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Assistant to the Chancellor Claiborne Jones spoke to students Tuesday night about the cancellation of Project Hinton. Jones explained why there could be no Project this year, but the students will attempt to carry out the Project anyway. (Staff photo by Leslie Todd)

Former members say Project Hinton still alive

by Sue English
Staff Writer

Although there are no definite signs of administrative support for Project Hinton, would-be participants in the program assert their program is still "alive and kicking" this year.

Assistant to the Chancellor Claiborne Jones and a project committee met Tuesday night with former project members and those who expected to join this year.

Jones told the group the project was ready for this fall until certain

developments during the summer forced the Advisory Committee to meet on Aug. 21. They decided to suspend the project for the coming academic year.

According to Jones and his advisory committee, the main reason for project suspension was a lack of directors or faculty fellows to run the programs.

Another reason was unexpected overenrollment of new students and underenrollment of project members, Jones said.

According to Steve Saunders, chairman of the Residence College Federation and a committee member, the project will not

resume its old form unless it is supported by the College of Arts and Sciences.

"Academic affairs will not buy that the project is a part of the academic community," he said. "They consider it a matter of residency life."

Students supporting the project discussed the University's priorities. They referred to new expenditures in this year's budget such as increased numbers of freshmen seminars, and questioned why Project Hinton was not given administrative support.

When the 1971 budget was being prepared in 1969, Project Hinton was still in the experimental stage, and "the administration should not have been expected to put money in it," said Dr. Maynard Adams, another member of the committee.

Head of Innovative Studies Mark Applebaum suggested since it is too late to provide funds for Project Hinton this year, the real issue is "what we can do with the future."

The Experiment in Special Studies Advisory Board will meet Monday to "make sure that before the funds are made for the dormitories for next semester, the people in control will leave room for academic programs," said Applebaum.

In discussing the former problems of Project Hinton, last year's director Bob Voitle pointed out several problems partly responsible for his resignation during the summer.

One of the main issues was re-entry of freshmen in the program this fall. Voitle said project directors shut off male enrollment last April, thinking the administration would re-admit freshmen.

"A lot of people applied and did not get in due to this mix-up," he said. Voitle made this comment in reference to Jones' remark that interest in the Project had dwindled.

Applebaum said he voted to omit freshmen because "they were restricted in terms of what they could do on campus." He also said there were a number of freshmen women in the project who failed last year.

Participants in the 1970-1971 Project said the grade point averages were not the result of living in Project Hinton.

Eleven courses, involving 186 students, were taught in the project last year.

Another problem of last year's project was the lack of security, Voitle said.

"The security was poor," he noted. "It was the worst possible building on campus for a girl to live in."

At that time, an understanding was reached that Student Government and the Graduate and Professional Student Federation would receive separate allocations from student fees.

But the separation was not made. Chancellor J. Carlyle Sitterson failed to recognize the graduate organization.

Presently, both graduate and undergraduate student activity fees are placed in the Student Government allocations.

"It is my impression from reviewing last year's budget that graduate students have paid for their Yack," said Mitchiner. "Everyone who has paid should get a Yack."

"There is no way to divide the Yack's allocation between graduate and undergraduate," Dale agreed.

"I totally concur with the other two that it is impossible to determine how graduate and undergraduate money was divided," Stallings commented.

"The important point is that we three agree on this issue and will do what we can to see the graduate students get their Yacks free," he continued.

Stallings also conferred with the Publications Board and Student Legislature on the issue. "It is only right to ask their opinions since both groups were involved, directly or indirectly, with Yack publication," he said.

Students can vote in Orange County

Students who consider themselves legal residents of Chapel Hill can register to vote in Orange County according to a policy adopted Tuesday night by the County Board of Elections.

Elections board member Flo Garrett of Chapel Hill, reports "students will be treated in exactly the same manner as any other person attempting to register to vote."

The decision by the three-member elections board was unanimous.

"In fact," Mrs. Garrett said, "This has been our policy all along. In the past, most students, out of lack of knowledge, have not really thought much about the issue of residence."

"We will ask no special questions of students," Mrs. Garrett added, "only the usual inquiries about address, age, and intent of residence."

The policy requires all persons attempting to register in the county must answer favorably to the question "Do you consider yourself a resident of Orange County?"

Mrs. Garrett cautioned students to answer the residency question without lying, since such an offense could be considered perjury.

According to census data, at least 8,000 students live within Chapel Hill. There are currently less than 7,000 registered voters in the city.

There are currently 21,000 registered voters in Orange County. The number of UNC students living within the county is estimated to be about 16,000.

A spokesman for Common Cause, a Washington group which has been working for liberalization of residency requirements, the county ruling is "exactly what we wanted - students should be treated the same as any other individuals."

Local officials such as Mayor Howard Lee have favored student registration in

Chapel Hill. "This will bring us closer to a true democracy," Mayor Lee said last week.

Joe Stallings, UNC student body president, applauded the elections board decision. He said he would seek to educate students as to their right to vote.

"I hope the board will conduct registration right here on campus," Stallings said. He indicated he might make such a request to the elections board in the near future.

State Elections Board Chairman Alex Brock, who last spring recommended local boards refuse to register students,

was not available for comment Wednesday.

A voter must be 18 years old and a resident of his precinct for 30 days before registering. He must also be a resident of the state for one year.

Those persons away for the summer, or who moved from one precinct to another, can register 30 days after establishment of a new residence. This will be early October for most students.

Regular Thursday registration at the new municipal building will be Sept. 30 and Oct. 7.

Lawyer bill set for SL session

by Woody Doster
Staff Writer

Student Legislature opens its first meeting of the year tonight with a \$1,000 student lawyer appropriation at the top of the agenda.

SL leaders want the lawyer to contest a N.C. Statute forbidding absentee primary balloting, which effectively eliminates student participation.

Legislature's finance committee is expected to bring up a bill that would authorize the appropriation. Legislator Gerry Cohen authored the bill.

"Under present N.C. law," Cohen said, "a student registered out of town will be excluded from voting in the May 2 primary because of exams."

"And," he added, "if a student is

registered in Chapel Hill, he will not be here for the May 30 runoff election since graduation is May 15."

The May 2 primary will include candidates for the offices of U.S. President and state governor, lieutenant governor and attorney general.

If none of the candidates for a particular office can obtain a majority of votes, a runoff election for that office will be held between the top two candidates on May 30.

Cohen said plaintiffs in the case would be a group of UNC students registered in Mecklenburg and Orange counties, "Common Cause," a Washington-based public interest group, and the UNC student body.

"This issue is something that concerns even out-of-state students," Cohen said. "North Carolina requires only six months residency to vote in primaries."

Cohen's bill specifies Chapel Hill attorney Adam Stein would be retained with a maximum of \$1,000 taken from the Student Government budget appropriation of \$9,000 for legal services.

However, the situation is complicated by a ruling from the N.C. Attorney General's office requested by former student legislator George Blackburn. That ruling states Student Government, as an affiliate of the state-owned University, cannot hire private counsel without permission from the governor.

Cohen charged the ruling is a "cheap political trick. Morgan's ruling that Student Government can't hire private counsel means we would have to use attorneys from his office to contest his ruling."

Cohen said he believes the ruling, if upheld, would help conservative gubernatorial candidate Morgan by denying student votes to his more liberal opponents.

Attorney Stein declined to comment on the Attorney General's ruling until he has seen a copy. But he said he believes Student Government would be an "appropriate" plaintiff in the case since it represents the diverse UNC student body.

The legislative session gets underway at 7:30 p.m. in the Di-Phi Chamber at New West.

Weather

TODAY: Partly cloudy and warm with widely scattered afternoon and evening thundershowers; highs today and tomorrow in the 80s.

Graduate students deserve Yack, too

by Jessica Hanchar
Staff Writer

"We will do everything we can to see graduate students get a Yack," said Joe Stallings, student body president, after conferring Wednesday with last year's Yack Editor Joe Mitchiner and Donnie Dale, student body treasurer.

No final decision will be made until the three confer with Publications Board and Student Legislature (SL) today.

A complaint was lodged against Yackety Yack distribution Tuesday when graduate students were not allowed to receive a Yack unless they paid a \$6 fee.

The basis for the Yack refusal, according to Stallings, was "last year's interpretation of the Student Government budget was that graduate students would have to pay for their Yacks."

Undergraduate students, under this interpretation, had already paid for Yacks in student activities fees.

"According to Dean (of Student Affairs C.O.) Cathey, the decision was made last March," Stallings said.

Dean Cathey could not be reached for comment when first contacted by The Daily Tar Heel. Later in the afternoon, he was reported to be out of town.

The graduate student funding problem began last year when graduate students set up their own governing organization,

Students to get interest on utility deposits

by Norman Black
Staff Writer

The Chapel Hill University Service Plant will be required to pay interest on any security deposit held more than 90 days under N. C. Utility Commission rules.

Deposits required for water, electric and phone service to private, off-campus living units have risen for many students due to regulation by the State Utilities Commission.

Lack of regulation over the rates and service of the University-owned utilities - a major source of town and campus disagreement for the past several years -

was eliminated by State Senate bill 574 this summer.

The bill changed the definition of "public utilities" to include University and facilities.

As of July 1, 1971, the University Service Plant came under full jurisdiction of the commission, with the exception of rate control.

The actual rates charged by the University-owned service will not fall under commission control until July 1, 1973.

In order to comply with commission regulations, the University Service Plant must now charge a security deposit from any person has not established a credit rating.

But, under the same regulation, the company is now required to pay interest on the deposit.

The State Utilities Commission sets the rate of interest at six percent per annum.

According to Grey Culbreth, director of the University Service Plants, the University requested the move to Commission regulation, but was not interested in collecting a security deposit.

"The last thing we want is this deposit - we really don't want to be concerned with it," Culbreth said. "Most students have never had the opportunity to establish any credit outside of their home town, and this commission regulation will present a burden to them." Culbreth said the amount of the

deposit would be based on the total of two average monthly utility bills.

"Before July 1, we charged a \$10 deposit for electricity and \$5 for water," Culbreth said. "Normally, we did not require a deposit on phones. We refunded these deposits annually, if the customer's record was good. And of course, we did not pay interest before."

According to Gerry McKelvey, telephone commercial engineer, the University plant will now be collecting fewer deposits than before.

"Before we were requiring a deposit from everyone who walked through the door," McKelvey said. "The only people now affected are those who have not established credit."

Commission regulations state a customer's credit has been established if he pays for service 12 consecutive months without having had service discontinued for nonpayment. He may not be delinquent in payment more than twice.

In this event, the utility must return the customer's deposit plus all interest accrued during service.

In the case of students, McKelvey said, nine months of good credit would establish his rating.

"If a student had nine months of good credit when he went home for the summer, we would not require a deposit from him when he returned to Chapel Hill," McKelvey said.

The University plant has not yet

decided how often they will return the deposit plus interest.

"We would expect that we would have to refund the deposit and interest more than once a year," Culbreth said. "It will take us a couple of months to gear our billing and revenue machinery to this new change. It really depends on the mechanics of the program how often the refund is made."

"Of course, if a customer discontinues his service, we will refund his deposit plus accrued interest as soon as possible," Culbreth added.

The security deposit will not affect students living in dormitories on campus unless they have proven to be a credit risk.



The Old Well is a campus institution or so we're told. Located in what used to be the center of campus, the Well has been a campus attraction to both young and old. Here, two of the young admire the water fountain which now produces the water the Well used to give. (Staff photo by Cliff Kolovson)