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Ford: fuel compromise conceivable

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WASHINGTON - President Ford has told Republican and Democratic senators Monday he was willing to compromise with Congress on his economic-energy program, Senate GOP leader Hugh Scott reported Monday.

Scott told reporters after an afternoon White House meeting that Ford is willing to compromise on such program provisions as his executive order hiking fees on imported oil by \$3 a barrel in three months. Scott said the President might compromise on \$2.

Scott said, however, the President expressed no change in his opposition to gas rationing.

The program, which has run into Congressional opposition, seeks self-sufficiency for the United States through higher gasoline and heating oil prices.

White House press secretary Ron Nessen said Ford "has not ruled out a veto" if Congress ties a bill blocking tariffs on imported crude oil to an increase in the national debt ceiling. The House Ways and Means Committee cleared this double barrel measure last week.

Nessen also revealed that Interior Secretary Rogers C. B. Morton says he has been advised the Mafia would set up black market operations if gas rationing goes into effect.

Meanwhile, earlier estimates put the impact of Ford's energy plan, if passed by Congress, at about \$250 per average family in 1975. But Nessen told reporters that the cost would probably be more like \$275 per household on a national average and it could soar to \$345 per family at the "absolute outside."

Under the Ford plan, families will gain some relief from higher petroleum prices through a tax rebate for 1974 and a permanent tax cut beginning this year.

The Senate Finance Committee will be next to act on the Ways and Means bill, which links the oil tariff, a key part of the Ford energy program, to the debt ceiling measure that must be passed by mid-February, when the government will exceed its borrowing authority.

Edmisten says UNC is exempt from taxes

The state Attorney General's office has issued an opinion stating that the University is not subject to city and county property taxation.

This does not mean the University cannot be taxed, but is only legal advice offered at the request of the University by Attorney General, Rufus Edmisten, who serves as the University's legal counsel.

Orange County and Chapel Hill notified the University earlier this month that several properties have been placed on the tax books for the first time this century. Officials say it will be several years before the taxes can actually be collected, since the University is expected to fight the decision in court.

The Attorney General's opinion states two statutes in the University's defense. One, a general statute, states, "The lands and other property belonging to the University of North Carolina shall be exempt from all kinds of public taxation."

Tax officials, however, refer to another statute which says properties not "used wholly and exclusively for public purposes" are subject to taxation.

The Attorney General's opinion reportedly concludes that state statutes demonstrate the intent of the legislature to



Dan Marvelhill, local innovator, uses slingshot to launch his paper airplane

Stolen goods charges

Lightner acquitted

by Dan Lohwasser
United Press International

RALEIGH—Mrs. Marguerite Lightner, wife of Raleigh's mayor, was found innocent Monday of charges of conspiracy to receive and dispose of stolen goods.

An all-white Wake County Superior Court jury of six men and six women deliberated one hour and 50 minutes before returning its verdict in favor of Mrs. Lightner, wife of Clarence Lightner, the first black mayor of North Carolina's capitol city.

The verdict followed a trial of eight consecutive days, with the evidence against Mrs. Lightner largely based on the testimony of Linda Jones, a convicted shoplifter and admitted former heroin addict.

Mrs. Jones testified she had sold stolen goods to Mrs. Lightner on numerous occasions over the past five years.

In closing arguments, Defense Attorney W.G. "Buck" Ransdell told the jury that the prosecution's case was based largely on circumstantial evidence. He attacked Mrs. Jones' credibility, calling her "the biggest fence in the city of Raleigh."

WCAR gets building permit

WCAR station manager Gary Rendsburg confirmed Monday the receipt of a telegram from the Federal Communications Commission granting Student Government a construction permit for a new non-commercial campus FM radio station.

Rendsburg, however, intends to meet today with Donald Trapp, director of WUNC-FM, and University officials to discuss what one station employee called "sensitive issues" surrounding operation of the new station. Rendsburg said these issues involve potential differences in programming between WUNC-FM and the student FM station.

Senate votes panel to investigate CIA

by Nicholas Daniloff
United Press International

WASHINGTON—The Senate voted 82-4 Monday to establish an 11-member special committee to investigate alleged CIA intelligence gathering abuses—an inquiry one member said may require testimony from former President Richard M. Nixon. Only Sens. Jesse Helms, R-N.C.; William V. Scott, R-Va.; Herman E. Talmadge, D-

Ga.; and Strom Thurmond, R-S.C., expressed opposition to the measure which originated in the Democratic Caucus.

Besides examining allegations that the CIA illegally gathered information on thousands of American anti-war dissidents, the committee is empowered to make a general review of the Central Intelligence Agency practices as well as those of the FBI and other government intelligence units.

The committee's Democratic members

planned to meet Tuesday to name Sen. Frank Church of Idaho as the panel chairman. Church told a news conference he did not regard the chairmanship "as a glamorous assignment."

"This is a difficult and delicate mission without much political sex appeal," he told reporters.

Sen. Howard Baker, R-Tenn., whose selection to be one of the five Republicans was announced earlier, raised the prospect that Nixon's testimony might be needed.

"I think one of the major undertakings of the committee ought to be to call up the last surviving President to determine if the President of the United States knew what was going on," Baker said.

Baker, who gained national attention as vice-chairman of the Senate Watergate committee, said he had the "shuddering fear" that even the White House might not have been aware of all the CIA's activities.

Baker said the committee may extend its inquiry into evidence that the FBI used electronic listening devices on the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. during the 1964 Democratic National Convention.

Baker confirmed Sunday that Senate investigators had uncovered evidence of FBI electronic surveillance of the late civil rights leader.

He said the evidence was obtained by Watergate committee investigators in an interview with Leo T. Clark, former agent in charge of the Atlantic City FBI field office. Clark reportedly said the surveillance was conducted at the request of President Lyndon B. Johnson.

"It would appear on the surface of it," Baker said, "that is an improper use of the FBI to the extent at least that the surveillance or the electronically gained information related to a political purpose as distinguished from a legal purpose."

Baker, interviewed on ABC's "Issues and Answers," said the new Senate panel may seek to gather information from the Johnson Library in Austin, Tex., and the Archives to substantiate the evidence set forth in Clark's statement.

He added that the committee would explore alleged illegal FBI activity over several previous administrations.

University clarifies file access policy

by Bruce Henderson
Staff Writer

So now it's clear: the files are open but the recommendations aren't.

The family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, named the Buckley Amendment after its sponsor, Sen. James L. Buckley, C-N.Y., went into effect Nov. 19, guaranteeing college students and their parents access to confidential records for the first time.

Confusion has reigned ever since.

University teachers and administrators felt the problem with the original bill, was that open access to letters of recommendation would inhibit their writers from being frank in student evaluations.

A Senate joint resolution passed in late December sought to clarify the law for university administrators. The resolution specifically excludes student access to letters of recommendation filed prior to Jan. 1, 1975, and to all parents' financial information.

This will limit interested students to viewing their academic transcripts, admission records, student-University correspondence and letters of

recommendation received after Jan. 1, said Robert R. Cornwall, assistant director of records and registration.

"I believe the long-term result will be less material for the student. People just won't write recommendations if they are not kept confidential," Cornwall said Monday.

Students have always been able to see their academic transcripts at UNC, Cornwall said. Now only letters of recommendation and high school evaluations are off-limits.

Students may get access to their records by filling out an application slip at the records office in Hanes Hall. Folders are made available one or two days later, Cornwall said.

"In the past, our records were not shown to anyone," Cornwall said. "Now, with a waiver (from the student), anyone can come in and see the records."

"We won't interject our opinion of what should be shown," he added.

Not many students appear to be interested in seeing their records, Cornwall said. Only about ten per day have been coming into the records office. Of those, he added, most applied last semester when the bill was first announced. Those students were asked to wait during the 45-day grace period stipulated in the original bill.

No candidates declare — yet

by Art Eisenstadt and Jim Roberts
Staff Writers

With the 1975 student election campaigns due to get under way officially Wednesday, only one of four frequently mentioned candidates for student body president has acknowledged that he is definitely running.

The spring elections for student body president, *Daily Tar Heel* editor, Residence Hall Association president, Campus Governing Council members, student council members and other posts will be held Feb. 26.

Bill Bates, a junior political science major from Fayetteville, said Monday he plans to make a formal announcement of his candidacy in the near future.

Bates resigned last week as chairman of the Men's Residence Council, a subdivision of the Residence Housing Association (RHA).

"There are just certain things that are wrong with Student Government," Bates said. "I think I can help." He said he will present his platform when he formally announces for the office.

In talking with SG members over the past week, another name frequently mentioned as a candidate is Tim Dugan, student body treasurer.

Dugan refused to confirm whether or

not he is considering running. A junior business administration major from Potomac, Md., Dugan is the highest SG official under active consideration for president.

He has served as treasurer since last April, after having been appointed by Student Body President Marcus Williams.

Dugan has worked closely with Williams and CGC in monitoring the SG budget over the past year and successfully pushed for legislation insuring that the treasurer is quickly informed of any budget requests.

Two other SG members confirmed they are considering running, but have not reached a definite decision yet.

One is Joe Knight, a junior economics and political science major from Winston-Salem. Knight represents James dormitory on CGC and is a member of the CGC Finance Committee. He previously served on the Student Attorney General's staff.

Jamie Ellis, chairman of the Association of Women Students (AWS), considers herself a potential candidate, but has not formally decided whether to run.

Ellis, a junior classics major from Englewood, N.J., has spent one year as AWS chairman and two as its treasurer. She also served on CGC last year.

In the other major race in the spring election, for the position of *Daily Tar Heel*

editor, two candidates from last year's race, Bernie Day and Cole Campbell are possible candidates.

Day, a senior journalism major from Roxboro who plans to return for a fifth year, said Monday he is definitely a candidate for the position of editor and that he has already begun campaigning.

Campbell, who lost last year in a run-off to the present editors, Jim Cooper and Greg Turosak, also considers himself a potential candidate. Campbell, a senior from Winston-Salem, is returning to UNC next semester as a graduate student mass communications research. "If I do run, and there is a high probability that I will, it will be out of a general dissatisfaction with the editorial and news policies of the *Daily Tar Heel* over the past few years," Campbell said.

Elliott Warnock, former editor of the summer *Tar Heel* also considers himself a potential candidate for the post of editor. Warnock, a native of Chapel Hill, is now sports editor for the *DTH*.

Another possible candidate being mentioned is junior journalism and political science major Don Baer. Baer, from Fayetteville, said, however, "For the moment I do not consider myself a candidate for editor, but I am still looking into all the possibilities."

The big Rip Off: pilfering from restaurants

Ever-increasing thievery results in rising menu prices

by Elizabeth Leland
Staff Writer

Some restaurant patrons not only want to have their cake and eat it too. They also want it free of charge.

Each day in Chapel Hill, these pilferers walk out with scores of stolen items—sugar, crackers, silverware, glasses, plates, entire meals or even the table they've eaten on.

The motives vary, but generally the thefts are either a retaliation against high food costs or a means of saving money. What the patrons don't realize, Chapel Hill restaurant owners say, is that they are not only hurting the restaurants, but also themselves. An increase in thievery results in an increase in menu prices.

Frank Serpico, ex-New York City police detective, labeled America as "the land of the big Rip Off—rip off others before they rip you off." Many students seem to believe in this creed.

One student boasted of stealing an entire set of silverware piece-by-piece over a period of time. When

the situation afforded it, usually on crowded nights, he also often walked out of the restaurants without paying for his meals. The student denied any guilt feelings. "Everything's a rip-off, so we rip off too."

Discontent over what students consider exorbitant prices often leads to theft as a retaliation. "I like sugar in my coffee at home," one student argued, "so I steal sugar packets. When I pay \$6 for a meal, what's three bags of sugar?"

But the three bags multiplied by many customers means a considerable loss, restaurant owners respond. With the increase in sugar prices by more than 300 per cent this year, repeated sugar thefts afford the owners a dear cost.

Almost all of the restaurants have taken sugar off their tables. Shoney's Restaurant on Franklin Street has used one less case of sugar per week (a weekly saving of \$12) since the packets were removed from the tables.

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A young couple sat in one of the dimly lit booths at

P.J.'s, a Franklin Street restaurant. The girl looked all around her. She cautiously removed all the sugar packets from the container on the table and placed them in her pocketbook. She closed her pocketbook and ate her meal.

On leaving the restaurant the girl grabbed a handful of sugar packets from a neighboring table, putting these in her coat pocket.

Confronted outside, she denied she had stolen the packets. "Why, if they don't want you to take them, do so many restaurants put a picture of the place on the packet? They're offered free. I'm just taking advantage."

Two weeks after this incident, sugar packets were removed from the tables at P.J.'s. Customers now get sugar on request.

Many restaurant owners are taking preventive measures against the theft of sugar, crackers and condiments by removing these items from their tables; however, there is still widespread stealing of ashtrays, glasses, silverware, plates, bowls and, as one

restaurant owner put it, "anything they can get their hands on."

Such was the case with one UNC junior. Gloating over his accomplishment, the student told how he and three friends had walked out with the table they had eaten on. "We were in a cafeteria. When we finished eating we got up, picked up the table for four and walked out."

He wanted a table for his apartment, but didn't want to spend the money it would cost to buy one. "I needed the money for dates. Besides, restaurants buy things cheaper than we do. They buy things in volume."

A freshman student sat under a large oak tree ready to eat the yogurt she had bought for lunch. Searching her knapsack, she realized she'd forgotten to bring a spoon. She got up and went into the Pine Room. With the familiarity that comes with practice, the girl picked up a spoon, slipped it up her coat sleeve and walked outside.

"Oh, this is the fourth time I've done this. I keep the spoons to use in my apartment. Think of all the money

I'm saving. A spoon here and there doesn't hurt the cafeteria. Anyway, they owe it to me."

A spoon here and there does hurt the cafeterias. Replacement costs for stolen silverware at the Porthole attest to this fact.

The restaurant has only 30 tables, but each year the owner must buy 100 settings of silver. At \$3 a setting, silverware thievery cuts a big slice out of his income.

A much greater loss results from the theft of ashtrays. The Porthole orders 12 gross of ashtrays every year. The cost per ashtray is 65 cents; the yearly cost for replacing stolen ashtrays is more than \$1,100.

Most of the students who wouldn't hesitate to steal a 65-cent ashtray from a restaurant are insulted when asked if they'd steal the same ashtray from a store. Oh that's a different story, they contend.

This article is the first in a three-part series on shoplifting. Tomorrow, Greg Porter examines the effect of shoplifting on local merchants and describes some of the measures being taken to inhibit shoplifters.