he had read the University's self-study report, and was familiarizing

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UNC to Create Guidelines for Teaching Assistants

BY LISA MARIE COLLINS
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The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) recommended last week that the University establish university-wide guidelines for the administration of graduate teaching assistants (GTAs).

The request came as no surprise to University officials who have been working to establish such guidelines in response to a similar request made by the Board of Governors in September 1994.

Provost Richard McCormick, who appointed the committee collecting data to analyze policies already in place, said the initial indication that there was a problem came in the form of anecdotal complaints to the general administration.

"We didn't get too many, but even one is too much. Aside from the Board of Governors' request and the SACS recommendation, we have our own initiative to ensure the quality of instruction of all our undergraduates," McCormick said.

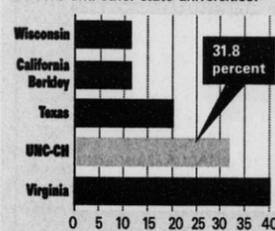
Senior Allison Rae Allen said she believed there should be higher standards for graduate students for whom English is a second language.

"My freshman year, I had to drop my first calculus class, and it wasn't because the teacher, a TA, didn't know what he was doing. He could stand up there and do it all day. He just couldn't explain it to us," Allen said.

Steve Hoffmann, Graduate and Professional Student Federation (GPSF) president, said that although there were occasional horror stories circulating about the

TAs: School by School

Percentage of students taught by TAs at UNC and other state universities.



SOURCE: UNC-CH OFFICE OF INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH teaching ability of GTAs, this was the exception and not the rule.

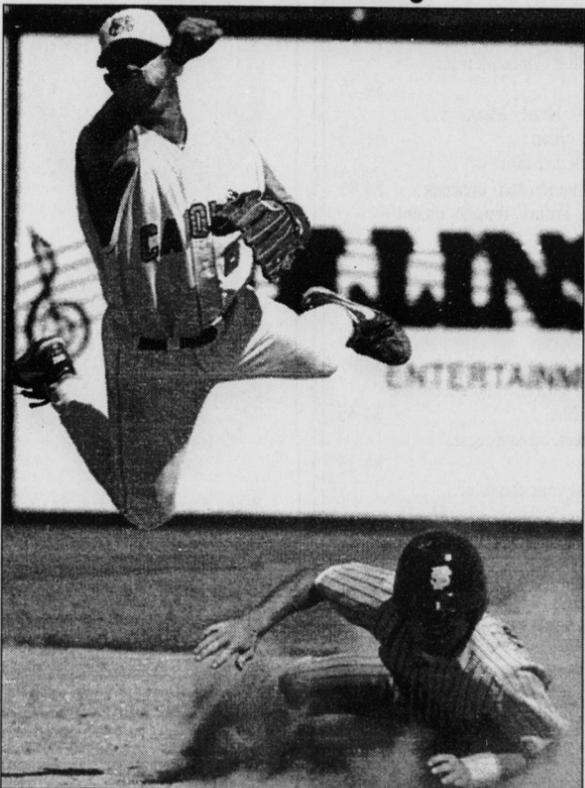
"Most of these people are very, very good. They are usually senior year, third or fourth year graduate students," Hoffmann said. The guidelines, when put in place, "are to show the people, to show the legislature and everybody, that these people (GTAs) are very well trained and they're not just somebody thrown into a 'gemishma' class," Hoffmann said.

Hoffmann and Kim Miller, vice president of the GPSF, have been working very closely with the Center for Teaching and Learning to establish requirements for all graduate student teachers.

The center has classes and seminars underway for GTAs about teaching a college class. These courses cover such areas

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Double Or Nothing



Second baseman Mitch Jones eludes Florida State's Adam Faurot and turns a double play in UNC's 10-1 loss in the ACC tournament. See story, page 7.

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Former Chancellor Sitterson Dies After Battling Parkinson's

BY JOANNA HOWELL
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Dr. Joseph Carlyle Sitterson, chancellor emeritus and Kenan professor of history, died last Friday after a long bout with Parkinson's disease. Sitterson received his bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees from the University. He then taught history at UNC from 1935 until he retired in 1981, serving as chancellor from 1966 to 1972.

"I was here the last year and a half that he was chancellor," said Boshamer professor N. Ferebee Taylor, also chancellor emeritus of the University. Taylor's chancellorship directly followed Sitterson's. "I think he did a splendid job."

Taylor was a student in one of Sitterson's history classes in the late 1930s. "He was a first class teacher and a very fine human being," Taylor said.

"He was known by hundreds of students as a remarkable teacher," said William C. Friday, former president of the UNC system and current executive director of the William R. Kenan Jr. Charitable Trust.

Current UNC chancellor, Paul Hardin, noted that Sitterson "was chancellor during some difficult times. His reputation as a chancellor and as a distinguished teacher of American history was well known when I arrived." During the time Sitterson was chancellor, he faced such problems as the Vietnam War, race relations issues and the fear of communism.

"He was a courageous and compassionate leader," Hardin said. "His academic leadership was his legacy."

Friday also remembered how Sitterson dealt with the tumultuous times during his chancellorship. "He was a very devoted, able, and conscientious administrator. He served this university in a remarkable way and carried it through troubled times."

"I had the pleasure of appointing Chancellor Sitterson. From that day forward I was in regular communication with him," Friday said. "He had a great sense of humor, loved to play golf and was a good friend."

Bill Travis was student body president during the 1967-1968 school year. "I remember him very fondly," Travis said. "All four years that I was there he was a warm and helpful person."

Travis said he remembered Sitterson as encouraging an informal relationship with the student body president and always having an open door to discuss problems and campus issues. "I could always go in and discuss things with him. There was never

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There is no monument dedicated to the memory of a committee.

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