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Inflation increases—up 12.2%

by Leonard Curry
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WASHINGTON—Americans will cut their Christmas shopping lists this year or dig deeper into savings because a 12.2 per cent inflation rate is eroding consumer buying power, government figures showed Thursday.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics reported the Consumer Price Index rose 0.9 per cent in October and 12.2 per cent over the past 12 months.

The price index stood at 153.2 in October, meaning goods and services costing \$100 in 1967 costs \$153.20 last month.

In pocketbook terms, a Christmas present purchased for \$10 last year now costs \$12.20.

Prices in the past year rose three times faster than the 1970-71 inflation that led to wage-price controls. It was also the highest inflation rate since 1947 when the end of World War II price controls sent consumer prices up 9 per cent.

The only items cheaper to buy this year than in October, 1973 were meat, poultry and fish, down 4.1 per cent. Every other consumer item has jumped 4.8 per cent for transportation services to 59.9 per cent for fuel oil and coal.

The bureau said the effect of inflation and higher taxes eroded real spendable income. Despite pay increases averaging 8.8 per cent over the past year, an average worker's actual buying power dipped 10.8 per cent from October, 1973.

Average weekly earnings of \$158.84 last month could buy \$103.68 worth of goods after adjustment for inflation and since 1967 taxes. In October, 1973 average weekly earnings of \$147.63 could buy \$108.07 worth of goods.

Accounting for most of the 0.9 per cent rise in the price index from September to October were higher prices for new and used cars, mortgage interest, clothing, sugar, cereal and bakery products.

Duke parade really today

Nyle Frank would have been proud of the DTH yesterday for staging the first invisible "Beat Dook" parade. And from witnessing the reaction of the crowd which lined Franklin Street in anticipation of ornate floats and rousing music, they must have been proud that their campus newspaper was so clever as to announce the real "Beat Dook" parade on the wrong day.

Yes, that box in yesterday's DTH was a little misleading, and to all of you who patiently awaited the sight of that first majorette, we apologize for the error.

All we can do is implore you to believe what you read this time, and go to Pi Kappa Alpha's "Beat Dook" parade at 3 p.m. today, Friday, Nov. 22, starting in front of Carmichael Auditorium and proceeding down Franklin Street.



Farewell ceremonies

President Ford and Emperor Hirohito listen attentively to national anthems being played at Akaska Palace in Tokyo prior to Ford's departure Thursday. The president spent the last day of his three-day visit on an unofficial tour of Kyoto, Japan's ancient imperial capital. Meanwhile, in Seoul, South Korea, police arrested 20 demonstrators on the grounds of the U.S. Embassy who were advocating the release of political prisoners. Ford arrives in Seoul today.

Queen retains name

by Art Eisenstadt
Staff Writer

The Campus Governing Council (CGC) decided Tuesday night that the homecoming queen will not be known as "homecoming person" in the future, prior to approving a bill standardizing the queen's election procedure.

An amendment introduced by representative Laura Dickerson would have changed the 12 references to "homecoming queen" in the three-page bill to read "homecoming person."

The amendment was defeated, 7-5, with two abstentions.

"If you're going to have anybody eligible to run, you ought to call it something different," Dickerson said at the meeting.

Dickerson did not offer a specific wording change but accepted "homecoming person" after the council rejected such ideas as "homecoming monarch," "homecoming emperor or empress," and adding the election of a homecoming king.

The bill states any registered UNC student is eligible to run for the position, which will now be filled in a formal election process similar to those for Student Government posts.

However, the election will be supervised by the Carolina Athletic Association (CAA), and ratified upon presentation of the results to the Department of Athletics.

CGC also changed a provision in the bill in order to require that all organizations sponsoring candidates for queen must pay an entrance fee not exceeding \$25.

After meeting election costs, the money will be donated to the Campus Chest charity. Previously, the fee was optional at the

discretion of the CAA.

In other action, the council:

- Appropriated \$6,400 to the Student Consumer Action Union (SCAU) in order to publish a booklet entitled "A Merchant's Guide for Chapel Hill."

SCAU chairman Janie Clark said the booklet would inform students about which stores sell what, warranties, and cost estimates.

"A lot of students here think you can't shop anywhere but Franklin Street," Clark said.

The booklet would be published by spring semester registration and 10,000 copies would go on sale for 50 cents each at the Union and area bookstores. Clark said proceeds would be returned to the Student Government General Revenues.

- Pushed back the due date of a report from a special committee to investigate CGC reforms from Dec. 6 to the date of the first CGC meeting of the 1975 spring semester.

- Added a provision to the Campus General Elections Law that would make unauthorized removal of a campaign poster a violation of the Campus Code.

- Reenacted four provisions of old bills which had inadvertently been repealed along with other obsolete clauses. The provisions dealt with impeachment and installation of student officers, filling vacancies in senior class offices, and the functions of the Legislative Services Commission.

- Allotted \$1,065 to five sports clubs and \$2,514 to the National Achievement Week and Project Uplift, two programs designed to bring outstanding minority and disadvantaged high school students to campus for a weekend.

GM shutdowns push jobless to 150,000

United Press International

DETROIT—General Motors Corp. said Thursday it will idle 30,000 workers at nine assembly plants in December, increasing auto industry joblessness in the weeks before Christmas to more than 150,000 workers.

GM's announcement of temporary one and two-week shutdowns at 9 of its 22 U.S. assembly plants came as Chrysler Corp. and Ford Motor Co. confirmed plans to cut white collar workers from their payrolls because of production cutbacks.

Chrysler would not detail its plans for white collar layoffs, but Ford said 3,000 will be idled throughout the company at the end of November. Reports continue of more massive white collar layoffs in the beleaguered industry.

The trade publication *Automotive News* said November car output would be down 31 per cent from a year ago with December production looking even bleaker. New car sales are off to their worst new model start in a decade and the industry has a record 80-day supply of unsold cars.

A Chrysler spokesman said the exact number of clerical and other white collar workers who will be laid off has not been determined. United Auto Workers Vice President Douglas A. Fraser said a figure of about 15,000 might not be too far off.

The new GM layoffs are on top of 40,000 GM workers already on indefinite layoffs. The 30,000 idled in December will be back on the job after the normal Christmas to New Year's holiday which they will be paid for, a GM spokesman said.

Fraser predicted substantial layoffs in the industry after Jan. 1 as GM, Ford and American Motors begin alternating one-week-on and one-week-off plant closings to cut into a record backlog of unsold cars.

Chrysler has confirmed 64,200 workers will be idled before Christmas with GM now counting 54,000 workers off on short and longterm layoffs, Ford 18,675, and AMC 10,000 for one week beginning Monday.

Fraser, who said the slump was unparalleled since the 1958 recession, charged the Ford administration was

handling the economy incorrectly. He said it would be over a year before the economy bounces back.

"I don't see any turnaround in the auto industry until the national economy gets healthy again," Fraser said, adding the administration was treating the recession as though there still were excessive demand for products.

"There's certainly not excessive demand now," he said. "Maybe at one point a few months ago we had that situation, but things are snowballing downhill very quickly."

Granville won't get parking attendants

Plans for gate-attendant parking for the shopping center parking lot at University Square have been tabled indefinitely, Harold Smith, manager of the Square, said Thursday.

The proposed parking system received a setback last week when the town rejected merchants' requests for a driveway from Granville to Cameron Avenue.

The driveway would have enabled merchants to block Granville from the commercial area to alleviate traffic congestion for shoppers.

Merchants also discussed closing off access from Granville to Franklin Street, now the only access to the dorm

complex.

An alternate plan mentioned by Smith implied that cars without Granville parking stickers could not enter the Granville lot. But Smith said Thursday he never intended to create such a situation. He said the idea was the result of a misunderstanding.

The Cameron Avenue access was denied by the Board of Aldermen under pressure from area residents who contended that additional traffic would weaken the section's residential character.

Granville officials did not participate in the public hearing or any of the town meetings on the issue.

Cannon Mills rejects union; defeat attributed to economy

United Press International

KANNAPOLIS—A labor spokesman Thursday blamed the shaky economy for the defeat suffered by the Textile Workers of America (TWA) in the largest collective bargaining referendum ever held within the U.S. textile industry.

Employees of Cannon Mills Inc., a major manufacturer of bath towels, rejected union ties Wednesday by a vote of 8,473 to 6,801.

For Cannon, the vote was a reaffirmation of the company's relationship with its workers.

But Robert A. Freeman, a former Cannon employee and director of the year-long unionization effort, said the union's defeat resulted from the fact the textile industry has fallen upon hard times.

"Prior to the recession hitting the textile industry in the last six weeks, 80 per cent wanted the union. It was hard to

find one who was against it," he said.

"There is a degree of uncertainty among all of us now because of the economy and they felt if they rocked the boat now it would be detrimental to them," said Freeman.

Cannon thus far has been able to avoid laying off workers by cutting work schedules, but layoffs and furloughs have affected between 15,000 and 30,000 workers at other textile plants in the state.

Freeman pledged that "we'll continue organizing at other plants, but it was definitely a setback to textile workers in the South."

Board chairman Don S. Holt called it "an expression of confidence by Cannon people and of the desire to continue working together to maintain a productive and successful manufacturing company."

The TWA had no immediate plans to file a protest of the results, Freeman said, but was checking reports some employees had been questioned by their supervisors on how they would vote.

Dorm rents to go up 23% next year Fuel costs blamed

by Vernon Loeb
Staff Writer

Rising salaries, increasing coal and paper costs and the upcoming sale of UNC utilities to Duke Power and Southern Bell will necessitate a 23 per cent increase in next year's total dormitory rent, Director of Housing Finances Doug Mallory said Thursday at a meeting with the Residence Hall Association's (RHA) Budget Advisory Committee.

If next year's increases are the same for men's and women's dorms (across the board), student dorm rents will increase approximately 12 per cent, Mallory said.

However, Director of Housing Dr. James Condie is proposing a differential room rate increase based on the size of individual dorm rooms. As it stands now, his proposal does not take into consideration other aspects of dormitory quality, such as facilities and location, which RHA president Betsey Jones thinks are more important than actual room size.

"It is your job," Mallory said to the RHA committee, "to decide which means of increase you are in favor of, differential or across the board." Mallory added that even if next year's increase is across the board, the men's rate will increase more than women's due to Title IX improvements.

"I'm in favor of an across the board increase," Jones said. "Just because a room is slightly larger than another does not mean the student can do any more with it." She added that basing a differential increase on dorm facilities as well as room size would make more sense, but a fair appraisal of each dorm could never be completed by February when the 1975 Housing budget is due.

Several RA's who attended the meeting also thought the differential rate increase proposal has its drawbacks, citing the scramble that would take place for the cheaper small rooms. Mallory also discussed several possible housing budget cutbacks that might reduce next year's room rate increase.

The possible reduction of RA staffs received the majority of the discussion, with the RA's in attendance thinking any such reductions were not possible if they were to continue as student counselors as well as administrators. Mallory mentioned the possible establishment of an administrative bureau which could help with the RA's paperwork. Although such a bureau would not substantially decrease the RA's salaries, he said, it would at least prevent a future increase in RA staffs.

A proposal to request the General Assembly to share the expense of dormitory rooms in state-supported universities was advanced Wednesday night by Residence Hall Association (RHA) President Betsey Jones.

Betsey Jones, Sandy Ward, assistant director of University Housing, Student Attorney General Nita Mitchell and Kathy Moore, housing division chairman of the Student Consumer Action Union, all participated in a panel discussion on "Individual Rights and University Housing."

Dormitories are considered by the General Assembly to be auxiliary services and therefore do not receive state funds. Dorms are supported solely by \$3.5 million received in yearly rent.

Ward said the legislature will not say specifically why funds are withheld from University housing, but if pressed hard for a reason the assembly would probably say the dorms do not provide an educational service.

Jones, however, said the University considers the dormitories part of the educational process. "The University requires freshmen to live in dorms because it says dormitories benefit the students' education. But when the budget comes around, the University says housing is not an educational facility."

If the state shared in the cost of supporting residence housing, room rents could conceivably decrease. RHA is studying the possibility of making such a request to the General Assembly, Jones said.

"I have gone all the way up to the chancellor and most everyone I have talked with agrees that the dormitories provide an educational service." She said Chancellor Taylor is the only one who would argue against the point.

"University attorneys say we're proceeding on the right track," she said. Wayne Jones, assistant vice-chancellor for business, said Thursday that a good argument could be made for the educational benefits of dormitory life. "I think it is likely that the legislature would accept that premise," he said.

But the longstanding policy that student housing should be self-supporting would probably keep the legislature from appropriating funds, he said. The economic situation would be another factor in deterring an appropriation.

Final Exam Schedule

Quizzes are not to be given this semester on or after Monday, Dec. 2.

All	9 a.m.	Classes on MWF	Tues.	Dec. 10	8:30 a.m.
All	3:30 p.m.	Classes on TTH, Phil 21	Tues.	Dec. 10	2 p.m.
All	11 a.m.	Classes on TTH	Wed.	Dec. 11	8:30 a.m.
All	1 p.m.	Classes on MWF	Wed.	Dec. 11	2 p.m.
All	10 a.m.	Classes on MWF	Thur.	Dec. 12	8:30 a.m.
All	3 p.m.	Classes on MWF	Thur.	Dec. 12	2 p.m.
All	11 a.m.	Classes on MWF	Fri.	Dec. 13	8:30 a.m.
All	5 p.m.	Classes on MWF, Busi 71 & 73, Phys 24, Econ 61	Fri.	Dec. 13	2 p.m.
All	9:30 a.m.	Classes on TTH	Sat.	Dec. 14	8:30 a.m.
All	2 p.m.	Classes on MWF	Sat.	Dec. 14	2 p.m.
All	8 a.m.	Classes on MWF	Mon.	Dec. 16	8:30 a.m.
All	12:30 p.m.	Classes on TTH	Mon.	Dec. 16	2 p.m.
All	12 Noon	Classes on MWF	Tues.	Dec. 17	8:30 a.m.
All	2 p.m.	Classes on TTH	Tues.	Dec. 17	2 p.m.
All	8 a.m.	Fren, Germ, Span, Russ & Port 1, 2, 3, 4, Busi 170	Wed.	Dec. 18	8:30 a.m.
		Classes on TTH	Wed.	Dec. 18	2 p.m.
All	4 p.m.	Classes on MWF	Thur.	Dec. 19	8:30 a.m.
All	5 p.m.	Classes on TTH and all classes not otherwise provided for in this schedule	Thur.	Dec. 19	2 p.m.