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Economy— bad news for Ford

by Gene Carlson
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WASHINGTON—A panel of leading economists Thursday gave President Ford a gloomy forecast for the economy—rising unemployment and only a modest slowing of inflation through the end of next year.

The group said controls on money and credit are too tight, causing skyrocketing interest rates and a depression in homebuilding. There was sharp debate on whether the administration should reimpose wage-price controls.

In an often lively daylong meeting in the White House East Room, 28 economists—conservative and liberal, business, labor and academic—exchanged ideas for remedying the two-headed economic dilemma of rampant inflation and stagnant economic growth.

It was the first of a dozen nationwide roundtable discussions involving special interest groups leading up to a two-day inflation summit meeting Sept. 27-28 in Washington.

Ford personally guided the discussion for more than two hours, worrying at one point that Americans "are sick and tired of having politics played with their pocketbooks" but occasionally trading football jokes with several college professors on the panel.

Meanwhile, Senate Democrats voted unanimously to stay in session until the end of the year, if necessary, to deal with anti-inflation legislation. The move was aimed squarely at Ford, who indicated he will announce no major new economic policy shifts until January.

There was surprising agreement among the economists that the Federal Reserve Board had squeezed too hard on the money supply and it was time to relax slightly on credit reins in the hope of lowering interest rates and easing capital shortages faced by many businesses.

Democrats urged Ford to reimpose modified wage-price controls aimed at the biggest corporations and unions where competition is slight.

But former Treasury Secretary George P. Schultz, now a vice president of Bechtel Corp. of San Francisco, said he was distressed by these suggestions.

Schultz, who was actively involved in the Nixon administration's two-and-a-half-year stabilization program, said the old controls didn't work very well. New discussion of the issue only prompts business and labor to intensify their push for higher wages and prices now as a hedge against future controls that could be imposed in the months ahead.

Ford repeatedly expressed opposition to new controls but he did not tip his hand on which, if any of the economists' ideas he might accept.



ROTC participants salute their friends as they leave Lenoir Hall Thursday

ROTC enrollment falls

by Alan Avera
Staff Writer

Enrollment in the University's Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) programs has declined since the draft ended in 1972, but ROTC officials say their students are now more qualified.

The Navy-Marine Corps ROTC program has experienced the largest decrease. Enrollment in that program is down by more than half this year, from 250 in 1971 to 106 this fall, according to figures supplied by naval science instructor Lt. R. R. Harris. Air Force figures show a 20 per cent drop in enrollment since 1972.

Officials in both programs are slow to attribute the decreased enrollment to the end of the draft, although they say that this may be one factor.

Maj. James E. Speight, assistant professor of aerospace studies, said he believes many people did view ROTC programs as an alternative to being drafted. Now, he says students applying for the program can be considered truly interested in becoming Air Force officers.

"There has been a marked increase in ability, desire and motivation. Quality has gone up because of a positive attitude," aerospace studies instructor Capt. Jim Hull said.

The Air Force program has shown an

increase in enrollment this year. Speight said. He attributed the increase to a strong campus recruiting effort.

"A survey done by the University placement service shows that 95 per cent of the students graduating from UNC make less than those graduating from the Air Force ROTC program," Speight said.

The Navy's recruiting program is also hurting enrollment in the program at UNC, Col. Robert C. Needham, professor of naval science, said.

"The Navy is looking for people interested in science and engineering. Carolina suffers because of its liberal arts program."

Needham said it is uncertain how many students choose not to come here because UNC doesn't have an engineering department.

Both ROTCs on campus offer scholarships providing full tuition, textbooks, and fees, as well as a \$100-per-month subsistence allowance. Non-scholarship students receive \$100 each month during their junior and senior years.

High schools, especially in North Carolina, have failed to inform students of the opportunities available in the ROTC programs. Cdm. E. L. Vernon, executive officer of the Navy-Marine ROTC unit, said.

"Many guys do not know that such a thing as an ROTC scholarship exists," Harris said.

Needham says ROTC is no longer

criticized on campus as much as it was during the Vietnam war. "Most students are apathetic to the program."

The Military is also held in higher esteem now, said Needham. He points to a recent study by the Institute for Social Research at the University of Michigan which says that the military now ranks first in public confidence among governmental and private institutions.

All officers interviewed said they feel ROTC units will remain strong here on the UNC campus.

Men's dorms renovated

by Frank Griffin
Staff Writer

The Housing Department has begun a program this fall to make men's housing comparable to women's, as required by new HEW guidelines. The guidelines forbid sex discrimination in housing at institutions receiving federal funds.

These improvements will be complete next year, so room rent will likely rise more than \$12 per student next fall. The total cost, were all the improvements done this year, would be about \$160,000 Condie said.

The choice was between making women's dorms less attractive or improving the men's, Condie said. He talked with students about adding new kitchens to men's dorms and got favorable responses.

Condie said the Housing Department had been planning to make the improvements before the HEW guidelines were announced. Improvements begun this fall will include better security and a move toward equal facilities within dorms.

"This will be a programmed change in terms of what time will allow for physical

Student Stores to stop buying off-campus ads

by Jim Roberts
Staff Writer

UNC Student Stores, responding to recent action brought by a Raleigh merchant against North Carolina State's Student Store, will stop advertising in athletic programs and alumni papers, UNC Stores manager Thomas Shetley said Thursday.

Mail order service will also cease, he said.

"I hate like hell to do something like this," Shetley said. "I can't even invite alumni to come and buy memorabilia."

Shetley said the decision was his own and that he has had no pressure from Chapel Hill merchants. It would not be prudent, he said, to continue such advertising in view of the Raleigh merchants' complaints.

The complaints in Raleigh stem from alleged violations of the Umstead Act by the N.C. State Student Store. The Umstead Act states that university Student Stores cannot compete with local merchants.

The act also requires the stores to sell only to the campus community. Problems in Raleigh began when a merchant there went into the N.C. State Student Store and bought some merchandise.

Shetley said the merchant then went to the state attorney general's office and attempted to bring criminal action



Thomas Shetley

against the N.C. State bookstore. N.C. State's bookstore now checks the identification of everyone entering the store.

The UNC bookstore has posted signs at the store's entrance warning customers they must be students or University guests.

"Some people have ties to the University and they have a moral right to buy from us, but they have no legal right. It's just too bad, but I can't do anything about it."

Symphony seeks home, considers Chapel Hill

The North Carolina Symphony is seeking a permanent home and Chapel Hill is being considered as one of several possible sites, Dr. William Little, vice-chancellor for development and public affairs, said Thursday.

The symphony is considering facilities being offered by several cities, including Durham and Raleigh, but "the symphony's home is in Chapel Hill," Little said.

"The symphony is not coming to Chapel Hill for the first time. Its headquarters are already here. The organization simply needs to consolidate its rehearsal space and headquarters into one location," he said.

"The committee now has two hard proposals in hand from Durham and Raleigh. The University has no hard proposal to offer. We merely asked them to consider leasing an 11-acre tract of land on a long term basis."

Little added that the symphony would be responsible for providing its own funding for construction of a building on the grounds.

"The University has no facilities to offer

the symphony except land and the advantages of a location within an intellectually oriented community," he continued. "However, I would think that the fact that the symphony had been here since 1932 would give Chapel Hill a tremendous edge over any other areas."

"The symphony has established a large network of connections and interactions within this University that would seem basic to its continued success," he said.

Little admitted, however, that UNC's offer did pale somewhat beside those of the other cities. Facilities offered by Raleigh include the use of the renovated Memorial Auditorium, 91 free parking spaces outside the auditorium, office space in the Flu-Cured Stabilization Building and permanent facilities in the city's proposed civic center.

Durham has offered a renovated campus auditorium, access to the new Duke Music Building, and part-time job openings through Allied Arts and North Carolina Central University for symphony members.

Wanted

The Daily Tar Heel needs a night editor. Applicants should see Greg Turosak or Jim Cooper in the DTH office.

Staff writer applicants who have picked up applications must turn them in by 7 p.m. Monday. Those accepted will be notified Tuesday.

Cab business hurt by buses

Driver sees his customers
standing at town bus stops

by Henry Farber
Staff Writer

Most town residents are happy to see the new bus system taking some cars off the streets. The town's cab drivers, however, are less enthused.

"It's not the same," said T.T. Atkins, who manages the jointly-owned Carolina Cab and Hollywood Cab companies. Business is down, he said, but "I'm not sure if it's because of the bus system or not."

Mike Heath, a dispatcher for Tar Heel Cab Company and a UNC junior, does not see the buses as a threat to the company's survival. "It's a peaceful co-existence," he said. "The bus system hasn't hurt us too much."

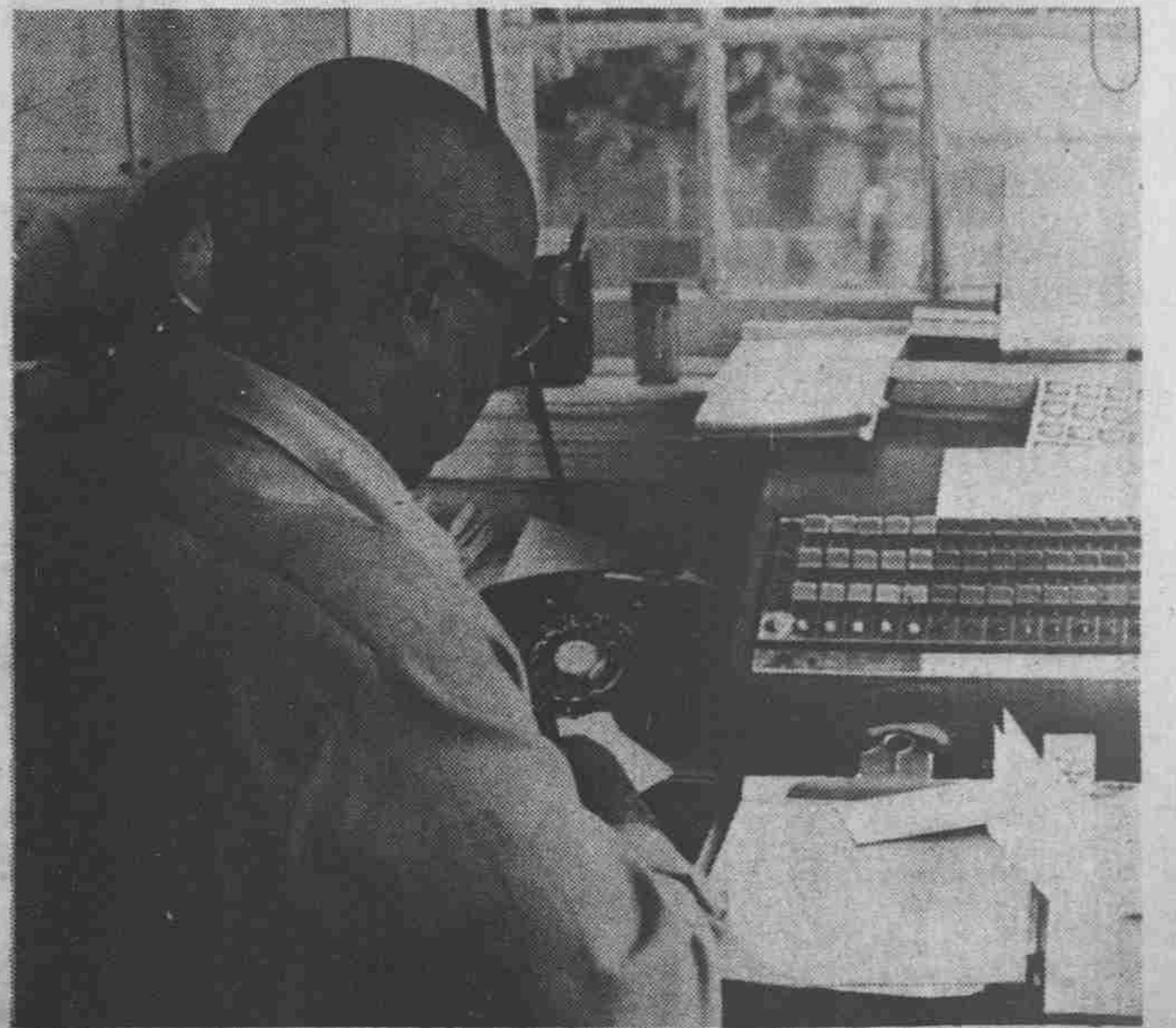
Heath said most bus riders are students and taxis don't get much business from them anyway. However, Tar Heel Cab is working toward more student calls by recruiting student drivers.

A more serious threat to cab companies, Heath said, is Congress' proposed 10 cent per gallon tax increase on gas. He said such a hike would put an insufferable squeeze on profits since the Board of Aldermen control the town's cab fares.

J&J Cab Company is a one-cab, one-driver operation out of Carrboro which is losing pick-up business to the bus system. The dispatcher, who prefers to remain anonymous, explained that pick-ups are riders who are driven to work and back every day on a reservation basis. Many pick-ups of the past are waiting at bus stops instead of their front doors now, he says.

Willard Johnson, J&J's owner and driver, said he is sure the buses will affect business, but he does not know how much yet.

His dispatcher said of the new competition, "We're not knocking it. We're glad to have buses because it helps a lot of people who can't afford cabs. It's a blessing in a way."



Carolina Cab's dispatcher, who wished to remain unidentified, waits for a call

Making Dean's List

For the first time, students taking a course pass-fail can make the Dean's List, but it's going to be harder to qualify this year.

Effective this semester, students will be included on the Dean's List if they earn either a 3.2 quality point average while taking 15 hours of letter-grade credit, or a 3.5 quality point average while taking 12 to 14 hours of letter-grade credit, said Ronald Moran Jr., College of Arts and Sciences Assistant Dean.

The new standard allows students with five courses to take one course pass-fail and still qualify for the Dean's List. In the past, students were required to take 15 hours of letter grade credit and earn a 3.0 quality point average to make the list.

The current edition of the *Undergraduate Bulletin* incorrectly lists the old requirements for making the list.

A student must designate courses pass-fail before Friday, Sept. 13 by application to the office of his dean. Once a course is chosen for pass-fail, the selection is irrevocable.

Any course may be taken pass-fail except the following: English I and 2; courses taken to meet the foreign language or mathematics requirement; General College divisional electives; courses specifically required and designated by number by the major department; and summer courses.

No more than seven hours of pass-fail credit may be taken in a single semester, and a maximum of 24 hours may be applied to graduate requirements.