

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
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Budget options, fare-free busing and noise 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 University students, staff and faculty," he said.

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

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 plan.

"The town would pay about \$177,000 more in the next fiscal year if the fare-free proposal is adopted," he said. "That is equivalent to a tax rate increase of about .6 cents."

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 the fare-free busing.

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 fraternities as a subject of concern.

They complained that the fraternities were responsible for being loud and disruptive 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 noise problem could be solved.

Rafael Tosado, a former UNC student 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 problem 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 neighborhoods.

"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.

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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 arrested," said Dave Falk, a University employee.

Falk and others from the Triangle area joined the masses in Washington who 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 countries.

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 countless allegations of mistreatment at the hands of Washington police.

Falk said that he was arrested the night of April 15 and was kept handcuffed 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.

"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 27 hours total.

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

Laurien said she was held longer than most 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 here."

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Gunfire at Zoo Kills 12-Year-Old Boy

Associated Press

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 injuries.

Hours later, police were still seeking a gunman, circling the zoo in helicopters and investigating whether shots were fired by more than one youth.

"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 a gunshot wound to the chest, and at least three others were listed in critical condition.

A seventh victim suffered a seizure, Lee said.

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 episode.

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 young man open fire after a feud between youths became violent.

She said the children who were wounded 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

Tuesday.

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

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

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

Mayor Anthony Williams visited Children's Hospital to console victims' families.

Three of the wounded were taken there and all were in critical condition, said Dr. Marty Eichelberger, the chief trauma surgeon.

Rescue Teams Locate Suspect in Malaysian Kidnapping

Associated Press

SEMPORNA, Malaysia - Rescue teams searching southeast Asian seas have zeroed in on assailants who kidnaped 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 the Malaysian kidnapping. But

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 nearby bushes.

Malaysian Defense Minister Najib Tun Razak said Monday that an air-and-sea 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 lan-

guage, grabbed tourists and workers and confiscated 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 national news agency Bernama.

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 until the hostages are released.

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

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