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Student rally protests proposed tuition hike

by George Bacso
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Attracted by an offer of free Cokes and an opportunity to hear several speakers talk about a subject close to their hearts and pocketbooks, an estimated 450 students gathered in the Pit Tuesday afternoon to protest proposed tuition increases.

Similar rallies sponsored by the N. C. Association of Student Governments, are being held this week on many other campuses of the Consolidated University of North Carolina.

Speaking at the rally were State Sen. Charles Vickery, Chapel Hill Alderman and UNC law student Gary Cohen, Chapel Hill Mayor Howard N. Lee, Graduate and Professional Students Federation Chairperson Gwen Waddell, Student Aid Director William Geer and Black Student Movement Chairperson Lester Diggs.

The proposed tuition hikes—\$200 per year for in-state students and \$300 for out-of-state students—are currently being considered by the N.C. Senate

appropriations subcommittee on higher education.

Speakers repeatedly urged students to write their legislators expressing their personal feelings about the proposed increases. Student Government provided stationery and addresses for writing the legislators.

"I think the rally went very well," Student Body President Bill Bates said afterwards. "Of course, there could have been more people there, but since this is the last week of classes, the turn-out was actually pretty good."

Bates said his office received over 500 letters which he will take to legislators in Raleigh today, where he will testify before the Senate subcommittee with other student body presidents from other Consolidated University campuses.

Keynote speaker Vickery said one of the state's primary goals is to provide everyone with quality education, regardless of their ability to pay for it.

"You should be able to get all the education you can stand and all you want, in as far as practical purposes are concerned," Vickery said.

"There has been no mandate from the people and there is no absolute need to increase tuition...and if this is done, I am afraid that we are going to see a very different caliber of people here," he said.

Lee said, "If we look at the highway budget, it seems the legislature has put a greater emphasis on building highways than on educating people."

President Ford's WIN (Whip Inflation Now) program has been answered by the people's own form of WIN—"We's In Need"—and many of the students attending

the rally will be in need if the increases come through, Lee said.

Geer, however, said the legislators of North Carolina have been good to education and said students should begin their letters by thanking their representatives for the help previously given them.

Geer said the Student Aid office will have a great deal of difficulty in meeting student needs even without the tuition hikes because of increasing living costs and decreasing parental contributions to students' educations.

"We should open educational opportunities here by moving tuition down rather than up," Geer said.

Cohen asked why the legislature has singled out students to bear the brunt of the financial burden resulting from next year's budget deficit.

"The increase will hurt Chapel Hill, but it will destroy the programs at other campuses...Let everyone share in the sacrifices," Cohen said.

Waddell said the hikes would especially hurt graduate students and minorities.

"This will hurt undergraduate students because the quality of their graduate assistants and TA's (teaching assistants) would decrease," she said.

Diggs also said minorities would suffer more than the average students.

"We are now facing a greater realization of the University becoming a melting pot, if you will, of all cultures...but these increases will hinder this growth," he said.

"The job market in Chapel Hill would also become more competitive...Because of all these reasons, we should really take this as a personal concern."

BSM, AWS, CGA severely cut

CGC budget cuts spark protest

by Vernon Loeb
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The Black Student Movement (BSM) and other student organizations planned to protest Tuesday's meeting of the Campus Governing Council (CGC) following the announcement of budget cuts by the CGC Finance Committee.

The committee's budget recommendations were to be finalized by the council Tuesday night, but results of the meeting were not available at press time.

Lester Diggs, chairperson of the BSM, said early Tuesday, "I expect the CGC meeting to be wild."

Although the Finance Committee recommended cutting the budgets of almost all campus groups, it severely cut the budgets of three student groups—the BSM, the Association of Women Students (AWS),

and the Carolina Gay Association (CGA).

Some programs, however, did receive budget appropriations which were higher than last year.

The greatest increase was granted to the Resident Unit Grant Loan Fund (RUGLF), RUGLF, according to Mike O'Neal, student body treasurer designate and presidential adviser, is a fund which provides money to fraternities, sororities and residence halls for house improvements such as televisions and ice machines.

In last year's budget RUGLF was granted \$4,882. This year the fund was increased by approximately \$4,500 to \$9,450.

Academic Action also received a budget increase. The committee received a \$9,300 appropriation compared to \$800 last year. Lisa Bradley, chairperson of the Academic Affairs Committee explained that this year's increase came because the Carolina Course Evaluation was consolidated with the

Academic Action budget.

"The CGC felt the RUGLF and Academic Action programs merited increases because both groups provide concrete benefits for the student body," O'Neal said.

Student Government's executive branch received an increase of approximately \$1,800 over last year. This year's executive branch appropriation is \$27,550. Last year the executive branch was granted \$24,394, and received an additional \$1,400 later in the year.

O'Neal explained that the executive's increase does not represent more spending power for the executive.

"The extra money is not really the executive's," O'Neal said. "The additional appropriation is included to cover the cost of operating supplies for the election board and several other groups."

O'Neal also said the executive branch will now assume the cost of photocopying for all

student government related groups.

BSM originally requested \$41,886, and later reduced that figure to \$17,849. The Finance Committee recommended the group receive \$9,631, a drop from last year's BSM budget of \$12,000.

The AWS requested \$12,173 and was allocated \$5,000. The previous AWS budget was \$7,639. The CGA requested \$4,465, and was allocated \$675. It received \$825 this past year.

"Unless we can get more money from CGC, I'm going to ask that student fees from black students go directly to the BSM," Diggs said. "With only \$9,600 the BSM will be as inefficient as possible."

Diggs also said the BSM's original request of \$42,000 was not a padded figure. It represented what the BSM felt was needed to increase its activities for a black population which will expand next year, he said.

"It aggravates me that they cut our budget without our being present," he said. "When BSM representatives were present at Sunday night's budget meeting, they had agreed to give us \$15,571."

"But after we left, and after Sherri Parks, the black representative on the Finance Committee, had also left, they cut the budget to \$9,600," he said. "We can operate effectively with no less than \$15,000."

Steve Griffin, CGA chairperson, said because there are over 2,000 gays on campus, and because CGA serves the entire university through educational programs, it is not really a special interest group.

"We requested \$4,400 because that's what we need," he said. "We expected a cut but not nearly that much."

CGA speaker board chairman Mark Horn said, "I'm curious to see how much the Sailing Club got. They're the most restrictive group of all because you can only fit 15 people on a boat."

Both Griffin and Horn said they were unsure if the CGA would take action at Tuesday's CGC meeting.

Cricket Ussery, AWS chairperson, said the Finance Committee's recommendation to cut the AWS budget will basically hurt its campus events. "The cut will put a damper on our plans to bring prominent speakers to campus next year," she said.

Ussery said although she expected a cut in AWS budget request, she felt AWS would at least receive the amount they received this year.

Like Diggs, she said she would attend Tuesday's CGC meeting to protest the cut.

Firemen fill Carrboro pool

by Linda Livengood
Special to the DTH

Residents of Berkshire Manor Apartments in Carrboro were surprised Monday night to see Carrboro firemen filling the swimming pool.

The firemen spent approximately two

hours laying out hoses and pumping water into the pool. A fire truck, water tank and the fire chief calling out instructions on a loudspeaker provided the excitement.

"I really got upset when I saw the fire truck and then found out they were filling up the pool," one resident, who wished to remain anonymous, said. "I think Carrboro

tax-payers should know about this."

A tenant said she thought that the firemen were filling the pool because Carrboro Mayor Robert Wells is the land-lord at Berkshire Manor.

Fire Chief Robert Swiger said, "It is unusual for the men to fill swimming pools, but it was part of our Monday night training program for the men."

"Berkshire Manor paid for the water so there was no cost to the taxpayer. Filling the pool gave me an opportunity to test new men and also check out the hoses."

Swiger said the hoses were last tested three months ago, and that the procedure is routine with the department.

"We will fill the pool for any apartment complex that has a fire hydrant and will pay for the water," he said.

Another tenant said, "Mayor Wells is a good landlord. Repairs are made quickly and there is no hassle. This year he's even opened the pool a week early."

One of the volunteer firemen said, "I had pool looks like Morgan Creek now. You just have to wait for the water to settle. It'll be real nice by tomorrow."

UPI News Briefs

Committee approves insurance rates bill

RALEIGH—The House Insurance Committee voted Tuesday 16-8 to approve amended legislation to eliminate the use of age in setting auto liability insurance rates.

The bill would direct the insurance commissioner to set up four rating classifications based on the use of the auto and the traffic accident record of the driver.

Insurance Commissioner John Ingram, backer of the measure, said the measure was designed to shift the burden of increased rates to the habitual violator and the drunken driver.

While Ingram predicted the measure had "good chances" for passage in the House, he warned that "the people in this state should realize that the insurance industry lobbyists are the strongest" in the legislature this year.

Under the current plan, male drivers between 16 and 25 years of age are charged higher liability rates because they are considered a high risk group.

Aircraft shortage hampers U.S. airlift

SAIGON—Americans and Vietnamese fled South Vietnam by the hundreds Tuesday in the heaviest day of evacuation flights. But U.S. officials said a shortage of aircraft was hampering the around-the-clock airlift.

The airlift was moving out nearly 2,000 persons a day, and President Ford said in Washington the barest minimum of 1,500 Americans would be left in the country by Tuesday night.

Panel rejects military aid to Saigon

WASHINGTON—The House Armed Services Committee, one of its members contending the chess game is over in Indochina, Tuesday rejected 21 to 17 President Ford's request for \$722 million in military aid to South Vietnam.

The measure, which would have authorized \$422 million in addition to the \$300 million approved last year but never appropriated, was shoved aside on a motion by Rep. G.V. Montgomery, D-Miss.

Leaders in both houses said they wanted to hold off action until they are assured that substantially more Americans have been removed from Saigon.

1976 Symposium being planned

by Dirk Wilmoth
Staff Writer

Nearly a year before its planned presentation, the 1976 Carolina Symposium, "America's Future: Beyond the Bicentennial," is already being planned by symposium co-chairpersons Don Baer and Robert Pharr.

Baer and Pharr are now organizing the staff to plan the publicity, finances and agenda for the two-and-a-half week event next Spring.

The symposium will deal with long-range possibilities for the country's future in science and technology, social needs, the environment, government and politics, arts and socialization of man.

A written description of the topic states, "The object of this

symposium will be to make available—to students, the general observer, the policy maker and the policy adviser—the possibilities for the future of the country... that certain representative thoughts from many researchers and dreamers who have recently speculated about the future directions of American life and institutions."

Pharr, a junior history major from Hickory, said, "The symposium will evaluate where we are today."

Baer, a junior political science major from Fayetteville, added, "We need to know what the necessities are for the future."

The projected budget for the symposium is between \$35,000 and \$38,000, they said. \$10,000 of this will come from the Student Government. The remainder will be funded by the administration, faculty and foundations.

After researching for the Symposium this summer, Baer

and Pharr will make a more concentrated planning effort in September.

They said although the speakers will not be scheduled until the fall semester, they would like to have student assistance now.

Interested people can work in any one of several areas in the symposium, including publicity, finances and programming, the co-chairpersons said.

"It can really appeal to just about any sort of student," Baer said.

He said they are interested in setting up several spring courses related to the symposium for participants wishing to receive credit for their work.

A meeting for all interested students will be held at 3 p.m. Thursday in the Frank Porter Graham Lounge of the Union.

O'Neal fails in bid for SG treasurer

by Art Eisenstadt
Staff Writer

The Campus Governing Council (CGC) rejected the nomination of Mike O'Neal as student body treasurer Tuesday night.

O'Neal's nomination did not receive the necessary two-thirds approval from the council, failing by a vote of 12-5, with two abstentions. Fourteen votes were required to approve the nomination.

The council originally voted not to approve O'Neal, 10-6, with three abstentions, but a second vote was called by Student Body President Bill Bates, also a CGC member.

However, at press time there was still a possibility that the vote could be reconsidered on a parliamentary objection.

The debate over O'Neal's qualifications as treasurer was preceded by a brief parliamentary fight over how many votes he would need to be confirmed.

According to the Student Government Constitution, the treasurer's appointment must be approved by "two-thirds of the members of the Campus Governing Council." Besse ruled that the clause meant two-thirds of the current membership of CGC, or 14 votes of 20.

Bates said the clause should be interpreted as saying two-thirds of those present and voting.

After relinquishing control of the council to Speaker Pro Tem Laura Dickerson, Speaker Dan Besse led the opposition to O'Neal, a graduate journalism student from Hendersonville.

"Mike has not taken any accounting courses," Besse said. "I have spoken with a former treasurer of the student body (Tim Dugan) who felt it was imperative that the treasurer have this skill."

Besse later yielded the floor to Dugan, who said he believes accounting experience is necessary, but added he thinks O'Neal, with help, would have been able to handle



Mike O'Neal

the job.

O'Neal's past work as president and treasurer of both the Residence Hall Association (RHA) and the Campus Program Council might tend to bias him as treasurer, Besse said. "He has been extensively involved in politics here in the past."

Tal Lassiter was one of several CGC members who spoke in favor of O'Neal. "I don't think you can argue that Mike doesn't have the experience," he said, referring to O'Neal's work as treasurer of RHA, the Campus Program Council and Avery dormitory.

"Anybody who does something is going to be involved in some controversy," he continued. "We are far better off with a political treasurer than with a political finance chairman or a political speaker."

However, Lassiter voted against O'Neal's appointment on the first ballot. He switched his vote to yes in the second count.