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## Aldermen vote to delay bus system referendum

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The Chapel Hill Board of Aldermen voted Thursday afternoon to delay a community-wide referendum on a proposed public bus system until further public discussion could be held.

The next earliest possible date for the referendum, which was tentatively set for November, would be mid-January.

The board also discussed but took no action on a state study commission recommendation that UNC sell its utilities.

In a 4 to 2 decision, the aldermen decided to place the proposed \$440,000 bus system referendum on the agenda for the first board meeting in September in order to allow public opinion to be heard.

The town and campus Public Transportation Commission had proposed

the public bus system in its August report. The system would be subsidized by a community tax levy, federal funds and a \$5-a-semester fee from UNC students.

A student referendum must approve the fee increase and a community referendum must approve the ad valorem tax levy for local citizens before the system could be put into effect.

The proposed public bus system would operate alternate figure-eight loops continuously covering the UNC campus and Franklin Street. Fares would be 15 cents, with student-type passes available to the public at an undetermined charge.

Although the referendum will not be on the November ballot, several aldermen indicated their desire to see such a referendum in the near future, possibly January, 1973.

Lee Corum, student member of the

Traffic Commission, said Student Government must go ahead and consider the question even though the Board of Aldermen had put off the referendum.

Student Government must consider that even if the students pass the referendum, it must also be approved by the administration and the Board of Governors, he said.

Corum said he plans to ask for a student referendum on the plan by election in October.

"It's going to take the students, the administration and the town working together to get it together," he said.

Alderman Shirley Marshall and mayor pro tem R.D. Smith voted against the motion to delay the referendum. They agreed that more Chapel Hillians would be at the polls November 7, which would give a more accurate picture of local opinion on the issue.

Mayor Howard Lee said the question was not one of the need for such a system or whether it had priority over other needs but of the timing of putting the question before the public.

"November is not the crucial date," Lee said, adding he would like to see it in November to allow more planning time before the proposed date of August, 1973.

Alderman Joe Nassif opposed the November referendum, referring to the Traffic Commission's report.

"I see nothing here that indicates an attitude of the public," he said, "whether they would like to have it, whether they would use it." The commission's report concentrated upon the traffic patterns and needs of the local residents.

Nassif added that he thought the referendum would pass if put on the November ballot.

Alderman George Coxhead praised the commission's study but said there were too many other pressing needs for tax money.

"The cost-benefit ratio is too high for this item," he said, adding he would not vote for a referendum at this time.

All the aldermen agreed the public needed more information on the subject and more time for discussion. Smith and Marshall felt the two months before the November elections are sufficient, but the other board members wanted more time.

"I don't see how we can be ready by November," Alderman Alice Welsh said.

The report of the State Utilities Study Commission, presented this summer, recommended that the University sell its water, telephone and electrical utilities to the town of Chapel Hill and private enterprise.

The University has owned Chapel Hill's utilities since the 1800's.

Although the aldermen took no action on the issue, they generally favor a closer study of the possibility of a utilities commission to run the utilities.

A committee appointed by the UNC Board of Governors is presently considering the recommendation and will probably announce its decision at the board meeting September 8, Mayor Howard Lee said.

Alderman Alice Welsh said she saw no point in making a decision until the Board of Governors made its decision.

She later stated her public support for town ownership of all utilities.

### Questions filed

## DTH suit in new stage

Four UNC students have filed 70 questions to be answered by UNC officials in the latest move to halt student fee support of The Daily Tar Heel through federal court action.

The questions are designed to determine the support received by the newspaper and editor-in-chief by student fees, as well as the political endorsements made by the staff on local and national levels.

Other questions asked include which building and how much space is used by the DTH on campus and the procedure by which a student can take issue with an editorial or reportorial position with which he disagrees and cut off payment of his fees.

UNC officials who were asked for their party affiliation are N. Ferebee Taylor, UNC chancellor; Joseph C. Eagles, Jr., vice chancellor of finance; and William Friday, UNC president.

All three are parties in the suit, along with the UNC-CH trustees and UNC Board of Governors.

Two other questions are whether any member of the UNC Board of Governors or Board of Trustees has been a candidate for political office and whether he has received DTH support, and the names of those other than the editor-in-chief who have exerted editorial control over the DTH.

Filed in U.S. Middle District Court at Greensboro, University officials have until September 16 to file an answer. As of Thursday, no University official had received the questions, which were to be sent through the mail.

The main issue of the suit, filed during the summer, is whether the University has the right to collect fees to support a

student newspaper whose opinions are not compatible with some students. The student plaintiffs contend that being forced to support views with which they do not agree violates their constitutional rights.

By their questions, the students are trying to determine whether the newspaper and its editor are agents of the state.

In another case similar to the DTH suit involving the campus newspaper at North Carolina Central University in Durham, Chief Judge Eugene Gordon in

Greensboro ruled the University could not dictate opinion by financial support of a newspaper.

That decision now on appeal in U.S. 4th Circuit Court will be heard no earlier than mid-September, and probably closer to the first of October, according to Burley B. Mitchell, Jr., assistant state attorney general.

Students who filed the suit against DTH fees are Robert Arrington of Haywood County, David Boone of Iredell County, Rob Grady of Onslow County and Gray Miller of Buncombe County.

## McGovern rally to feature Hobby

Wilbur Hobby, chairman of the North Carolina AFL-CIO, and Chapel Hill Mayor Howard Lee will each be a keynote speaker at McGovern-For-President rallies to be held today and Saturday in Chapel Hill.

Hobby, an unsuccessful candidate for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination last spring, will speak at a campus rally at noon today in The Pit.

Other speakers at today's rally will be UNC senior Lucy Hancock, a North Carolina McGovern delegate to Miami Beach this summer. Local folksinger Decatur Jones will entertain at the rally.

Charlie Dean, youth chairman for McGovern, will also get canvassing and fund-raising efforts underway on campus. Volunteers will be sought to help in

door-to-door canvassing of the Chapel Hill area and surrounding counties.

The "Buck Nixon Club" will also be initiated at The Pit rally. This "club" is for students who give \$10 donations (a "buck a week") to the McGovern campaign fund.

Saturday's rally, sponsored by the Orange County McGovern presidential campaign, will be held in front of the University Methodist Church on East Franklin Street from 3 to 5:30 p.m.

Besides keynote speaker Lee, state McGovern campaign organizer Amanda Smith will also address the rally. Smith has worked on McGovern's Senate staff in Washington.

Free refreshments will be given and the folk-blues group, South Wing, will provide entertainment.



New books

The first day of classes often involves buying books for new courses. This student just stopped in McCorkle Place to check that he had the correct editions. (Staff Photo by Cliff Kolovson)

## Okun commends reform proposals

Chairman of the Faculty Council Dan Okun praised the academic reform proposals of the Chancellor's Committee on Undergraduate Degree Requirements Thursday in comments to The Daily Tar Heel.

"I think it's an excellent study and has many things that will commend itself to the Faculty Council," said Okun about the academic reform proposals.

The Faculty Council must approve some of the recommendations of the Chancellor's Committee.

Some of the major points of the proposals include making the normal course load four courses, advancing proficient students as quickly as possible in English 1 and 2, doing away with the current testing procedure in foreign language for incoming freshmen who have had at least two years of a foreign language in high school, doing away with the physical education requirement and making courses in that department available on a pass/fail basis, and reforming the current degree programs leading to the B.A.

Okun added that "the report has a lot of significance for the future; it encourages student initiative rather than having the instructor look over the student's shoulder at all times."

He refrained from completely

endorsing the report, saying he has not yet read the entire report carefully.

The first meeting of the Faculty Council for this fall will be Friday, September 15.

Okun feels certain many members of the council will recommend affirmative action. "It is a well thought out, carefully done report, so the faculty will give it a lot of consideration."

He said he cannot anticipate exactly what action the Faculty Council will take on the report.

The report, which includes 39 specific recommendations for changes or for further study, was released to the faculty earlier this week for their study and consideration. It is the product of several months work by a 15-member student-faculty committee originally appointed by former Chancellor J. Carlyle Sitterson. The creation of the committee was one of the many suggestions of the Godfrey Committee report of several years ago.

Various sections of the report will be acted on by the Faculty Council while others do not require such approval. Chancellor N. Ferebee Taylor may approve some sections of the report, while others may be implemented or rejected by the Dean of Arts and Sciences.

### Weather

TODAY: Mostly cloudy with chance of showers and thundershowers; highs in the mid 80's, lows in the mid 60's; probability of precipitation 30 percent.

### Thurmond visits state

## Helms gathers support

Raleigh, N.C. (UPI) - Cutbacks in federal spending will be the top priority in the U.S. Senate if the Republicans gain a majority in the fall elections, Senator Strom Thurmond (R-SC) predicted Thursday.

Thurmond made the statement at a Raleigh news conference which concluded his day-long trip in North Carolina made to endorse GOP senatorial candidate Jesse Helms.

"If we can get people such as Mr. Helms in the Senate, we can stop spending over the budget as we've been doing so many years," Thurmond told newsmen.

He said other Republican priorities would be to "strengthen the government on military lines" and enact tax reform measures.

Thurmond said many GOP-backed measures "have lost this year by two or three votes" in the Senate and he predicted that with the addition of just a few Republican Senators, "We can save this country hundreds of millions of dollars because so many votes go by close margin."

Helms has been named as one of the top "non-incumbents" in the fall races, meaning Republicans consider him among those candidates with the best chance of

taking a place previously held by a Democrat.

Helms is running against U.S. Representative Nick Galifianakis (D-NC) for the seat now held by U.S. Senator B. Everett Jordan (D-NC).

The Republican candidate, who stood by Thurmond's side during the news conference, said he agrees with the need to cut back on federal spending.

Helms said he had read that Congress

has appropriated \$15.8 billion in excess of President Nixon's requests in the first two months of the fiscal year alone.

Traveling by airplane, Helms and Thurmond appeared at Charlotte, Greensboro, Statesville, Barium Springs in Iredell County and Raleigh Thursday.

Thurmond said he will have to limit his campaign appearances because of a full schedule but he said he will make at least one more appearance on behalf of Helms.

## Fischer near win

REYKJAVIK (UPI) - Bobby Fischer and Boris Spassky Thursday night adjourned a "funny, up and down" 21st game of the world chess championship with grandmasters predicting a Fischer victory.

"We'll have a new champion tomorrow," Yugoslav grandmaster Svetozar Gligoric said after the adjournment. "Fischer definitely has a great chance of winning. His rook pawn is going to give him the title."

Fischer's second, the Reverend William Lombardy, on his way to a night of analyzing the adjourned position, said, "It's a very interesting situation. Bobby

might have a chance to win."

A victory would give Fischer the one point he needs to take the crown and become the first American modern world champion. Only Paul Morphy has claimed such a title for the United States and that was before the world championship was formed in 1866. The Russians have had the championship since 1948.

Spassky spent only six minutes thinking over his 41st move, then took his scoresheet under the table to write it down. He took it to arbiter Lothar Schmid, who sealed it with Fischer watching carefully. Then the American signed the flap.



On a leash?

On first glance it seems that Jerry Rutherford is keeping his wife Sherry on a leash, contrary to women's liberation sentiments. But a closer look shows that Sherry is carrying their tiny dog Bingo. (Staff Photo by Cliff Kolovson)