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## Fever Picks Chaney for CAA Post

Candidates Reid Chaney and Michael Songer debated the merits of revoking Fever members' basketball tickets.

BY ELIZABETH PARROTT  
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Carolina Fever members voted overwhelmingly Friday night to endorse Reid Chaney's bid for Carolina Athletic Association president, a move some members felt was crucial to Fever's survival.

Hostility filled the audience in Gerrard Hall as Chaney and his opponent, Michael Songer, debated the merits of giving basketball tickets to Fever during a forum sponsored by Fever.

Songer plans to revoke the 169 tickets Fever is given per game to distribute among its members, while Chaney would keep the current ticket policy in place.

Chaney's platform was met with great support by the many Fever members who attended.

"I feel that the amount of support they give at these basketball games is tremendous, and they deserve these tickets," Chaney said.

But Songer said taking away the seats now given to Fever would increase the number of seats available to the student body. "I firmly believe that every student at the University of North Carolina should have an equal opportunity to go to men's basketball games," he said. "I would like to convert Carolina Fever to a true spirit and support organization."

Frustration permeated the audience as Fever members fired questions at Songer about his plans to raise support for Olympic sports.

Fever Co-chairman Eric Ellis said Fever members endorsed Chaney because they feared that revoking the group's tickets would decrease its membership and also

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## Student Groups Aim for Fare-Free Transit

BY JENNY MCLENDON,  
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Student organizations are driving a quiet campaign to pass next Tuesday's referendum for fare-free transit in Chapel Hill.

Student government officials say they are confident the proposal will pass and are not actively lobbying for its passage. They cite broad support for the student fees increase required to finance the proposal, with only isolated concerns about the program's consequences.

Student Body President Brad Matthews is bringing the issue to students' attention through door-to-door visits in residence halls and by asking presidents of student organizations to rally their

members' support for the referendum.

If passed, the proposal will increase undergraduate student fees by \$8.49 each semester for free busing in Chapel Hill. A year-round bus pass now costs students \$250 for unlimited rides on city buses.

But a UNC student active in transit issues says the proposal was not planned sufficiently and that it could have detrimental effects on the quality of the area's public transportation system.

Student Congress recently voted unanimously to put the proposal on the ballot. Speaker Pro Tem Sandi Chapman said that unless referenda are controversial, most usually pass on election day. "Students aren't all that fiscally conservative with an increase in the fees," Chapman said.

She said the intention of fare-free busing is to provide a service for all stu-

dents, particularly those who cannot afford a car or a parking pass.

The towns of Chapel Hill and Carrboro will pay 60 percent of the busing costs if the student body votes to offset the remaining 40 percent. Taxes would not be raised, Matthews said.

The Student Environmental Action Coalition voted Tuesday to support the referendum. SEAC members said they are lending their backing because they believe free busing will decrease the number of cars on campus. "It will lead to an increase in public transportation, which is a good thing for air quality," said Heather Yandow, a senior member of SEAC.

The Black Student Movement also is mobilizing members to vote yes for fare-

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### Get on the Bus?

On Tuesday, students will vote whether to increase undergraduate student fees by \$8.49 each semester to make Chapel Hill transit free to all riders. But opinions on the issue are divided.

Senior history major Brad Rathgeber says Chapel Hill Transit now receives a revenue of \$600,000 from UNC students, but fare-free busing will only generate \$400,000 to \$500,000 — a potential shortage of up to \$200,000 that the town can't afford to cover.

Rathgeber said the Transportation and Advisory Committee hasn't completed a survey about the likely affects of fare-free transit on ridership in Chapel Hill.

Chapel Hill Town Council member Kevin Foy says cutting fares will lead to an increase in demand and in buses, therefore encouraging growth in the transit system.

Foy said fare-free busing also could increase demand enough to warrant more routes, thus increasing the number of cars on the road.

Senior Heather Yandow says an increase in public transportation also will improve air quality.



NORTH CAROLINA COLLECTION, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL

Under federal court order, UNC admitted the first three blacks to the freshman class (from left) John Brandon, 18, Leroy Frasier, 17, and Ralph Frasier, 18, on Sept. 15, 1955.

## First Black UNC Students Recall Hostility, Strife

BY KAREY WUTKOWSKI  
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In 1951, UNC accepted its first black students — but not with open arms.

Compelled by a ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court, five black students were allowed to enroll in the School of Law after the court decided that equal facilities did not exist in state-maintained black schools.

With those five students, the mandatory practice of segregation was dead, but the idea behind racial separation was still very much alive.

The first black UNC students were allowed to eat with other students in the dining hall, but the administration tucked them away on the third floor of Steele Building, which was a residence hall at the time, and seated them in the section of the football stadium reserved for "colored persons."

"They were still trying to maintain segregation after the court order," said Harvey Beech, one of the first black students to enter the law school in the summer of 1951.

Beech said he wanted to come to UNC because the University did not want to let him in. And once he came to campus, he was met with indifference and, in some cases, hostility.

"I wasn't even told where the dormitory was," he said. "When they gave me my room, it was on top of Steele on the third floor with just two people."

Beech said he found companionship with the other black students, especially Kenneth Lee, but that he had to be wary of other students.

"Them all being the same hue, the color white, we couldn't tell the good ones from the bad ones," he said. "But they could tell us. It was nigger this and nigger that."

While many people at UNC treated the black students with ambivalence, Beech said there were pockets of violent behavior.

Beech said he was walking out of the dining hall with Lee when they saw that armed officers had blocked the sidewalk in front of them.

"I said, 'Kenneth, are you ready to die?'" Beech said they walked up and stood within 15

or 20 inches of the gun and stayed there until the officers backed away and let them pass.

While Beech and his fellow black classmates broke ground, the first black undergraduate students did not step on campus until 1955.

LeRoy Frasier, one of the first black undergraduate students at UNC, said he didn't dwell on the isolated incidents of hostile behavior.

"I just let those things roll off my back because there were lots of balances," he said. "Overall, I enjoyed it. I had friends."

Frasier said the most trying element was the lack of female black students on campus. "The only unusual thing was going to a place that long and never dating," he said. "It's not a normal thing in a college experience."

But David Dansby, the first black student to earn an undergraduate degree in 1961, said isolation plagued his time at UNC.

"You just weren't a part of anything," he said. "At the age of 18, you expect to interact with other students and exchange notes if you miss class. Those were the kinds of things we were not privy to."

Dansby's UNC experience took on an element of danger when he participated in the efforts to desegregate Franklin Street stores.

"Once I started the picketing in February 1960, people exploded cherry bombs at my window and door as an intimidation tactic," he said. "There were also threatening telephone calls. I thought they were cowards."

At the same time, however, Dansby began to enjoy his college experience more. "The tension came out, and I did better in school," he said.

But UNC's past racial climate has taken its toll on some of the University's first black students. While Beech said he is now able to look upon UNC fondly, he said the way he was treated was shameful. "I'm 78 years old, and it still bothers me," he said. "It causes tears to come to my eyes. I thought God had left his post for a while."

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## SBP Candidates Respond To Progressive Concerns

BY JENNY FOWLER  
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Five candidates for student body president fielded questions on issues ranging from background checks for UNC employees to sexism and racism on campus at an open forum Friday led by the Progressive Student Coalition.

Eleven student organizations, including the Student Environmental Action Coalition, Feminist Students United! and the Queer Network for Change, submitted a total of 23 questions for the

candidates to answer.

Candidates Correy Campbell and Caleb Ritter and write-in candidates Charlie Trakas and Matthew Wilhite did not attend.

The Advocates for Sexual Assault Prevention asked candidates if they would work toward a University policy that requires background checks for all employees with access to students' personal information. The ASAP supports this policy in light of two recent sexual assaults on UNC students, both allegedly committed by a former UNC employee.

"I feel it is an outrage for anyone to

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## Officials Discuss UNC's Growth Cap

BY ISAAC GROVES  
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UNC leaders asked the Chapel Hill Town Council to remove restrictions on University expansion to facilitate the University's Master Plan at the second town-gown meeting Friday.

The town-gown committee, composed of University and town officials and co-chaired by Chancellor James Moeser and Chapel Hill Mayor Rosemary Waldorf, was established so UNC and town officials could discuss growth that affects both communities.

University officials said they want the town to remove a cap on building space to expedite the process of obtaining building permits. Master Plan Director Jonathan Howes said UNC now has 13.7

million square feet of floor space either built or authorized for construction.

In about three months, the University will reach the limit of about 14 million square feet the Town Council placed on UNC floor space in the early 1980s, said Bruce Runberg, UNC associate vice chancellor for facilities services.

Chapel Hill Town Council members were not enthusiastic about giving up authority, but some, like Council member Lee Pavao, were willing to discuss raising it to a level that would allow the University to build for the next 10 years.

"You have the flexibility, we're not tying you down, but we maintain knowledge of what goes on, so that if things become a little out of hand, we can step in and protect our citizenry," Pavao said.

But Runberg said University officials

believe the cap is more of a problem than it was during the expansions in the 1980s because the current expansion is going to be much faster.

The most UNC has spent on campus construction in one year is around \$60 million, Runberg said.

According to the timetable of the Master Plan, the University will be spending about twice that annually starting within a year.

"It's a big project," Runberg said. "We're going to fix 21 percent of the buildings on campus and touch 120 classrooms. That's about five years or so to do all these classrooms. That's about \$120 million in the ground every year."

The town-gown committee came to a tentative agreement to discuss the possibility of an extended cap in the new Town

Development Ordinance. "If you could give us an amount of space within the cap that would allow us to work for the next 10 years, that would be acceptable to us," said Nancy Suttentfield, vice chancellor for finance and administration.

Officials from both sides came to the conclusion that they could not make any final decisions until the Board of Trustees approves the final version of the Master Plan at its next meeting on March 22.

Moeser invited council members to a Feb. 22 Board of Trustees workshop at the Morehead Planetarium to further discuss these issues. The meeting will be open to the public.

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Fall seven times, stand up eight.

Japanese proverb