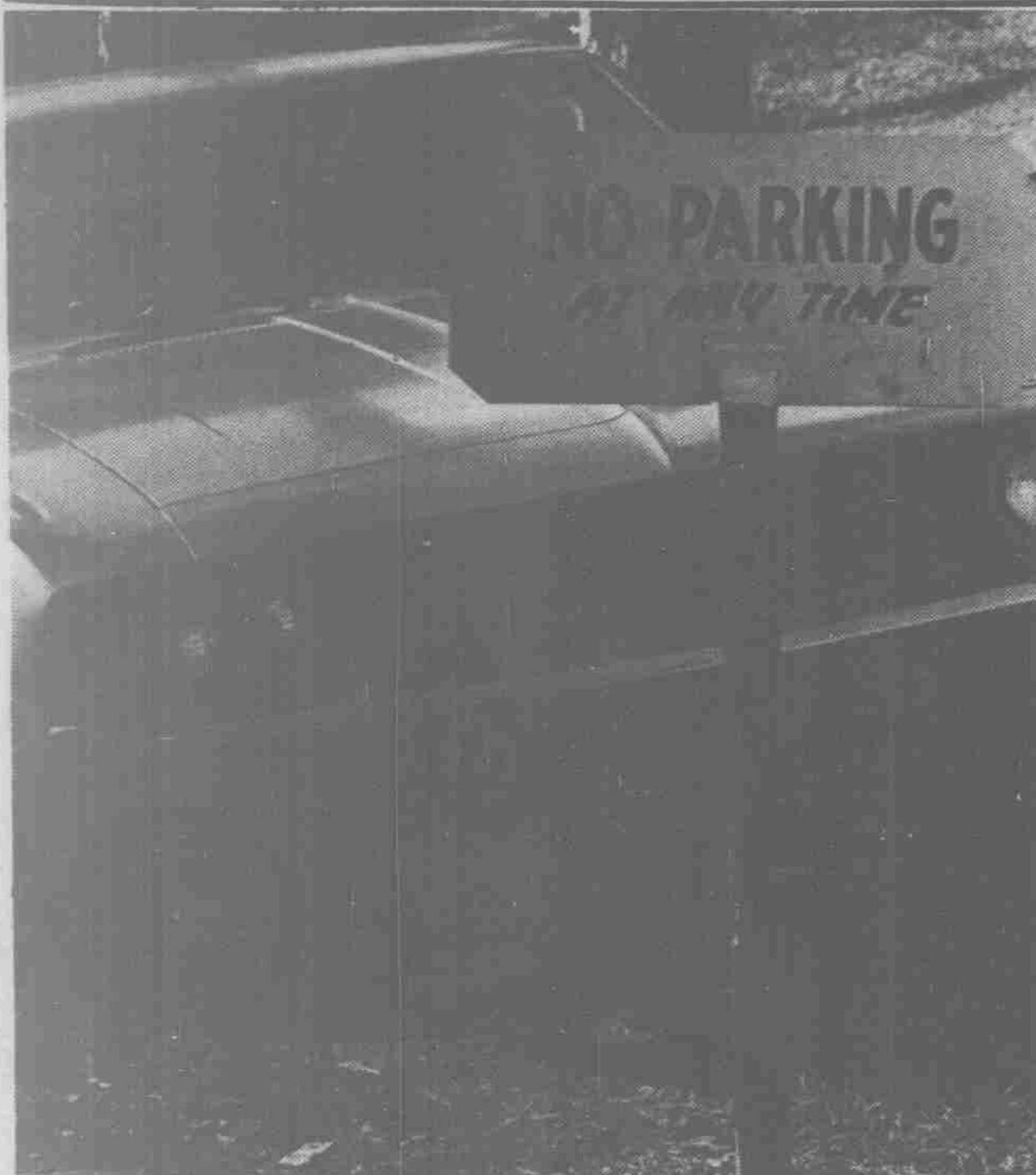


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Parking space is always at a premium in Chapel Hill, and it's not unusual to see someone breaking the rules in order to get to class. This student undoubtedly hopes he'll have a car when he returns.

Aldermen receive expansion proposal

by David Klingler
Staff Writer

The Chapel Hill Board of Aldermen heard the first in a series of recommendations from its Charter Commission Monday on proposals to revise and expand the Chapel Hill Planning Board.

In its first formal proposal to the Board since its organization in Nov., the Commission recommended that the present 10 member Planning Board be expanded to 12 in the event that the planning district is extended into Durham County.

Joseph L. Nassif, Charter Commission chairman and former member of the Board of Aldermen, said that the proposed increase would allow six representatives from Chapel Hill, four from Orange County, and two from Durham County.

Efforts to expand the Planning Board and regionalize its authority have been interpreted as a response by local governmental officials to the growing urbanization of south Orange County.

The aldermen are operating under a March 1 deadline for action on the proposed changes and application to the General Assembly for enabling legislation needed to alter the representation. Feb. 11 has been

scheduled for a public hearing on the Charter Commission's recommendations.

In other actions, the Board of Aldermen:

- Received a report from Pearson H. Stewart, Executive Director of the Triangle "J" Council of Governments pertaining to funding of local water pollution control programs by the Environmental Protection Agency.

- Rejected a petition by the Chapel Hill branch of ECOS to assume operation of the town newspaper recycling program and use city property for the storage of scrap paper. Town Manager Chet Kendzior based his objections on the lack of consistent manpower and transportation contained in the ECOS proposal.

- Appointed Alderman Gerry Cohen as chairman of a task force designed to investigate the possibility of establishing a "sister city" program in Chapel Hill. The concept pairs American and foreign communities for the purpose of cultural exchanges.

- Received a position paper from the Chapel Hill Preservation Society approving the principle of historic zoning and support the creation of regulations governing the Chapel Hill Historic District.

Technical experts say erasures no accident

by United Press International
WASHINGTON—The 18½-minute gap in one of President Nixon's key Watergate tapes was caused by erasing and re-recording the tape as many as nine times, technical experts reported to U.S. Judge John J. Sirica Tuesday.

Further, the experts said, the erasures had been caused by hand operation of the machine on which it was played—not by a foot pedal as Nixon's secretary, Rose Mary Woods, insisted under oath she had used while working with the tape.

The experts said there was evidence the tape had contained conversation but that

there was no known way of recovering an intelligible version.

Without saying so directly, the panel of six audio experts strongly suggested in their final report on the June 20, 1972 tape that its obliteration apparently was deliberate.

"Magnetic signatures that we have measured directly on the tape show that the buzzing sounds were put on the tape in the process of erasing and re-recording at least five, and perhaps as many as nine, separate and contiguous segments.

The 18.5-minute segment could not have been produced by any single, continuous operation," the report said.

They said they had been able to find three speech fragments, each less than one second in length, on the tape at places where tests indicated there had been brief interruption in the erase and re-record process.

Sirica, who recessed hearings into the tapes issue early last month while awaiting the experts' report, immediately called an open court hearing at which the experts were summoned to testify.

Copies of the report were given to special prosecutor Leon Jaworski and his staff and to White House lawyers at a meeting with Sirica early Tuesday morning. Copies were handed to reporters shortly after lunch.

The White House issued a statement saying the experts' report had been received and was under review, and that "it would be altogether incorrect and improper for premature judgments or conclusions to be reached" about the tape now.

The tape involved a conversation Nixon had with then White House Chief of Staff H. R. Haldeman on the first working day after the June 17, 1972, Watergate bugging arrests. Haldeman's notes of that meeting show that Watergate was discussed during the 18 and a half minute segment now obliterated by a loud buzz.

The experts concluded that the buzzing "originated in the noise picked up from the electrical power line to which the recorder was connected."

They also concluded there had been conversation on the tape at one time although they believe there is "no technique that could recover intelligible speech from the buzz section."

Miss Woods testified that she had an "accident" while attempting to transcribe the tape last Oct. 1.

She said she was distracted by a telephone call and apparently pushed the "record" button by mistake while attempting to stop the machine and apparently had kept her foot on a pedal that kept the machine in motion, thus erasing it.

But she testified repeatedly she could have caused a gap of no more than four and one-half to five minutes and not the full 18 and a half minutes.

But the experts concluded that the erasure had to have been caused by "hand operation of the keyboard controls" of the Uher Universal 5000 machine Miss Woods was using.

"Further, whether the foot pedal was used or not, the recording controls must have been operated by hand in the making of each segment," the report said.

The Uher machine requires that the "record" and "play" buttons must be pushed simultaneously to erase or re-record a tape. Miss Woods testified she did not do this.

Sen. Daniel K. Inouye, D-Hawaii, a member of the Senate Watergate committee, issued a statement saying he was "very much disturbed and distressed" by the experts' report.

"I was hoping," he said, "that the technical experts would have reported that this was the result of some accident."

SCAU discounts in effect

2 of 3 shops join plan

by Henry Farber
Staff Writer

Two merchants who said Monday they were not contacted about participating in the Student Consumer Action Union's (SCAU) 10 per cent discount program, said Tuesday they would participate.

The managers at both locations of Endicott Johnson shoes and the manager of Eckerd's Drugs at Eastgate all said they now plan to participate in the two-week program ending Jan. 28.

All three managers were critical of SCAU's handling of the arrangements before the program started, and said it was not made clear that they would be included.

Larry Staples, manager of Endicott Johnson at University Mall said SCAU was to bring signs and advertising to his store. "They were late in bringing anything," he said. "It was just a mess-up."

Willie Ray, manager of Endicott Johnson at Eastgate said, "The discount program is off to a slow start right now. I don't know if it's that students aren't buying shoes or what."

Ray expressed disappointment that he did not receive his first store posters from SCAU until yesterday afternoon. He said he thought the program started last Thursday. Forest Jones of Eckerd's at Eastgate said,

"A lot of things should have been cleared up." He said his last contact with SCAU about the discount was a letter from the student government organization when the discount was in the proposal stage.

Jones said Eckerd's would go along with the program. "We are happy to cooperate," he said, "and we are going along with it now."

Johnny Martin, president of the Eastgate Merchants Association and manager of Woods 5 & 10, said, "I was contacted in November, but SCAU had never got back in touch with me as was my understanding," to finalize the agreement.

Martin said the only thing finalized in the letter concerned proposed publicity. He said the letter read, "You will be receiving a copy of all publication and publicity releases once the project gets underway."

He also said "we were told we would approve all publications" before becoming involved in the project, but added that he had never received the final publicity plans for approval.

Margot Townsend, discount project coordinator for SCAU, said Tuesday all stores were contacted and made aware of their involvement in the program.

Townsend said Eckerd's was contacted but said there was a misunderstanding about the date. She said Eckerd's wanted certain stipulations made before they participated. She said they wanted "fair trade" items

excluded from the program, an increase in advertising, and a decrease in the length of the program from last semester's three weeks to two weeks for this semester. She said all stipulations were met for all stores participating.

Townsend said Jones was contacted at the end of last semester's discount program. "We assumed they would participate again since their stipulations were met," she said.

The Record and Tape Center, named by SCAU in their discount program publicity as participating, will not offer the reduced prices to students at either of their Chapel Hill stores.

Bill Ray, manager of the West Franklin Street store, which is going out of business, said, "We explained to them (SCAU) the situation in both stores, and agreed not to give ten per cent off."

The NCNB Plaza location of Record and Tape Center is also not participating. Ray said, since they are selling \$5.98 records for \$3.94, The East Franklin street store is "one step from bankruptcy," Ray said.

Townsend is optimistic about the success of this spring's discount project. "Participating merchants have noticed that students are patronizing these stores as a result of the project," she said.

"We initiated the program," she said, "so students would get the idea that merchants are not trying to rip them off."

Weather

TODAY: Warming and clear, with decreasing cloudiness. The high is expected in the low to mid 50's. The low is expected in the low 40's. The probability of precipitation is zero for today and tonight. Outlook: Sunny and cool.

Hughston appointed justice

The Campus Governing Council approved the appointment of Don Hughston, 20, to the Supreme Court in its meeting last night. The council also approved the appointments of 12 new members to the Graduate Honor Court.

Hughston is a sophomore American Studies major. He has served as president of the N.C. Association of Student Councils and served as a national consultant for racial desegregation in Southern schools. The organization is an agency of the President's Council on Children and Youth.

The nominees to the Graduate Honor Court approved in last night's CGC meeting are:

D'Ann Campbell, Susan Arnold, Estelita

Jackson, Lucinda Jones, Pete Szewczynsek, Laureen Frinson, Gregory Dominique, James Cuthbertson, Dana Murphy, Ann Hardinger, Janice Sanchez, and Patricia Valenti.

The Council's Appointment Committee had questioned the process used to select the nominee to the Supreme Court in its afternoon meeting yesterday.

"We are seeking more information about the selection process as a guide to our eventual action," Robert Hackney, chairman of the appointments committee said.

The decision to approve the nominees was made too late for approval by the Agenda Committee and the council moved

immediate consideration and approved the nominations by consent.

Student Body President Ford Runge also announced that he will hold interviews to select a candidate for Chairman of the Elections Board.

The interviews will be held today through Friday during the afternoon. Any student interested in the position may apply at this time. The job of elections chairman will require considerable work in the upcoming student body election.

The Council will consider the Judicial Reform document in a special meeting of the CGC on Thursday, Jan. 24. This will follow two meetings of the Judicial committee to consider the document and make recommendations.

General Assembly to start '74 session

by Greg Turosak
Staff Writer

The North Carolina General Assembly convenes at noon today in Raleigh to begin dealing with legislation left from the 1973 session.

A total of 980 bills remain to be acted upon from the last session—largely due to the fact that the legislature decided last year to convert to annual sessions.

The primary issue will concern medical education. East Carolina University is seeking a four-year medical school, as recommended by the House Manpower Training and Education Commission. The University of North Carolina Board of Governors is against the proposal.

During the 1973 session, the Assembly passed a bill placing \$7.5 million in a reserve fund to be used by the Board of Governors for the creation of a four-year medical school at ECU, but the money has not been released.

State Senator A.B. "Lonnie" Coleman, D-16th district which includes Chapel Hill, said Tuesday that he would go along with the Board of Governors' recommendation and "back them both in principle and in sentiment." Coleman said he thought the Board of Governors should have the say rather than a political commission formed by the Assembly.

Another major issue will be the state budget. For the second straight year, North Carolina's budget will show a surplus. The House Finance Committee has recommended a \$51 million tax reduction package to utilize this money.

This tax package could involve four items: reduction of personal taxes on lower incomes; granting a tax credit to wholesalers, manufacturers and retailers for the inventory

taxes they must pay to local governments; a tax break for the elderly; and abolishment of the sales tax on food.

Another issue to be considered is North Carolina's capital punishment law which currently makes the crimes of arson, rape, first-degree murder and first-degree burglary punishable by death.

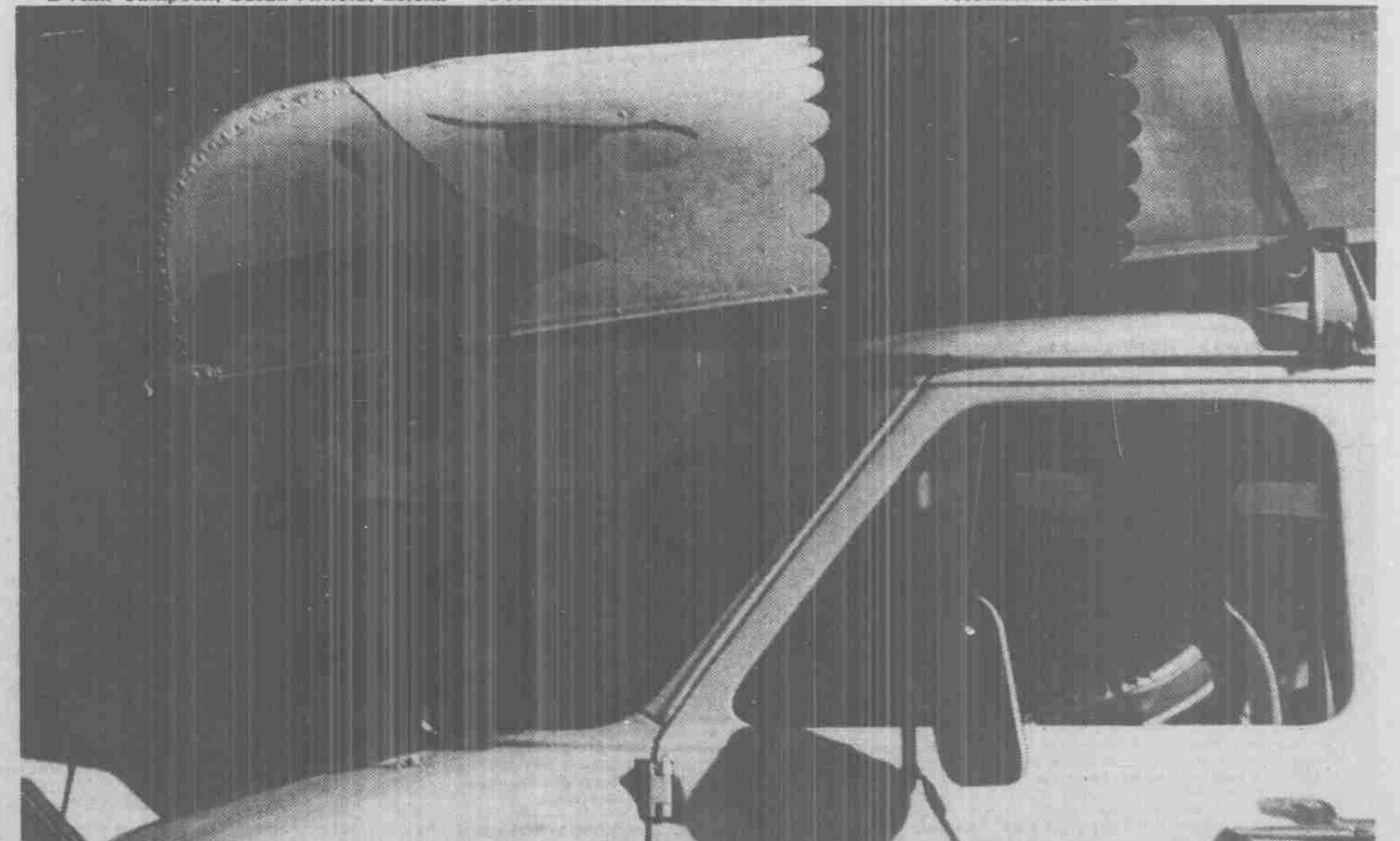
Coleman said he would like to see capital punishment abolished entirely, "but I'm in a small minority." He said, however, that it would be a vast improvement if the list of crimes could be reduced to first-degree murder.

A campaign financing reform bill and an ethics bill covering both the legislative and executive branches of government will also be considered. The campaign financing bill as originally conceived would prohibit corporate contributions and would be stricter on reporting contributions and expenditures.

The Assembly will also discuss a no-fault insurance package, favored by Insurance Commissioner John Ingram; environmental bills dealing with growth and the use of beaches, marshland and mountain areas; an anti-obscenity bill; welfare reform; prison reform; prevention of corporal punishment in schools; workmen's compensation laws; governmental immunity; and redistricting.

On Thursday the Assembly will hear Gov. Jim Holshouser's legislative message and receive his estimated \$3.2 billion budget for 1974-75.

Coleman predicted that no major legislation would come before the Assembly during the first few days it is in session, and of today's opening session Coleman remarked, "We'll probably introduce some bills, give a few speeches, tell some funny stories and adjourn."



You see the strangest things in Chapel Hill

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