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## BSM demonstrates: funds unfrozen



Buddy Ray (L), chairperson of the Committee on Minority Rights, talks with BSM chairperson Lester Diggs.

## Board bylaws changed CGC replaces old Media Board with new

by Chris Fuller  
Staff Writer

A new set of Media Board bylaws, which in effect dissolved the old Media Board, was approved Tuesday night by the Campus Governing Council (CGC).

The CGC approved the new laws, proposed by the old Media Board Chairperson Dick Pope, because no complete and verified copy of Media Board bylaws could be located.

The laws were lost when Media Board files were moved last spring from the board's Suite A office to the lobby of Suite C, Mark Dearmon, former chairperson of the Media Board, said.

The council set up an interim committee to

handle Media Board affairs until the new board is established. The committee is composed of the previous board chairperson, Dick Pope, and previous board treasurer, George Bacso.

All action taken by the interim committee will be reviewed by the CGC.

The new bylaws also provide for nine voting and 10 nonvoting members of the Media Board. Voting members include the previous Media Board's chairperson and treasurer, a CGC Finance Committee member, a CGC member, the student body treasurer, a Graduate and Professional Students Federation member and two presidential appointees.

The nonvoting members are the Media Board secretary, the Student Activities Fund Office director, a faculty member from the

School of Business, a faculty member from the School of Journalism, and representatives from the *Daily Tar Heel*, the *Yackety Yack*, the *Carolina Quarterly*, the *Cellar Coor*, WCAR radio and Student Graphics.

According to the old bylaws, all representatives from these organizations could vote, except Student Graphics. The old board also had two voting CGC members rather than the new board's one, and contained three voting Media Board appointees, which the new board omits.

The new Media Board bylaws also state that no paid member of any organization under the auspices of the Media Board can serve as a voting member.

Also the Media Board will now serve as a board of directors for both the *DTH* and Student Graphics.

The CGC may override any Media Board decision with a majority vote, according to the new bylaws.

The CGC decision, which abolished the old Media Board, brought unfavorable response from the members of the old board. Some of the ousted members are discussing the possibility of filing suit in student Supreme Court to protest the action.

Old Media Board member Bill Moss said Wednesday the new bylaws are illegal, because copies of the old bylaws did not exist.

Moss also said the old bylaws say a two-thirds vote of the Media Board and the approval of CGC are required to amend the bylaws. The Media Board did not vote on or even discuss amending the bylaws, he said.

Another critic of the CGC action was the old Media Board treasurer Bacso. "As far as what happened last night (in the CGC meeting)," he said, "I think that the bylaws approved are asinine in that they do not provide the various member organizations, such as the *DTH*, *Yackety Yack* and *Carolina Quarterly*, voting power."

Bacso further said the Media Board is already a political organization and the new bylaws could allow it to become totally political and making it unresponsive to the organizations it is supposed to serve.

"I'm very upset about the way that Dick Pope handled this matter, acting solely on his own without contacting me, the treasurer of the organization, or receiving the consent of the Media Board," Bacso added.

"I think the bylaws as he (Pope) presented them, were very hastily prepared. He took the responsibility on himself, again without contacting me or receiving the consent of the board, to totally alter the structure of the board and its bylaws."

Nov. 4, nonpartisan municipal race will be his first attempt at elected office.

He had originally planned to make his announcement in a Sept. 2 press conference but cancelled the conference.

Besides his work on the Bicentennial and Charter commissions, Thorpe has served as vice chairperson of the Chapel Hill Community Development Task Force and was appointed to the N.C. Personnel Review Committee within the Department of Public Instruction in 1972. He was recently reappointed to the personnel committee.

Thorpe said he sees a need to combat urban blight, which he said "can spread throughout a town and strangle it." He said that if Chapel Hill is to remain an attractive place to live, "we cannot be a town with open sores."

Thorpe fully supports the bus system, calling it a necessity for the students, the "life-blood" of the town.

In addition, he promised to advocate more extensive use of the committee system within the Board of Aldermen.

A 1964 graduate of Fayetteville State University, Thorpe taught history and physical education in the Duplin County school system from 1966 to 1969. He is married and has two children.

by Vernon Loeb  
Staff Writer

After demonstrations by more than 200 black students, Student Body President Bill Bates released Wednesday the Black Student Movement's (BSM) Student Government appropriation, which remained frozen after Tuesday's Campus Governing Council (CGC) meeting.

The funds were frozen this summer when the CGC charged the BSM Gospel Choir with maintaining an illegal checking account at a local bank.

Bates' move was upheld later that afternoon by an emergency meeting of the CGC Finance Committee after Student Body Treasurer Mike O'Neal and other Student Government officials said Bates did not have the power to release the funds.

After marching from the Pit, the demonstrators gathered on the steps of South Building Wednesday morning while BSM Chairperson Lester Diggs met with Chancellor N. Ferebee Taylor to demand \$12,000 from the Chancellor's discretionary fund.

Taylor refuses demands

Taylor refused to meet the demands, saying the BSM funds could only be obtained through appropriate Student Government channels. He suggested that Diggs meet with Bates.

The demonstration then moved back to the Pit while Diggs met with Bates and Dean of Student Affairs Donald A. Boulton in Student Government offices.

Following the meeting with Boulton and Diggs, Bates went to the Pit and told the demonstrators that the freeze had been lifted and that only the funds of the Gospel Choir would remain frozen pending a CGC Finance Committee investigation.

Following Bates' statement, controversy again arose when O'Neal said he would not release BSM funds. O'Neal said Bates could not legally rescind the freeze.

Under the Student Government Constitution, only CGC can repeal an act of CGC. Thus, only at the next CGC meeting could BSM funds be released by a vote of the entire council, O'Neal said.

However, the Finance Committee ruled that the bill freezing the BSM funds was void, because the CGC did not take final action on the matter Tuesday as stipulated by the bill.

O'Neal refused to abide by the Finance Committee's interpretation and said the BSM's funds were still frozen. A letter to that effect was delivered to the BSM office after the Finance Committee meeting, O'Neal said.

"I am not abiding by the Finance Committee's interpretation because one, the CGC voted last night not to unfreeze the BSM's funds; and two, no committee has authority to do anything until action is taken by CGC," O'Neal said.

While the CGC Tuesday night did defeat an amendment made by Rep. Humphrey Cummings to release BSM funds, the council also defeated a proposal by Dave Rittenhouse to continue the fund freeze.

Illegal checking account?

The funding controversy centers on a checking account allegedly maintained by the Gospel Choir at North Carolina National Bank.

Student treasury laws prohibit any organization receiving student funds from maintaining a private checking account. Any



Staff photo by Margaret Kirk

Dean of Student Affairs Donald A. Boulton (C) confers with other administrators during Wednesday's BSM sit-in.

organization in violation of the laws will have their funds frozen.

The Finance Committee contended that because the Gospel Choir is a financial dependent of the BSM, the checking account it allegedly maintained was illegal.

The BSM, however, maintained that the Gospel Choir was financially independent until it was officially allocated \$600 in the 1975-76 Student Government budget.

Because of its financial independence, the Gospel Choir was not subject to the treasury laws, the BSM contended.

Rittenhouse said 1973-74 budget requests for the Gospel Choir prove that the choir was not a financially autonomous organization. Although no money was specifically



Staff photo by Howard Shepherd

Ray addresses demonstrating BSM members on South Building porch Wednesday morning. The group was protesting the Campus Governing Council's refusal to unfreeze the BSM budget.

allocated for the choir, he said, it was given money under the lump sum categories of travel and the cultural committee.

But Diggs said budget requests were never granted and reiterated that the choir never received money from the BSM.

Diggs also said the money in the choir checking account did not come from Student Government but from outside donations and awards.

Fund requisitions bearing the name "Gospel Choir" were exhibited at the CGC meeting. Diggs, however, said these expenditures were made on behalf of the choir by the BSM Cultural Committee. Such expenditures were legal, he said, and do not prove that the choir was receiving money from the BSM.

Debate brings confusion

Debate on the BSM funds issue lasted for more than two hours at Tuesday's CGC meeting as an overflowing gallery of predominantly black students heard opponents battle to a stalemate.

Rittenhouse accused the BSM of not complying with the investigation. "The only reason for withholding information is to hide guilt," he said.

The BSM responded saying they had supplied all pertinent information. In fact, Diggs said, the BSM gave money it did not rightfully own back to the CGC. All information withheld by the BSM, he added, was done so at the advice of legal counsel pending the outcome of a law suit filed against the BSM.

An amendment proposed by Cummings would have released the BSM funds with the stipulation that the choir would receive no money until a full investigation was held. The amendment failed three times.

At one point Finance Committee Chairperson Bill Strickland called for the BSM to be suspended from the budget. The motion was not seconded.

The CGC meeting ended with the defeat of a bill calling for a freeze of all BSM funds until all financial records of the choir since 1973 be released.

## Executive aide resigns

Billy Richardson, executive assistant to Student Body President Bill Bates, resigned his position Wednesday, Bates said.

Exact details of why Richardson resigned were not clear Wednesday afternoon, but there have been recent staff conflicts in the Bates administration pertaining to the Black Student Movement fund freeze.

Richardson said he would issue a statement to the *Daily Tar Heel* at 1 p.m. today concerning his status and resignation.

"All I will say now is that I've done my job today," Richardson said Wednesday. Richardson, a junior political science

major from Fayetteville, has been considered the number two official in Student Government this year, ranking behind only Bates in Suite C affairs. He has counseled Bates closely during the recent *DTH* and BSM funding controversies.

Bates told the *DTH* Wednesday afternoon there is still a possibility Richardson could remain in his post, but hinted there would be some changes made in his staff.

"There will be a story concerning personnel matters that will probably interest you," Bates said.

Richardson would not respond Wednesday to Bates' comment.

## Thorpe enters alderman race

by Richard Whittle  
Staff Writer

William H. (Bill) Thorpe, a 34-year-old North Carolina Department of Labor employee, Wednesday became the fourth formally announced candidate for the Chapel Hill Board of Aldermen.

"In observing our town's governmental scene over the past few years, I am struck by several needs," Thorpe said in a Wednesday press release.

Thorpe is finance chairperson for the Chapel Hill Bicentennial Commission and a former vice-chairperson of the Chapel Hill Charter Review Commission.

He listed as the town's needs: the preservation of Chapel Hill as "a nice place to live," more direct communication between citizens and their government and more efficient, economical government. Thorpe said the efforts of previous town officials should be continued.

"Our town's population is expanding," Thorpe said. "An expanding population requires careful planning and quality government to meet its needs."

Thorpe is a native of Oxford, but has lived in Chapel Hill since 1970. This year's

## Sports star offers philosophies

by George Bacso  
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Bill Russell is probably best known for his basketball brilliance, but in his Memorial Hall speech Tuesday night, Russell preferred to downplay his sports experiences in order to express his personal philosophies.

The former Boston Celtics superstar and current coach of the Seattle SuperSonics, Russell was voted Athlete of the Decade in 1970.

"I would rather be known, not as a basketball player, but rather as a man who happened to play basketball," Russell said. "Athletes are like pretty girls in the way

they are treated. From the time they are young and people find out they can play sports, people talk to them differently and do everything for them. No one wants you to think, do or say anything—they just want you to look good," Russell said.

Mixing his comments with grins, gestures and loud outbursts of laughter, Russell quickly established a casual rapport with his audience. But despite his joviality, Russell often became thoughtful and articulate as he turned to more serious subjects, including drugs, race relations and education.

"I personally do not use any drugs, and that includes whiskey, beer, pills, marijuana or hard drugs. I don't mean to lump

to a student's final letter grade.

Speaking as an individual faculty member rather than chairperson, Taylor said, "I'm behind Letzue all the way. I believe faculty members should be able to grade as accurately as possible."

Taylor, who is also history department chairperson, said he would oppose the committee plan at Friday's Faculty Council meeting, when the proposal might come up for a vote.

Under the plan, descriptions of the various grades would be shifted down one letter. Thus, while "good" work is now described by a "B," and "fair" work is currently graded "C," such work would in the future be graded

"C" and "D," respectively. An "A" would be defined as "outstanding" and "B" defined as "superior."

Grade point values for each letter would remain the same, however. Thus, a student who has done consistently "good" work would have a "B" (3.0) average under the present system, but a "C" (2.0) average if the new system goes into effect. Provost J. Charles Morrow, chairperson of the faculty Committee on Instructional Personnel, said Tuesday the new system would probably reduce the number of "A's" being given and make "C" the most common grade. In most departments, "B" is now the most common grade.

In Letzue's proposal, a "C-plus," "C," and "C-minus" would all be permissible final grades and would have varying grade point values. Meanwhile, the Campus Governing Council (CGC) unanimously approved a resolution condemning Morrow's proposed grading system Tuesday.

The resolution, jointly introduced by six CGC members, states that the new proposal would put UNC students "at a competitive disadvantage with students attending other universities in the pursuit of their academic and career interests."

The resolution goes on to urge the Faculty Council to defeat the plan.

The Faculty Council is scheduled to debate and possibly vote on the Morrow committee proposal at 4 p.m., Friday in Hamilton Hall auditorium. Taylor said the proposal could be amended or rejected altogether.

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