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Weather: clear



Employees of the physical plant pause to chat while raking autumn's dead leaves in Polk Place

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Comptroller proposed Sent to CGC from rules committee

by Chris Fuller
Staff Writer

The Campus Governing Council will vote tonight on a bill to establish a new Student Government office—the student body comptroller.

Student Body President Bill Bates said he will probably veto the bill if it passes CGC.

The new position is a result of the recent Supreme Court case brought by former Student Body Treasurer Mike O'Neal against Student Body President Bill Bates, Ben Steelman, one of the four CGC members introducing the bill, said Monday.

In the case, the court ruled that the student treasurer is an executive position under the student body president.

Steelman, along with CGC members Dick Pope, Laura Dickerson and Tal Lassiter introduced the bill for the CGC Rules and Judiciary Committee.

The comptroller would be an executive aide to the Finance Committee and to CGC in financial matters and would answer to CGC, not the student body president.

Pope said the treasurer would still handle executive branch programs such as the Instant Loan Fund and Resident Unit Grant and Loan Fund. He also said the treasurer would still disburse Student Government funds.

The comptroller would oversee and regulate the financial affairs of groups funded directly by CGC, Pope said.

An important aspect of the bill, Pope said, is that the position of comptroller would be apolitical. The bill establishing the office says the comptroller cannot hold any elected or appointed office within Student Government or in any organization receiving Student Government funds.

In addition to being the chief administrative aide to CGC, the comptroller would act as a liaison between the student body treasurer, the Student Activities Fund Office director, and the Student Audit Board.

The comptroller would also "make monthly reports to the Finance Committee on the financial status of all funded Student Government organizations and the state of the Unappropriated Balance and the General Surplus," according to the bill.

The comptroller would have access to the records of all Student Government funded organizations and would be required to produce for CGC all available information regarding any Student Government funded organization or program, upon written request of a CGC member.

Elected by a CGC majority, the comptroller can only be removed by CGC. If five members of CGC file a petition against the comptroller, the Rules and Judiciary Committee would hold a formal hearing with the comptroller present.

The comptroller can be dismissed only if the committee recommends it by a two-thirds vote, and CGC upholds the dismissal

by majority vote.

In the future, the comptroller, rather than the treasurer, would investigate treasury law violations and supervise groups on financial probation.

"This act shall in no way abrogate the duties of the Student Body Treasurer as outlined in the Student Body Constitution . . ." the proposed bill reads.

Article III, Section 5 of the Student Government constitution says, "The Treasurer of the Student Body shall disburse all monies appropriated by the Campus Governing Council." All other duties of the treasurer have been made under statutory law.

Both Pope and Steelman said they believe the bill will pass tonight, but Pope said it may have a hard time getting through. "Everybody will have an objection to one section or another," he said.

If the bill is approved and if Bates vetoes it, CGC must wait two weeks before it can reconsider the bill. After the two weeks, a majority vote of the CGC can override the veto.

Bates said the bill is a thinly disguised response to last week's court action in O'Neal v. Bates. "What it's trying to do is strip the office of the treasurer of its power," he said.

Former Student Body Treasurer Mike O'Neal is in favor of the bill. "Anything to insulate finances from politics is a good idea," he said.

Bates opposes site of proposed library

by Sam Fulwood
Staff Writer

Student Body President Bill Bates said Sunday his staff is currently investigating alternative sites for a proposed new central library scheduled to be constructed on the Union parking lot.

Bates said he is opposed to the Union site because he thinks North Campus has too many buildings and the Union lot is the major parking area on North Campus.

As alternatives, Bates suggested the Ramshead parking lot and the Ehringhaus athletic field, both on South Campus. He said the investigation has not progressed very far.

Plans for the construction of a 438,000-square-foot library were approved by the UNC Board of Trustees at its Oct. 10 meeting. The parking lot is situated on what was once the Emerson Field baseball stadium.

According to a five-page summary plan for library service expansion, the new library will accommodate future growth in library resources, projected to reach 4.89 million volumes in 1995. Completion of the building is scheduled for 1981.

"The new central library building on Emerson Field will house the central research collection and library administration, be circulation point for the central collection and contain in excess of 3,400 reader stations," the summary plan states.

The proposed building would be designed so that additions can be made to the structure by 1995, when it is expected to have been filled by the expanding collection.

The new central library would contain approximately 1.2 million volumes at 12 volumes per square foot.

Other plans for library service expansion are the addition of three floors to the Health Sciences Library and renovations to Wilson Library.

A \$3.75 million addition to Wilson Library is currently being constructed and will include 10 book-stack levels, five study lounges and 750 new study carrels.

Bates said that by placing the proposed library in the Union lot, "it would mean that those 400-some parking spaces would be taken again from students."

But according to UNC traffic office Director William Locke, none of the parking spaces are now allotted to students, but instead are reserved for faculty and staff.

If research shows that it is necessary to place the proposed library in the Union lot, Bates said, the University should ensure the availability of North Campus parking spaces.

As a possible compromise, Bates

suggested that the first floor of the library building be a parking deck.

Bates said he anticipates some opposition to moving the proposed library site to South Campus. "We are researching alternatives to counter the opposition in the form of constructive criticism," he said.

Chancellor N. Ferebee Taylor said he supports the proposed Emerson Field site. He acknowledged Bates' dissatisfaction with the site but refused to discuss moving the site.

Although the plans have been approved by the trustees, the library proposal is still tentative, Bates said.

Edmisten to rule on student attorney

by Vernon Loeb
Staff Writer

N.C. Senior Deputy Atty. Gen. Andrew A. Vanore said Monday Atty. Gen. Rufus Edmisten will probably decide this week whether Student Government can legally hire an attorney to represent the student body.

Vanore told Student Body President Bill Bates Sept. 5 that the attorney would have to be prohibited from suing the University or any other agency of the state before he would write an opinion on the legality of a Student Government attorney for presentation to Edmisten.

A bill placing those restrictions on the attorney's power was then passed by the Campus Governing Council Sept. 23 and sent to Vanore.

Vanore's opinion, which is now being circulated among the attorney general's senior deputies for their approval, will either uphold or overrule three previous opinions of the attorney general's office prohibiting agencies of the state, such as Student Government, from hiring private legal counsel.

The previous opinions, two of which were written by Vanore, hold that the attorney general is to represent all agencies of the state in legal matters.

When issued, Edmisten's final decision on the matter will have taken considerably

longer than Bates expected. Vanore said last month that a decision would come 10 days to two weeks after CGC restrictions on the attorney's power reached his desk Sept. 26.

Vanore said Monday, "The delay has not been indicative of the fact that we have been vacillating on the matter or that the decision was harder to reach than we first thought it would be."

The decision has been delayed, he said, because he did not have time to write an opinion. Vanore also said he personally favors allowing Student Government to hire an attorney but that "many times my personal opinions and legal decisions are different."

Although Vanore's opinion is now being circulated among the attorney general's staff, it has not reached Edmisten, he said, denying reports that Edmisten has had the opinion for several weeks.

At the Young Democrats state rally on Oct. 4, Edmisten told Bates and a DTH reporter that Vanore's opinion was on his desk.

If Edmisten approves Student Government's plans to hire an attorney, Dorothy Bernholz, a former social worker and recent graduate of N.C. Central University law school, will become the student government attorney and a salaried employee of the UNC student body. As student attorney, her salary would be \$12,000 per year.

Homecoming crisis: man runs

by Tim Pittman
Staff Writer

For the first time in UNC history, a male will join the Homecoming Court during this year's ceremonies, sparking criticism and apprehension from athletic department officials.

Delmar Williams, UNC senior and former James dormitory president, confirmed Monday morning his decision to run for Homecoming Queen.

The decision came after several conversations between Williams' campaign manager Keith "Bozo" Edwards and Carolina Athletic Association Chairperson Rob Friedman. Friedman said Williams' decision to run could have a detrimental effect on future Homecoming ceremonies.

"Homecoming has traditionally been something for the alumni, parents and girls on the court to enjoy," Friedman said. "Although Delmar is 100 per cent correct in asserting his right to run, I'm afraid it might make a farce of the ceremony. Then I think CGC would have a greater tendency to vote

Homecoming out."

He added, however, "If Delmar wins I hope he'll wear his corsage and accept the bouquet of flowers."

Carolina Athletic Director Homer Rice called Williams' candidacy unfortunate. "I think the alumni will be very disappointed," he said. "They will be wondering why they have to suffer such an embarrassment."

"Traditionally, a Homecoming Queen should be a woman. I think this is a bad form of a joke and a case in which a person wants to get into print," Rice warned that if the situation develops again, steps might be taken to "seriously consider doing away with Homecoming."

But UNC Director of Alumni Affairs Clarence E. Whitefield said he does not think Williams' candidacy or possible victory would have a major effect on the University alumni.

"The alumni are as sophisticated as the students here," Whitefield said. "I think they are beyond being surprised at something like this. It's happened before at other schools."

Whitefield said that if Williams wins,

verbal criticism might be expressed at the game, or the Alumni Association might receive letters of complaint, but he said he does not anticipate a large negative response.

"I expect that seeing a male as a Homecoming candidate will draw more laughs from the alumni than anything else," Whitefield said.

Williams said his decision to run began with a suggestion from a friend and has grown into a personal obligation.

"I'm just known for doing crazy things," said Williams. "This is another different type of thing. It isn't out of character for me."

Prior to the Title IX ruling, Williams could have been denied a chance to run. But he said the federal statute which prohibits sex-based discrimination in federally funded institutions gives him the right to run for Homecoming Queen.

He said he does not think his candidacy will have a negative effect on Homecoming in the future. "It's something I've obligated myself to do, and I think I have a chance to win the election," Williams said. "That's really why I'm running."



Staff photo by Howard Shepherd
Delmar Williams, candidate for homecoming queen

UNC progress varies in Affirmative Action, according to Taylor

by Art Eisenstadt
Staff Writer

While the UNC Affirmative Action plan is apparently progressing satisfactorily in some phases, progress will have to be stepped up in other areas, according to a memorandum released Friday by Chancellor N. Ferebee Taylor.

Affirmative Action is the University's plan to attract qualified women and blacks to faculty and staff positions.

"As in the prior year, the data show that some parts of the University have had more success than others in moving toward the accomplishment of (the hiring) goals," Taylor said in his memorandum.

Taylor said the University has made good progress in hiring minorities and women for

State Personnel Act (SPA) positions, which include non-faculty labor, office and managerial employees.

As of Sept. 30, non-whites accounted for 26.7 per cent of the employees in this category, and 62.1 per cent were women. In the 1973 Affirmative Action plan, the 1975 goals were 28.1 per cent non-white and 62.3 per cent female.

In 1972, non-whites composed 23.9 per cent of this group and women, 50.4 per cent.

Good progress was also made in the employment of female faculty in the Academic Affairs division of the University, in which 13.8 per cent of the instructors are women, Taylor said.

This exactly matched the 1975 goal and represents an increase from 10.3 per cent in 1972.

The Chancellor cited modest progress in the hiring of blacks for Health Affairs instructors, 1.9 per cent of whom are black. The 1975 goal was 4.4 per cent, but the current figure is far above the 1972 percentage of 0.5. The 1977 projection is 4.4 per cent.

Little progress was made toward the hiring of black Academic Affairs faculty, Taylor said. Blacks currently make up 2.6 per cent of this faculty, whereas the 1975 goal was 5.2 per cent. The 1972 level was 1.2 per cent, and the 1977 projection is 4.4 per cent.

Taylor said no progress was made in women's appointments to the health affairs faculty. The percentage of women on the faculty has decreased from 23.1 per cent in 1972 to 22.4 per cent in 1975. The goal had been 23.9 per cent in 1975 and was lowered to 23.5 per cent for 1977.

No qualitative judgment was given for non-faculty employees exempt from SPA because the number of positions open in the category has declined, distorting the statistics. Such positions include instructional and research personnel and senior administrators.

The percentage of non-white employees in this category decreased from 11.8 to 10.6 between 1973 and 1975. The percentage of women increased from 38.6 to 38.8.

Drakeford: interest in buses political

by Sue Cobb
Staff Writer

Carrboro alderman candidate Robert Drakeford has charged Carrboro administrators with making a hasty and politically motivated attempt to acquire a bus system before election day.

Drakeford said the town's suddenly revived effort to establish bus service is an attempt to remove the bus system from election issues. This would decrease voter turnout among UNC students, whose main interest is the bus system, and thereby aid the candidates endorsed by the current administration, Drakeford said.

The main platform of the Carrboro Community Coalition, of which Drakeford is a member, has been its active promotion of a bus system for Carrboro, and, according to Drakeford, "Everybody that has been fighting the bus system is suddenly jumping on the bandwagon."

As evidence, Drakeford said Chapel Hill Alderman Gerry Cohen told him that

Chapel Hill and Carrboro officials had held a meeting Oct. 6, at which Carrboro officials asked Chapel Hill officials what they could do to get a bus system running before election day.

Cohen, who attended the meeting, said officials present at the Oct. 6 meeting were Mayor Howard N. Lee, Town Manager Kurt Jenne and Alderman Shirley Marshall, from Chapel Hill, and Mayor Robert Wells, Town Manager Jesse Greason and aldermen George Beswick and Fred Chamblee from Carrboro.

Cohen said, "The Carrboro people wanted to know how soon a bus system could be brought in, whether we had extra buses now and whether we could have a second meeting the day before elections."

Chapel Hill officials replied that the town does not have any extra buses and that they could not be prepared for another meeting before elections, Cohen said.

"It was clear they were interested in taking some sort of early action," he said, adding,

"I'm sure politics entered into it, but I don't think it was devious."

Regarding the Oct. 6 meeting, Carrboro Alderman Chamblee said, "We asked if it was possible to design a system that would pay its way until next July (when other funds could be available)."

He added, "I categorically deny that this was a political move on anyone's part" and said that Carrboro officials merely want to make Chapel Hill officials aware of their intentions to consider implementing a bus system before Chapel Hill reapplies for federal funds and negotiates with UNC for money for their bus system.

Both Sharer and Drakeford also criticized the failure of Carrboro's Law and Finance Committee, chaired by Chamblee, to introduce a bus referendum this fall. According to Sharer, this committee was asked last February to organize a referendum for September or October but has done nothing.

Sharer also said Chamblee and others

recommended that the results of a statistical study taken last spring indicating wide support for a bus system not be shown to the Carrboro aldermen.

In response to this criticism, Chamblee said that holding a bus referendum was impossible this fall because lack of board support for it at last summer's budget preparation meeting made it impossible for the board to take action on a tax subsidy.

Drakeford also criticized plans by Carrboro Alderman Beswick to conduct an opinion survey among Carrboro residents to determine interest in bus service. Drakeford said such a survey is a waste of time and meaningless since it is not an official board action.

"It is the latest event in a series of political maneuvers," he said, adding that it is already evident that Carrboro residents want a bus system.

Carrboro Community Coalition member Doug Sharer also accused Carrboro administrators of political maneuvering,

saying, "This recent political wheeling and dealing does a tremendous disservice to the community."

Sharer said Beswick has asked him to write the opinion survey but that he will refuse. He said that although he would be glad to draft an opinion survey at any other time, to do so now would only be to give fuel to Carrboro mayoral candidate Chamblee.

"He (Beswick) wanted it ready in four to five days, so they could have (the results) back in time for the next meeting (between Carrboro and Chapel Hill administrators)," Sharer said. "How can you put together a survey in that amount of time? It takes time to study and analyze the situation."

He said the town's sudden interest in a bus system is not an effort to gain data or information but to keep people in office. "The mayor (Wells) is interested in keeping his type of people in office," Sharer said. "I can understand that . . . but let's do it ethically."