

Chapel Hill revamping bus, parking systems

'Should I take a bus?'

by David Klinger
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What can students expect to find in the way of transportation when they return to the Hill next fall?

• Most obvious will be the new Chapel Hill municipal transit system which will provide comprehensive bus service on the UNC campus and the town for the first time in the community's history. The town and University will cooperate in issuing passes good for unlimited use of the bus system for a flat rate of \$24 or \$30 per year, depending on whether the purchaser is connected with UNC.

• Automobile owners will find that the total number of on-campus parking spaces will be less, primarily because of new campus construction. The number of parking permits UNC will sell for on-campus parking will be slashed by 50 per cent.

• Motorists will find little refuge for their automobiles in the central business district of the town, with the aldermen already taking steps to raise the parking rates, hire attendants for previously untended parking lots and strengthen enforcement of police regulations.

• Also new will be two commuter parking lots at Horace Williams Airport and University Mall shopping center for persons wishing to beat the parking crunch on campus.

• Carrboro residents will be on the low end of the totem pole, with no bus service and the two commuter lots located in areas far from downtown Carrboro.

Feel a little bit overwhelmed by all of these changes? Most people shouldn't be.

Creation of a community bus system and changes in parking regulations are just two ways in which the town administration is attempting to deal with the growth explosion which hit Chapel Hill in the late 1960's and early 1970's.

After a jump in growth of 130 per cent since 1960, the notion of the "village" is quickly being replaced in favor of the "city of Chapel Hill," with all of the urban problems that name implies.

After almost three years of defeat at the polls, postponements and equipment delays, the municipal transit system will finally start Aug. 1.

While some people have expressed doubts about the bus system's workability, the mood around City Hall appears to be one of cautious optimism.

Chapel Hill Transportation Director John Pappas has assured residents the buses will be in operation by the Aug. 1 target date, insuring three weeks breathing space before the annual return of UNC students to campus.

"We're taking each problem in order of severity and proceeding accordingly. We ought to know where we stand well into the month of June," Pappas said.

"We're committed to gearing up to run a bus system without new buses by Aug. 1," he said. "Obviously if we hadn't encountered all of these delays, we could have

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'Where the hell will I park?'

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Your parking permit this year may have been no more than a license to hunt, but next year you may not even be able to get a license.

The University announced this week a new policy for campus parking, and it promises to make it both difficult and costly for students to keep a car on campus.

The new plan will reduce the number of permits sold by about 50 per cent, and will raise the parking cost for students to \$54 an academic year, or \$6 a month.

The plan is subject to approval by the Board of Trustees, and is designed to work in cooperation with the new community bus system scheduled to begin Aug. 1.

The parking plan, which will go into effect one month before the bus service begins, includes two off-campus fringe lots designed to allow commuters to park during the day and catch a shuttle bus onto campus.

A memorandum explaining the new parking system from Dr. Claiborne Jones, vice-chancellor for business and finance, will be distributed Tuesday to all students, faculty and staff. The memo will include an application for parking permits which must be received by the University Traffic Office no later than April 26.

If the number of applications for student parking permits exceeds the limited number of permits available, Student Government and the Office of Student Affairs will establish a priority system to allot the permits.

Each department will establish the priority system by which faculty and staff in the department will receive parking permits.

Under the new parking plan, no distinction will be made between student and faculty parking zones, Jones said. All students, faculty and staff applying for parking permits will indicate which parking zones they prefer on permit applications.

Permits will cost the same amount for students, faculty and staff, Jones said.

The \$54 cost for students who receive parking permits will also include a bus pass allowing unlimited use of the new community bus system.

Lee Corum, a student working on the new transportation system, said the parking plan will almost guarantee a parking space to permit holders. The University will sell permits for 110 per cent of the 8,000 parking spaces available, he said.

Jones said the fringe lots will provide an alternative for students who live in dorms and want to keep a car but don't want to pay the higher price for a parking permit. He said students can keep their cars at the off-campus lots and ride a bus out to them when they need their cars.

"We are hoping this will provide another option for those who want it," Jones said.

The lots, which will have a combined maximum capacity of around 700, will be located at University Mall and the Horace Williams Airport.

Both lots will be serviced regularly by buses. During

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Injunction postpones student PIRG vote

by Henry Farber
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The Public Interest Research Group (PIRG) referendum scheduled for today has been postponed indefinitely as the result of an injunction filed Friday in Student Supreme Court.

Carl Fox, chairman of the Campus Governing Council (CGC) Finance Committee, said he filed the injunction because an unforeseen legal complication would probably have nullified the election.

The complication is a bill passed by the Student Legislature in 1957 that limits Student Activities Fees to a maximum of \$20 per year for each student unless a majority vote of more than 50 per cent of the student body approves the increase.

The PIRG referendum requests \$1.50 per student each semester for the statewide consumer group, which would raise

activities fees to \$21 a year for undergraduates.

Conceivably, half the student body could have turned out to approve the fee hike, but Fox and PIRG representatives said to expect such a voter response would be unrealistic.

"They don't even have enough ballots for this kind of vote to be taken," Fox said Sunday in an interview. "They might have figured 5,000 to 6,000 could turn out, but nowhere in the neighborhood of 10,000."

Fox indicated that the election almost took place with the 1957 legislation going unnoticed. When asked what would have happened if the PIRG had achieved the two-thirds vote necessary for passage, Fox said the administration would have uncovered the statute and nullified the election.

He said Chancellor N. Ferebee Taylor brought the old legislation to his attention last week. Taylor told Fox he uncovered the statute in 1972 when the Board of Trustees vetoed the PIRG after it passed a student

referendum.

Fox said of the postponement: "I'm glad it came now. If we're going to have to have a referendum, we might as well do it right the first time. People might get tired of the PIRG referendum coming around again and again."

For the referendum to be held, Fox said the CGC will first have to repeal the 1957 statute. But he expressed doubts that the CGC will do so, and he had some doubts of his own.

"PIRG is basically a good thing," Fox said, "but I'm hesitant about raising student fees." Fox explained that one-third of all student fees goes to the Student Union. Since the \$3 per year requested in the referendum goes directly to the research group, a vote for the PIRG means a vote for an additional \$1.50 for the Union, making each student's total allocation \$4.50.

One method of making up the approximately \$30,000 that would be paid to the Union if the PIRG passes would be to let the CGC appropriate the funds, Fox said. An alternative, he continued, might be a decision by the trustees to make the fee increase \$4.50 a year instead of the \$3.00 indicated on the referendum.

Either way, Fox said, the Union's share would come out of the Student Activities fees.

Fox also expressed doubts about the viability of the student body deciding on the continued support of the PIRG each semester.

According to a provision in the referendum, a referendum could be called each semester if 35 per cent of the student body decided during registration not to support the PIRG. Furthermore, if 50 per cent withheld their support the group would be automatically disbanded.

Fox said such a provision for the group's future "puts PIRG's head on the chopping block each semester."

PIRG was suddenly disbanded, the Student Consumer Action Union (SCAU), the PIRG's campus counterpart, would have to be reinstated if the students wanted some kind of consumer group on campus, Fox said. If the PIRG is established, SCAU will be phased out.

"You must begin to see a better day today. The goals that men see are the goals that men strive for. If you don't see anything, things will never change."

"Education places upon you the burden to see something. A world without war, poverty, a generation gap and racism will never exist unless people have a vision," he stressed. "Where there is no vision, you perish."

"You better start getting yourself together now." If not, he added, the same problems with the world will remain. "You must begin to develop and see things as they are now."

"If I must work to change things, I'll work. If I must do the things I don't want to do, I'll do them. I don't want my children to suffer the dehumanization I suffered."

Cousin then asked, "Can we see beyond the dream of Martin King to make that dream a reality?"

BSM service honors life of Martin L. King

by Steve Thornburg
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The Black Student Movement held an ecumenical service Thursday to celebrate the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., killed April 4, 1968.

The Rev. Phillip Cousin of St. Joseph AME Church in Durham delivered the sermon in the Great Hall to approximately 100 people.

"What you see is what you get," he said.

Weather

Partly cloudy and warmer today, highs in the low 70's, lows tonight in the 50's. Chance of rain, 50 per cent today and tonight.

UFW speakers urge boycotting

by Jim Roberts
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"The growers, they're treating the farm workers very, very bad, especially in the picket line," said farm worker Leonardo Herrera in Friday's rally supporting the United Farm Workers (UFW).

The rally, sponsored by the Chapel Hill Friends of the Farm Workers, also featured as speakers Chapel Hill Alderman Gerry Cohen and Fritz Hafer of the anthropology department.

Cohen, who has supported the UFW since its grape boycott in 1967, urged the students to boycott non-UFW iceberg lettuce and Gallo wines. "I am pledged to lend whatever efforts I can to the boycott," he said.

Hafer claimed knowledge of the farmworkers' plight from working for a farm

family in Canada. He lauded the UFW for its organization. "We can make it tough on the retailer," he said.

"When you see a bottle of Gallo or a head of iceberg lettuce, think of the growers who want something for nothing," he said.

Growers hire men to find and contract migrant workers from poor Mexican and American villages, Herrera noted. Often the contractors take half of the farm workers' pay, making \$50,000 to \$100,000 a year.

Where the UFW has been effective, growers are required to have separate bathrooms for men and women, morning and afternoon break times and cold drinking water in the fields. Herrera said none of this could have happened without the union.

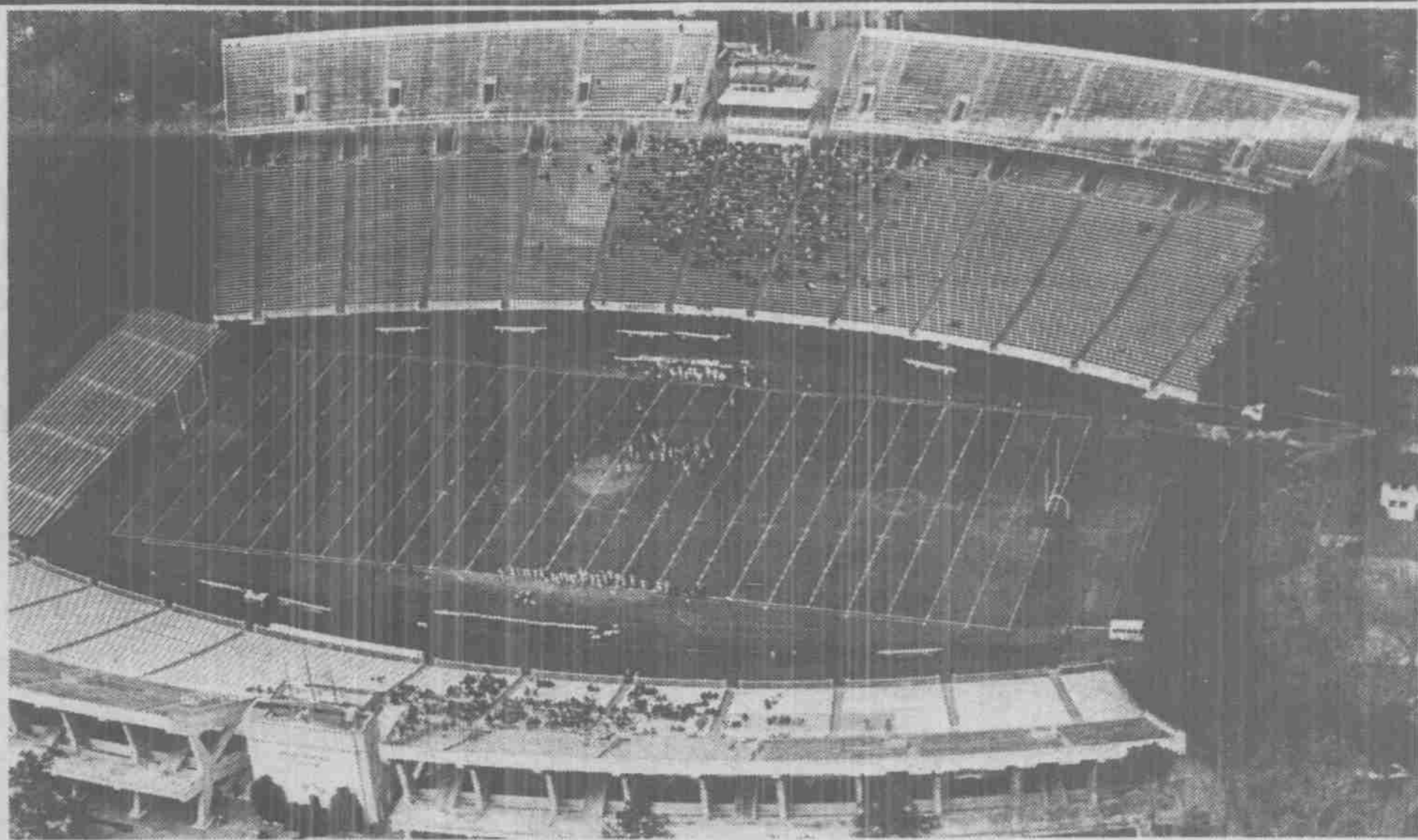
After Friday's rally, Herrera's wife Marie said a new contract was in the making which would give the farm workers \$2.40 an hour.

Other benefits made possible by the UFW are: free medical care to farm workers and their children, school for the young and protection from the indiscriminate use of pesticides.

The tactics of many growers have not changed, Herrera said. When the UFW pickets a grower, he will sometimes hire teamster members to break the strike.

"The teamsters beat up strikers. People get shot in picket lines and the law does nothing," Herrera said. "Laws protect the growers and people who beat the farmworkers up. We don't believe in violence."

Marie Herrera said it is difficult to organize the farm workers because of such treatment. Many are in America illegally, she said, and they fear the growers will send them back to Mexico if they cause any



Staff photo by Gary Lobraccio

A slim crowd watches the Offense beat the Defense 53-37 in Saturday's Blue-White

game. Please see story on page 4.

'Post' columnist speaks

Novak backs Vietnam aid

by Gary Dorsey
Staff Writer

Calling himself the "last of the Vietnam hawks," Robert Novak, political columnist for *The Washington Post*, said the United States should continue its military aid to South Vietnam.

Novak spoke Thursday night to a small audience in Memorial Hall as the last speaker in the East Asia Symposium.

Novak said if the United States stops its aid to South Vietnam, there is a serious possibility the balance of power would be upset.

"There are many people who despise

Vietnam, not because it's been a failure but because it's been a success," Novak said. "If aid were discontinued there would be an instant conquest of the South."

"Hanoi is going to continue a very hard attack in the South, but it cannot continue as long as the United States continues to aid the Saigon regime," Novak said.

Russia and Peking are being stingy with arms supplies and aren't willing to go ahead to fight South Vietnam in 1975, he said.

If the United States stopped their aid, Novak said, South Vietnam would soon collapse into Communist hands and Cambodia, Laos and Thailand would follow.

"There is no question that Thailand would move more quickly with Hanoi. Even Tokyo might be pushed towards a different kind of

foreign policy in recognition of the new power in East Asia. Thus, a regime like the Thieu regime is essential to our foreign policy; a regime that won't open the gate to North Vietnam."

This is also essential to a strong foreign policy in the world, Novak said.

The growing power of Russia in nuclear and conventional arms, plus the fact that the U.S. receives much trade from East Asia "means we cannot suddenly depart from that part of the world. We cannot be a muscle-bound Switzerland," Novak said.

"Japan, who is not a genuine ally, is difficult to define because it is an economic power but not a military power. Still, it is necessary to keep it as an ally."

It is necessary to maintain troops in Korea for the balance of power, Novak said.

"China remains a rising power, gradually increasing in its nuclear power, encouraging us not to get too friendly with Russia."

Novak called this a rough balance of power in the world and said it is necessary to keep Vietnam non-Communist to maintain the balance. Novak said the costs of war in Vietnam were high but "we are getting results."

"A corrupt, messy, untidy, incompetent South Vietnam is significantly superior to the utterly, utterly totalitarian government of North Vietnam."

Black Arts

The Ebony Readers will present works of the black poets and a drama group will display its talents with a scenario of the black experience via the theater at 8 tonight in the Great Hall.

Register today

Today is the last day for voter registration for the May 7 Democratic and Republican primaries in North Carolina.

New voters can sign up today at the Chapel Hill Municipal Building on North Columbia Street between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Sign-ups will also be held at the Old County Courthouse in Hillsborough from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. Both elections offices will also handle address changes and party changes for voters already registered in Orange County.

Voters should bring some kind of identification with them when they register.