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## Carrboro bus vote slated for May 5

by Mary Newsom  
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Carrboro will hold a referendum May 5 on the proposed public bus system, the Board of Aldermen decided Tuesday night.

The board agreed February 13 to hold such a referendum, but delayed setting the date.

The ballot will contain two items. The first item would, if approved, allow the town to issue bonds for the purpose of funding a public transportation system.

The second item would let the public show approval or disapproval of a tax

levy to support such a system.

The bond issue, if approved, would be legally binding on the board, but the tax levy would not.

However, according to Carrboro Town Manager Frank Chamberlain, a new law which takes effect July 1 would effectively invalidate the public vote taken in May.

The present law, according to Lee Corum, a student representative on the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Joint Transportation Commission, specifies certain items, like public transportation, as non-necessities. Any tax levy for non-necessities must be approved by a

vote of the people, Corum said.

The new law reclassifies public transportation as a necessity. Therefore, after July 1, any budget item or tax levy for public transportation can be budgeted through normal procedures—no referendum is needed.

Chamberlain said that in the opinion of Carrboro Town Attorney William Staton, the referendum on the tax levy May 5 would have to be considered only a straw vote, since it would not be legally binding on the Board of Aldermen after July 1.

"By having it May 5," Chamberlain said, "we're having it as soon as is practically possible."

Aldermen Fred Chamblee and Mary Riggsbee voted against the May 5 date. Chamblee said he voted against the issue because he had wanted a referendum on levying taxes for a recreation system in Carrboro on the same ballot. Pre-election requirements for the recreation referendum could not be met by the May 5 date.

A similar bus referendum was approved by Chapel Hill voters February 20.

Corum said he had been pushing for an earlier date. "My preference would have been the middle of April," he said. "Action should have been taken earlier. But, it was a difficult problem for the Board of Aldermen. I'm glad they're cooperating with the commission."

He said the commission would be working before the referendum, trying to provide information on the bus system to the citizens.

Voter registration books will be open until April 6, Chamberlain said.

Any registered voter in Carrboro who has moved to a new precinct, or any qualified person not yet registered, should contact the Orange County Board of Elections in the Orange County Courthouse in Hillsborough. The office is open from 9 a.m. until noon and from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

## Faculty reports University bias against women

Discrimination against women exists in the University and should be eliminated, according to the Committee Report on the Role and Status of Women to be presented Friday to the Faculty Council.

The report revealed discrepancies reported between men and women in hiring, promotion, tenure and salaries and made several recommendations:

➤ Immediate distribution to all deans, department heads, faculty and staff of a notice barring discrimination on the basis of sex within the University.

➤ Preparation of an action program to recruit, employ and compensate women on a basis equal with men. A director and staff sensitive to women's problems were recommended for the program.

➤ Establishment of a standing committee on the status of women, concerned with the needs of all University women.

➤ Active recruitment of women by individual departments for all faculty positions.

➤ Revision of the current University policy which forbids the employment of close relatives within the same department. (The report suggests that individuals only be barred from holding supervisory positions in which they would oversee the activities of close relatives.)

➤ Review of the salary rank, work load and department opportunities of every woman faculty and staff member to assure that they are not suffering discrimination, with adjustments where discrepancies are found.

➤ Elimination of pregnancy leave as a special category, and creation of a personal leave without pay, for men or women, to care for children.

➤ A change in policy to permit

appointment of regular faculty members at any rank on a part-time basis of half the normal load or more. (The report recommends that teaching loads for such appointments not exceed half the normal load for full-time appointments.)

➤ That appointments for lecturers and visiting professors not be made for more than two consecutive years until a report is filed with the director of the action program to explain why appointment as a full faculty member has not been made.

The report found that the proportion of women is highest in the non-voting, one-year appointment categories of lecturer and instructor.

University Women for Affirmative Action (UWAA) Tuesday night voiced support for the report, but recommended several additions and revisions.

UWAA recommended that the University publish the text of its negotiations with HEW, and that a list of steps being taken to create an Equal Employment Opportunity Committee be published as well.

The group also recommended that the Chancellor send notice of the end of discriminatory practices to all departments within a three-month time limit; that a woman be appointed to head the proposed action program; that the proposed standing committee be composed of at least 50 per cent women; that there be a further investigation of fringe benefits for women employees; and that the University provide adequate day-care facilities.

UWAA concluded its statement with the assertion that if significant progress toward equal opportunities for women in the University has not been achieved within six months, the group will take legal action.

## Who said it was Spring...



With exams looming large on the horizon, assignments made at the beginning of the semester quickly coming due and life had in general now that spring break is over, all UNC students needed was for the weather to screw them up.

And the weather did it to us right in the car Wednesday afternoon. Tuesday night and Wednesday morning had been obnoxious enough with this horrible, drizzling rain falling from the skies. Well, it couldn't last forever.

Frank Deal and Frank Field predicted a change. The crack meteorologists were right, but the change wasn't a clearing trend. The precipitation merely changed colors. Snow, snow, snow.

Flurries began at 4:30 p.m. They came without the traditional "Oh boy! It's snowing!" Chapel Hill greeting, though. Response was muttered curses of unprintable profanity.

Students arrived home with their yellow safety raincoats powdered white, their faces angered red and their bodies verging on frostbite because they were wearing short-sleeved shirts, rolled-up jeans and summer sandals.

Those incredible pink and white dogwood trees between Murphey and Saunders are probably ruined for the season. All those green sprouts on the trees are probably brown now.

Suffice it to say, you really messed things up, Winter.

Thanks a lot.



## Students increase voter rolls

# Precinct revisions suggested

by Gerry Cohen  
Special to the DTH

A tentative plan to increase Chapel Hill's election precincts from 10 to 15 has been prepared by the Orange County Board of Elections.

The plan, released at a public hearing Tuesday night, would mainly affect precincts where large numbers of students have swelled the voter rolls since the lowering of the voting age.

Country Club precinct (Woollen Gym) would be split into three districts. Precincts to be divided in half are Estes Hills, East Franklin and Westwood.

Many students living off-campus would find shorter trips to the polls under the plan, but those in some dorms would find the polls much further away.

Country Club, the main dormitory precinct, is proposed to be split as follows: Morrison, Ehringhaus, Parker, Teague, Avery, and the Chapel Hill Country Club area will continue to vote at Woollen Gym in the old Country Club Precinct.

James, Craige, Odum-Victory Village and Purefoy Road would become Mason Farm precinct and vote at the Community Church on Purefoy Road.

Winston, Connor, Joyner, Cobb, Alexander, Carr, the Upper and Lower Quads, Ghingoul area and Greenwood Road area would become Greenwood precinct and would vote at the new Consolidated University Office on the

Raleigh Road nearly one mile from campus.

Alderman, Kenan, McIver, Old East, Old West, Spencer, Northampton Plaza, Brookside and Towne House would continue voting at the East Franklin precinct in the public library.

Camelot, Shepherd Lane and Davie and Tenney Circles would become the Strowd Hill precinct and would vote at the Masonic Temple near the Villa Teo Restaurant.

Granville Towers, Whitehead, Cameron Avenue and Big and Little Frat Courts would continue voting at Lincoln School, but the precinct name would be changed to Lincoln.

Kingswood Apartments and Westwood would become the Westwood precinct and vote at Frank Porter Graham Elementary School, next to Kingswood.

Stratford Hills would continue in the Estes Hills precinct, voting at Guy B. Phillips Junior High.

According to Election Board Chairman Marshall Cates, a final decision on the precinct changes will be made in about two weeks, after there is more public reaction to the proposals.

The proposal envisions all precincts having between 800 and 1,200 voters, to cut delays on election day.

## Weather

TODAY: Mostly sunny with a high in the low 50's. Low expected tonight in the middle to upper 30's. Near zero per cent chance of precipitation.

# HEW files court appeal on desegregation ruling

by William March  
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The Department of Health, Education and Welfare has filed an appeal against the recent district court desegregation ruling which would have forced UNC to file a desegregation plan.

William Friday, president of the University system, said Wednesday that he was informed in a conversation with Peter Holmes, director of HEW's Civil Rights Office, that a motion had been filed to stay the judgment by District Court Judge John Pratt of the District of Columbia.

A three-judge panel sat on the motion Wednesday. Friday said, but as yet their decision is not known. A motion asking permission to appeal Pratt's ruling has also been filed, according to Friday.

If the judgment is stayed, the 120-day deadline set by Pratt for the filing of desegregation plans by several higher education systems in southern states will not remain in effect.

The ruling handed down by Pratt on

Friday, March 2, dealt mainly with elementary and secondary public schools, but also concerns public higher education systems. Earlier news leaks from HEW indicated that the portions of the ruling dealing with elementary and secondary schools would be appealed.

The UNC administration has maintained that it has taken steps to comply with the 1964 Civil Rights Act, which Pratt's ruling is designed to enforce. Title VI of that act prevents federal funds from going to segregated school systems.

"The time has long since passed," stated Pratt's ruling, "for this act to be enforced." The ruling named UNC as one system which had failed to comply by filing a plan for desegregation.

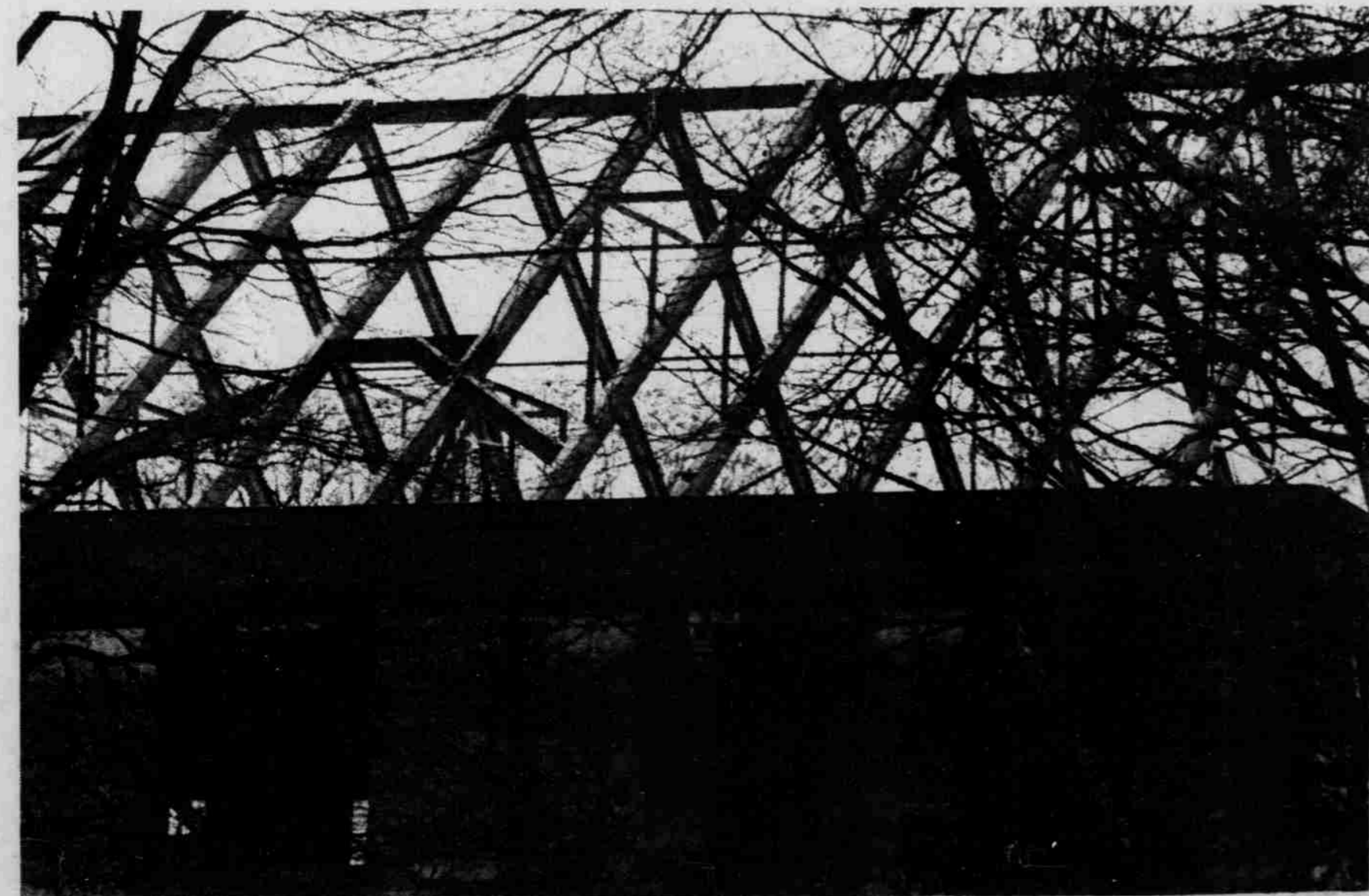
Such a plan has been formulated in the past, according to Dr. Cameron West, vice president of planning for UNC, Friday and others. At the time of Pratt's ruling, they said, the plan was in the form of a 60-page draft. Since Pratt's ruling, UNC officials have announced that work on the plan was being renewed.

The plan was expected to be reviewed by the chancellors of the various campuses, the UNC Board of Governors and the offices of Governor Holshouser and the North Carolina attorney general in time for submission to HEW before the deadline.

As evidence that UNC has been complying with the law, West has also cited increasing integration of predominantly black and predominantly white campuses of UNC.

The reasons for delay in the submission of the plan, according to Friday and West, were that restructuring of the University last year made previous work obsolete. Unofficial sources have also cited confusion on the part of federal representatives as to whether enforcement of the Civil Rights Act would go forward.

"After initial visits and directives from HEW representatives from 1969 to 1971," said West, "HEW did not communicate with individual universities or state agencies here."



## Rising from ashes

October 1971 and the Delta Kappa Epsilon house on the corner of Cameron and Columbia Streets burned in the night.

But, like the Phoenix, a new DKE house has been slowly rising from the ashes. There's more about it on page 6.

(Staff photo by Cliff Kolovson)