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It was a rather nice day Thursday and these three residents of Alexander Dormitory decided a game of outside chess was just the thing. Craig Moore watches while Ed Rudzik (l.) and Bucky Joyce do battle. (Staff photo by Leslie Todd)

Restructuring backed by former chancellor

by Evans Witt
Staff Writer

Former Chapel Hill Chancellor William B. Aycock Thursday presented a new plan for restructuring state-supported higher education to the Joint Senate and House Higher Education Committee in Raleigh.

Aycock's plan calls for a strong governing board with budget and program control over all 16 institutions of higher education, with boards of trustees for each campus and desconsolidation of the University system.

"Higher education is the only area in state government where the General Assembly still makes specific appropriations for specific uses," he said in an interview following his testimony.

"The General Assembly delegates that authority to someone more knowledgeable in every other area of state finances," he added.

Aycock called for making each head the "president" of his campus.

"I said that so there wouldn't be any doubt - President Friday could just move in to be head of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill," he explained.

The proposed restructuring plan, third proposed to the Committee this week, received a good reception from the legislators, according to United Press International.

The joint chairmen of the committee were not enthusiastic about the proposal but did believe a strong governing board would win support from the entire committee.

Aycock called for establishment of a Commissioner of Higher Education to head the central state board and join the Governor's cabinet.

"This full-time official would be the spokesman for the business of higher education in North Carolina," he said in a wire report.

Aycock said following the hearing he felt President Friday might decide to seek the Commissioner post. The provision for Friday to take over the head of Chapel Hill campus was not designed to preclude a try for the position, he said.

"Nobody would be out of a job under my proposal - not even any trustee," Aycock explained.

He also called for merging the Consolidated University General Administration staff with the State Board of Higher Education.

Under Aycock's plan local boards would oversee internal functioning of their campuses. The Boards would administer funds from the central board.

"The General Assembly would appropriate, the Board of Regents would allocate, and the local boards will operate," explained Aycock.

Local board size would vary among the 16 institutions, Aycock said. While the regional universities would retain

their 12 member boards, such campuses as Chapel Hill, State and UNC-G would have 24 or 25 member boards.

"Because of the more complicated nature of the programs at these campuses, they would need a larger board of trustees," he added.

East Carolina University might eventually need a larger board as its programs grow in size and complexity, Aycock suggested.

East Carolina President Leo Jenkins Thursday endorsed any system of higher education which would maintain individual trustee boards to deal with the General Assembly.

CU officials speak at Burney meeting

by Evans Witt
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Three Consolidated University officials, including President William C. Friday, will speak at two meetings on desconsolidation scheduled this weekend for N.C. legislators.

N. Ferebee Taylor, vice-president for administration, and L. Felix Joyner, vice-president for finance, will accompany Friday to a meeting today in Wrightsville Beach and a Saturday conference in High Point.

Today's meeting has been organized by Senator John J. Burney (D-New Hanover) for senators opposed to Governor Robert Scott's higher education restructuring plan. Rep. Ike Andrews (D-Siler City) has invited some 60 state representatives to the High Point meeting.

Friday emphasized he and the other officials would only speak on current functions of the Consolidated University and would not engage in debate.

"It is not our mission to discuss any of the current proposals now before the Joint House Senate Committee," he said.

"I will explain the work of my office at both meetings," Friday added.

He said Taylor will present "a factual

analysis of all the bills on higher education currently in the legislative hopper." Joyner will explain budgetary authority of the Consolidated University to the two legislators groups.

Burney's meeting at the Blockade Runner Hotel in Wrightsville Beach is expected to draw some 38 state senators. Work sessions are scheduled Friday afternoon and evening and Saturday morning.

Workshops are scheduled Saturday afternoon and evening in High Point at Andrews' meeting. He is a member of the Consolidated University Board of Trustees Executive Committee.

Andrews and Burney were leaders in the legislative battle to stall Governor Scott's restructuring plan during the regular session of the General Assembly.

The two meetings have drawn sharp criticisms from Scott and State Democratic Party Chairman Joe Yates.

A Democratic fund-raising event is set for this weekend in conflict with the two conferences.

A special session of the General Assembly opens October 26 to consider restructuring state-supported higher education.

'Bring campus together

RCF supports bus subsidy

by Jessica Hancher
Staff Writer

The Residence College Federation called for support of a student subsidized bus system at its Wednesday night meeting.

A Student Legislature bill now in committee would create the subsidy through a \$3.50 room rent addition per semester.

Authoring by James legislator Clayton Woodard, the bill would create an October 5 referendum to vote on the proposed room rent raise.

If the referendum passes and the UNC trustees consent, the bus system would provide unlimited use for all students in University residence halls and married students living in UNC housing.

Any person not in a residence hall, such as faculty and staff, could buy a semester pass for \$3.50.

"The student-subsidized bus system would equalize living conditions in North and South Campus," said Charlie Miller, governor of James Residence College. "It would draw South Campus students to North Campus and lessen the separation of the two campuses."

Sheila Wall, governor of King Residence College, agreed, "There is an extreme alienation between the two campuses that the free bus system would lessen," she said.

"I question if North Campus would vote for the raise," Joe Grier, governor of Morrison Residence College, pointed out. "I'm afraid they might cancel the South Campus vote for it."

"I do not think it is fair for students in South Campus or any part of campus to have to pay for a bus system on a daily basis when other Universities are doing what I propose and coming out with a better bus service," said Woodard in explaining his bill before the RCF meeting.

"The present bus system is controlled to a great extent by the Motor Vehicles Fund which subsidizes part of the present system," he added. "We have to operate it ourselves before it can be improved."

Woodard would like the bus system to eventually extend into full campus service and include Eastgate Shopping Center and University parking lots.

"Faculty, staff and commuters could park on the outskirts of town and ride to campus," he said.

Bailey Cobbs, student transportation commissioner, pointed out the \$3.50 room rent raise would only subsidize the present bus system. "Expanding the present system would have to come from a higher fee or high profits," he said.

"Profits would come from overcrowded buses or from off-campus riders," he noted.

Cobbs approved of the bill. "It seems like the best way to get a better bus system," he said. "This is the only alternative way."

A committee of students, faculty and administrators would supervise the bus system, establish routes and administer all money collected.

The resolution supporting the room rent raise, drawn up by Miller, was passed unanimously.

"This is the type of thing RCF should be doing," commented Steve Saunders, chairman of RCF. "We should definitely take a stand on this issue."

The bill will be brought up before SL's Finance Committee next Wednesday. If approved, it will go to the SL floor next week.

Arnold's condition still unimproved

UNC reserve guard Billy Arnold remained in critical condition Thursday afternoon in the intensive care ward at N.C. Memorial Hospital.

His physician, Dr. Arthur Finn, said Arnold's condition was "about the same - extremely critical."

Arnold suffered a heat stroke at the end of practice September 6 and has remained on the hospital's critical list since.

Finn said there have been both "encouraging and discouraging" signs

during the past few days. He added there has been no substantial change in Arnold's overall condition.

The physician said Arnold has suffered "many organ complications and now has some infection in his lungs. He's being treated for all of these."

"Things don't look good," Dr. Finn added, "but then they never have. The longer he survives, however, the better his chances."

Arnold is a sophomore from Staten Island, N.Y.



UNC students Jong Duk Lee (l.) and Sun Hyuk Kim chose a nice spot for their thinking - the lawn of Mitchell Hall worked arduously Thursday on an equation. The two Koreans (Staff photo by Leslie Todd)



UNC junior Joanne Lee decided Thursday it was time to send a letter home. A resident of Cobb Dormitory, Miss Lee put great effort in licking the envelope. (Staff photo by Leslie Todd)

Weather

TODAY: rain or showers, possibly heavy at times; highs today in the 70s, lows tonight in the upper 50s to low 60s. SATURDAY: variable cloudiness; probability of rain is 80 percent today, 30 percent tonight.

3 dorms approve college status

by Jim Minor
Staff Writer

Residents of Alexander, Winston and Connor approved a new residence college by referendum Wednesday.

Joyner dormitory voted against the proposal.

The balloting concerned three issues. A simple majority was required to pass the proposals. The questions and voting tabulations were:

Do you want to join the new residence college? Connor, 84-1; Alexander, 96-4; Winston, 123-4; and Joyner, 37-54.

Do you accept the new residence college constitution? Connor, 84-1; Alexander, 95-5; and Winston, 122-4.

Do you accept the Residence College Federation Constitution? Connor, 84-1;

Alexander, 93-7; and Winston, 120-6.

Percentages of voter turnout were Joyner, 45 percent; Alexander, 78 percent; Winston, 64 percent; and Connor, 44 percent.

The new residence college steering committee met Thursday to validate the results of the referendum.

The committee also set September 29 as the date for election of officers and naming the college.

The election committee will announce ballot procedures. The committee is made up of two representatives from each dorm. Patricia Joyner is chairman.

Officers will include a governor, social lieutenant governor, academic lieutenant governor and senators from each dorm floor.

"I am very pleased with the results of the referendum," steering committee chairman, A. J. deKeyser said Thursday. "The voting turnout was especially pleasing."

"The residents seem to be very enthusiastic about running for offices and participating in our programs," he said.

Steve Saunders, chairman of the Residence College Federation (RCF), also expressed pleasure with the results.

"I'm ecstatic about the new residence college," he said Thursday. "The students in Winston, Connor and Alexander have a lot of enthusiasm for the college and I expect this area to be really active."

"This is a natural residence college," Saunders said. "The physical location of

the buildings is the best of any college on North Campus."

"The addition of the new college will strengthen the RCF in its activities. Our base of representation has been increased," he said. "We can now better speak for all students in University residence halls. I'm delighted to have the new residence college join the RCF."

The dorms had tried to form a college before, de Keyser said, but plans never materialized. He said the college will begin functioning as soon as officers are elected.

The steering committee, created last spring, held summer meetings to draw up a constitution. An orientation program for the dorms was sponsored by the group.