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Rain returned to a sun-drenched Chapel Hill campus Thursday as the spring season ended even before it began. Most students ran to bars or dorm rooms to evade the

weather, but this couple chose to stay outside and enjoy the privacy.

(Staff photo by Martha Stevens)

Student participation sought in Carrboro

by Janet Langston
Staff Writer

Petitions to support a mass transit system in Carrboro will be circulated soon, Student Transportation Commissioner Lew Warren said Thursday.

Warren called for support Thursday to collect signatures for the petitions, to be presented to the Carrboro Board of Aldermen. Warren estimated that he needs at least 15 persons to help with the petitions. "Student participation in Carrboro is crucial on this issue," said Warren. He added that Carrboro residents will be isolated and inconvenienced without bus service if UNC begins its proposed off-campus parking system in August.

The new parking system provides for fringe lots to be serviced by a shuttle bus system. Parking rates will be increased also, and the number of on-campus spaces drastically reduced. Priorities for these spaces have not been determined, but the majority of drivers will have to park off-campus or use the municipal bus system. If Carrboro had a bus system, faculty,

staff and students could ride directly to campus, Warren said. Otherwise, Carrboro residents will have to drive to the proposed Airport Road lot and take a shuttle bus to campus.

A public transportation commission was created Monday night by the Carrboro Board of Aldermen. The group is to study specific costs and levels of service to Carrboro and make a proposal within 30 days on whether to hold a third transit referendum in Carrboro.

Each alderman selected a candidate to serve on the commission. Alderman Braxton Foushee postponed his nomination trying to name a student to the commission, but did not know any interested students who could serve.

Nine members were appointed to the commission. Six were named by the aldermen, while three represent the Carrboro town government. No students are on the commission.

Foushee said that more positions on boards and commissions will be available in the future, and urged students living in Carrboro to serve.

Warren said any students interested in working on a commission or in gathering names for the petitions should contact him in Suite C of the Carolina Union today or Monday, or call him at home (968-9071).

The petition, in part, calls for a bus referendum "provided that current study indicates that the proposed system is the most feasible, efficient and economical solution to the Town's transportation problems."

The petition will show the aldermen that a majority of support still exists for a bus

system, Warren said.

He said a petition circulated last year caused a public referendum on mass transit to be held.

The petitions are "a step in a series of steps" which began when the second bus referendum was defeated in Carrboro by only 50 votes in May, 1973, Warren said. He blamed the timing of the referendum as the major reason for its defeat.

Warren recalled the difference student voting support made from the first referendum in May of 1971 and the May 1973 referendum. The first referendum did not solicit a student vote, and was consequently defeated by a 2 to 1 margin, he said.

Warren is confident that a mass transit system would have been approved in May of 1973 if the referendum had been held when more students were in town. Warren and other student government leaders have charged Carrboro aldermen with purposely delaying the referendum until a week after exams had begun to weaken student voting.

Carrboro Mayor Robert J. Wells Jr. denied these charges, saying that the water and sewer bonds in February were enough for one referendum. Wells said the voters would have been confused if the bus issue was included on the February referendum.

The Carrboro commission is chaired by Harriet Imrey. Other citizen members are: Ernest Riggsbee, Raymond Andrews, Eric Neville, Dr. David Griffiths and Mary Jane Boren.

Town officials on the commission are Alderman Mary Riggsbee, Town Manager Frank Chamberlain and Public Works director Raymond Pendergrass.

Desegregation meetings

Officials explain secret talks

by Winston Cavin
Managing Editor

Recent meetings between Health, Education and Welfare (HEW) representatives and UNC officials held here to discuss desegregation were kept secret because "people cannot carry on these kinds of discussions in public," a federal official said Thursday. "You cannot talk about civil rights issues if there are reporters present," Louis Mathis, information officer for the Office of Civil Rights, said.

Mathis called *The Daily Tar Heel* in response to recent articles about the meetings, held on the UNC campus Monday afternoon. The meetings were attended by University officials and six student representatives.

Chancellor N. Ferebee Taylor said Monday night the meetings were kept secret at HEW's request, but HEW representatives contacted by the *DTH* knew of no such requests from HEW.

Asked who issued an order of secrecy for the meetings, Mathis did not say, but he indicated the closed meetings were in line with HEW policy.

"We're not seeking publicity, but we're not seeking secrecy either," Mathis said.

"We're negotiating with the courts to get an acceptable desegregation plan for North Carolina and several other states."

"A new plan (on desegregation in higher education) is due to come from these states by Feb. 8. We (HEW) have to review the plan between Feb. 8 and April 12, because of a deadline set by the courts. By April 12 we have to either have an acceptable plan or go to court."

The UNC system submitted a plan for desegregating higher education in North Carolina last year, but HEW rejected it. The Board of Governors is now formulating a new plan.

Mathis said most of the states involved, including North Carolina, are revising the plans previously rejected. "We're doing on-site compliance reviews with

the purpose of gathering information to help us," he said.

"We were not there (in Chapel Hill) to negotiate," Mathis said. "It was a fact-finding, investigative meeting."

Earlier this week, Sam Solomon, executive assistant to the director of higher education system for HEW, said he had no idea why there had been no publicity for the meetings. He said HEW was trying to obtain "students' impressions on the types and success of the University's desegregation plans."

But Mathis denied that the meetings were supposed to be open to all students. "The purpose of the mission was not to discuss the Affirmative Action plan," he said. "You can't just nab an investigator on campus and tell him you want to talk to him."

Mathis did say HEW invites students to "get in touch with us" if they want to discuss desegregation at UNC. He suggested students contact HEW's Atlanta office.

Politicians, officials meet on med school problems

by Janet Langston
Staff Writer

Legislators, University officials and medical personnel met in a closed meeting Thursday night in Raleigh to work out a compromise on the East Carolina medical school issue.

The compromise was expected to assure a second-year medical class at East Carolina and the development on nine Area Health Education Centers (AHEC) be closely supervised by the Board of Governors.

The meeting was arranged by Sen. Ralph Scott, D-Alamance, and House Appropriations Chairman Rep. Carl Stewart, D-Gaston, to try to avoid a fight on the floor of the legislature.

Tension has been building over the ECU medical school issue since the UNC Board of Governors voted in September against ECU's immediate expansion. Supporters of a medical school at ECU want to add a second-year curriculum as soon as possible. Jay Jenkins, an assistant to University President William C. Friday said he saw the

meeting as a "fact-finding proposition" to deliver pertinent information on ECU's expansion.

Scott said he did not expect any trouble in reaching a compromise position between the two sides. A report by Friday, however, said he would abide by the Board of Governors' decision.

Rep. J.P. Huskins, D-Iredell, an ECU supporter said he needed more than assurances from Friday and the Board of Governors before he would amend his bill. He said he might be willing, but "would need a resolution passed by the Board of Governors spelling out some of the things in the compromise."

A bill was introduced into both houses of the General Assembly Wednesday which directs that the entering class of ECU be enlarged from 20 to 40, and sets deadlines for further expansion at ECU, leading towards a four-year medical school.

The Board of Governors has consistently ruled that the program at ECU must be strengthened before any more expansion begins there as ECU has had difficulties in gaining full accreditation by the American Medical Association.

Friday also presented a \$12 million supplemental budget request to the joint appropriations committee of the General Assembly on Thursday.

Included in the budget is a request to reinstate \$7.5 million for capital expansion, \$5 million which was cut from the AHEC concept for medical education. Another \$4 million would allow an eight per cent increase in University faculty salaries.

AHEC is UNC's first medical budget priority to meet North Carolina health care needs. Funds now only allow education and training, and do not provide clinical services to rural N.C. residents.

Friday said last week that UNC must receive its total budget request to implement the full AHEC plan.

Maryland is coming

Get ready for another standing ovation, folks. Tom McMillen's coming back to town. So are Len, Owen, Maurice, John and Lefty. They'll all be in Carmichael Auditorium Saturday at 1 p.m. for the Maryland-Carolina basketball game. See page five for a pre-game report on the skirmish.



Thursday's caught some of Carolina's 19,000 sun worshipers by surprise. UNC student Tom Balcome found going to class a bit difficult with a pancho and books. And what's that other thing under his coat? (Staff photo by Martha Stevens)

Blackout hits campus; defective cable blamed

A power failure which blacked out the eastern portion of the UNC campus Wednesday night has been attributed to a defective cable by University Services officials.

Everett Billingsly, superintendent of Electric and Water Distribution for the Services Plant, said the blackout was

"apparently caused by some defect in one of the conductor cables." He added that the defective cable is being analysed to determine the malfunction.

The 30-minute blackout occurred at 10:45 p.m. Employees at the power plant, alerted when a circuit-breaker fell out, switched power to a standby system. The cable was replaced Thursday morning.

Buildings affected by the power failure were Carmichael Auditorium, Wollen Gymnasium, the Institute of Government, Scott Residence College, Kenan Laboratories, the Undergraduate and Wilson Libraries and Venable Hall.

Also affected were Mitchell Hall, Wilson Hall, Coker Hall, Van Hecke-Wettach Hall and Connor and Winston dorms.

Weather

TODAY: Rainy and cool. The high is expected in the low 50's. The low is expected in the 40's. The chance of precipitation is 80 per cent. Outlook for the weekend: Rain.

Committee for curriculum passes minority suggestions

by Gary Dorsey
Staff Writer

Recommendations to establish a Women's Studies curriculum and to help the University's handicapped students were passed Wednesday by the Chancellor's Committee on the Status of the Minorities and the Disadvantaged.

The recommendations, along with five others, will be presented to the Faculty Council as a written report Feb. 15. An oral presentation will be given March 8.

The other five recommendations concern Race Relations, Academic needs and concerns, Graduate Recruitment, Financial Aid, and Counseling and image concerns.

Several committee members expressed concern that their recommendations, even if passed, would not be effective.

Last year all the committee's resolutions were passed by the Faculty Council.

One resolution passed asked that the University recruit more American Indians

but no official action was taken, according to David Kleinbaum, chancellor's committee chairman.

The second passed resolution would have created an Academic Skills Center. The center would be a place that could help students with academic problems.

"I don't know if anything's been done on that," Kleinbaum said. "Nothing's been accomplished."

The third, and final passed resolution, stemmed from a survey of black students done in the spring of 1972.

The resolution maintained that there should be an increase in the recruitment of black faculty members and administrators.

It asked that the Chancellor recruit a black as vice-chancellor for Minority Affairs, and appoint an associate vice chancellor for Health Affairs. Neither recommendation was acted upon by the University administration, Kleinbaum said.

Two appointments were made in the

Office of Academic Affairs. Kleinbaum cited a deficiency in the recruitment of black faculty members by the University.

James H. Brewer, vice-chairman on the Chancellor's committee, said that he could only think of two black professors on campus and no assistant professors.

"It insults me to say there is progress being made when there ain't no progress," Brewer said.

Kleinbaum also said that he was concerned about the recent secret meetings held between HEW and student leaders concerning desegregation.

"I am the most knowledgeable white faculty member on campus concerning the blacks' problems," Kleinbaum said.

"It doesn't make sense," he continued. "We ought to be involved with the many deliberations that take place on campus."

In Wednesday's meeting the committee considered how their recommendations could be made with maximum effectiveness.