

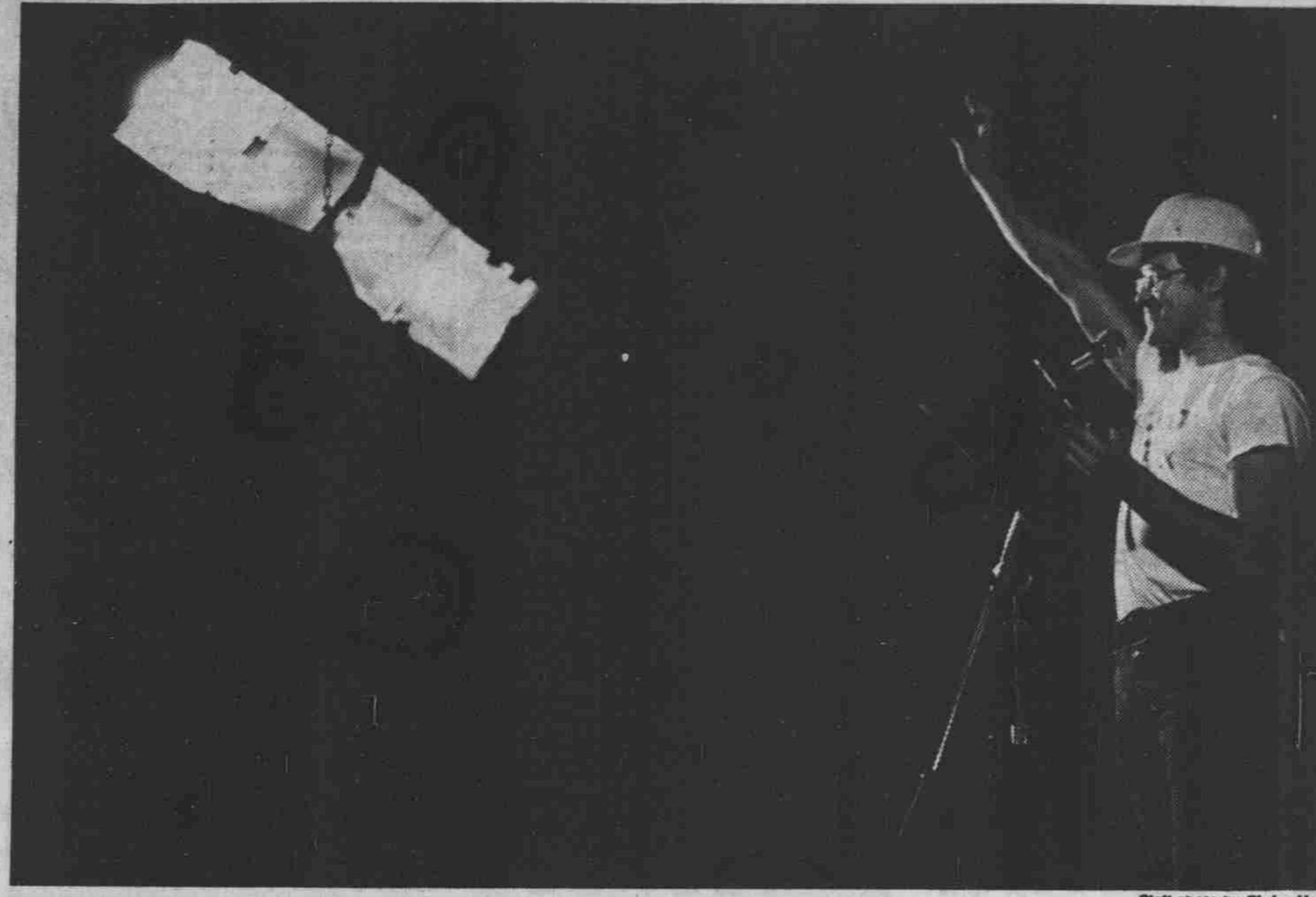
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Tom Steinberg calls the Blue Sky party convention to order at Town Hall Tuesday night. Story page 2

Co-ed guidelines considered

Morrison awaits suite decision

by Greg Nye
Staff Writer

A set of guidelines which could enable any dormitory residence area to go co-ed by suites is being developed by University officials.

"We want a firm plan for going co-ed suite by suite so that residence areas won't have to come to the Chancellor for permission each time," James Condie, director of University Housing, told the fourth-floor residents of Morrison dormitory Tuesday night.

Instead, any floor desiring to go coed would only have to pass a review by Condie.

Media Board okays candidates for editor

The campus Media Board endorsed five of six candidates for the office of *Daily Tar Heel* editor Wednesday, stating that all five presented minimum qualifications for the board's consideration.

The five candidates — Don Baer and Harriet Sugar (who are running as co-editors), Cole Campbell, Elliot Warnock and Tom Wright — received endorsements after a two-hour series of private interviews with board members.

The sixth candidate, Barnie Day, did not attend the interview session and did not receive an endorsement.

Media Board members based their endorsements on three criteria — personal qualifications, prior experience and campaign platform.

Chairman Mark Dearmon said, "I was disappointed that the board didn't take a stronger stand, but I stand behind it completely."

The vote followed lengthy discussion over whether the board should make any endorsements.

Board member Carl Fox said, "The editorship is already sort of a popularity contest. I have serious reservations as to whether this board should endorse."

During the meeting, four board members announced their support for several of the *DTH* candidates. Dearmon and Joyce Fitzpatrick support Warnock; Steve Givens supports Baer and Sugar; and Robert Price supports Campbell.

Fourth-floor Morrison had asked Condie for a decision on its plan to go co-ed by suites next fall.

Last spring, a co-educational experiment on the second floor of Winston dormitory was cancelled because of unfavorable publicity and mounting controversy.

But Allan Perry, fourth-floor Morrison resident, believes the plan, which was submitted to Condie a month ago, would have a positive effect on his floor.

"Fourth floor is an academic residence area with 25 per cent honor students," Perry said. "We feel it's an active floor, and we're trying to create a more natural environment without violating anyone's privacy. Suite by

suite co-ed living would unify the floor."

Condie, Chancellor N. Ferebee Taylor and Dean of Student Affairs Donald Boulton will make their final decision on fourth floor Morrison's plan some time next week.

The most important consideration, Condie told the meeting of fourth floor residents, is for the floor to abide by University regulations — especially visitation. "If we can't expect that, you lose my support for the project. But, it looks like the chances for approval are good now."

"A residence college that wants to go co-ed by suite," Condie said, "should have an educational atmosphere and present an opportunity for growth in an individual. There also have to be considerable faculty involvement, cultural programs and responsible people."

The fourth floor of Morrison has been formulating its plan for more than a year. It was rejected by Condie last spring, but he encouraged the residents to submit the plan again this year. "The timing was the main factor last year — not the plan itself," said Sandi Ward, assistant director of residence life. "Last year was too soon after the Winston dorm mess."

"If there is any controversy here now," Leslie Logan, fourth floor resident, said, "it's not about this kind of living. Rather, it's concerned with certain inconveniences which might result. But they can be avoided."

black history week

Today's event commemorating Black History Week, sponsored by the Black Student Movement (BSM), will be a seminar on health problems at 8:00 p.m. in the Upendo Lounge.

Participating in the seminar will be School of Public Health graduate students Bill Jenkins, Jim Murrell, Cynthia Jenkins, Sondra Johnson and Dave Phoenix.

Rape — victim and defendant go on trial together

by Linda Lowe
Staff Writer

Second of two articles

Laura (not her real name) was dragged from her car and raped last August. She reported her rape to the county police department the same night.

"They had the attitude of 'why didn't you realize something was going on?'" she said.

The next day, the detectives remembered to take the rapist's fingerprints off her car. Overnight, it had rained.

Should you report a rape to the police, as Laura did?

"Yes, immediately," said Lt. Arthur Summey of the Chapel Hill Police Department. He emphasized that a woman does not have to prosecute if she reports a rape. She does not have to answer any questions she finds objectionable.

But few women make reports. One rape and 10 attempted rapes were reported in Chapel Hill last year.

At least 10 more rapes and six attempts went unreported in Orange County, according to Sherry Graham, Rape Crisis Center co-ordinator.

Seeking to increase the number of reports, Chapel Hill police say they are trying to make their contact with the victim less of an ordeal. They tape-record her interview so she does not have to repeat her story for the solicitor. They allow the department's woman legal advisor or social worker to question the victim (with an officer present) and permit a companion to be present during the interview.

They also accept "blind reports" from rape victims. Without identifying herself, the victim can report the time, place circumstances of the rape and a description of the rapist.

Both the hospital and the Rape Crisis Center encourage women to make blind reports if they do not wish to go to the police station. Police use blind reports to pinpoint areas where rapes are likely to occur, and to identify potential rapists.

But without the regular-type report, no rapists can be convicted. In Orange County, the last first-degree rape conviction, which carries the death penalty, was

in 1972.

Graham said convictions for second-degree rape (not involving physical or armed force) are more probable, with a maximum penalty of life imprisonment.

Why are alleged rapists so hard to convict? "There are usually no witnesses," Bob Morrell said. Morrell is a UNC sophomore who was a juror in the trial of Laura's alleged rapist.

In this trial, as in most cases, the defendant did not testify, pleading the Fifth Amendment.

That left Laura's testimony and corroborative evidence (anything that confirms her statement).

"I can see why a woman would not be willing to testify," Morrell said. "The defense attorney asked her if his (the defendant's) sex organs entered her sex organs and if he reached a climax."

The defense attorney often tries to discredit the victim's story by bringing up her past pre- and extra-marital relationships, if he can uncover any.

"You aren't able to use anything in the defendant's past," Lt. Summey said, "but hers can be dragged out from the day she was born until the minute she came

into court."

Morrell said, "We were trying the victim, not the defendant. One old lady (on the jury) kept talking about her (Laura) not putting up enough of a fight."

As for corroborative evidence, Orange County Asst. Solicitor Lunsford Long said only a corpse would assure successful prosecution.

"Two black eyes are better than one," he said in response to a Rape Crisis Center questionnaire.

He advised women facing rapists to minimize the threat of serious injury by not resisting.

"By doing this, however, they would be making it nearly impossible for the state to get a conviction against the rapist," he said.

Morrell agreed, "The laws are entirely in the favor of the rapist. A girl would have to risk her life for the jury to make sure she was raped."

How, then, can a victim improve her chances for a conviction?

Responding to the crisis center questionnaire, Barry Winston, attorney for several alleged rapists, advised

the victim not to volunteer information and not to dress provocatively in court.

"A few tears never hurt the state's case any," he added.

Long said photographs of cuts and bruises "can be extremely helpful." The Chapel Hill police have a woman photographer to take such pictures.

Laura didn't have any photographs when she went to court last week, though. She couldn't even positively identify her rapist — just describe his car. That was not enough evidence for the jury.

"Almost everyone on the jury felt he was guilty, but the case was presented so poorly that we couldn't convict him," Morrell said.

The text of the confession was in the sheriff's handwriting, he said, and some of the jurors felt it had been coerced.

They split, 6-6. In March, seven months after she thought the rape was over, Laura will have to testify again at the re-trial.

WCAR considering 2 courses of action

by Jim Roberts
Staff Writer

Despite the University's retraction of two letters to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) supporting Student Government's proposed FM station, there is still a possibility that there will eventually be a station.

WCAR station manager Gary Rendsburg said Wednesday that John Pettit, the station's attorney from Washington, D.C., is currently looking into two courses of action. Pettit has been meeting with the FCC to see what course will bring the best results.

Pettit is studying the possibility of forming a non-profit corporation to reapply for the station's permit.

James Srebro, WCAR chief engineer, said if the station were incorporated he felt there would be a very good possibility the FCC would grant the station a license. A clause in the FCC code allows non-commercial educational frequencies to be granted to non-profit corporations, he said.

"I think Martin I. Levy (chief of the FCC Broadcast Facilities Division) wants to give us the license," Rendsburg said. "However, he's not a decision maker. He's a bureaucrat."

Student Government's other alternative is to apply for the permit on its own merits and not on the merits of a corporation. It would then have to prove to the Commission it is a licensable entity.

Wade Hargrove, formerly Student Government's attorney for the station, said Wednesday the FCC's final decision on granting the students a station will depend on the discretion of the commission staff.

"That may depend on what they ate for breakfast that morning," he said.

When Hargrove was in Washington on behalf of Student Government, he said he was told by the Commission that it would set aside the station's construction permit issued Jan. 24. The FCC has the prerogative of tabling a construction permit within 30 days of granting it.

However, Rendsburg said Wednesday he had not received notification of FCC action on the permit.

The FCC usually does not grant licenses to student organizations without letters from the parent university accepting ultimate responsibility for the station.

Hargrove called this practice "weird and unorthodox."

When the FCC asked the University to assume ultimate responsibility for the station, Student Government, Hargrove and Donald Boulton, dean of student affairs, were assured informally that if the statement (assuming responsibility) were forthcoming

the license would be granted, Hargrove said. Boulton subsequently wrote the FCC accepting responsibility for the University. He said Tuesday he later discovered he had overstepped his authority.

Boulton and Chancellor N. Ferebee Taylor decided to retract Boulton's letters when they realized that by assuming ultimate responsibility over the station they would also have to assume ultimate control, he said.

"I don't think that's the way Student

Government should go," Boulton said. If you control the students' radio station, that may lead to control over such things as the *Daily Tar Heel*, he said.

Taylor said, "I didn't want to control the radio station, and the students I spoke with did not want the University to control it."

Taylor's letter of retraction to the FCC stated, "The University has no disposition to exercise control (even if it could legally do so) over lawful freedom of student expression through print, broadcast or other media."

Williams decries apathy on campus

by Art Eisenstadt
Staff Writer

Student Body President Marcus Williams called student apathy and silence the greatest problems for student life at UNC in his "State of the Campus" address Wednesday.

"My gravest concern lies with the covert concomitants of this non-involvement," Williams said.

"Lack of social and racial interaction, deteriorating social dialogue, maladjusted priorities, insensitivity to the needs and desires of others and reckless indifference appear to be the most salient."

"These elements can reduce the expected 'educational experience' to a mere 'educational process.'"

Williams also listed the achievements of his administration and defined areas for future Student Government (SG) work in his 14-minute speech.

He was asked after the speech if he felt students or SG should take the initiative in overcoming apathy.

"I'm looking forward to the day when those terms will be synonymous," he replied. "SG can't make the students comply."

Williams also said that voter apathy here reflects a national trend, citing figures from national elections. "Since Nixon hurt our pride, we are not eager to give someone else a mandate to repeat the trick," he said.

He cited the financial squeeze and reactions to grade inflation, leading to "escalating work and diminishing rewards," as other factors negatively affecting interest in SG.

In listing the achievements of Student Government, Williams said, "The often-used, but seldom-researched characterization of this structure as being primarily a provider of student services is ridiculous."

Williams lauded the Student Transportation Commission for its work with the Rides Coordinating Office, the bus system, the parking system and bicycle registration, and the Student Services Commission for its refrigerator, calculator and typewriter rentals, typing service and typing course.

In defining another purpose of SG as a communication channel for students and the administration, Williams listed the Info telephone service, the SInformation newsletter and the WCAR-FM controversy.

Williams said after the speech that SG had been working with the administration to soften the blow of the WCAR-FM situation.

WCAR manager Gary Rendsburg disclosed Tuesday that the administration had rescinded letters filed with the Federal Communications Commission accepting "ultimate responsibility" for WCAR's proposed FM operation.

Williams said his negotiations with the administration about the problem were not publicized so the station's position with the Federal Communications Commission would not be jeopardized.

Ellis declares for president

Jamie Ellis announced her candidacy for Student Body President Wednesday, becoming the fifth candidate to enter the race.

A former chairman and treasurer of the Association of Women Students, Ellis said she believes she is the first woman ever to seek the presidency at UNC. A junior classics major from Okracoke, she is also a former Campus Governing Council member.

"I think there's a lot of work to be done, I should run to do it," Ellis said. "I shouldn't wait for others to do it."

Ellis said she would concentrate on three broad areas — academic reforms, student individual rights and student consumer rights.

"I just see academics as a very important part of student life," Ellis said. "Traditionally, it has been handled by the administration. We should direct student work into it."

In this area, Ellis recommended extending the length of the drop-add period, varying course credit and enhancing the student



Jamie Ellis