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'Big Brother' controversy surrounds proposed computer system

by Bruce Henderson
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First of a two-part series

Government squabbling between government officials and cries of "Big Brother" have surrounded a recent decision by the Governor's Committee on Law and Order to set aside federal money for an extensive criminal information computer system.

The committee, which administers Law Enforcement Assistance Administration (LEAA) funds, voted 15-7 Sept. 26 to earmark part of its federal funding to implement the computerized system known as the Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS).

Atty. Gen. Rufus L. Edmisten immediately protested the decision, claiming that the new system would duplicate the state's existing Police Information Network (PIN). He has also said the computer system would become a Big Brother-type monster, if combined with other personal records. Because computerized criminal information

systems will contain large amounts of personal information, new federal regulations were released in May to restrict access to criminal information that is now available to the public, press and businesses. The regulations must be fully implemented by December 1977, regardless of whether the state establishes the CJIS.

A master plan for the new computerized criminal information system was adopted last December by the Law and Order Committee and approved by the Justice Department.

Three state departments—police, corrections and motor vehicles—already have computer systems. Each agency will eventually have to expand as its work load increases and a fourth branch, the courts, wants its own computer system.

The master plan concept, Long said, is "essentially to pull together the various pieces that members of the criminal justice community have been talking about for some time."

The two major questions now facing government officials, Sam H. Long III, legal aid to Gov. James E.

Holshouser, said, are (1) how are the pieces going to fit together? and (2) who is going to run the system?

Long said increased paper work will make further computerization a necessity and corresponding misuse of computerized information is possible.

"We're very concerned that there be some very clear guidelines and laws on what the system's structure is going to look like," he said.

The CJIS system would include only factual, verified information on a person from the time he is arrested to the time his case is disposed of, Long said. Statistical crime data would also be incorporated in the integrated system.

Investigative reports, including pre-trial evidence from private notes and personal files, would not be included in the system, he said, although Edmisten has said it would.

No other information system is this extensive, Long said.

The state's existing Police Information Network is basically a county-to-county information exchange system, originally funded through LEAA in 1971.

Information in the system includes files on wanted and missing persons, stolen vehicles, and guns and securities, PIN Director Howard M. Livingston said. The network is administered by the state Department of Justice.

"The plan before the Law and Order Committee was drawn up without PIN or our office being consulted," John Elmore, assistant to Atty. Gen. Edmisten, said. "The last one-third of the (CJIS) booklet was Xeroxed from a PIN manual. The rest is a rehash, as far as we can tell, of what PIN is already doing or planning to do."

"We can't see what's in there that we're (PIN) not doing or capable of doing," he said. PIN is recognized as the finest system of its kind in the country, he said.

Livingston agreed with Elmore. "To me it seems a total duplication of what we've worked for... The only difference is where the system is located."

Long defended the CJIS system insisting that the PIN network would not be reduced in size or capabilities if the CJIS is instituted.

"This system is not going to replace the PIN network—it's going to build on, not only the PIN

network, but the Corrections computer network, the Department of Motor Vehicles network and some local computerized data systems," he said.

Long also said that though Edmisten is pleading ignorance of the master plan, the Attorney General sat on the Law and Order Committee when it approved the plan in December. Edmisten took office Nov. 26.

"The Attorney General has been talking a lot about 'Big Brother' in the last few days, but frankly... he seems to be not nearly as worried about 'Big Brother' as he is about whether or not he's going to be 'Big Brother,'" Long said. "The only concern he has expressed to me is about who's going to run CJIS."

Long said the governor's office conceives of an independent policy-making body for the new information system, composed of "the cleanest kind of person you could come up with."

The CJIS would also require a statistical analysis staff and an audit staff to monitor who puts in information and who has access to it.

Tomorrow: A look at new federal regulations governing access to criminal history information.

Media lawsuit delayed 2 weeks

Pending approval of agreement to amend bylaws to conform with Constitution

by Chris Fuller
Staff Writer

Supreme Court action on a suit to declare Media Board bylaws unconstitutional, was postponed two weeks, pending Media Board and Campus Governing Council approval of an agreement to amend the bylaws, prosecuting attorney Ben Steelman said Tuesday.

The agreement, reached by prosecuting and defense attorneys, stems from a suit filed Thursday in Student Supreme Court by Deborah Bloom, a graduate history student. Bloom charged the Media Board with violating the student constitution by underrepresenting graduate students.

The agreement, which must be approved by the Media Board and the CGC, involves amending the board's bylaws to conform with the constitution, Attorney General Andromeda Monroe said.

Monroe said that if the Media Board and the CGC vote to amend the bylaws, then Steelman would probably withdraw the suit.

Under the present bylaws, the student body president and CGC each have two appointments to the board. The proposed amendment will provide for one presidential appointment and one CGC appointment to be a graduate

student.

The Graduate and Professional Student's Federation (GPSF) also has one appointment, usually a graduate student.

By the agreement, if five graduate students are not appointed to the board through normal means, then GPSF will appoint enough graduate students to meet the quota, Monroe said.

Bloom originally charged the board with violating Article IV, Section 6 of the constitution which says the Media Board "shall contain a number of graduate and professional students in proportion to the number of graduate and professional students in the student body..."

Bloom requested the supreme court to rule the board's bylaws unconstitutional and void and to order a new set of bylaws written.

She also requested the court to prevent the present Media Board from conducting any business and to order the present board chairperson and treasurer to handle the board's financial affairs until a new board could be established.

Concerning the agreement, Steelman said, "Essentially what we're doing is to give them (the Media Board) a chance to work out their own problems."

Steelman said he believes the agreement is mutually agreeable to all parties involved.

Although Bloom contended that all the Media Board's bylaws are unconstitutional because they were written by an unconstitutional body, Steelman said Tuesday the Media Board was a constitutional body engaging in unconstitutional practices.

Monroe said the constitutionality of the board is of no consequence to the case because the central issue is the graduate student representation on the board. She said both the bylaws and the board are assumed to be valid until challenged in court and ruled unconstitutional.

in Laos, Ecuador, Vietnam and Chile.

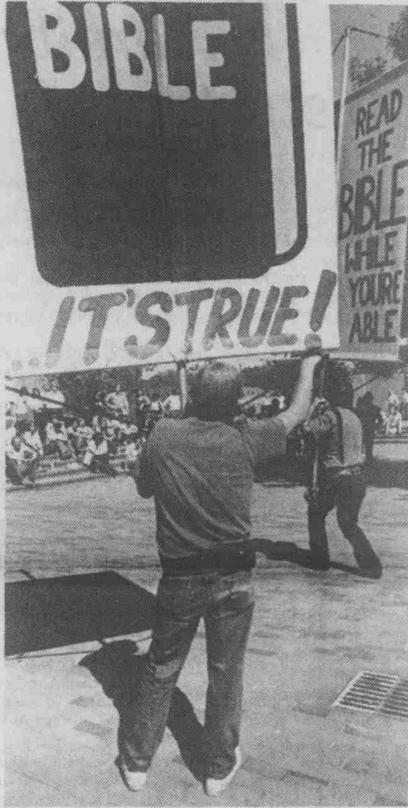
Although most of his speech was devoted to criticizing the agency, Marks said the intelligence and analytical side of the CIA serves a valuable need.

"I support that part of the agency which concentrates on pure intelligence gathering and analytical reporting," Marks said. "I think that part of the agency should be strengthened because in 1967 those analysts were saying that bombing would not end the Vietnam war."

Marks charged that the CIA's secret activities have upset the checks and balances system the country's democracy was built on. "The checks and balances are vital in a democratic process, but with the CIA, that system does not apply because the checks and balancers don't know what is going on," Marks said.

"There is an attitude and presumption among our national leaders that we know what is best for the world," Marks said. "That pride reinforces the CIA's activities because the President might want certain regimes supported or helped."

Marks said the CIA's function in the past has been primarily one of stopping the



Staff photo by Alice Boyle

The Pit, site of doughnut eating contests, Shakespeare performances and BSM demonstrations, became an outdoor church Tuesday as a sign-carrying evangelist spread the Gospel to interested students.

Election to decide recall, referenda

by Vernon Loeb
Staff Writer

Students will go to the polls today to fill four vacant Campus Governing Council seats and to vote on four campus-wide referenda. Dormitory residents will also vote on a dorm social fee referendum.

Rolls will be open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. The districts electing Campus Governing Council representatives are: on-campus undergraduate District VIII, off-campus undergraduate Districts II and VI and graduate District IV.

The candidates for CGC representative from on-campus undergraduate District VIII are incumbent Dan Besse, Steve Shugart, Bill Long and write-in candidate Eric Locher. The names of Janet Morgan and Ken Lewis will also appear on the ballot even though both dropped out of the race Monday.

Long said Tuesday he will remain a candidate but will urge his supporters to vote for Locher. Morgan also pledged her support to Locher after withdrawing.

On-campus undergraduate District VIII consists of Cobb, Stacy, Everett, Lewis, Aycock and Graham dormitories.

Jack Bayliss is the only candidate for CGC representative from off-campus undergraduate District II while candidates from off-campus undergraduate District VI are Ricardo McCrimmon, Tim Ward, Colin Brown, Rick Bryant and Josh Holtzman.

All undergraduates not living in Orange County vote in off-campus undergraduate District VI.

No candidate has declared for CGC representative from graduate District IV, but write-in ballots will be provided at the graduate polls.

Graduate District IV consists of the schools of medicine and education.

The four referenda subject to approval by all students are:

- An advisory referendum on a smoking ban in classrooms.
- A referendum prohibiting co-office holding in both the

legislative and executive branches of Student Government.

- A referendum to amend the Student Government Constitution, so that it will read: "The constitutions, charters, and by-laws of all organizations receiving funds from the Campus Governing Council shall be subject to review and approval by the Campus Governing Council each year."

- A referendum to make the student body secretary subject to approval of a CGC majority, and the student body treasurer subject to approval of two-thirds of the CGC members present at a regular meeting.

Dormitory residents will also vote on a referendum to raise dorm social fees \$1 per person per semester.

Graduate Students can vote at the following places: Student Union, Y-Court, School of Public Health, Craige dorm (Craige residents), and the law school (law students).

Undergraduates residing on-campus can vote at the following places: Parker dorm (Parker, Teague and Avery residents), Granville Towers, Melver dorm (Milver, Alderman and Kenan residents), Spencer Dorm (Spencer residents), Everett (Everett, Stacy, Lewis, Aycock and Graham residents).

Cobb dorm (Cobb residents), Ruffin dorm (Ruffin, Grimes, Manly and Mangum residents), Joyner dorm (Joyner residents), Connor dorm (Connor, Alexander and Winston residents), Ehringhaus dorm (Ehringhaus residents), James dorm (James residents), Morrison dorm (Morrison residents), Whitehead dorm (Whitehead residents) and Y-Court (Old East, Old West and Carr residents).

Undergraduates residing off-campus can vote at the following places: Whitehead dorm, Student Union, Y-Court and Health Sciences Library (Undergraduates from the Odum Victory Village complex and off-campus undergraduate District III).

For map of off-campus undergraduate districts, see page two.

Wallace endorsement expected

by Richard Whittle
Staff Writer

Citizens for Chapel Hill (CCH), the conservatively oriented political coalition, was expected to endorse mayoral candidate James C. "Jimmy" Wallace Tuesday night at a meeting scheduled after DTH press time.

CCH Chairperson George Coxhead, a local insurance agent, refused to

indicate before the meeting whether the group would actually go through with the endorsement or not, saying, "I'm just going to keep you guessing."

But former chairperson and candidate for alderman Charles G. "Chuck" Beemer, said the coalition probably would back Wallace formally.

According to well-informed sources, CCH leaders have had difficulty deciding whether an endorsement of

Wallace would help or hurt him, because of the group's conservative image and the strong stand it has taken against the candidacy of alderman Cohen.

The coalition consists of approximately 60 to 75 members, mainly upper-middle class whites aged 40 to 65, but including several UNC students and other young people.

CCH leaders have said the group's objective is the "restoration of good, efficient and responsive government to (Chapel Hill)," partially by electing fiscally responsible persons to the Board of Aldermen.

The coalition's undisputed opposition to Cohen stems from the 25-year-old alderman's classifying himself a democratic socialist.

Wallace said he had heard rumors for some time that endorse him in his race for mayor against Chapel Hill Alderman Gerry Cohen, but he said he was not sure if the rumors were true. "Of course I'm going to welcome all endorsements," he said.

Last week CCH endorsed six out of the 14 candidates for five Board of Aldermen seats, which will be filled in the Nov. 4 municipal elections. The six were William Bayliss, Charles Beemer, Douglas Holmes, Jonathan Howes, William Thorpe and incumbent R.D. Smith.

At that meeting, Coxhead said the CCH Executive Committee, which decides who to endorse, would like to defer discussion on the mayoral candidates until this week "for tactical reasons."

Marks attacks CIA interference in affairs of foreign countries

by Tim Pittman
Staff Writer

John Marks, co-author of the only book censored in America by the CIA, attacked the CIA's clandestine nature and the agency's interference in the affairs of foreign countries in a Tuesday night speech at the Union.

Speaking to a near capacity crowd in the Great Hall, Marks, who spent five years in the State Department as an analyst and staff assistant to the intelligence director, said, "The CIA, through its clandestine activities, has made events happen all around the world in a way that they (the CIA) can work the developments into their own plans."

"There is not a criminal activity known to man that the CIA hasn't used," he said. "That includes assassination, subversion and various other methods."

"And all these things were done in the name of American national security and were used to further our national security aims throughout the world," he added.

Marks, who with Victor Marchetti co-authored *The CIA and the Cult of Intelligence*, cited examples of CIA activities



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John Marks, co-author of 'CIA and the Cult of Intelligence', addresses UNC students Tuesday night.