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N.C. House defeats Equal Rights Amendment

by Helen Ross
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Following two hours of debate Wednesday, the North Carolina House of Representatives defeated the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) by a final vote of 62-57.

The House gave the amendment tentative approval by slim margins in its first two readings Tuesday.

After the ERA was defeated, the legislators denied an attempt to allow the measure to be reconsidered later in the session.

The second vote Tuesday could have ended in a 59-59 tie but Rep. Ronald E. Mason, D-Carteret, changed his negative vote to give a preliminary victory to the ERA. He later said he switched his vote to prevent Speaker James C. Green from having to break the tie.

House rules state that the speaker does not have to vote to break a tie. If the speaker chooses not to vote, the matter before the House is defeated. Speaker Green has not publicly expressed his sentiments on the ERA.

In the vote Wednesday, however, Mason voted against the amendment. Two other legislators changed their vote and another, who was absent Tuesday, voted against the measure.

The ERA must be ratified in 38 states by 1979 to become part of the Constitution.

Following its defeat in the N.C. House, the ERA is pending this year only in the legislatures of Florida, Missouri and Illinois. The Texas General Assembly is considering a measure which would rescind its support of the amendment, granted in 1972.

Spectators filled the House gallery for Wednesday's debate on the ERA. Most wore badges to display

either their support or opposition to the measure.

Rep. Herbert L. Hyde, D-Buncombe, began the debate by urging his colleagues to listen to the opinions of the 13 female legislators.

Trish Hunt, D-Orange, said, "I am expected to represent the liberated woman, the radical Chapel Hillian. I am not." She urged passage of the measure to firmly establish in the Constitution the status of women.

"The only legitimate issue warranting discussion is the draft," Hunt said.

Women who might be inducted into the military under interpretations of the ERA, Hunt said, would be able to seek deferments just as men can.

Hunt said Congress already has the power to draft women and that nurses were almost drafted in World War II.

"Extend to me the dignity of equality. I do not need

your paternalism. Let me stand on my own merits," Hunt pleaded.

It took North Carolina 51 years to ratify the 19th Amendment which gave women the right to vote, Rep. Thomas Gilmore, D-Guilford, said as he urged prompt passage of the ERA.

Rep. Frances Setzer, D-Catawba, said other representatives should "vote for others as you would have them vote for you." She urged the legislators to look beyond county lines to what is right for all North Carolinians.

Marilyn R. Bissell, R-Mecklenburg, read a telegram she received Wednesday morning from Betty Ford. The telegram expressed the First Lady's gratitude for Bissell's support of the ERA Tuesday.

Before he quoted a statement Sam Ervin had

written in opposition to the ERA. Rep. Bobby Wayne Rodgers, D-Henderson, said, "I would rather read him (Ervin) than quote 'Ms. Ford.'"

"I, for one, think a woman should be held on a pedestal. I do not apologize for this," Rogers said.

Rep. Addison Neal Smith, D-Rowan, said he supports equal rights but added, "The amendment is not necessary."

"I would challenge you as lawmakers," Smith told the House members, "to begin changing laws where you believe discrimination is existing. I would caution you, though, about changing the Constitution."

Rep. Joy Joseph Johnson, D-Robeson, said, "I can assure you if the ERA becomes law it will not bring the world to an end."

Morals, privacy, respect and dignity will still prevail and "that great institution, the family, will not disintegrate," Johnson said.

Women disappointed by final ERA defeat

by Vernon Loeb
Staff Writer

Prominent women from the Chapel Hill area expressed disappointment Wednesday after the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) was defeated in Raleigh by a close 62-57 vote on the final reading.

"It's an enormous disappointment to me," Chapel Hill Alderman Alice Welsh said of the defeat. "It's just a delay of what will eventually become a reality. The need for equal rights is here today, and it was here yesterday."

Welsh's colleague, Alderman Shirley Marshall, expressed similar feelings. "I'm very disappointed, but I'm not surprised that we had a defeat. Had we not seen that string of five defeats earlier this year, North Carolina would have passed the amendment."

Marshall also said that when the new state legislators are elected in 1976, a new favorable attitude towards the ERA will be dominant. Many opponents of the ERA, she said, will be defeated at election time.

Cricket Ussery, chairperson of the Association of Women Students (AWS), said, "I was terribly disappointed, especially since the vote was so close yesterday. If we could have swayed just a few more people we

would have made it."

Ussery also said she originally felt the delay in the third vote would have increased ERA's chance of passage, but added, "I guess I thought people were more logical than they are." The amendment was approved in its first two readings Tuesday.

Jamie Ellis, Ussery's predecessor as AWS chairperson, expressed different feelings about the delay. "If the third vote had come Tuesday, it would have passed. I just can't believe they wouldn't pass it. The defeat was a real shock," she said. Political pressure, she said, caused three representatives to change their vote Wednesday.

Miriam Slifkin, President of the Chapel Hill chapter of the National Organization of Women (NOW), said the vote was very unfortunate. "I'm tired of being protected out of everything I own," she said. "Everyone thinks men should go to war to fight for their rights while women should sit back and let the state take care of theirs."

Marsha Mann, UNC's All-American basketball star, said although she was not familiar with all the provisions of the amendment, she was disappointed that the amendment's main provisions — equal wages and equal protection under the law — were defeated.



A change of face

As the 62-57 defeat of the Equal Rights Amendment is announced, opponents of the amendment (foreground) react with jubilation and supporters of the measure (background) remain solemn in the House gallery. The ERA had passed two initial votes Tuesday afternoon, but lost the third and final vote.

Sihanouk refuses Cambodian terms

United Press International

The International Red Cross in Geneva said Wednesday night the Cambodian government offered to surrender but exiled Prince Norodom Sihanouk in Peking rejected the five-point proposal.

The report of the proposal and Sihanouk's response came as Khmer Rouge insurgents battled to within 1,000 yards of the abandoned American embassy in Phnom Penh. The capital city apparently was near final collapse under a barrage of rockets and artillery and a push by the Communist-led rebels across the United Nations bridge toward the U.S. embassy.

"He gave a negative answer," Red Cross Information Chief Alain Modoux said in Geneva concerning Sihanouk's reply. But he refused to comment other than to say the reply had been sent to Phnom Penh.

Modoux said the Red Cross had acted only as an intermediary in the matter. "We were used only as a means of transmitting the proposal. We didn't participate," Modoux said. "It is now up to the parties to take

initiatives on what they want to do."

The International Red Cross said earlier it relayed a Cambodian government offer to surrender to Sihanouk and the Khmer Rouge rebel forces moving into Phnom Penh.

In announcing that the offer had been made, Modoux said that the proposal contained five points but that it was "up to the parties involved to divulge the details."

The Yugoslav national news agency, in a dispatch from Peking earlier, quoted Sihanouk sources as saying, "Sihanouk has rejected the offer of the Quislings in Phnom Penh which was signed by the president of the supreme committee, Sak Sutsakhan, which he received through the International Red Cross in Geneva."

Tanjung said Sihanouk sent a reply to the Red Cross calling the proposal "unacceptable" and advising the members of the "puppet supreme committee" to leave Phnom Penh before the final battle because they had earned only the right to be hanged.

President Ford said in Washington the United States will "help in any way we can to further those negotiations."

Ford said he had just received word that the Phnom Penh government "will work with the Khmer Rouge to try to negotiate a settlement." But he added he had received indications that Sihanouk "is in no position to achieve nor accomplish the results we want — namely a negotiated settlement — and that is an unfortunate situation."

Senate Majority Leader Mike Mansfield, a long-time acquaintance of Sihanouk, said he "would devoutly hope" that Sihanouk would accept the request announced today by the Red Cross.

Mansfield said that he received a cablegram from Sihanouk about 10 days ago that indicated his forces were holding off an attack at the Phnom Penh airport to allow Americans to evacuate.

But Mansfield said he has received no indication whether Sihanouk would be willing to accept a surrender offer and declare a cease-fire.

Other members of Congress reacted as if surrender were an accomplished fact. Sen. George McGovern, D-S.D., of the Foreign Relations Committee, said, "For some time now, today's action has appeared to be inevitable."



Staff photo by Gary Lohrsto

C.B. Gaines, who pleaded guilty to charges of throwing a pie in Dr. James Condie's face, was censured by the Undergraduate Honor Court Tuesday night.

Condie: 'not a frivolous matter'

Pie-throwing streaker sentenced

by George Bacso
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C.B. Gaines pleaded guilty Tuesday night to the charge of "running nude through a meeting held in the Carolina Union...and assaulting Dr. James Condie (director of University Housing) by throwing a pie at him at the same meeting." The Undergraduate Court censured Gaines.

A censure is an official reprimand notifying a student that any further violation of the Code of Student Conduct will carry heavier penalties because of this first violation. The penalty remains a part of a student's disciplinary record, but is not recorded on his transcript.

Gaines interrupted a housing complaint

session on February 18 when he streaked into the room, uttered the words, "Nothing personal," and threw a pie at Condie. The pie missed Condie but splattered his coat and hair. Condie immediately left the meeting, which ended soon afterward.

The charges against Gaines were brought by Assistant Dean of Student Life Frederic Schroeder. Neither Schroeder nor Condie was available for comment Wednesday.

Gaines' original plea of not guilty was changed to guilty on the advice of his counsel, Joe Swain, after Swain's request for dismissal of the charges was denied.

Swain's request for dismissal was based on the belief that his client's actions were "of a frivolous and comic nature and done with no malice, while these resulting charges are very

serious."

Condie could not attend the trial because of previous commitments, Kathy Flanagan, an investigator for the Attorney General's office, said. She read a material statement written by Condie which said, "This is a serious matter, not a frivolous one...and in my opinion...Gaines acted in an obscene way."

Flanagan said Condie took the matter as a personal embarrassment and as an affront to a University figure.

Testifying in his own behalf, Gaines said, "I thought it (throwing a pie at someone) was a good idea and that Dr. Condie deserved it for his housing decisions. I made a pie and took it to the meeting. Then I thought my actions would have more of an impact if I

was nude."

Gaines waived his right to a closed trial so that the *Daily Tar Heel* and a few personal friends could observe the proceedings.

"We took this as a very serious matter which could not be condoned, although Mr. Gaines, his friends and his defense did not," Undergraduate Court Chairperson Kathy McArthur said Wednesday.

"Because Gaines is a senior and will graduate in three weeks, we felt a censure would be strong enough, since probation would probably keep him from graduating," McArthur said.

"In a case of someone who was not a senior, however, the court probably would have sentenced stronger." However, Gaines said he is withdrawing from UNC and traveling to San Francisco.



Staff photo by Charles Hardy

Scottish troops invade McCorkle Place

Members of the North Carolina Bicentennial Brigade reenact the battle for Culloden Moor on McCorkle Place Wednesday afternoon. The battle was fought in 1746 between Scottish

highlanders and English troops supported by the Campbells of Argoyle. The reenactment was held in Chapel Hill as part of state-wide bicentennial activities.

Committee will recommend women's studies curriculum

by Bruce Henderson
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A student-faculty committee will recommend a new interdisciplinary curriculum in women's studies to the Faculty Council Friday.

Committee member Margaret O'Connor, an assistant English professor, said the recommendation is for an undergraduate curriculum, not a department or degree program.

The 15-member committee was established by Chancellor N. Ferebee Taylor at the request of the Faculty Council.

The curriculum will probably consist of three core courses, O'Connor said, adding that women's courses already are offered in the history, English and psychology departments.

"This will be a curriculum that would increase the options for those students interested in women's roles in history," she said. "Women have played strong roles in history, literature and psychology; this aspect has been overlooked."

"This program will be offering courses for general education as well as for those who want to major in it," O'Connor said. She

added that its courses will be open to men and women.

The committee's recommendations will go to the Chancellor for further consideration.

Another new curriculum was established last September. An undergraduate degree program in Latin American studies was created in response to an active interest in the subject, Federico G. Gil, director of the Institute for Latin American Studies, said.

He said that until last year, those interested had to major in international studies.

Forty-four courses are now offered in the Latin American curriculum, including four Latin American courses. Most are cross-listed under political science, history, Romance languages, anthropology, geography, sociology and economics.

Undergraduate majors are required to take a Portuguese or Spanish foreign language option and a core course, Latin American 47, while in the General College.

Upperclassmen then decide between concentrations in the humanities (including history and language-literature sequences) and the social sciences (including political science or anthropology-geography-economics-sociology sequences). Two

honors courses are available.

The program will feature as many outside instructors as possible, Gil said. This year two prominent Latin Americans, economist Ricardo Lagos Escobar and Argentine historian Roberto Etchepareborda, are Kenan Visiting Professors of Latin American Studies.

Most students of Latin America, Gil said, either go into government service or business after they graduate. He said many jobs are available in different branches of government, including the State Department.

Gil said the Latin American curriculum is needed since the strength of the United States' relations with Latin America, now weak, is becoming increasingly important.

"The Third World nations are now playing a more important (world) role," he said. "They have grown economically now. They have a more independent voice in world affairs."

International cooperation is needed with a worldwide shortage of raw materials, he said. Ecuador and Venezuela, both members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, are among the world's leading oil producers.