Busing, Noise Top Town's Budget

Town manager Cal Horton says the University should pay for bus lines that take students to parking lots.

By KEVIN KRASNOW

Budget options, fare-free busing and buffers for fraternities were addressed by local officials and citizens at a Chapel Hill Town Council meeting Monday night.

In the annual presentation of the Chapel Hill budget to Town Council members, Town Manager Cal Horton said providing fare-free bus services would help increase ridership by an estimated 5 to 10 percent.

Horton said in order for fare-free busing to become a reality, UNC would have to pick up the costs for routes used primarily by members of the University

community.

"The University would have to pay
the full costs of fixed-route services that
are used almost exclusively by
Liversity students staff and faculty." University students, staff and faculty,

Horton cited the routes on the campus and the express services from park nd ride lots as routes that would require University funding if they were to remain involved where the University would be responsible for fielding the

Horton said because one quarter of the transit system income is derived from passenger fares and bus passes, fare-free busing would necessitate the need for town funds so that Chapel Hill could pay its fair share of the busing

"The town would pay about \$177,000 more in the next fiscal year if the farefree proposal is adopted," he said. "That is equivalent to a tax rate increase of Horton said the University would pay \$1.3 million in addition to the costs they pay now, and the town of Carrboro would pay an additional \$59,000 to fund

Horton said the towns of Chapel Hill and Carrboro have scheduled a meeting to further discuss the issue at 4 p.m. Wednesday at the Carrboro Town Hall.

In addition to fare-free busing, the council also listened as citizens presented the need for a noise buffer to quiet areas near UNC fraternities.

Citizens living on the Dobbins property, located between Cameron Avenue and Wilson Street, addressed UNC fra-

and Wison Street, addressed UNC fra-ternities as a subject of concern.

They complained that the fraternities were responsible for being loud and dis-ruptive to the general public.

Many residents, who lived on the Dobbins property, said they wanted the council to revise the Proposed Land Use Plan so that a buffer could be created, and the price problems and the said. and the noise problem could be solved

Rafael Tosado, a former UNC stu-dent at 218 Wilson Court, said that while he was working on his dissertation, the noise from nearby fraternities made it very difficult for him to concentrate.

"There was a particular noise prob-lem and a traffic of people," he said.
"When working on my dissertation it was unbearable."

However, other citizens said the noise was not a problem, and that the fraternities rarely created disruptions in their

"Chi-Psi have been good neighbors," said Shirley Van Clay, who lives at 317 Patterson Place. "After the snowstorm, the boys came over and asked if we had any problems."

The Town Council did not reach a

decision regarding the fraternities. No date has been set for a meeting dealing with this issue.

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Students Share Tales Of Protest Experience

One participant says she is proud to have tipped the media off about alleged mistreatment of activists.

By BETH O'BRIEN

Students and local residents recounted their most memorable moments from the sweeping Washington, D.C., protests that brought 25,000 activists to

fight for democracy.
At a Monday night debriefing in the Campus Y, some students talked about the excitement of being with an energetic throng of people while a few described their release from jail. "It was less of a highlight to get arrest-ed," said Dave Falk, a University

Falk and others from the Triangle area joined the masses in Washington were protesting last weekend against the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank and the Prison-Industrial Complex.

The demonstrations denounced the organizations' policies that protesters claim are detrimental to developing

The group discussed the accomplishments reaped from the weekend.
Elizabeth McLaughlin, an attorney

for the N. C. Justice and Community
Development Center, represented some
of the students in Washington and aided
them in getting released from custody.

"I'm proud of my little contribution," she said with a laugh, speaking of a phone call she made to the independent press to reveal protesters being held on school buses. "Within 20 minutes, an NBC news van was there.'

McLaughlin said she was paying careful attention to the treatment of the

protesters in custody. She heard count-less allegations of mistreatment at the hands of Washington police. Falk said that he was arrested the

night of April 15 and was kept hand-cuffed on a school bus with other protesters for 12 hours.

We didn't use the bathroom; we didn't eat," he said. "Around 4 a.m., a policeman brought in some bologna sandwiches, but I didn't even see them."

Falk also alleged seeing mistreatment of other passengers.

of other passengers.
"One cop was really abusive, calling
us stupid and asking us what we thought
we were going to accomplish," Falk
said. "He also made some very sexist remarks directed towards women.

Lucie Laurien, a doctoral candidate from Paris, underwent an even longer ordeal -police held her in custody for

"We were treated very badly - no food, no drink and total humiliation,"

she said. Laurien said she was held longer than

ost because she was unwilling to pay the \$50 fine to go free. "I wanted to see the judge, because I

wasn't sure what the meaning was," she said. "I'm French, I wanted to be sure paying \$50 didn't mean 'guilty'."

McLaughlin stressed the positive

aspects of the protest.
"The best effects were political," she

said, citing the class action lawsuit filed against Washington, D.C., by the 678

arrested protesters.

Meg Hensley, a freshman at N. C.
State University, commented on the

diversity of the group.

"We've already got a lot of potential to get everyone involved," she said, "I really think we've got something good

The University Editor can be reached

Gunfire at Zoo Kills 12-Year-Old Boy

WASHINGTON - Gunfire rang through the National Zoo on Monday evening as a feud between youths turned violent, killing a 12-year-old boy, and wounding five other children. Capt. Brian Lee, a spokesman for the

District of Columbia Fire and Emergency Medical Services, said the boy who was killed suffered grave wounds to the head and the others did not appear to have life-threatening

Hours later, police were still seeking a gunman, circling the zoo in helicopters and investigating whether shots were

"We are looking into the possibility that it is gang-related, but we are not certain," Police Chief Charles Ramsey said. He said the victims ranged in age from 11 to 16.

One girl was in serious condition with gunshot wound to the chest, and at least three others were listed in critical

A seventh victim suffered a seizure,

The zoo, a unit of the Smithsonian Institution, was playing host to an annual black family celebration day when the gunfire broke out.

Zoo visitors were shaken by the

Witnesses said the shooting occurred

near the entrance along Connecticut Avenue, one of the city's main thoroughfares.
"I am not bringing them back. These

are my grandkids. It is not safe," said Sandra Edwards, who was visiting the zoo with her grandchildren when she heard the shots and saw youths fighting. Nakisha Johnson, 17, said she saw one

ung man open fire after a feud etween youths became violent. She said the children who were

vounded were caught in the middle of the two groups of youths.

"He was just shooting at the people he was fighting" but struck the children bystanders, Johnson said.

The zoo planned to remain closed

"It is just a terrible, terrible tragedy. Our hearts go out to the families," 200 spokesman Robert Hoage said.
Witnesses said the shooting occurred

when a bottle was thrown from one group of youths at some other youths in crowd near the zoo gate.

A piece of glass struck a young oman in the face, and then shots rang out, the witnesses said.

Mayor Anthony Williams visited

Children's Hospital to console victims' Three of the wounded were taken there and all were in critical condition,

said Dr. Marty Eichelberger, the chief

Rescue Teams Locate Suspect in Malaysian Kidnapping

SEMPORNA, Malaysia - Rescue teams searching southeast Asian seas have zeroed in on assailants who kid-napped 20 hostages at a Malaysian diving resort – an attack Philippine rebels on Tuesday claimed they carried out.

Muslim rebels in the Philippines who are seeking the release of militants jailed in the World Trade Center bombing case claimed responsibility Tuesday for Malaysian kidnapping.

Philippine officials quickly expressed skepticism over the statement.

An American couple escaped the Monday evening attack in Malaysia by refusing to swim out to the kidnappers' boats and then hiding overnight in near-

Malaysian Defense Minister Najib Tun Razak said Monday that an air-andsea search team had determined where the hostages – half of whom were foreign tourists – were being held, following their abduction on the lush Sipadan Island in eastern Malaysia.

"We now know their exact location," Najib said without giving details. The Philippine and Malaysian navies were

coordinating the rescue effort.

Malaysian police said they suspected political motives" were behind the attack. "We believe a foreign element is involved," Inspector General of Police Norian Mai said.

The attack began when six masked gunmen, carrying AK-47s and a rocket launcher and speaking a Philippine language, grabbed tourists and workers and cated their cash and jewelry, Norian said.

A local marine photographer said one of the attackers identified himself as a police officer and told him to give up his watch and cellular phone.

"At first I thought he was joking ... but when I refused to obey his orders, he held a gun to my head," Danny Chin, 48, was quoted as saying by the nation-

Chin said he hid in the woods while

the kidnappers ransacked the resort.

The attackers then forced their hostages to swim a distance to two fishing boats, which then sped away and appeared to be heading into Philippine waters, officials said.

Two of the captives – James and Mary Murphy, both 51, of Rochester, N.Y. – managed to escape. Eyewitnesses said Mary Murphy didn't know how to swim, and her husband told the assailants they'd have to shoot him if they forced her into the water. The kid-

nappers apparently let them go, and the American couple ran into the bushes and hid until dawn.

The Murphys, who have been living in Australia the past two years, arrived in the Malaysian capital, Kuala Lumpur, on Monday evening but said they didn't want to talk to the media extensively

want to talk to the meun countil the hostages are released.
"I don't want to do anything that their lives," James their lives," James would endanger their lives," James Murphy said at the airport. "We haven't slept yet, but yes, we are fine."





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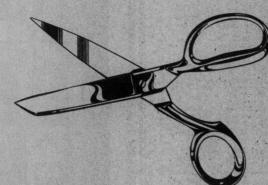
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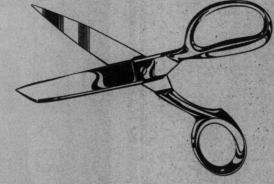
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