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## Saturday Blaze Guts Eight Units in Foxcroft Apartments

■ No one was injured in the fire that caused an estimated \$600,000 in damages.

BY TANYA K. MERRITTE  
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Fire investigators say a malfunctioning light fixture sparked a fire that destroyed an eight-unit building in Foxcroft Apartments on Saturday night. No one was injured in the blaze that gutted apartments 533 through 540 at 515 Ashley Ct.

According to reports, the Chapel Hill Fire Department received a call at approximately 8:25 p.m.

Firefighters arrived on the scene three minutes later and witnessed flames shooting through the roof of the structure. The fire was under control in roughly one hour with assistance from the Carrboro, Parkwood and New Hope fire departments.

Reports state that the fire began in the bathroom of apartment 537.

Chapel Hill Fire Marshal Joe Robertson said the fire possibly smoldered for several hours before it was detected.

It then traveled up a utilities chase and into an attic that spanned the entire length of the building, reports stated.

Damage to the building and its contents was estimated to be \$600,000.

Adam Bianchi, who lived in apartment 539, said he and his roommate Jason Richardson were going out to dinner when somebody across the parking lot yelled, "Hey, the building's on fire!"

Bianchi said he and Richardson turned around to look at the building. "The fire was in a line on top of the roof," he said. Bianchi and Richardson then ran back into the building to knock on doors and get people out.

Bianchi said it was roughly three minutes from the time he first noticed the fire on the roof to when the building became very smoky.

Bianchi said he had first smelled something strange at 3:00 p.m. when he was going to lunch. "It smelled like a very sweet cigar or food burning."

Bianchi said the same smell was stronger as he and Richardson were heading out for dinner that evening.

"The building was smoking and probably burning and we didn't realize it," he said.

The roommates were unable to save most of their belongings. "We grabbed (Richardson's) computer and a couple of other small things," Bianchi said.

"There's not a whole lot left to salvage.

Almost everything I own was in the apartment," he said.

Bianchi said everybody was upset Saturday night. "I was in a daze," he said.

Firefighters were able to rescue several pets trapped in the blaze.

They found two cats and a dalmatian nearly unscathed after they put out the blaze.

Unfortunately, a snake owned by one of the residents did not have the same luck and died in the fire.

Charles Douthit, a managing member of Foxcroft Associates which runs the apartment complex, said only seven units in the building were occupied.

Residents of one of those seven occupied units had planned to move out Monday.

Douthit said volunteers and neighbors offered their support and helped those displaced by the fire clean out what was left of their belongings.

Occupants who lived in five of the units will be moving to other apartments in the Foxcroft complex.

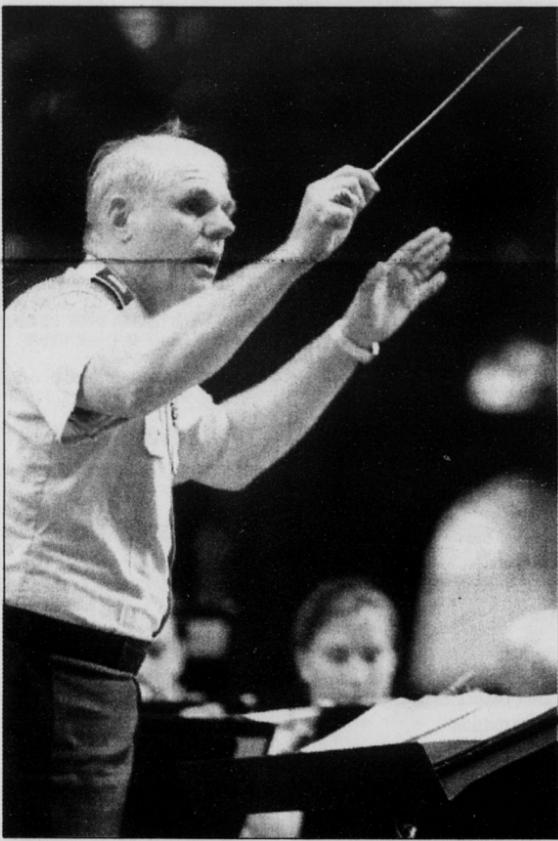
"We're trying to work with the residents the best that we can," he said.

Douthit said Foxcroft Associates, which has owned the apartment building for nearly three years, plans to rebuild the units "as soon as it is practical."



A malfunctioning light fixture caused the fire that destroyed this unit of the Foxcroft Apartments on Ashley Court late Saturday. Residents of the building escaped without injury, but damage is estimated to cost about \$600,000.

### A Concerted Effort



National Guard members from Raleigh play to a large crowd in front of South Building on Sunday. The band is on a two-week tour of the state.

## Vice Chancellor Candidates to Visit in July

BY JOHN SWEENEY  
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The search for a new vice chancellor for Student Affairs might be nearing an end, as University officials this week said they had invited three candidates for the position to Chapel Hill for interviews.

The visits could mark the end of a 26-month search for someone to replace former Vice Chancellor Don Boulton. Edith Wiggins has been filling the post in the interim.

Chancellor Michael Hooker said he hoped the new candidates would be suitable for the position.

"I had hoped to have someone by July 1, but things don't always work out quite how you'd like them to," Hooker said.

Stephen Birdsall, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and a member of the search committee, said he thought the committee's work was done, though they had not been officially disbanded.

"I was under the impression that we were done, but I'm not really sure where things are going from this point," Birdsall said last Thursday. Student Body President Aaron Nelson,



Interim Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs EDITH WIGGINS has served since Don Boulton left the post.

a member of the search committee, said he received a memorandum Monday informing him the search committee would be brought back together once more to meet with the candidates when they visited between July 13 and 25.

However, the means by which the three latest candidates in the search were selected remains unclear.

In April, the search committee recommended several names to the Chancellor's office as excellent candidates. But none of those candidates were named to the position. Instead, the new candidates were selected using unknown methods. Hooker said he had not been very closely involved with the search at any point.

Chief of Staff Elson Floyd, the member of the Chancellor's office most closely as-

sociated with the search, could not be reached for comment.

A search committee formed to narrow down the pool of candidates has already spent more than two years on the project, at one point having to start over when then-new Chancellor Michael Hooker came into the picture and started looking for different qualifications than the committee had originally counted on. A search firm, Heidrick & Struggles, was also hired.

Whatever the means by which he or she is chosen, Nelson said he hoped a new vice chancellor for Student Affairs would be in place soon.

"I would have liked to have had a vice chancellor for student affairs a long time ago," Nelson said. "This is something that's really important for students."

## Citizens at Forum Talk Cold Hard Facts About Budget

BY JOHN SWEENEY  
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In an effort to facilitate communication between the North Carolina General Assembly and the people of the state, Gov. Jim Hunt last week announced plans for four "Citizens' Forums" across the state.

The move came after Hunt announced he would ask legislators to return to Raleigh on July 8 to try and work out a compromise on a new budget for the 1996-97 fiscal year.

Hunt was forced to call the special session after legislators went home June 21, unable to break a stalemate between the N.C. House of Representatives and Senate over how much should be added to the state's biannual budget, which was origi-

nally voted on during the legislature's 1995 session.

Forums have already been held in Charlotte and Goldsboro. About 500 people went to Goldsboro's forum on Tuesday, which was held at Wayne Community College. Gov. Jim Hunt, who moderated the forum, said he hoped the General Assembly's return to Raleigh on Monday would be marked by a new spirit of bipartisanship.



Gov. JIM HUNT organized four citizens' forums to talk about the state budget.

"This is not a time to try and take a partisan advantage," Hunt said. "There are a lot of things we are all interested in."

Several University students spoke about their concerns for funding higher education. Student government representatives from UNC-Willington also attended to show support for higher education.

UNC-Chapel Hill graduate student and former teacher Trish Richardson said she had to work five jobs last summer. "As a teacher and as a grad student, we need more support," she said.

Association of Student Governments President John Dervin said he was worried about the message the legislature was sending with the budget deadlock. "We talk about values. We talk about morals. We talk about responsibility," Dervin said.

"You don't walk out on students," Barbara Perry, a member of the BOG, said she felt the state would reap the benefits of funding higher education now.

"It is very obvious to (the BOG) that the future of the state's economy depends on investing in education," Perry said.

Dervin said the forums were probably the last opportunities people would have to speak to their representatives and make their opinions heard. "With legislators not in their offices, the only way to get their attention is through the press and talking with other concerned people," Dervin said.

Another "Citizens' Forum" will occur today at the Weaver Education Center in Greensboro from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. The forum will travel Thursday to New Bern, where it will occur from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

## Summer School Students Pay \$11,000 More in Fees Than They See

■ Student government is working to let students get their money's worth.

BY JON WILLIAMS  
STAFF WRITER

Summer school students may not be getting their money's worth this summer — at least that is the concern of Student Body President Aaron Nelson and student government.

"Summer school students are paying fees that are not directly benefiting them," Nelson said.

Student government is allocated roughly \$13,500 from the total amount of student activity fees collected in the summer. But Title II, Part 5, Article VII of the student code states summer Student Congress is only allowed to spend \$2,500. This restriction leaves \$11,000 of student fee money unspent.

"The rest of the money is carried over to the fall and put into a general spending fund," Student Body Treasurer Julie Gasperini said.

That leaves summer school students paying for services they are not receiving. "We need to do a better job of auditing

fees," Nelson said. "Students should not have to pay for services they are not going to receive."

Nelson has called for the Student Fee Audit Committee to investigate and come up with a solution to this overbilling.

"We are going to recommend to the audit committee that the student government's activity fee be reduced and the money given back to the summer school students," Nelson said.

"We are also open to spending the money for activities and programs such as picnics or programming for the students," he said.

Student government already allocates \$1,000 per summer out of their \$2,500 summer activity fund to have the N.C. Symphony give a free performance.

"The rest of the summer activity fund is used mostly for emergencies and is not normally needed to fund student clubs and organizations," Gasperini said.

Most University clubs and organizations receive their allotted funds for the fiscal year during spring budget hearings. These funds carry them through the summer without needing extra money, Gasperini said.

Although there are other areas that fall outside the range of the activity fund that could use the extra money, student govern-

### Summer Students' Fees Evaporate

Because of a clause in the UNC Student Code, summer school students are paying a total of \$11,000 in student fees they may never see or enjoy.

#### THE PROBLEM

Each summer Student Government receives \$13,500 in student fees to be distributed to student organizations. However, thanks to a clause in the Student Code, Student Congress is only allowed to spend \$2,500 the entire summer, leaving \$11,000 in the bank to be used in the fall.

#### POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS

Student Body President Aaron Nelson and Student Body Secretary Julie Gasperini are looking at possibly:  
■ Reducing student fees for summer sessions, or  
■ Asking Student Congress to revise the Student Code, allowing the extra \$11,000 to be spent during the summer.

ment is not allowed to transfer the excess funds, Gasperini said.

"The activities fund is for recognized University services and organizations," she said. "Student government is not allowed to take this money and, for example, build

a new computer lab for the 'X' department."

Regardless of this lack of flexibility with the activity fund, summer students may be able to look forward to having their student fees work more directly for them.

## Inaccurate Press Release About Heineman Creates Controversy

BY AMY CAPPIELLO  
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The office of U.S. Rep. Fred Heineman, R-N.C., and the Congressional watchdog group North Carolinians for Fair Representation locked horns again earlier this week over federal mass transit funding subsidies and the congressman's 1995 and 1996 voting records.

NCFR Representative Mo Elleitheer released a press statement Friday alleging a previous Heineman release was misleading. Heineman's release disputed claims made during a June 20 press conference on mass transit funding cuts. Carrboro Mayor Mike Nelson and Chapel Hill Mayor Rosemary Waldorf spoke at the event.

"Heineman claims that the mayors were given misinformation prior to the press conference," the NCFR release stated. "He claims that he is a supporter of mass transit funding, and that the past legislation he supported on the issue did not contain a 47 percent cut from operating subsidies as claimed by (NCFR). According to the Congressional Quarterly Voting Record, however, this is not true."

Elleitheer cited three voting instances as

evidence of Heineman's lack of support for the funding of mass transit.

The first event occurred on May 18, 1995, when Congressman Heineman supposedly voted in favor of H.Con.Res.67, which called for the elimination of all federal mass transit operating subsidies by 2002. Elleitheer cited Heineman's "aye" vote as Congressional Quarterly Vote No. 1345.

Mike Scanlon, press secretary for Heineman, said no vote No. 1345 was ever taken on May 18, 1995.

"If you look at the Congressional Quarterly, vote 885 was the last roll call vote taken in 1995," Scanlon said. "They are citing phantom votes."

Elleitheer said the vote was actually No. 345. Due to recording practices of the Congressional Quarterly, which places the number one before the vote number to signify that it occurred in the first session of Congress, he had transcribed the number as "1345."

He said the mixup on the press release was a mistake on the part of NCFR, but that in vote No. 345 Heineman did vote in

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*Truth tellers are not always palatable. There is a preference for candy bars.*

Gwendolyn Brooks