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John Elam (holding umbrella) and Scott Archer both lack protection from the rain. With as much rain as Chapel Hill is expected to have this fall, Elam better do something about that umbrella. (Staff photo by Leslie Todd)

Education board backs UNC deconsolidation

by Evans Witt
Staff Writer

The N.C. Board of Higher Education endorsed the Joint House-Senate Higher Education Committee bill on restructuring in its regular meeting Thursday in Raleigh.

The state board voted 17-5 to support the committee plan.

The endorsement was expected, since board director Dr. Cameron West has been one of the chief allies of Governor Bob Scott in the restructuring fight since last spring.

Consolidated University President William C. Friday was not surprised at the board's action.

"This means they have officially said they will support the committee's proposal and work for its approval," he said.

Watts Hill, Jr., a Chapel Hill resident and former chairman of the state board, made the motion to endorse the committee plan.

Hill appeared on the Chapel Hill

campus Thursday night following the meeting for a debate on restructuring with State Senator John J. Burney (D-New Hanover). Burney has been a foe of deconsolidation of the Consolidated University throughout the restructuring battles.

The bill endorsed by the board will be introduced to the General Assembly Tuesday when the special session on higher education opens.

Prepared by the Joint House and Senate Higher Education Committees after lengthy hearings in September, the bill calls for the establishment of a strong governing board over all 16 state-supported institutions.

The new system would be called the "University of North Carolina System" and would essentially involve the dissolution of the present Consolidated University system.

The central board, under the new proposal, would consist of 33 members, including the governor. Of the other 32 members of the board, 24 would be appointed to the board by the General Assembly and eight by the governor.

The board would be given complete program control powers over all state institutions, including the establishment of new programs and the abolition of unneeded ones.

In the area of budget control, the board of governors as endorsed by the higher education board would have substantial but not complete budget control.

The budgets for all 16 universities would be prepared and presented by the board to the General Assembly. Essentially the bill calls for the change from the current line-item budget request system to one based on lump sums.

This change in budget procedures is designed, according to its proponents, including Scott and Friday, to prevent the current political bickering over each school's appropriations in the assembly.

The committee bill as endorsed by the state board sets up local boards of trustees for each campus, somewhat as the regional universities currently have boards of trustees. The powers these local boards would exercise are not defined by

the proposed bill. Under this plan, the central board would delegate to the local boards whatever powers it saw fit.

The supporters of the regional universities attempted to amend this section of the bill in the legislative committee. They attempted to assign eight powers to the local boards, rather than leave those powers to the central governing board.

The board endorsed that portion of the bill calling for establishment of an interim board to oversee the consolidation of all 16 institutions under the new system.

The bill endorsed by the state board is opposed to the one put forward by Friday and endorsed Monday by the Consolidated University Board of Trustees.

Friday's plan calls for the expansion of the Consolidated University structure over a two-year period to encompass all 16 institutions. Instead of the 33-man board of governors endorsed by the State Board of Higher Education, his plan would have the central board remain at the current 100-man level.

Sitterson: UNC acting to cure grid problems

by Bill Lovin
Staff Writer

Chancellor J. Carlyle Sitterson said Thursday the University has already taken action on questions about the UNC football program raised by the Faculty Council's Committee on Athletics.

The committee raised a number of questions about the athletic program in its report on the death of UNC football

player Bill Arnold.

Sitterson said in a statement, "As recommended in the Faculty Athletic Committee report of Oct. 8 and suggested by Faculty Council discussions and student suggestions, we have already taken action in several areas."

Sitterson said a physician will now attend all practice sessions and special clinics will be held for coaches in basic conditioning. The clinics will be

conducted by medical personnel.

He said a study would be made on the possibility of establishing a sports medicine department and a study will be made of the relationship of team trainers and the Student Health Service.

Sitterson's statement came in response to Student Body President Joe Stallings' call for the appointment of a committee to investigate the report's questions.

Stallings, a member of the Faculty Council's subcommittee called to investigate Arnold's death, said in a statement Tuesday "there is no question that further study is called for."

Stallings said the committee heard testimony "which it felt warranted further study" and said he spoke with Sitterson several times about formation of a study committee.

Sitterson, in his statement, made no mention of the appointment of a committee but did not rule out the possibility. He could not be reached for comment Thursday afternoon.

His statement did say "We have begun the study of additional matters including the important area of the relations between student athletes and the student body."

"I have instructed the Athletic Committee to proceed expeditiously and to draw upon the experience and knowledge of all relevant elements of the University."

Sitterson said reports will be made as the studies are completed and recommendations would be made.

Sitterson made no mention of any further investigation of specific facts surrounding the death of Bill Arnold. Arnold, a junior from Staten Island, N.Y., suffered a heart stroke during football practice Sept. 6 and died 15 days later.

His death touched off an emotional series of charges and counter-charges which led to the Faculty Council's investigation.

Weather

TODAY: continued cloudy; occasional rain with 50 percent chance of precipitation today and Saturday; high, 70s, low, mid-50s.

PIRG solicits student support

by Kathy Koch
Staff Writer

The UNC campus will be flooded next week with displays, demonstrations, buttons and bumper stickers — all sporting the bitten apple symbol of the North Carolina Public Interest Research Group (NC-PIRG).

The campaign is an effort by the group to drum up support and publicity for their week-long petitioning drive which begins November 14. The group hopes to secure 13,000 signatures from UNC students who support PIRG during that drive.

The 400-member group, which is still in its formative stages, concerns itself with environmental preservation, consumer protection and corporate responsibility. In order to attack these problems, the group is organized on statewide and local levels, including a full-time team of professionals financed by UNC, UNC-G, N.C. State and Duke Universities.

During the "information week" coming up, NC-PIRG will send out speakers to fraternities, sororities and other organizations to answer questions concerning PIRG, its functions, structure and the controversial \$1.50 per semester fee that the group wants to effect.

The group will also hold "talk back" sessions to answer questions and to explore public opposition to the fee. The purpose of the fee, according to the group's coordinators, is to provide a firm

and steady financial base for a team of professionals who can match corporate expertise in dealing with research, documentation and even court action to correct pollution problems.

The coordinators emphasize that each student retains his right to have a voice in the money's use. Coordinator Bill Cobb said, "In providing for a refund assessment, PIRG has gone far beyond any other similarly funded organization on this campus. Taking a considerable risk, PIRG is betting its very existence on student support."

In addition to the refund mechanism, a student can voice his objections by withholding his signature from the petitions. The ultimate control of the funds rests with the students, Cobb explains, in the election of a local board, which will hold open meetings.

Also, the financial and professional resources of PIRG will be controlled by a regional board, consisting of representatives from UNC's local board.

The group explains the rationale behind the need for a student fee as a question of continuity and expertise. This problem would be alleviated by a team of full-time professionals.

Thus PIRG needs a stable financial base to guarantee these professionals a pay-check, say group leaders. Only then can NC-PIRG provide the kind of support and follow-through that is necessary to counteract the enormous resources of corporate public relations and legal firms, according to the group.

those in satisfactory electrical condition with minimum restrictions on electrical usage," the proposal states. These dorms are in Lower Quad, all of South Campus, Old East and Old West.

Category B buildings "can safely permit only a very limited usage of electrical appliances." These include all dorms not in category A except Whitehead Dormitory.

Dorms in Category A carry a 1,800-watt limit per dorm room. No single appliance may exceed 1,000 watts. Refrigerator size is limited at 5 cubic feet.

Category B rooms have a 600-watt limitation and a refrigerator size limit of

2.5 cubic feet. Whitehead, in Category C, has a 300-watt limit per room.

The proposed policy has been sent to Robert Kepner, director of Residence Life, for final approval. The policy will be revised by his office and a final policy issued in the next few weeks, according to Kepner.

An extensive electrical survey was conducted last summer and this fall by an engineering firm to determine the electrical capabilities of the residence halls. The proposed policy is based on this survey.

"Some areas are capable of more



Mike Dickinson rides his bicycle through campus, while sheltering his head from the rain. The last two days have seen

plenty of precipitation, and it doesn't promise to be any better today. (Staff photo by Leslie Todd)

In campus drive

Community Chest near goal

by Greg Turosak
Staff Writer

The Campus Community Chest drive has reached more than 90 percent of its goal with just three days left in the campaign.

About \$21,000 of the \$23,000 goal has been collected, according to John Temple, UNC assistant to the vice chancellor for business and chairman of the campus drive. The drive began October 3 and is scheduled to end Sunday.

In addition to the \$21,000 collected, another \$2,500 of a \$4,000 goal has been collected in the advanced giving drive. Advanced giving is an effort which

attempts to establish a solid base among habitual donors, according to Temple.

Temple said there has been no solicitation of students as of yet. He added, however, "While the community Chest campaign is not specifically directed toward receiving contributions from University students, contributions from students would certainly be welcomed. And, we would credit those contributions to the department with which these students are affiliated."

Temple continued, "I personally feel the campus portion of the Community Chest drive is going extremely well. We sincerely appreciate the contributions that have come in and the efforts of the

solicitors that have assisted in campus solicitations.

"We would welcome contributions by anyone who has not yet contributed, so that we may reach our goal."

The campus drive is a facet of the annual drive of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Community Chest. The Community Chest annually receives requests by charitable organizations for funds.

These requests are reviewed and budgets covering 70-80 percent of the charitable organizations are drawn up and allocated. The overall drive, which is presently 65-70 percent successful, will continue past the Sunday deadline for the campus drive.

RCF asks new electrical policy in dorms

by Jessica Hanchar
Staff Writer

A proposed University electrical appliance policy which imposes no restrictions on the number of refrigerators per dorm was approved Wednesday night by the Residence College Federation (RCF).

The proposal does limit the number of watts that can be in use at one time in each dorm room and the size of the refrigerator.

Dormitories were divided into two categories according to electrical capacity. Category A dormitories are

extensive electrical appliance usage, but other areas are not safely capable of the current level of usage and must have greater restrictions," the proposed policy states.

"I'm glad we have an accurate policy that reflects dorm wiring rather than sets arbitrary limits on refrigerators," commented Steve Saunders, RCF chairman.

"I'm glad conditions in Category A dorms are good enough to have almost nominal restrictions on the use of appliances," he added.

"Unfortunately, dorms in Category B are not very good. The wiring there is

much worse than anybody thought. Appliance use there at the present level is very dangerous. The people in those dorms need to cut back their watts usage to insure their own and others' safety," he continued.

Saunders said all dorms are to be re-wired this summer to meet the standards of dorms in Category A. Whitehead may be re-wired sooner, he said.

"Making all dorms meet Category A quality is an absolute necessity," he asserted.

RCF postponed a decision on a proposed dorm room painting policy

until their next meeting. Discussion centered on questions such as whether to charge a \$12.50 damage deposit," Saunders said.

A decision on the proposed dorm rent increase was also postponed until next week to receive more feedback from dorm residents, Saunders said.

RCF also discussed the closing of dorms over Thanksgiving holidays. Craig, Carr and McIver dorms "will definitely remain open," Saunders said.

Dorms were closed over Thanksgiving last year "to hold down thefts, which are normally extremely high when students are gone," he said.