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Governors consider tuition aid

by Greg Nye
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RALEIGH — A new state financial aid program for North Carolina students attending private colleges is being developed by the Board of Governors of the consolidated University of North Carolina.

Robert Dawson, vice-president of academic affairs for the consolidated University, told the board at its meeting Friday that "the educational quality in the state depends on both public and private education." North Carolina's 39 private colleges are in trouble because many students can no longer meet the rising tuition costs, Dawson said.

The tuition assistance program is scheduled to begin in 1976, and will offer more than \$5 million in aid.

Currently, 24,188 of the students enrolled in private colleges and universities in North Carolina are in-state residents.

William C. Friday, board president, said the program would help many North Carolina students. "The median income in the state is \$12,000," Friday said. "This means there are large numbers of needy young people who could benefit from the program."

The tuition assistance would be given on a first-come, first-served basis to the most needy students.

The formula for establishing the need of a student has not yet been agreed on by the board's planning committee, but Dawson said that the parents' income and the number of children in the family will be major considerations.

Students attending two-year private colleges will be eligible for a maximum of \$1,100 in tuition assistance. Students attending four-year schools may receive up to \$1,300 in aid. The minimum scholarship will be \$100.

In other actions, board member William B. Rankin told the meeting that Appalachian State University is at the bottom of North Carolina's 16-member university system in the amount of money received from the state per student.

"There has been a lack of progress towards equalization in the consolidated system," Rankin said.

Appalachian, along with UNC and N.C. State, fills its entering student quota rapidly — long before its deadline, Rankin said. But private funding is decreasing and many students' parents are being laid off from their jobs. Rankin said more than 300 Appalachian students have parents who are out of work.

Rankin told the Board the average family income in the Appalachian area is only \$7,000.

The proposal for more state funding was referred to the Committee on Budget and Finance. But President Friday told the board, "As long as the Board makes such diverse decisions and the budget is limited, there will continue to be differences in the amounts schools in the system receive."

Students hope to raise \$10,000 in fight against world starvation

Starvathon — a collective effort by UNC students to draw attention to the problem of hunger in North Carolina and the world — begins today and its sponsors hope to raise \$10,000 to fight it.

Although malnutrition and hunger is commonly thought of as a national or foreign problem, recent statistics reveal that North Carolina has:

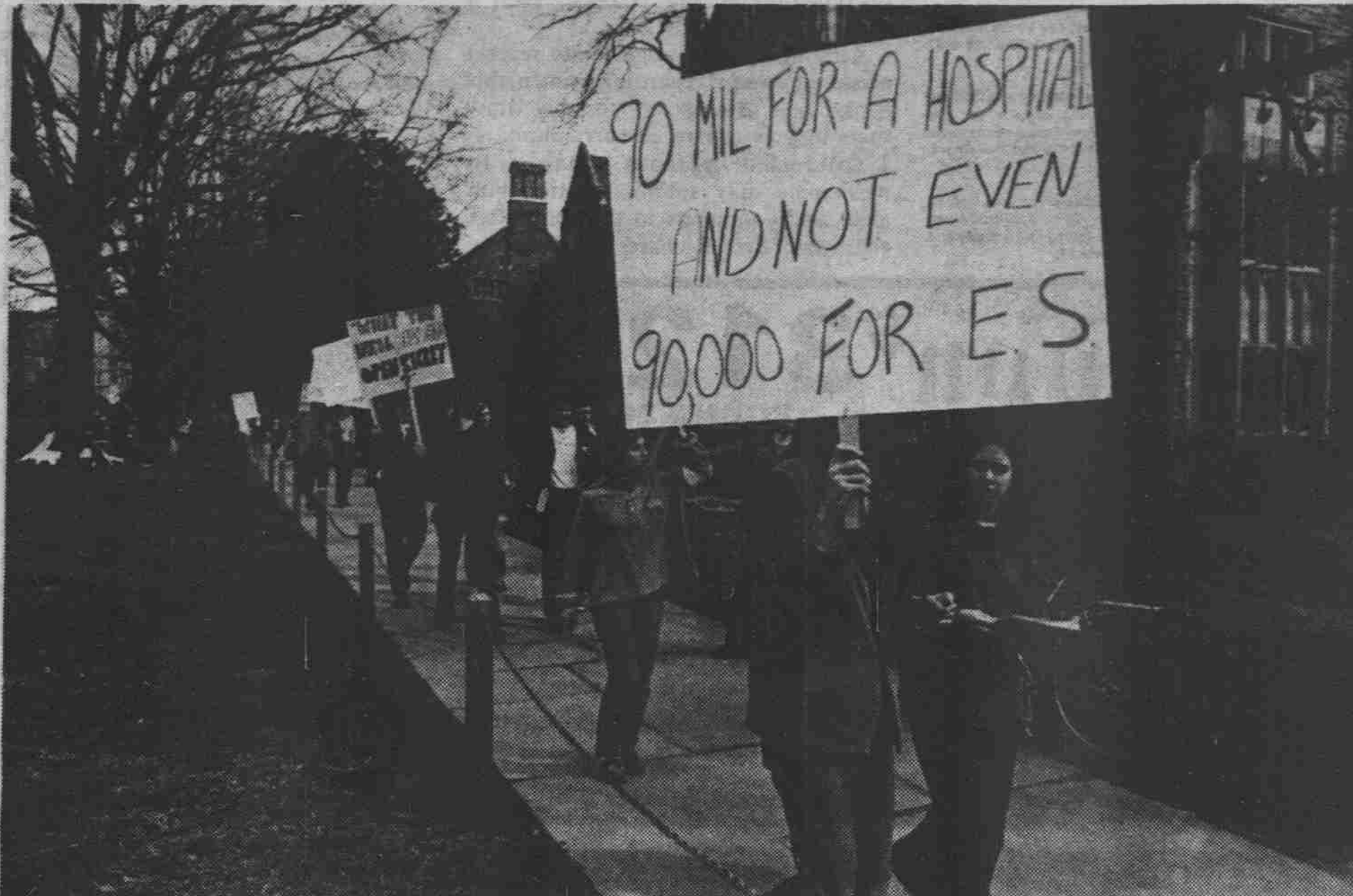
- 30 counties designated by the federal government as "hunger counties," while South Carolina has one and West Virginia has none;
- over one million malnourished citizens;
- 500,000 of its citizens below the poverty line but not receiving any food assistance.

Hoping to draw student attention to the immediate needs of starving people

Starvathon

Today, Chase Cafeteria has agreed to send the cost of a meal towards Starvathon's \$10,000 goal for any meal ticket holder who requests having his meal ticket checked off without getting a meal.

Also, Marvin Saltzman's lithographs will be on sale in the Y-Court from 1:00 to 4:30 p.m.



Over 1,000 Duke students protested Friday the planned closing of School of Forestry and Environmental Sciences

Phase-out of forestry school opposed Duke students hold rally

by George Bacso
Staff Writer

DURHAM — An estimated 1,000 Duke University students participated in a four-hour demonstration Friday in response to the Duke administration's recent decision to phase out the School of Forestry and Environmental Studies.

As 30 to 40 forestry students picketed Allen Building, which houses the university's administrative offices, a general student rally was held on Duke's Main Quad. After almost four hours of speeches and entertainment, the protestors marched over to Allen Building and chanted until Duke President Terry Sanford addressed them.

Duke Provost Frederic Cleveland announced two weeks ago that the forestry program and the Duke Primate Center would be terminated within the next three-to-five years because of a large deficit in the University's budget. Although he admitted that the Forestry School "has a good, solid program now" and "a very distinctive record," Cleveland said he thought the school would be unable to compete with state schools which have begun receiving federal and state funds.

Students reacted to the

administration's decision by organizing a group called the Movement for Shared Authority (MSA).

"There are larger issues at stake here," Chan Smith, a third year forestry student and former president of Associated Students of Duke University (ASDU - Duke's form of student government), said Friday. "We are also questioning the way in which this decision was arrived at — that is, the absence and neglect of student or faculty consultation or input."

He said MSA's three demands are:

- That the Duke administration share with all the people affected its authority in the University's decision-making processes;
- That the Duke administration share with all the people affected its authority in the determination of University priorities;
- That the Duke administration any budget cuts until the entire community can come to a mutual agreement on University priorities.

The rally featured speeches by ASDU and MSA members and students and faculty of the Forestry School, and music by several local bands. Singer/environmentalist Pete Seeger was scheduled to participate, but sent a telegram saying he could not attend and

urging support for MSA.

Smith delivered the concluding speech, and then urged everyone to "make as much noise as possible" and march over to Allen Building.

As Sanford talked to the *Daily Tar Heel* and the *Duke Chronicle* in his office, the protestors outside chanted "MSA," "Action now," and "We want Sanford."

"I don't have a closed mind, and I'm open to these channels," Sanford said. "Anything done should be done through the organized student government. I've come to rely on ASDU and I will continue to look to them for student communication," Sanford said.

"Some people say student bodies are lethargic, so I'm pretty pleased to hear that noise," Sanford said, looking out his window as the chanting grew louder. "You can say I've got the message."

Rob Turner, MSA co-ordinator and an applicant to the Forestry and Environmental Studies School for next year, entered Sanford's office to present him with petitions signed by almost 5,000 students and faculty members criticizing the phase-out decision.

"I'll give these careful consideration, and you'll have a response sometime next week," Sanford said. Sanford then walked outside to confront the group.

Often interrupted or drowned out by hecklers, he stood on the shrubbery-surrounded steps and reiterated his remarks made earlier to the press.

"I appreciate this great show of confidence . . . but I'm not going to give you an answer off the top of this bush," he said.

Sanford then went back to his office and the crowd chanted "Bullshit!" before dispersing.

Smith said afterwards he had talked to Sanford earlier in the day. "Sanford agrees with us, I think, and he knows the decisions were handled imperfectly," he said.

'Per se' law toughens breathalyzer test

by Janet Frye
Staff Writer

If you plan to drink and drive, beware of North Carolina's *per se* law, now two months old and apparently changing law enforcement approaches to the problem of drunken driving.

Under the law, a person convicted of driving while intoxicated will lose his license for one year. And a breathalyzer test showing a driver has 0.10 per cent or more alcohol in his blood is considered sufficient (*per se*) evidence that he is intoxicated.

A person weighing 160 pounds who drinks six beers within two hours would have a blood alcohol percentage of approximately .13, according to statistics supplied by the Center for Alcohol Studies at UNC.

Under North Carolina's old law, which expired Jan. 1, 1975, a blood alcohol level of .10 per cent or more was only a presumption of intoxication and was not sufficient evidence for a conviction. Virginia and South Carolina, along with most of the states, still have similar laws.

A few states have stricter laws. In Utah and Idaho, for

example, a person driving with a blood alcohol level of .08 per cent is presumed under the influence of "intoxicating liquor." However, in New York, impaired driving ability is presumed at .08 per cent, but driving under the influence is not illegal *per se* until the level is .12 per cent or more.

Experts in the area of alcohol research here at UNC have varying opinions about the effectiveness of the new law. Dr. Fred Ellis professor of pharmacology at the UNC School of Medicine, would like to see a stiffer law enacted. "I would advocate .05 per cent as the legal limit. Adequate mental faculties and required functions to operate a motor vehicle safely begin to be impaired at levels from .04 to .07 per cent," he said.

He said research data almost unanimously show that driving ability usually begins to deteriorate at blood alcohol levels of about .05 per cent. One study he cited reported that drivers with a .10 per cent blood alcohol level are more than six times as likely to cause an accident as drivers with no alcohol.

A federal study reported that alcoholism cost the people of North Carolina \$161 million in motor vehicle accidents in 1974.

But Dr. John Ewing, professor of psychiatry and director of the Center for Alcohol Studies, emphasized that the new law, with its faults, was still an improvement over the old law.

"We are lucky to have the *per se* law. We should not try to lower the legal limit of alcohol in the blood until the present law is enforced," Ewing said.

Dr. Pat Waller of the UNC Highway Safety Research Center said that 1973 statistics from the N.C. Highway Patrol revealed that about 63 per cent of those tried for driving under the influence of alcohol were convicted.

Lt. Snipes of the Chapel Hill Police Department reported that 356 local arrests for driving under the influence were made in 1974. Although the police department has no record of the percentage of those arrests leading to convictions, Snipes said the convictions rate was probably much lower than most people think.

Snipes also said he did not expect the new law to affect the number of arrests because "the majority of people are arrested by the erratic manner in which they drive a car."

Asked whether the law should be stricter, he said, "The law as it is now would make a big difference if the number of convictions were higher."

Runoff elections are postponed, Bryant decides

by Art Eisenstadt
and Jim Roberts
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Runoff elections for the positions of student body president, editor of the *Daily Tar Heel* and Campus Governing Council seats have been postponed until after Spring Break, Elections Board Chairman Rick Bryant said late Sunday.

The delay was brought about when Student Supreme Court Chief Justice Darrell Hancock issued an injunction against holding a presidential runoff election on Wednesday as previously scheduled.

This would have caused elections for editor of the *DTH* and CGC seats to be held Wednesday while the presidential runoff would be held at a later date.

Bryant and Hancock later agreed that the presidential and other runoffs should be held at the same time. The date for the runoffs will probably be Monday, March 24.

Hancock's injunction against the presidential runoff came as a result of a complaint filed Sunday by three unsuccessful presidential candidates, Tim Dugan, Jerry Askew and Keith "Bozo" Edwards, to prevent Wednesday's election from being held.

Bryant authorized last Friday a runoff between Bill Bates and Jamie Ellis, the top two finishers in the eight-way race, after validating the election results.

The action came after the board denied a complaint filed by Lloyd Scher charging that Johnny Kaleel, a Bates campaign worker, used the campus mail to send 150 campaign letters.

George Blackburn, a counsel to Dugan, wrote the new complaint. Besides the injunction, it also calls for a trial to determine whether Bates should be disqualified as a candidate.

Bates is charged with violations of the Code of Student Conduct and the election laws.

The complaint includes the allegation that Kaleel sent 150 letters supporting Bates through campus mail.

Since the campus mail is normally restricted to official University use, Dugan, Askew and Edwards are charging the incident violated a Code of Student Conduct clause against misuse of University property. In a statement Sunday, Kaleel said he had

met with Sylvester Brooks, campus mail supervisor, and Clairborne Jones, vice chancellor for business and finance, and had been told private use of the campus mail usually resulted in a warning the mailer not repeat the action.

Kaleel said he also offered to reimburse the mail service for the cost of the mailing, but was told the cost would be negligible.

The complaint also charges that "the *Avery Advocate* (the *Avery* Dormitory newspaper) was printed in such a manner as to constitute a gratuitous service in furtherance of Bill Bates' campaign."

Although it is normally distributed only in *Avery*, the *Advocate* published an elections issue endorsing various candidates, including Bates, and delivered it to Teague, Parker, Joyner and Whitehead dorms, the other buildings in Campus Governing Council District VI.

Advocate editor Kelly Summey could not be reached for comment.

As a first option, the suit asked Bates be disqualified and a new presidential election be held.

A second alternative listed in the suit asks a special runoff be held involving "the remaining two legitimate forerunners of the campaign (Ellis and Dugan)."

Campus Governing Council representative Carl Fox has also filed a complaint with the Student Supreme Court contesting the CGC race in on-campus District IV. In that race, co-candidates George Bacso and Brad Lamb defeated Mike Dixon.

Fox said he objects to having two representatives hold one CGC seat. "There is no way one district can have co-representatives."

The General Elections Law states that "Each (CGC) district shall elect one representative." The Student Constitution also states that the CGC "shall be composed of 20 Councillors..."

Fox said other co-elected officers, such as the co-editors of the *Daily Tar Heel*, have been used as a defense by Lamb and Bacso. "But the only reason these co-anythings have been allowed to stay is because no one has challenged. All co-candidates are in violation."

Rick Bryant never had the authority allow them to run as co-candidates in the first place," Fox said. "He was told by (Student Attorney General) Nita Mitchell that they couldn't run together."

Jones 'dissatisfied' with housing inaction

Residence Hall Association (RHA) President Betsey Jones announced Thursday she was "immensely dissatisfied" with Housing Department inaction on three major changes in housing policy.

The decisions concern the housing of handicapped and international students in Ruffin dormitory, and the consolidation of all single-occupancy double rooms unless residents pay higher rent.

"How long is it going to take (Dean of Student Affairs Donald) Boulton to decide?" Jones asked. She said the recommendations have been on Boulton's desk for at least two weeks.

"This is not fair to the several hundred people involved in these decisions...I'm

tired of making excuses for Dean Boulton and Dr. Condie." James Condie is director of University Housing.

Jones said she would write a letter to Boulton expressing her dissatisfaction.

The RHA also voted Thursday to oppose the sale of University utilities to Duke Power Company. The sale would force a further increase in room rents, and students would lose the security of local control, they said. In other housing developments, Delmar Williams, leader of a group of about 65 students protesting Condie's consolidation decision, said the James residence director had told him he had until March 5 to move in with someone else or be charged for a single room.