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Carrboro bus tax rejected

by Russell Gardner
Staff Writer

The Carrboro Board of Aldermen rejected a request from the town's Transportation Committee for an April 23 referendum on whether to extend the Chapel Hill bus system into Carrboro.

Alderman Ernest Patterson said there is a possibility that the transportation committee will request the board to vote again next week on the referendum.

Aldermen Lacy Farrell, John Boone and George Beswick voted against the referendum, while Aldermen Robert Drakeford, Patterson and Braxton Foushee voted for it.

Mayor Ruth West, who supported public transportation in her campaign, broke the tie by voting against the referendum.

"I voted against the referendum because Chapel Hill has not presented a tangible proposal. I still support the idea of public transportation and would like to see it started soon for those living in apartment complexes," West said Thursday.

After the meeting, Drakeford, a member of the Transportation Committee, announced his resignation from it.

"I felt the denial was a vote of no confidence in my ability, since I was the one who prepared the referendum proposal. The best thing to do was to get out and let another alderman take my place. Obviously, my concept of public transportation differs from that of some of my fellow Aldermen," Drakeford said Thursday.

In the referendum, Carrboro residents would have been voting on whether to authorize a tax of up to 10 cents per \$100 property value to finance operating costs of the system. Capital costs would be financed by bond sales, to be determined in a future referendum.

The referendum proposal was based on a hypothetical revenue figure, involving a possible increase in the price of UNC bus passes from \$24 to \$40.

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Drakeford called the figure "a starting point for negotiations."

Drakeford and Patterson, also a Transportation Committee member, said they were requesting the referendum so Carrboro would have tax dollars available in the next fiscal year to finance the extension, provided a suitable agreement can be made with Chapel Hill.

Although a definite plan has not been developed by Chapel Hill, Drakeford said, final cost figures should be available by April 23 after Chapel Hill completes transportation contract negotiations with the University.

At Wednesday's meeting, Foushee said the board did not have a definite idea of what the system should involve and that it should solicit public opinion.

Drakeford replied that the citizens could either support or reject the extension

through the referendum.

"If the referendum fails, there will be no public transportation system because the voters (will have) turned it down, but if it passes, it means we'll have citizen support," Drakeford said.

Beswick said Thursday that a referendum is not necessary for the town to contract for bus service. Under a contract, the town would lease bus service for a specified period but not provide capital for the purchase of buses, bus garages and other capital improvements.

Patterson said that leasing bus service on a contract basis would be the town's only option if the referendum is not held April 23.

"If we contract for bus service, the town will not benefit from its student population. The revenue collected from the sale of bus passes to students reduces the annual non-capital costs of the system, so we cannot benefit unless we are partners in the system,"

Patterson said.

If a referendum is held after April, a majority of the students and faculty in Carrboro who would support the system will be gone for the summer, Drakeford said.

"If we have a referendum, it should be held when a majority of the citizens are present to vote," Patterson added.

Patterson said public transportation "cannot be contracted for like sewage." He said the town runs the risk of cancellation of the bus system after citizens have come to expect it.

A joint transportation meeting between Carrboro and Chapel Hill will be held at 4 p.m. Monday. Patterson said Carrboro officials have requested cost figures for contracted bus service by Monday.

"We will then be able to compare the costs of joint ownership with the costs of a contract basis," Patterson said.



Jeff Boak (left), Bill Moss and Cole Campbell at the meeting of the Media Board held Thursday.

Daily Tar Heel seeks new emergency loan

An editorial

Daily Advertiser

For the second time this academic year, the *Daily Tar Heel* comes to you not as a student newspaper but as a student advertising throwaway, with just enough copy to disguise slightly the dominance of ads.

The first time, the four page issue was precipitated by an artificial freeze on cash flow by the student body treasurer who withheld student government monies allocated to the *Tar Heel*. This time the tiny issue is due to a misunderstanding that the Media Board dictated that nonpublishing liabilities be met before publishing costs are met, which would take all available cash and preclude a Monday paper. (A four page issue was a compromise to ensure that at least some paper came out today.) The Media Board, it turns out, had not mandated such priority payments, but tight cash flow in general has necessitated the invocation of the *DTH* emergency loan fund by the Media Board to ensure publication without penalty for late requisition.

That sounds very confusing, but there is little space to explain it thoroughly in this issue. If nothing else, tight four page papers reduce the possibility of "long-winded rhetorical editorials."

What it indicates, however, is that the *Daily Tar Heel* continues to face cash flow problems, that the requisition system and ban on borrowing imposed by student government law exacerbates the cash flow situation and that the Media Board's proposals to solve these problems are first, unfinished, and second, not oriented to the major changes needed in treasury law and financial policy.

And what that means to you is that occasional tight times may continue to force issues with little copy in them.

The *Daily Tar Heel* is the only vehicle for transmitting much information of interest to all students. No other medium has the frequency, circulation or sense of public service to publish the array of information the *DTH* offers, including the non-glamorous, non-chie, non-gonzo information in "Campus Calendar" and group announcements.

The *DTH* cannot continue to serve this purpose, nor can it properly train journalists, if it continues to be an advertiser, not a newspaper. Those responsible for treasury law, budget allocations and publication-related matters must decide whether they want a purposeful paper or a profitable paper.

This is the kind of paper that makes money.

by Dan Fesperman
Staff Writer

The *Daily Tar Heel* has requested an emergency loan of \$2,500 to \$5,000 because of financial difficulties similar to the ones encountered last September.

The difficulties caused the *DTH* to shorten today's issue to four pages and put advertisements on what is usually the editorial page.

Student Body Treasurer Graham Bullard, Media Board Chairperson John Hanford and Campus Governing Council Finance Committee Chairperson Doug Smith must approve the loan before it can be granted. They will meet at 3 p.m. today with *DTH* Business Manager Reynolds Bailey, who submitted his resignation earlier this month.

The money for the loan would come from a special *DTH* emergency loan fund established last spring by CGC.

This would be the third time that the *DTH* has used the fund. Emergency loans were also issued last spring and shortly before Christmas break last semester.

Bailey, whose resignation will be effective in two weeks, said Thursday that financial problems will continue to plague the *DTH* as long as it has to requisition operating funds daily.

An adequate amount of cash on hand is required before a requisition for money to publish will be granted, Bailey explained. "We have enough income to publish in our accounts receivable (advertising revenue that is uncollected), but we can't possibly have enough cash on hand on a day-to-day basis."

"In essence, we are paying our bills on a day-to-day basis, while the merchants (advertisers) are paying theirs on a monthly basis. We are working with two incompatible systems."

Bailey said the situation involves "the basic problems that cropped up last time (in September)."

At that time, the *DTH* was unable to publish two issues because of insufficient funds, and was forced to shorten three other issues. However, the fall crisis was created after former Student Body Treasurer Mike Q'Neal refused to release CGC funds already allocated to the *DTH*.

The *DTH* may have to continue publishing small issues periodically for the remainder of the year, Bailey said.

He said he was hopeful that a Media Board investigation of *DTH* standard operating procedures, began last September, would result in the board's recommending changes in the requisition system. But he also criticized the board for taking so long to complete their recommendations.

Apparently, though, the Media Board is not going to offer recommendations concerning the requisition system.

"Doing something like that would be up to the CGC or maybe even University administration," he said.

Day care center needs repairs, funds

by Julie Knight
Staff Writer

Director of University Housing James Condie said Thursday that Victory Village Day Care Center needs over \$9,000 worth of repairs, although it is not known how they will be financed.

The day care center is located in Odum Village (married student housing) and provides care for UNC students' children.

Center Director Mary Bridgers said the roof of the facility has been leaking for two years despite occasional temporary repairs. A new roof would cost approximately \$3,100 according to housing department estimates.

Other needed repairs include correcting a sag in the building, building a fence and painted the entire structure. But Bridgers said she does not know how the funds will be raised.

"We are not in the housing department's budget as such," Bridgers said, adding, "the

center comes under Odum Village in the housing department's budget. There is nothing specifically for day care.

"Most of our money is from fees paid by parents," Bridges added. "It is difficult to keep up to standards and maintain a cost that married students can afford."

Students pay between \$85 and \$100 per month for day care, depending on whether they live in Odum Village and on the age of the child, Bridges said.

She added that the center receives CGC funds (\$21,000 this year) which help finance equipment and art supplies.

Bridgers said that until now, the center has "never had any trouble at all when we called housing for plumbing, electrical or outside maintenance."

Russell Perry, UNC assistant director of housing operations, said, "We are trying to get the students of Odum Village and the center's board of directors to help us in making a decision" on funding the repairs.

Condie said the Married Student Housing Board of Aldermen conducted a survey of Odum Village residents two weeks ago to determine their attitude toward the center and their willingness to support maintenance costs of the facility.

The results of the survey are being tabulated and should be complete in a few weeks, Condie said.

Perry said housing department officials are questioning whether it is actually "a University function to provide care for children of students."

Condie indicated that the results of the housing board's survey will be a large factor in determining the level of support given by housing department.

He further explained that "housing is an auxiliary service of the state. We have to generate all of our income through student rents."

For the past three years, the housing department has supported the center from

married student housing rents, Condie said. He added that the department has paid approximately \$3,500 annually for utilities and maintenance.

"We are trying to determine at what level married students can and should support the day care center," Condie said. He added that although there are 306 apartments in Odum Village, the day care facility is certified for only 60 children.

Condie said that a \$1 monthly fee charged to Odum Village families to support the center would have to be raised to \$4 to meet its repair and utility costs.

It is difficult to measure the balance between community good and the drain on the community, Condie noted. He said the balance must be "measured in human, societal and economic terms."

Since the center is federally certified, federal funds are available for it. Bridgers said that part of all of the day care for 20 Odum Village families is already being

funded by this source.

To be eligible for both types of funds, the center must maintain certain standards, Bridgers said.

She explained that there are guidelines for child development programs, health and safety standards, nutrition and the size of the staff in relation to the number of children.

"If there is to be no increase in support from the housing department for the day care center, then we have to find money from other sources," Condie said.

Alternatives include requesting grants from private or public individuals and agencies, Condie said. The center may also have to resort to volunteer help for maintenance, according to Bridgers.

Condie said he hoped the service would not have to be terminated, although other day care facilities are available at costs identical to or less than those charged by the Victory Village Center.

Shoplifting losses force snack bar changeover

Snack bars in five south campus dormitories are in the process of being changed from a self-service to an over-the-counter sales system due to losses from shoplifting, Thomas Shetley, general manager of Student Stores, said Thursday.

The snack bars are in Avery, Craige, Ehringhaus, James and Morrison dormitories.

Shetley said the estimated losses from shoplifting in the five snack bars between July 1 and Dec. 31 were approximately \$14,000. "They were either operating at a loss or at an income level far below reasonable expectations," Shetley said.

Instead of self-service, there will be "old-fashioned country store service" for 90 percent of the items on sale, he said. Shoppers will tell a clerk what item they want, and the clerk will get it for them. Under the current system, students pick the items they want and take them to the clerk to pay.

The new system will not diminish service, Shetley said, adding that the snack bars will

continue to sell the same items they have in the past. However, he predicted that the new system will decrease shoplifting.

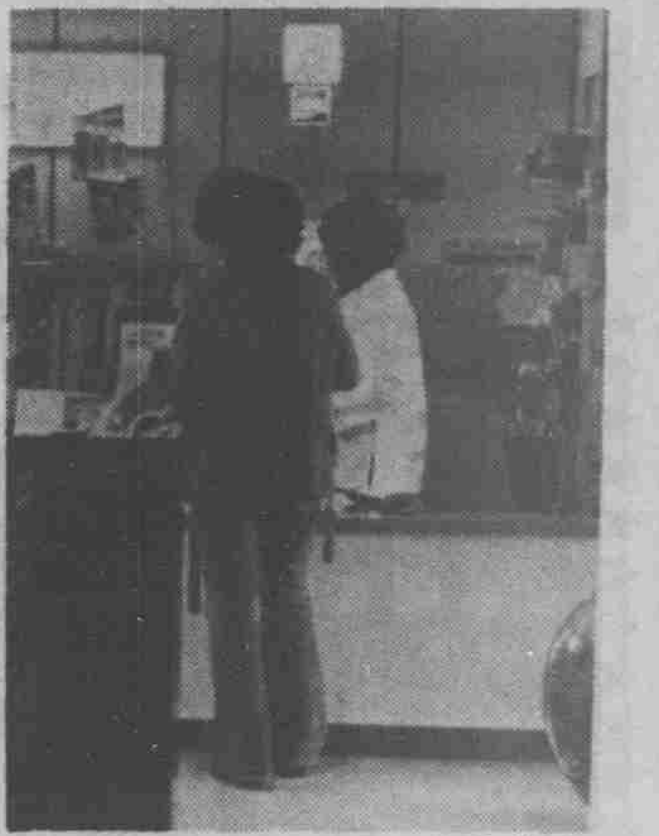
Such items as cookies, bread, potato chips and fountain drinks will still be self-service, Shetley said.

"This is not a decision we have unilaterally made," Shetley remarked. "We met with many members of the student community and they understand our problem. It's an open secret that there is high pilferage in the snack bars."

"If it looks like service is impeded by the new system, we will have to add staff," he continued. However, he said that the managerial staff will "play it by ear. If we can get by with the number of clerks we have, we will."

Shetley said that the new system should not affect sales levels one way or the other. "The snack bars are convenience stores. Our very nature makes a loss of business unlikely," he explained.

— Linda Rosenfield



Shoplifting in South Campus snack bars is causing yet another change in the stores which are currently being changed from self-service to over-the-counter stores.

Athletes in academics:

Playing a sport and maintaining good grades simultaneously

by Grant Vosburgh
Staff Writer

Second of a two-part series

As the star tailback rambles 60 yards to score the winning touchdown, or the swingman hits a 30-foot jumper at the buzzer, few spectators are aware of the sacrifices student-athletes must make.

The most common problem for athletes is finding time for academics and socializing. "Athletes probably get a lot less sleep than everybody else," tennis player Jon Kraut said. "Half the time, after you get back from practice, you're so exhausted you just collapse on your bed for a while. Then you have to study late."

"It's tough getting everything done," said Danny Hamrick, whose 3.63 grade point average is the highest on the football team. "It's especially tough if you can't start studying until 7 or 8 o'clock and everybody else is heading to Kirkpatrick's. But you've just got to discipline yourself."

Tommy Smith, a varsity football player, illustrated the time factor more concretely. "I once read an article in a magazine about football scholarships. Some math major from Harvard, I think, had figured out what the average football player would earn if you considered his time spent on football as a job and his scholarship as pay. It came out to be something like \$1.40 an hour. I mean, you've really got to love the game for that. Especially, the guys who don't play much."

Other athletes echoed Smith's contention that being an athlete helps in getting better grades from professors.



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that while the time involved was extensive, it was a worthy sacrifice.

"I really like playing," field hockey player Bashi Buba said. "For me, the time spent is worth it."

Junior varsity soccer player Tony Hall said that most players are able to adjust to the demands of their sport in the off-season, when the time commitment is lessened.

Field hockey and soccer have no scholarship players. "If they started offering scholarships, I'd try to get one," Hall said.

"but I'd play regardless. I just like it."

Public misbeliefs of an athlete's academic life represent another problem for campus sports figures.

"I think the most common misconception is that athletes get everything," football player Mark Cantrell said. "It's funny how some students think we get things so easy. Yet, I would guess that for every one time that we get something, we probably get four kicks in the butt."

As an example, Cantrell cited the belief

that being an athlete helps in getting better grades from professors.

"The idea that we get preferential treatment is a farce," he said. "I'd say probably seven out of 10 times it's a disadvantage to let on you're an athlete."

"If you miss a test, some teachers refuse to give a makeup," tennis player Kraut said. "Either your remaining tests count more or you get an 'F'."

"I talked to one chemistry teacher," he said. "This guy was telling me, 'If you're going pre-dental, then you can't play a sport. There is no way that you can do both.' I wasn't even asking for special treatment. I was just wanting him to realize the problem I was having."

Some athletes said they try to keep their professors from knowing they play a sport because of the "dumb jock" stigma that is attached to the student-athlete. But such a stereotype is an unjustified one.

"I've found that athletes constitute a good cross-section of the student body," said history Prof. James R. Caldwell, General College advisor to many athletes.

Swimmer Ken Kennedy said that the overall grade-point average of the men's swim team was a 2.9 last fall, while the women's team posted a 3.3.

Football player Smith, who worked with academic advisor Bill Cannell, before Cannell's resignation last month, spoke of another misconception that some students have concerning the roles of tutors provided for the football team.

"If you bring, say, an English paper to the tutor and ask him to help you with it," Smith said, "he'll go over the grammar or structure, that type of thing. But don't expect him to rewrite it for you. He wouldn't do it and the athletic department wouldn't hire him if they thought he might."

Smith said that the tutors are a mixture of graduate and undergraduate students, professors and high school teachers. Each applicant is screened carefully by the team's academic advisor before being hired as a tutor.

"Essentially, the tutors are there because football practice goes on during the afternoon help sessions that professors provide," he said.

The campus life of the student-athlete has two sides. Although it varies from sport to sport and athlete to athlete, scholarships, free tickets, class exemption and possibly slacked admissions are some benefits one might enjoy. But such benefits do not come without sacrifice.

The cost of being an athlete in college ranges from finding time to be both student and athlete to having to live with stereotypical generalizations and even resentment from other members of the student body.