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No cookies, no gasoline, said owner

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MIAMI — A Miami area Girl Scout troop is getting a boost from the energy crisis at a gas station which has invoked a rule: no cookies, no fill-up.

Service station operator Lou Doucette let his daughter and other members of her Girl Scout group sell cookies to motorists waiting in line at his station and then gave sales a little extra boost.

One motorist declined when an attendant asked him if he wanted to buy cookies. The attendant then poked his head in the car and snapped, "Well, how's your gas situation?"

He explained that without a purchase of cookies there would be an eight-gallon limit on gas sales.

"You know what you're doing? You're blackmailing me," the customer said.

Doucette said Saturday he didn't think anything was wrong with the idea and he planned to continue the practice Monday and Tuesday.

"I feel in my mind I wasn't doing anything illegal," he said. "This was my way of saying, 'Com'on kids, let's see if we can raise some money.'"



Ah, the joys of the open road... Life can be rough during the energy crisis, as local motorists have discovered. A full tank of gas has become an impossible dream as January allocations run low.

(Staff photo by Tom Randolph)

Lines form, gas stations running dry

by Bob Ripley
Staff Writer

Frightened by rumors of a gasless week throughout the state, Chapel Hill motorists lined up for two and a half blocks, and a wait of 30 minutes to fill up for maybe the last time until the first of the month Friday.

Jim Douglas's Etna on East Franklin Street seemed to be the only place in the city to get gas.

"I don't know how they found out we had gas," Douglas said. "They were here with police when we opened at 12:30. I could sell all I have today if I stay open an extra hour. Doubt I'll be able to open tomorrow, anyway."

Douglas had eight pumps working with four lines of traffic. In 30 minutes the station serviced 75 cars, most of them taking the \$4 limit.

"People have caused this shortage. They hear there's not any gas and rush down here today and every weekend," Douglas said. "If they would just buy gas like they normally do, I could handle them a lot better. They should fill up when they're one-quarter or half empty instead of waiting to coast in on fumes."

Attendant Pinky Andrews said they just received a shipment of about 7,300 gallons, but they could have used 10 times that amount.

"The reason we have gas and no one else does," Andrews said, "is because we sold more than they did last year. We need it. Other places do engine work, lube jobs, but all we do is sell gas."

Officer Ben Callahan, who was directing the traffic, said it was much worse over the weekend because no one was there to control the cars. He said traffic was backed up from Suttle's Texaco past Fowler's Food Store to the intersection of Franklin and Columbia streets.

Most of the motorists seemed to accept the 30-minute wait, but many refused to believe there is a real gas shortage.

"This just goes to show the free enterprise system doesn't work," motorist Nancy Rose said. "The oil companies are crippling the entire nation just for record profits. But then that's what we are taught — profits, profits, profits. They ought to nationalize the oil companies."

"I think it's a holdout by the major oil companies," Patty Hill said. "I hate to see rationing come, but it looks like we might need it."

Helen Jenner said she had to drive 20 miles a day to work and if the shortage keeps up, rationing will be necessary.

"This two-and-a-half block waiting line might keep people from abusing what gas they have," Jenner said.

"I'll wait in line till this place closes down," said one motorist. "Then if I don't get any gas I'm not going to work tomorrow. Hell, I won't even get home, tonight."

When 5 p.m. came, station owner Douglas said he didn't have the heart to tell the people who had waited in the rain he was closing so he sent one of the other attendants.

"I should be getting another load of gas by Wednesday, but I've already gone over my allotment for this month, so I'll have to shut down even though I've got gas," Douglas said.

Many of the customers refused to believe the station was out when Douglas started to flag the sputtering cars on by. Finally, he had to barricade the entrance to the station with a Pinto, a jeep and a Volkswagen.

After the line of cars disappeared, two or three cars pulled in and were filling up. While pumping the gas he didn't have, Douglas was asked if those were his regular and preferred customers. He looked up, smiled and said, "Who?"

Bill goes to Senate

Tax cut not all it seems

by Greg Turosak
Staff Writer

Tax bills aren't always what they seem to be.

After much debate and many tactical maneuvers, the N.C. House of Representatives passed an amended tax reduction package last Thursday by nearly a 3 to 1 margin.

But even after its passage, there is widespread disagreement on what the effects of the bill will be and why people voted for it.

As it stands now, the bill contains three provisions: first, a gradual abolishment,

over a five-year period, of the inventory taxes which retailers, wholesalers and manufacturers must pay; second, a \$2,000 income tax exemption for those whose

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net income is less than \$4,000 and third, a substantial tax break for the elderly. Some of the bill's major backers, such as Rep. Art Thomas (D-Cabarrus) and Rep. Liston Ramsey (D-Madison), say the bill is one which would encourage new businesses to enter North Carolina by abolishing the inventory tax, and would "do something for the people of this state" by granting them income tax breaks.

Thomas said the inventory tax is of a punitive nature, and that it slows business growth and discourages new business from entering North Carolina. He said the inventory tax relief would not burden the state in the long run because of increased revenues from new industries and new jobs.

Thomas also noted that a surplus (\$144 million predicted by some this year) often dampens the economy and that state needs to get more money into the system to stimulate the economy.

Thomas' automobile business stands reportedly to gain about \$10,000 a year from the new bill.

Many people, however, including some of those who eventually voted for the bill, did not see as much merit as Thomas did in the inventory section of the bill.

The bill was sent back to committee two weeks ago by a vote of 59-49, before the amendment giving tax relief to the poor was introduced. Many legislators changed their minds when the amendment passed and the bill had no trouble from there.

The bill now goes to the Senate Finance Committee, and Sen. A.B. "Lonnie" Coleman Jr. (D-Orange) said recently he is opposed to the inventory tax part of the bill because "the large utilities of the state and the large businesses don't need the relief." Coleman said, however, he wouldn't be opposed to a break for the small merchants.

Chapel Hill Alderman Gerry Cohen said recently, "It is impossible to say whether the phasing out of the inventory tax would attract new businesses or not."

"If that (the House) were serious about attracting new business, if that was their purpose, why didn't they pass a bill that would exempt new businesses, but would keep the inventory tax on the old businesses?"

Because of the profit to businesses already in the state, Cohen said he doubted the motives of many of the backers of the bill, who gave attracting new industry and helping the people as their reasons for supporting it.

Rep. Trish Hunt (D-Orange), who voted against the tax bill, said she was actually in favor of eliminating the inventory tax, but voted against the bill because it was merely a tax reduction, not tax reform and because it cut revenue during the uncertainty of the energy crisis.

She said she would favor a bill currently in the Senate Finance Committee, co-sponsored by Sen. McNeill Smith (D-Guilford), Coleman and others, which would abolish the 4 per cent sales tax on food and at the same time raise income taxes for the upper income brackets.

Both Coleman and Hunt said that from their discussions, they predict the tax reduction package will have trouble standing up in the Senate. But Hunt added, "There will be a good deal of pressure for its passage."

Letter rumors termed inaccurate

by Laura Yandell
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Top University officials have said that they received no written communication from any individual criticizing the room-by-room coed living on second floor Winston dorm.

A decision to end the room-by-room coed living was announced last Wednesday by Donald A. Boulton, dean of Student Affairs. Boulton said the decision was his alone and did not result from parental, alumni or administrative pressure.

University system President William C. Friday denied a report that he had received over 100 letters criticizing second floor Winston. He called the report incorrect and said that he had received no letters on the matter and knew of none that might have

been sent to the University Board of Governors.

A source who chose to remain unidentified told *The Daily Tar Heel* Saturday that a high University official had received numerous letters criticizing coed living on the UNC campus and on second floor Winston.

Chancellor N. Ferebee Taylor termed the report inaccurate and said he knew of only one letter criticizing campus coed living, which had not been addressed to him. Taylor said either Boulton or Director of Housing James D. Condie was the recipient of the letter, which came from a coed's parents.

Taylor said the only negative comments he had received concerning second floor Winston had been oral. He said to his knowledge no letters had been sent to Friday, the Board of Governors or the University trustees.

Condie said Thursday he would support Boulton's decision to end room-by-room coed living and would attend a meeting with Boulton and second floor residents scheduled for tonight.

The Department of Housing had recently asked whether room-by-room coed living would be continued next fall, Boulton said. He said he felt his decision came at a fair time for everyone involved since sign-up for rooms will be soon.

Weather

TODAY: variable cloudiness and warm. The high is expected to be near 60. The low is expected in the low to mid 40's. The chance of precipitation is 30 per cent. Outlook: continued warm and a chance of rain.



Is it the beach? London? The end of the world? No, it's the Student Union parking lot at good ole UNC. Last Saturday during the Carolina-Maryland game, this diehard Tar Heel fan sacrificed his battery to see the game. The fog was typical of the recent rotten weather. (Staff photo by Gary Lobraico)

Hackney, Wilmot-Smith run for presidency

by David Ennis
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Robert Hackney, 20, formalized his candidacy for Student Body president in a press conference held Monday in the Carolina Union.

Outlining the issues, the junior history major proposed a housing locator service to be run by the Student Government. Hackney said the "tables are turning" in the Chapel Hill housing problem and predicted that the supply of available housing will exceed the present demand this spring.

"This spring is the ideal time for Student Government to begin to serve the needs of students who are looking for housing," Hackney said.

"A complete listing of all available housing for rent can be compiled. This should include price, distance from campus, size, facilities offered and gradually a history of problems or of successes with the particular landlord," Hackney said.

Although the apartment surplus may force the University to compete as a

responsible landlord, Hackney said, the fact that students are required to live in dorms requires that "we work to eradicate the inequities of dorm life."

Hackney, who is presently Chairman of the Campus Governing Council Appointments Committee, accused Student Government of being "almost appallingly lax in working to improve the quality of education" at UNC.

Hackney noted the need for academic reform; course-teacher evaluation; and changes in advising, registration and drop-add procedures at UNC.

"I am not the first to make these proposals but I hope I am the last to do so in a campaign for student body president," he said.

Hackney also proposed that three of the student members of the Union Board of Directors be elected by the student body.

Hackney said he will spend less than the \$250 limit on campaign finances. His brothers at the Sigma Nu fraternity voted to contribute two dollars each to his campaign fund, he said.



Richard Wilmot-Smith

Richard Wilmot-Smith, a junior history-journalism major, announced his candidacy for Student Body president Monday.

From Yorkshire, England, Wilmot-Smith, 21, is chairman of the International Student Center and a Morehead Scholar.

He worked on the 1972 senatorial and congressional campaign of Al Lowenstein in New York.

In a recent interview, Wilmot-Smith said Student Government "does not presently exist."

"It doesn't take care of issues which really matter to students," Wilmot-Smith said. "If it were Student Government, it would."

Wilmot-Smith said Student Government should be concerned to a greater degree with issues such as the cancellation of room-by-room coed living in Winston, judicial reform and the Student Stores pricing policy.

"This situation must be changed, probably gradually and probably very slowly," he said.

"It has become clear with the living-learning center in Winston Dorm that students don't really have a voice in what

affects them," he said.

"The system needs to be reconstructed, and I think we can do it. It's not worth going on if we can't," Wilmot-Smith said.

The candidate also said he plans to initiate programs designed to help handicapped students if he is elected.

"Student Government should make the University administration aware of the student's special problems so they can tailor new buildings, or reconstruct present ones, for the handicapped," he said.

Wilmot-Smith said he wouldn't "jump up and say I'm going to do this and this," but said he will work for students in general.

He said he would improve Student Government power by using the seat on the Board of Trustees and the executive power of the Student Body president to structurally change the way the University is run.

He said he is qualified for Student Body president because he comes from a different background and can provide a different perspective.

"Vanity aside, I think I can do a good job," he said.



Robert Hackney