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Gov. Bob Scott criticizes the attitude of the Consolidated University toward his attempts to restructure higher education in North Carolina. Scott spoke to the UNC Faculty Club in the Carolina Inn Tuesday.

Scott criticizes UNC for restructuring fight

by Evans Witt
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Gov. Bob Scott criticized the Consolidated University leadership in a speech here Tuesday for not taking a constructive stand on restructuring state-supported higher education.

"The University has, in my opinion, not added to its position, prestige or image and has not contributed to the solution in the stand it has taken in the past, a negative stand," Scott told a luncheon meeting of the Chapel Hill Faculty Club at the Carolina Inn.

Scott also announced he has reset the regular quarterly meeting of the Trustees from Oct. 25 to Oct. 18.

"In addition to the normal business, I'm asking that the agenda include a discussion of the status of reorganization," he added, explaining his reasons for rescheduling the meeting.

The Trustees meeting was to have been the day before the opening of the special session of the N.C. General Assembly Oct. 26 on the restructuring question.

In addition, Scott said many leaders and friends of the University now believe it is necessary to openly discuss the deconsolidation issue.

"Many friends of the University have diligently sought answers to this problem," he said. "The University leadership has an opportunity to express itself positively."

In the lengthy and wide-ranging speech, the governor outlined his proposals for the structure of higher education and attempted to clarify some of the disagreements in the controversy.

"No one is out to get the University," he said, adding: "Some people think this is a fight between the governor and the Consolidated University Board of Trustees, a conflict which must be resolved between the University and the N.C. Board of Higher Education; that there are irreconcilable differences between (director of the N.C. Board of Higher Education) Cam West and (Consolidated University President) Bill Friday."

"Not so," Scott said.

Scott mentioned five basic points in his position on restructuring. He repeated his recent statement that most of these points have widespread support.

"First, I feel there must be one voice for higher education—call it what you will—board, regents, etc.," he said.

His second point was that this board must have complete program control over all 16 state higher education institutions. This would include the initiation of new programs and the cancellation of present ones.

The new governing board would also have to have complete budget control over the universities, Scott said.

Protection of minority rights in the new system and minority representation on the governing board was another tenet of the governor's position. Scott mentioned racial, ethnic and political minorities as those deserving representation.

"In whatever situation, all the institutions must feel that they're coming into the system with dignity and honor and that they will have a sense of belonging," Scott added.

He explained he did not want any university, including the Consolidated system, to feel involvement in restructuring "with the sense of a shotgun wedding."

On some of the finer questions involved in restructuring, Scott indicated his preferences but insisted he "is not wedded to any one detail."

Scott advocated local boards to set policies for each particular campus.

"These boards' authority must derive from the state level board," he said. "There must be clear lines of authority established."

He said the local boards would deal with strictly local problems, such as parking regulations, which should not concern the central board.

The state-wide governing board should not consist of more than 25 members, according to Scott. In this way, the governor said, the board could truly be a governing board with monthly meetings and no all-powerful executive committee.

Scott said he favors a "lump-sum" appropriation system for the higher education system. This plan would have the legislature give the governing board appropriations for broad categories, not for individual projects as the General Assembly does now.

In response to questions from Faculty Club members, Scott called for some form of constitutional protection for the new educational structure. He did not detail what type of protection he would favor.

"There are differences in the faculty and institutions in the system," Scott said, "and they should be preserved."

He elaborated, saying he favored maintaining the quality of education in each component institution, not leveling all the Universities to some mean level.

On the question of the selection of the 25-man governing board, the governor called for representation of minorities, refusing to endorse any particular election formula.

Food study commission hears complaints today

by Jessica Hancher
Staff Writer

The Student Food Service Commission will hold an open forum to air complaints and suggestions at 4 p.m. today in room 213-215 of the Student Union.

The commission includes students and managers from Servomation-Mathias, Inc., the campus food service.

"We want the students to voice their opinions on what they think is wrong and

what would be right," says Sheila Wall, commission chairman.

"We hope it won't turn into just a complaint session," she said Tuesday. "That is rarely constructive."

"We want to hear complaints, but we also want students to come with ideas of practical alternatives to the service as it is now."

Robert Greer, director of Servomation-Mathias on campus and a non-voting commission member, will

explain why some proposals may not be feasible on campus at this time, said Miss Wall.

"We need students with realistic demands," she said.

Students will be addressing themselves to the student-management commission, Miss Wall said, not just to Servomation.

Miss Wall said the Food Service Commission was formed to provide a liaison between students and the food service for recommendations and complaints.

"The commission also wants to help the student view himself as a consumer toward the food service," she added. "As a consumer, the student has the obligation to let the manager know his opinions on how the place is run."

"Students and management can work together closely to keep communication open," she said. "That way we hope to head off problems before they reach the critical stage."

The commission will meet twice a month to discuss suggestions and evaluate proposals on the food service operation.

"We need input and feedback now so we'll know in what directions to start working," she said.

Miss Wall said the commission will set its priorities according to opinions expressed at the open forum.

"I hope students will feel free to come in and say what they think," she said. "If students want to have a good food service, they have the responsibility to help us."

Asked by Cansler

Housing policy study planned

by Mark Whicker
Staff Writer

Assistant Dean of Student Affairs James O. Cansler has requested a study of the sophomore and junior transfer university housing requirement, waived last spring due to increased enrollment projections.

The study will be made by Robert Kepner, director of Resident Life, and the Committee on University Residence Life (CURL). Cansler said Tuesday the study will be completed by Nov. 1.

Kepner said the first meeting with CURL on the re-evaluation will be early next week. "Certainly the issue of sophomores and junior transfers will be discussed," he said, "but we hope it will become a broad study of the whole problem eventually."

Cansler disclosed the study was being made at a meeting Tuesday morning with Steve Saunders, chairman of the Residence College Federation, Student

Body President Joe Stallings, and Robert Wilson, Stallings' special assistant on residence life.

RCF passed a resolution last week requesting that the requirements be dropped permanently.

"At this point, I want to make RCF's ideas a part of the evaluation," Saunders said.

Stallings has requested that the study be finished well enough in advance to insure sophomores and junior transfers time to find off-campus housing if they desire.

"I also hope students will be involved in this study," Stallings said, "and that the results will be in the open soon enough to be printed in university bulletins for next year."

"I also would like to see another reason, besides financial difficulties, why these students must be required to use university housing."

Administrators have argued that living in dorms is "an educational experience"

to benefit students and get them acquainted with university life.

Saunders termed this "hogwash."

"We do see the need for freshmen to stay in residence halls but beyond that it is not necessary." All parties have agreed that the dorms must be made into an educational experience for the residents. "But even if they are," Saunders said, "no upperclassmen should be required to live in a residence hall."

"We've been preparing for an evaluation like this ever since last spring," Cansler said. "The future trends of enrollment are fluid right now, but whatever the number is we would like to make residence hall living more meaningful."

Kepner said that the overcrowding in dorms has not decreased significantly since the beginning of the semester.

"I'd say about 270 men are still affected," he said, "and about 170 women."



James O. Cansler

No action taken on alcohol rules

by Bill Lovin
Staff Writer

No formal action was taken on proposed regulations on the use of alcoholic beverages at Tuesday's meeting of the Consolidated University Administrative Council, according to Cam West, assistant to Student Body President Joe Stallings.

West, who represented UNC Student Government at the meeting, said the proposed regulations would be sent to the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees for consideration at their Nov. 12 meeting.

But an opinion would first be obtained from the attorney general's office on the legality of the regulations. The Trustees will make the final decision on the policy.

The proposed alcohol regulations were drawn up at a meeting of campus deans of student affairs and student body presidents last month. The proposed policy would allow possession and consumption of all types of alcoholic beverages, by persons of sufficient age, in the private rooms of University housing by residents and guests.

The policy permits the use of beer and

wine in areas of University housing other than private rooms at the discretion of the chancellor after consultation with student representatives.

The chancellor would have the power to designate areas outside of University housing where alcoholic beverages could be consumed.

West said Student Government had "two main objections" to the policy as it now exists.

"First we feel 'secondary residences' should be broadened to include lounges in dormitories," he said. "The attorney general has interpreted the 'secondary residence' wording in the law to mean only dorm rooms. We would like it to include dormitory lounges."

"Secondly, the way the policy is written now, there is no absolute guarantee the chancellor will confer with the student body president concerning a general liquor policy for the whole campus, as opposed to a specific policy for a specific instance."

The reassessment of the alcohol regulations on the Consolidated University campuses began last spring after it was determined the University had no clear-cut policy governing alcohol.



A workman fixes a hole cut in a wall in James to rescue a former UNC student who was hurt when he apparently stepped off the top of an elevator. (Staff photo by Leslie Todd)

Weather

TODAY: variable cloudiness with a chance of showers and thunders; high near 80; probability of precipitation 30 percent today and 20 percent tonight.

UNC student hurt in elevator mishap

by Norman Black
Staff Writer

A former UNC student was badly injured Monday night when he apparently attempted to step on top of an elevator in an elevator shaft of Hinton James dormitory, authorities said.

Lindy Harper of Chapel Hill, was pinned in the shaft for nearly three hours while the Chapel Hill Fire Department worked to free him.

Don Tyndall, James third floor residence advisor, said, "Harper was caught a number of times last year riding on top of the elevators. Evidently, he had just pried the door open and started to step on the beam separating the two shafts."

"He had just stepped out when the door closed and the elevator came down on top of him," Tyndall added. "This must have happened about 9:45 p.m., and I know he wasn't out until 12:45 a.m."

The Chapel Hill Fire and Police departments first received the emergency call at 10:04 p.m. They were quickly joined by the University campus police

and two doctors from N.C. Memorial Hospital.

The Chapel Hill Ambulance Service also dispatched a vehicle to the scene of the accident.

According to Assistant Fire Chief Robert Williams, the two adjoining elevators both stopped at the third floor level when Harper was struck.

The fire department was then forced to cut through approximately five inches of ceramic tile and eight inches of cinder block to reach Harper.

"We had to remove a two-by-three-foot section of the wall to reach him, and this took time," Williams said. "We couldn't chance turning the power on to move the elevator, because the boy was badly pinned."

"We called two Westinghouse elevator men, and they slowly raised the elevator which pinned him by hand," Williams said. "We had one of our men come up from the second floor and stay there with him."

Williams said doctors had to administer oxygen to Harper several times during the rescue, but he never lost consciousness.