

Council defers alcohol rule changes

by Lou Bonds
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An advisory council on Consolidated University policies on alcoholic beverages reached no final decision Wednesday on proposed changes in its beer, wine and liquor regulations.

The council, composed of student body presidents and administrative officials, considered at length a proposal to allow students of legal age to possess and consume alcohol in their dormitory rooms.

The proposal, in rough form, also provided that the chancellors of each Consolidated University branch could designate areas other than dorm rooms

for use of alcohol as long as they complied with state law.

The council will make no final decisions on a revision of University regulations concerning alcoholic beverages. They will offer only a recommendation to the Consolidated University Administrative Council which will then decide whether changes in the policy shall be made.

The draft offered to the council for consideration outlined a plan that would attempt to merge state and University regulations while providing "local option" on matters not clearly defined by either set of statutes. The proposal recognized North Carolina regulations on alcohol and the state's right to punish by

criminal penalty.

State law allows a person 18 years old to buy beer and fortified wine (under 14 percentum of alcohol) and he may use them "without restriction or regulation."

Beverages of more than 14 percentum alcohol may be purchased and consumed by persons 21 years or older, but state law adds restrictions govern the amount, location and time of purchase and consumption.

The proposed University regulation is designed to adhere to state law insofar as dorm rooms are concerned. The University policy held now is more restrictive.

The proposal does not apply to residential areas such as social lounges at

the proposal now stands.

Non-residential areas, such as dining halls and snack bars, were left to the chancellors' discretion. The council emphasized that student participation in these decisions should be allowed.

According to the proposal, students would be allowed to drink beer in athletic stadiums.

A great deal of uncertainty accompanied the members' consideration of the proposal.

Some members were not sure whether private residential areas included social lounges or not. Others were uncertain what non-residential areas would be qualified.

Richard Robinson, assistant to the

Consolidated University president, told the council that these qualifications would no doubt vary at each University branch because of the diversity of facilities at each.

He said the proposal allowing chancellors to designate areas for alcoholic consumption other than dorm rooms (snack bars and dining halls) was made to reduce the confusion.

Robinson said he will make another draft of the proposal, including some suggestions made at the meeting, and will mail copies of the form to council members.

If no major objections to the proposal are made, Robinson said the proposal will be made in formal recommendation to

the Administrative Council.

He said he hopes to have the final recommendation turned in by October 14.

The advisory Council was initiated last spring by President William C. Friday and the Administrative Council, which directed the deans of Student Affairs at University branches to re-examine the alcoholic beverage policies.

It was later decided that student body presidents should be allowed to meet with the council to represent students.

A meeting was held last spring and the council agreed that some changes and clarifications of University policy were needed. A second meeting was to be held this summer but was cancelled.

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Sitterson: CU expansion solves education issue

by Evans Witt
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Chancellor J. Carlyle Sitterson endorsed Wednesday expansion of the Consolidated University system as the best means of restructuring state-supported higher education.

In a letter to the editor of The Chapel Hill Weekly, Sitterson clarified misconceptions of his position on deconsolidation of the University resulting from a Weekly story.

The Weekly reported last Sunday Sitterson favored a change in the administrative structure of state higher education. The story did not elaborate on what type of structure the chancellor favored.

In the Wednesday statement, Sitterson said the needs of education in the state can best be served by "building from strength," he called for the extension of the Consolidated system statewide.

He suggested the General Assembly give such an expanded system new powers.

"And most importantly," he explained, "(the legislature must give) the enlarged system the necessary budget and educational program powers."

The question of local representation on the UNC Board of Trustees and local policy decisions was also faced by Sitterson. He asked for representation on the Board of Trustees from each of the newly acquired campuses.

The establishment of subcommittees to serve as local governing boards for each campus was also proposed by the chancellor. Such subcommittees would have "responsibility for local campus policies," Sitterson said, "but with powers clearly defined by the governing board."

Sitterson made several points in the letter in support of his proposal.

"Historically, in multi-campus university systems...the original campus...was understandably the source of the educational strength of the system," he said.

He emphasized that University centers in Chapel Hill, Madison, Wis., and Berkeley, Cal. and others had provided the means of improvement of the other

campuses in their respective systems.

Citing the effectiveness of consolidated administration, Sitterson said, "such a system promotes cooperation and minimizes wasteful competition."

He added the "effective allocation of functions, cooperation and the leadership of the central administration" enabled all the state's campuses to benefit from Chapel Hill's excellence.

Also through such a system, Sitterson argues the state can receive greater benefit from its most outstanding campuses.

Sitterson's restructuring plan is very similar to that proposed by the Chancellor's Faculty Advisory Committee. The advisory group's position was revealed Sept. 10 at the first General Faculty meeting of the year by Dr. Dan Okun, faculty chairman.

The faculty group called for bringing two or three regional universities into the Consolidated system each year until all the institutions were contained within the University. It also proposed diversifying the membership of the Board of Trustees and giving it new powers.

"The new board should have the power to determine programs, budgets, personnel and property practices within component units," the group said.

Sitterson's proposed restructuring is not in agreement with the University Board of Trustees' action last Sunday endorsing the Andrews-Burney plan.

The trustees agreed with the proposal put forth by two N.C. legislators, Sen. John J. Burney (D-New Hanover) and Rep. Ike Andrews (D-Chatham). This plan calls for strengthening the State Board of Higher Education and retention of the present Consolidated University.

Scott rejects UNC plan

Education hearings reopen

by Evans Witt
Staff Writer

Legislative committee hearings on restructuring N.C. higher education reopen today in Raleigh, while opposition to Gov. Bob Scott's plan to deconsolidate the Consolidated University may be weakening.

In other developments in the controversy, Scott rejected the restructuring plan endorsed by the Consolidated University Board of Trustees.

Lindsay Warren, a former state senator and chairman of the special study commission on higher education appointed by Scott, is scheduled to appear this morning before the Joint House and Senate Higher Education Committee.

The committee held four days of hearings last week in preparation for the special General Assembly session on higher education slated to begin Oct. 26. The committee has scheduled further hearings for Friday.

Consolidated University President William C. Friday, Duke University President Terry Sanford and former Chapel Hill Chancellor William B. Aycock were among the witnesses before the committee in the first week of hearings.

The Winston-Salem Journal reported Wednesday that opposition to a central governing board for all the state's universities is weakening within the Board of Trustees' Executive Committee.

The story said several members of the committee urged the group to drop its opposition to the Scott plan.

A desire to share in shaping of a plan which has a greater chance of passing the General Assembly during its special session is the reason given for this change of some trustees.

Another factor in the apparent shift in the position of some trustees, the Journal said, was that the plan proposed by Sen. John J. Burney (D-New Hanover) and Rep. Ike Andrews (D-Chatham) has not gained many advocates.

A group of trustees, including most of the Executive Committee, endorsed the

Andrews-Burney plan in a special meeting in Chapel Hill last Sunday.

In a news conference in Charlotte Tuesday, Scott said he is increasingly optimistic about his plans to reorganize state-supported higher education.

The Winston-Salem Journal quoted Scott as saying he was more optimistic than he was two weeks ago about the possibilities for a strong governing board for all state universities.

Scott also rejected the Andrews-Burney plan for restructuring higher education.

Scott claimed the new plan did not accomplish his objective of having only one voice speak for all of N.C. higher education.

Protection for rights of the minorities in the state system was also a topic mentioned by the governor.

"We must assure minority representation on the governing board, both in terms of race and political party and we must assure that the board is broadly based across the state," Scott added.



The Daily Tar Heel has traditionally protected students from the wrath of those big bad administrators. These two were captured plotting in front of a South Building window Wednesday. (Staff photo by Cliff Kolovson)

Rally will oppose absentee vote law

A student rally urging the N.C. General Assembly to liberalize absentee voting requirements will be held at 11:30 a.m. today at the Legislature Building in Raleigh.

The Daily Tar Heel incorrectly reported Wednesday that the rally would be held Wednesday morning.

The rally was organized by Gene Grace, candidate for the Democratic nomination for the U.S. Senate. Grace will hold a news conference on the steps of the Legislative Building after the rally.

Clinton Kelley, a Chapel Hill worker for Grace, said the rally will endorse proposals for loosening absentee ballot requirements and for allowing students to register in towns where they attend school.

Weather

TODAY: cloudy and cool with rain likely during morning hours; high near 70; probability of rain 60 percent.

Levy for bus system topic of SL meeting

by Woody Doster
Staff Writer

An amended version of a bill calling for a referendum on student financial support for a University and town bus service comes to the floor of Student Legislature tonight.

The bill, sponsored by Representative Clayton Woodard, states that an October 5 referendum would allow students in University housing to accept or reject a \$5 increase in room rent to subsidize an expanded bus system.

"The \$5 increase would provide bus service around the entire campus as well as to Eastgate Shopping Center and outlying parking areas," Woodard said.

He said the proposed increase would provide \$71,000 in revenue for the bus system. Students living in University housing and their spouses would be able to ride the buses free.

In addition, off-campus students, faculty and staff members would be able to purchase a pass to ride the buses for \$5. Woodard had no estimate of the

revenue this provision would generate.

"Last year the buses cost \$45,500," Woodard said. "The ten cents fee to ride the buses was inadequate to pay this cost. The University's Office of Operations and Engineering had to subsidize the buses with \$10,000."

The present bus system mainly serves South Campus, with stops on South Campus, at Wilson Library and downtown.

"I don't think the present system services the University as completely as it should," Woodard said. "And if students fund the system entirely, they will have final voice in matters concerning the system."

Woodard's bill would provide a governing board composed of 12 members for the bus system. They are two representatives from South Campus, two from North Campus, two off-campus students, chairman of the Student Transportation Committee, Vice-Chancellor in charge of Business Affairs, representatives from the Office of Operations and Engineering, the Office of

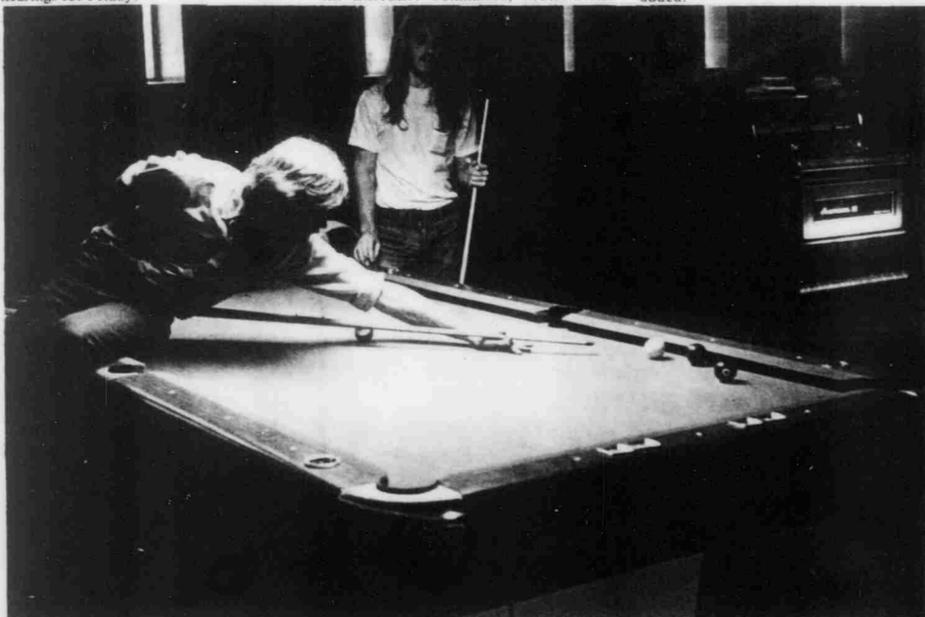
Student Affairs and two faculty members.

If the referendum is approved by a majority of students voting, the bus system will be enacted with the approval of the Chancellor and University Trustees. Woodard said the buses could be in operation as early as next semester.

The legislature must also consider a request for \$220 from the Human Sexuality Committee. Committee Chairman Robert R. Wilson said the committee would provide UNC students with abortion referral and information, advice on contraceptives, and information on venereal disease and other sex-related problems.

"We have found that people just won't call N.C. Memorial Hospital with their problems," Wilson said. In addition, he said the committee would help professors teaching the "Topics on Human Sexuality" course.

Legislator Gerry Cohen said his bill requesting \$1,000 to pay legal fees for a suit challenging North Carolina's primary voting laws may again be postponed.



Tim Taylor attempts a little razzle-dazzle with a pool cue in the Student Union pool room. Lee Gildersleve looks on

confidently - "Minnesota Fats he ain't." (Staff photo by Scott Stewart)