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DTH refused printing funds

by Evans Witt
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The granting of three requisitions for residence college parties and the denial of the printing and publishing costs

of The Daily Tar Heel Friday brought a change of "financial censorship" against the University administration by DTH editor Tom Gooding.

Gooding accused the administration of betraying its promises on the operation of

the new acquisition system for student funds and called for the aid of Consolidated University President William C. Friday in alleviating the situation.

The incidents leading to the censorship charge began when Guil Waddell, student

body treasurer, and Ken Day, chairman of the Audit Board of the Student Activities Fund, took four requisitions to the Trust Fund office for checks to be issued under the new accounting system.

Two of the checks were to pay for the band and the security guard at a dance Morrison Residence College held Friday night. One check was to finance a party for Craig Residence College also held Friday night.

The fourth check was to be made out to Student Graphics, the print shop for the Tar Heel, a portion of which was to go to pay the Chapel Hill Weekly for the actual printing costs of the DTH.

The DTH requisition was made out for the printing and publishing cost bill which was presented to the Tar Heel last Tuesday.

Waddell said that checks for all the requisitions were made out at the Trust Fund office and that all but the Tar Heel check were approved by Morris Bass, assistant vice chancellor for finance.

According to a memorandum sent to Waddell by the Office of Vice Chancellor of Business and Finance, Joseph C. Eagles, Jr., no checks would be approved by the Trust Fund Office unless that account were certified as exhausted.

According to both Day and Waddell, the Trust Fund Office had received no certification of this kind from the Student Activities Fund office for the checks that were approved nor for the Tar Heel check.

"Mr. Bass felt that the prior contract for the residence college parties was a request of impending urgency; apparently he did not feel the same urgency for the DTH check," Day said.

"Because of the existence of the prior contract," Day continued, "insofar as I'm

aware this is a unique instance, an exception to the general rule which they would apply to not write checks without this certification."

Gooding did not accept the reasoning behind the urgency of the prior contract for the parties and not for the contracts under which the Tar Heel operates.

Gooding's statement reads: "This is an act of financial censorship against The Daily Tar Heel."

"The decision is blatantly discriminatory. The administration apparently feels that the two contracts the Tar Heel has with its printers are not as important as a contract with a one-night band."

"This is probably because the administration would be glad to see the demise of the Tar Heel."

"The decision came out of an office that has fought the Tar Heel financially for nearly a year. We find this refusal consistent with an administration policy of attacking the paper. Mr. Eagles, in particular, has done all in his power to destroy a student-operated print shop. This act harms not only the financial interests of the Tar Heel but also that of this print shop."

"The administration promised they would exercise no veto power over student fees—they lied."

"If President Friday expects the students to place any credibility on his word, he had better act on this matter immediately."

"We have long respected President Friday for his fairness, I hope he will not let us down in this instance."

Robert Grady, a member of the Publications Board and chairman of the Student Legislature Finance Committee which froze all student funds except those for the DTH and WCAR Thursday due to the accounting hassle, expressed

his full support for the Tar Heel's situation.

Grady said the Publications Board had signed a three year contract with the Chapel Hill Weekly this fall for the continued printing of the Tar Heel.

"We were threatened with a \$250,000 lawsuit this summer by Orville Campbell (owner of the Weekly) when we talked of no longer printing there. The Pub Board was informed that Eagles was willing to go to court against the DTH if we did not continue printing with the Weekly," Grady continued.

"We'll hold out as long as possible," Grady said.

"Every penny we have will be spent on subsidizing the Tar Heel and other organizations before we will send any money over to the administration," Grady added.

The controversy over the accounting system for the quarter of a million dollars collected annually in student fees arose last week when the Student Activities Fund Office was informed that all student fees were now being deposited in a trust fund and that a double requisition would be in effect.

The administration, however, has refused to approve any requisitions from the Trust Fund unless the accounts at the Student Activities Fund Office are exhausted either by spending it or by transferring the money to the trust fund.

A surplus of between \$40,000 and \$50,000 exists in the present Student Activities accounts, according to Grady. It is this money which must be cleared from the accounts before the administration says it will clear any checks from the trust fund.

Three checks, however, were approved today from the trust fund—notwithstanding the administration's stated policy—thus starting the controversy.

RCF spokesmen will support SL holding surplus

by Glenn Brank
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Residence College Federation spokesmen support a Student Legislature request to withhold current surplus funds from the University trust-fund for as long as two weeks.

The amount "could be anywhere from \$5,000 to \$10,000," says RCF chairman Mark Evens. No exact figures were available.

The college governors made their decision at a Friday conference with Audit Board Chairman Ken Day, Student Body Treasurer Guil Waddell and legislator Robert Grady.

During the course of the meeting, Day declared he saw "nothing wrong with the substance of the new auditing system" being set up by the University.

That comment brought strong disagreement from RCF President Mark Evens and other representatives.

Major points of dissent stemmed from the manner in which the auditing change had been instituted. Evens charged the events were typical of "administrative

decision-making while students are off the campus on vacation or during semester break."

Other RCF representatives expressed a desire to meet with University officials.

Charlie Miller, governor of James dorm commented, "I think each governor should go to such discussions. I do not want to be told what course to take. I want to make up my own mind as to what I will support."

Grady, finance chairman of SL, summarized legislature's decision for the group. He said SL would turn no surplus money over to administrators until written assurances are given that student control will be maintained.

"We have found that assurances have been violated or at least shaken in the past," he said. "University officials have given different versions of this particular proposal at various times."

Grady urged RCF to hold fall semester surplus funds still under student control. "If we go ahead and give this money to the administration, we will never see it

again," he said. "It will make our position that much weaker."

In response to questioning, Day noted administration tactics had been disagreeable. He asked RCF representatives to air their grievances with Vice-Chancellor of Business and Finance Joe Eagles.

"I don't think Eagles will be too eager to meet in this case," replied Miller. Some others echoed doubt over the possibility of reaching satisfactory understanding with Eagles, but all pledged their efforts to work through administrative channels.

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Takes no action

Council discusses calendar

by Doug Hall
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The Faculty Council discussed Friday the proposed revision of the University's calendar, which would change fall final exam dates to before Christmas, but took no official action.

The calendar change was considered before the Christmas holidays by the Student-Faculty Committee which proposed a calendar that would have the fall semester end before Christmas.

The proposal was referred to the Faculty Council's Committee on Instructional Personnel which has also recommended that the fall semester end before Christmas.

Provost J.C. Morrow, reporting on the committee's recommendation, said the final decision on the date changes would be left to Chancellor J. Carlyle Sitterson.

Morrow said the Board of Trustees requires that the University's calendar include two 17-week semesters and two five-and-a-half week summer sessions.

Addressing the Faculty Council, Sitterson said he does not feel one calendar is "educationally superior to another," but he does feel UNC's calendar should coincide with other universities in the area.

Duke and N.C. State universities recently decided to change their calendars with the fall semester now ending before Christmas.

Sitterson added, "I would like a calendar in which the classes would start late in September and end early in December, but I can't seem to get 17 weeks into that calendar."

"If we decide to go on a new calendar, it would be my attempt to see that the first day of classes is placed as late as possible and still fulfill the requirements."

Those opposed to the change were most concerned with the loss of the "catch-up period" which Christmas vacation allows at the end of the semester.

Dr. R.M. Miller of the History Department said, "The Christmas

vacation period allows many students to finish papers and prepare for final exams."

Miller added, "I don't feel we should begin the semester during the hottest time of the summer and eliminate the catch-up period during Christmas."

"I don't see why the Duke and State tails should wag the Chapel Hill dogs."

Many other members of the Council voiced similar concern over the loss of Christmas vacation as a preparation period for final exams and finishing the semester's work.

Aldin Lynn of the Political Science Department said that if the calendar is changed, there will be a conflict between the primary election date and the date of final exams in the spring.

Sitterson said, "I assure you that any student who wishes to vote would be given a different day to take the exam."

Dr. James Leutze of the History Department said the change in the calendar would prevent the calendars of North Carolina public schools and UNC from coinciding.

"This would cause a hardship upon those who wish to take vacations with their families during the Labor Day weekend," he said.

Student Body President Tom Bello addressed the Council and said the "majority sentiment of students is affirmative."

"But support for the change is not complete," Bello said. "Some students wish to use Christmas vacation to prepare for exams."

Dr. Dan Okun, chairman of the Council, said that most of the faculty "see it very desirable to have Christmas vacation before exams."

"But higher education needs adequate resources," Okun said. "Some would be negated if they couldn't be made available at State and Duke because of our calendar."

"I believe we are in a bind. For the sake of education, we need to revise our calendar."

Near the end of the discussion of the calendar revision, Miller asked for a vote from the Council to ascertain the group's position. But there was no vote, and the subject was dropped several minutes later.

In other action, the Council passed memorial resolutions for the late Dr. N.B. Adams, professor emeritus of Spanish; the late Dr. R.H. Hutton, associate director of N.C. Memorial Hospital and assistant professor in the Department of Hospital Administration; and the late Dr. J.L. Morrison, of the Journalism School.

The Council also established a Distinguished Alumnus Award because "honorary degrees are inadequate to distinguish alumnus who have made great contributions."

The Council was also given reports from its Committee on Faculty Welfare, Committee on Building and Grounds and the Commission on Proposed Change in the Structure of Higher Education.



University Provost J.C. Morrow Friday told the Faculty Council that the calendar committee recommended that fall semester exams be scheduled before Christmas next year. The council took no action on the recommendation. (Staff photo by Johnny Lindahl)

Independent SG proposed

Grady blasts University

by Woody Doster
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Student Legislature Finance Committee Chairman Robert Grady Thursday night called the recent decision of the University to put Student Government funds in a trust fund an "attempt to bankrupt Student Government."

Grady, speaking before the full legislature at its regularly scheduled Thursday night meeting, said, "Student fees are levied by students on students. The power to control this money should also be in student hands."

He charged the University would keep part of the interest from the fund, and then reinvest it. Student fees annually contribute about \$260,000 to Student Legislature.

Grady said UNC was the only university in the system which still had such an "open account" system.

"Let's face it," said Grady, "the power of the purse is the only one Student Government has. The actions the University is taking will bankrupt us."

Grady feels the Administration is trying to close the Student Government

account because of pressure being applied by the N.C. General Assembly to standardize student financial policy on the Consolidated University campuses.

Student body treasurer Guil Waddell told Legislature he was given three guarantees by Consolidated University President William C. Friday concerning the future of student funds under the new system.

First, the surplus money from the first semester budget would be expended only by Student Legislature.

Second, only Student Legislature could allocate or reallocate any portion of the student activity funds.

Third, there would be no prior restraint on how the funds were spent.

"However," said Waddell, "the student body is rapidly losing confidence in President Friday."

Waddell said he wouldn't make any "unilateral decision" to accept the Administration's "ultimatum" until he had talked with the treasurers of the Residence College Federation and the presidents of the Carolina Union, the Spurgeon Dental Society, the Whitehead Medical Society and the Student Bar Association.

Waddell saw several objections to switching financial systems at this time.

"Our auditing fees would go up, we would lose some interest on the money and Student Government would lose its check-writing function," he said.

In other action, Legislature overrode Student Body President Tom Bello's veto of the Legislature's finance bill by a vote of 32-1, with three abstentions.

The bill will provide \$900 for electronic voting and \$1,000 for the Carolina Choir. In addition, the remaining Student Government money can't be spent without the consent of Legislature, and all executive appointments must have legislative approval.

Two amendments to the judicial reform bill were added.

The first places all power for judicial review in the hands of Legislature.

The second closed the judicial records to public view unless a subpoena was obtained.

A late bill off the floor created a commission to study the possibility of hiring an attorney to protect student rights and incorporating Student Government.

Union plans 2nd quiz bowl

The Carolina Union, after last year answering such relevant questions as "What is a squab?" and "Who played the drums in the movie version of The Ten Commandments?" will present opening night of the second annual Quiz Bowl on March 8, in room 202 of the Carolina Union at 2 p.m.

Competition will continue each Monday through Thursday night until a winner has been determined from the four-man teams made up by residence halls, fraternities, sororities and independents.

The format is patterned after the now departed "G.E. College Bowl," placing a little more emphasis on questions of amusing trivia than did the television show.

The first team to answer the toss-up question worth 10 points gets a chance at the harder 20-point bonus question. The team ahead at the end of the playing period will advance into the next round.

Recreation Committee Chairman Rick Gary says the length of the playing period will now be measured by a specific number of toss-up questions instead of a

time limit. The change was caused by complaints from last year that the different professors who moderate the round paced the questions at different speeds so as not to be uniform for everyone.

Quiz Bowl was born from an idea in Sept., 1969, at a planning retreat for Union chairmen at Southern Pines. Long preparation was required as the Recreation Committee assembled thousands of questions drawing from sources such as study guides for law boards and encyclopedias.