



Commenting

A BA 161 class solicited student reactions to the Ford Pinto they parked in Y Court Tuesday as part of a class project. Quentin Bass picked a convenient place to fill out the questionnaire. (Staff photo by George Brown)

# Sale, not 'divestment,' to be local utilities' fate

by Mary Newsome  
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The State Utilities Study Commission voted Monday in a close decision to change its October resolution and call for the sale of UNC's utilities.

The resolution passed October 13 provided that the commission "study, explore and make report to the Board of Governors upon the question of divesting the water, electric and telephone utility enterprises."

Monday the commission voted to "proceed with negotiations for the sale, lease, rental, transfer or other disposition of the enterprises..."

The bill, introduced by State Senator Ralph Scott, effectively eliminates the possibility of public-owned utilities or a local utilities commission to own and operate the utilities.

The State Utilities Study Commission had recommended that the University rid itself of the utilities business in its report released last summer.

A local utilities commission, consisting of representatives from the towns of Chapel Hill and Carrboro, Orange County and the University, had been discussed by the various agencies involved as a possible solution.

The new resolution, however, requires that any agency wishing to purchase the utilities from the University (the state of North Carolina) pay for it at the time of sale. A public or commission owner would have difficulty providing capital necessary to complete such a transaction.

The meeting Monday, was called by Commission Chairman John T. Church; his letter notifying commission members of the meeting did not mention the possibility that sale, as opposed to

divestment, would be discussed.

Mayor Howard Lee, Carrboro Mayor Robert Wells and Orange County Commissioner Bill Ray were all unaware that the question of rescinding last month's decision would be raised.

The resolution was prepared by the University administration, according to John Temple, assistant vice chancellor for business, but he would not name any specific individuals.

He said the alternatives of the university were:

- To keep the utilities;
- To transfer the utilities to an authority like the proposed utilities commission, with no compensation for the University;
- To make the utilities a separate corporation with the University as sole stockholder;
- To sell the utilities.

If the University does sell the utilities, the money from the sale will be deposited in the state treasury to the account of UNC at Chapel Hill.

Several members of the commission attempted unsuccessfully to table the motion in order to give all members time to study the new motion.

Vice Chancellor for Business Joseph Eagles said he and several other people both in and out of the University administration had helped prepare Scott's resolution.

Eagles said the resolution left to the two towns and the county every opportunity to bid for the purchase of the utilities.

"The town cannot accept the water system on its own," Mayor Lee said after the meeting. "I don't think that would be a good way to use the taxpayers' money."

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### Bus vote set back

by Penny Muse  
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February 6 is the new date town citizens will vote on a community bus system.

Overriding objections of Transportation Commission Chairman George Lathrop, the Chapel Hill Board of Aldermen decided Monday night to postpone the scheduled January 23 public referendum until early February.

Lathrop told board members that a delay might impede implementation of the proposed \$440,000 bus system by the September, 1973, deadline.

However, the aldermen felt more time was needed to meet legal election requirements and to publicize the issues.

"If everything breaks right, we might possibly have a bus system by next September, but it will be 'nip and tuck,'" Lathrop said Tuesday afternoon.

Explaining that he did not want to blame any specific individual or committee, Lathrop said, "A problem arises whenever you get Carrboro, University officials and Chapel Hill trying to work together."

As originally conceived, the bus system would provide service to citizens of the University, Chapel Hill and Carrboro. However, the Carrboro Board of Aldermen has delayed action on a public referendum indefinitely.

"I don't mean to sound cliched," Lathrop said, "but every minute counts. I don't want Chapel Hill to delay any longer."

Lee Corum, chairman of the student transportation committee, accepted the delay more casually than Lathrop.

"I'm concerned that a lot of students are confused about the election, and this delay gives us more time to get out and campaign," he explained.

"We've been delayed, and delayed, and delayed," he continued, "so it's kind of hard to get upset over this delay."

A proposal released last week by the University administration and the Student Government would revise the proposed bus system and the present sale of campus parking permits.

If adopted, this plan would eliminate the need for a student referendum, since the University would purchase 20,000 bus passes and re-sell them to the

students at cost. There would be no need to raise student fees.

"We are bound by action of the Carrboro Board of Aldermen," Corum explained. "I know this plan may not be satisfactory to everyone, but we are attempting to adopt a flexible plan."

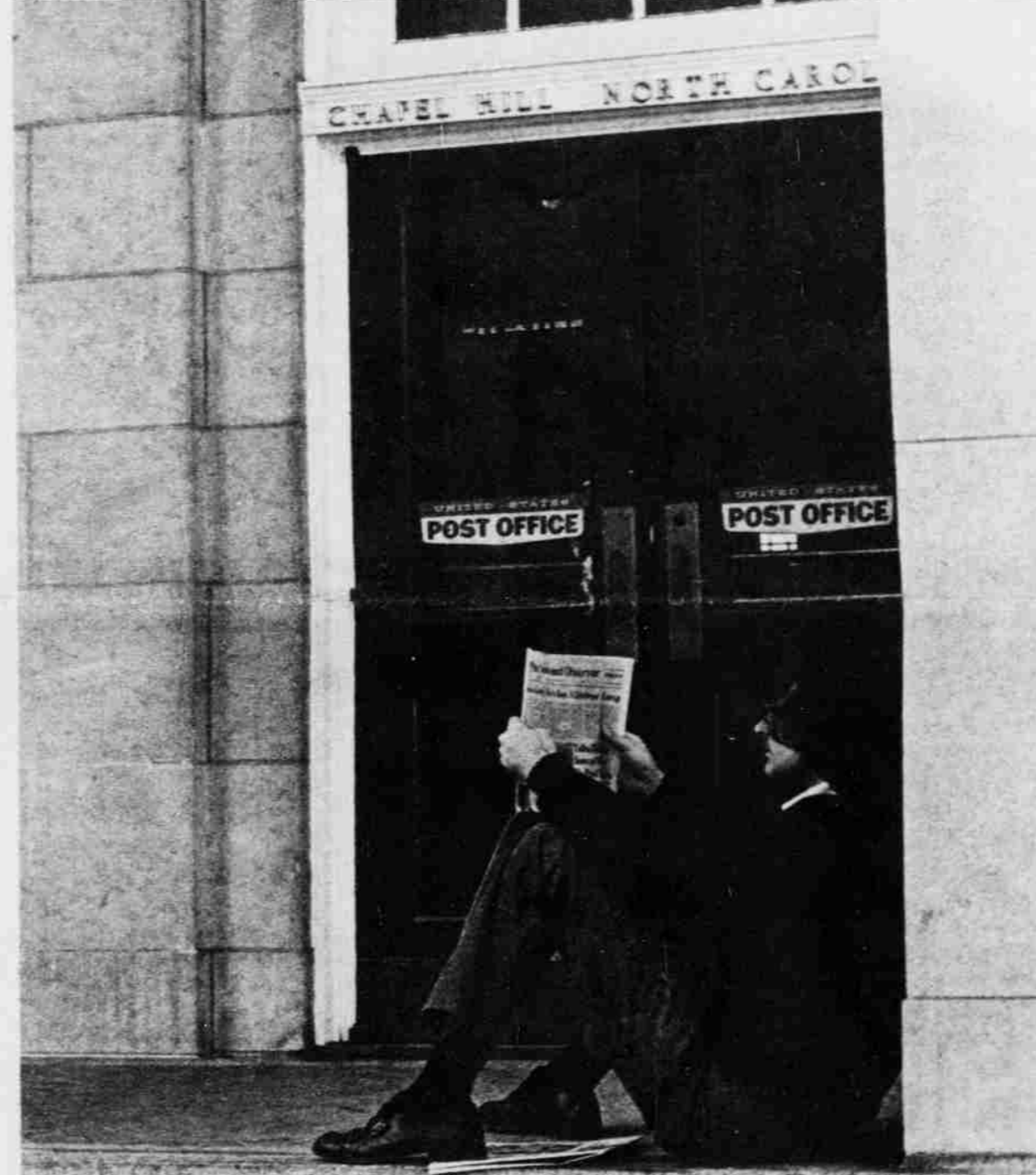
Although there will be no student referendum if the new proposal is adopted, "students still need to vote in the town referendum, if they are eligible," Corum emphasized.

Any person who is registered to vote in the town of Chapel Hill will be eligible to vote in the February 6 referendum. Registration will continue until January 8, when the books will close for the town referendum. A person must be at least 18 years of age and a resident of Chapel Hill in order to register.

Persons who are already registered are automatically eligible to vote in the referendum. Anyone who voted in the November general election is automatically registered for this vote.

Registration hours are from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. at the Chapel Hill Municipal Building on North Columbia Street.

The Chapel Hill Transportation Commission will meet Thursday night to consider specific changes in the bus system necessitated by the new proposal and by action of the Carrboro Board of Aldermen.



The Post Office steps and courtyard are a haven in the summertime for weary citizens, travelers, siesta takers and others. It was warm enough Monday for Jon Trumble to put a little life back into the place. (Staff photo by Tad Stewart)

### Zoning changes opposed

Residents of Chapel Hill protested against proposed changes in zoning ordinances at a public hearing Monday night.

In a joint meeting the Board of Aldermen and the Planning Board heard objections to a zoning amendment which would allow rehabilitation houses to locate in all Chapel Hill zoning districts except industrial ones.

Most of the residents present agreed with town physician Peter Peppy, who felt the term "group service house" was too vaguely defined and that the amendment did not allow neighborhood residents to voice an opinion on location of such homes.

Alderman Ross Scroggs proposed establishing an alternate system which would require each individual home to apply for a special permit, similar to the one sororities and fraternities must receive.

The State Employees Credit Union asked the board for a special permit to construct an office building on Pittsboro Road.

Area residents, including several University professors, objected that the introduction of a large number of cars into the neighborhood would make it more difficult to walk to class or downtown.

### Weather

TODAY: Sunny, high in the low 50's; low in the upper 30's; probability of precipitation 10 percent through tonight.



Dangling

Only the feet of these art students could be seen from this Lenoir Hall window as they sat waiting for their next class. Or were they really waiting for inspiration to strike? (Staff photo by Tom Lassiter)

### Lollipop

#### Books stress child liberation

by Harriet Sugar  
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Can Sally, Dick and Jane find true happiness in their completely unstifled surroundings?

Perhaps Jenny, Martin and Joshua can prove this.

Lollipop Power is a local women's liberation collective which writes, illustrates and publishes books for the liberation of young children from sex-stereotyped behavior and role models.

Jenny, Martin and Joshua are three of these "liberated" youngsters.

Lollipop Power believes most children's books present a limited perspective on adult life. Thus, they strive to combat this. Many mothers work; many fathers are nurturant; many children do spend their days in day care centers; many families are not white and middle class.

"Martin had the best father in the world. In the morning, father would cook eggs and toast and they would eat breakfast. Then Martin and his father did the laundry together. (From "Martin's Father")"

Lollipop Power does not intend to revise sex roles with these books; they only desire to create a world in which each person, boy or girl, may choose from the entire range of occupations and lifestyles. It would be fine, according to Lollipop Power, if a woman chose child care as her major interest. And it would be fine, according to Lollipop Power, if a man chose carpentry, as long as both were equally free to choose the opposite occupation and as long as neither was expected to choose one on the basis of sex.

In addition, Lollipop Power tries to show that both boys and girls can be independent and adventurous, emotional and expressive.

"Do you know how to fix a flat, catch a cat, nab a gnat? Would you like to knock a nail, bind a bail, wash a whale, or set a sail? ... What can you do? What will you try? The choice is up to you." (From "Did You Ever?")

In the six books Lollipop Power has printed so far, other values are also reflected. Children are shown in the books having to cope with their emotions and problems. The violence and destructiveness of society are discouraged by the lack of such activities as football and playing with guns. New standards of success and failure are suggested.

Lollipop Power, a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization started in 1969, grew out of a Chapel Hill-Durham Women's Liberation group. High school, college and graduate students, librarians, and teachers at all levels from nursery school to university comprise the group. Many of the women are married and some have children.

Being a collective, the group designates no specific chairwoman: all members rotate jobs and serve equally as discussion leader.

Despite the fact that the only publicity actively sought by the group was one newspaper ad about a month ago, response has been good. A year ago, its mailing list numbered 800; today it has reached 2,700. Nationwide requests for the books have been received from women's liberation groups, librarians, bookstores, teachers in day care centers and elementary schools, and even college teachers of children's literature and library science.

In addition, Lollipop Power has participated in numerous conferences and forums on sex roles and is available as a community resource.

Though the collective donates many books to needy schools, libraries and day care centers, the normal charge is \$1 per copy. (Just in case you're interested in ordering any books, all orders must be prepaid.)

This charge is not enough to cover all expenses however. Regrettably, at present, Lollipop Power has to depend on loans and contributions to compensate for this. Though they wish they could, Lollipop Power cannot pay authors, illustrators or even their own members for their work. The only worker paid is the one person who handles the mail distribution of the books.

Anyone is a potential author or illustrator of these books. After a script is submitted, it is considered at the weekly Thursday night meeting, and if tentatively approved, submitted to workshops for editing. Sample drawings are then received, and after the best are chosen, they also go through these workshops.

When it comes time to publish the books, Lollipop Power tackles this job themselves, for a variety of reasons. Affirming that publication companies discriminate against female employees, Lollipop Power member Paula Goldsmid stated, "We don't want to do business with publication companies that operate in a sexist manner." Independent book publishing also offers the women a chance to learn new skills and operate on their own and, as Goldsmid declared, "We have more control over what goes into the books this way."

By the time the book is published, the efforts of many people have been contributed. Because of the members' other full-time commitments and because of the democratic and collective process, the final product does take a long time to evolve. But this way of working is what Lollipop Power is all about. As Goldsmid stated, "We teach and learn from each other and actively work for the women's movement at the same time."

Lollipop Power knows Sally, Dick and Jane will someday make that break out of their traditional roles in society. And Lollipop Power is hoping Jenny, Martin and Joshua will be able to help.