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Weather: sunny and warmer

Comptroller just passed last meeting

by Chris Fuller
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Supporters of the controversial bill to establish a student body comptroller scored another victory Wednesday night when the Campus Governing Council overrode Student Body President Bill Bates's veto of the bill, 11-8-2.

Bates vetoed the comptroller bill Nov. 25, after CGC originally approved it Nov. 12. In a letter sent to all CGC members, Bates said the bill establishes an unelected bureaucratic position, adding, "It (the comptroller bill) does not enhance student power, and this act does not benefit the student body."

However, CGC Rep. Ben Steelman said Bates' reasons for veto were more like excuses.

Agreeing with Steelman, Rep. Dick Pope said there is already a bureaucracy, and the comptroller would simply separate the workload of the treasurer into two offices.

Following the veto override, Pope

nominated Student Body Treasurer Graham Bullard for the comptroller.

Bates objected to the nomination and surprised some members of the council by saying Bullard is unqualified for the job. Bates said he had received several complaints concerning Bullard's efficiency from officials of various organizations.

Rep. Jay Tannen said he had also heard complaints about Bullard from members of his district.

Other nominations made for comptroller were CGC Reps. John Sawyer and George Bacso. However, Sawyer declined the nomination.

In other action, CGC postponed indefinitely a bill to appropriate \$50,000 for a CGC trip to either the French Riviera or the Swiss Alps.

Rep. Ben Steelman proposed an amendment to the bill which would increase the amount to be taken from the General Surplus to \$75,000, including the *Daily Tar Heel* in the trip and make provisions to have the money to be paid out in dimes. The amendment did not come to a vote.

During the 10-minute discussion of the bill, Rep. Tal Lassiter said, "I think it (the bill) is a bunch of trash."

Urging the bill be postponed indefinitely, Bates said if it passed he would be wasting paper by vetoing it.

CGC Speaker Dan Besse said the bill is a "caricature of everything the council has been this session, petty and useless. It's about damn time the council members get to working on some constructive, positive issues in Student Government."

Comptroller under court restraint

CGC representative asked that a student deliberately lose case

by Chris Fuller
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A temporary restraining order against the newly created student body comptroller position was issued by Student Supreme Court Chief Justice Darrell Hancock Wednesday, following two court challenges to the comptroller's constitutionality.

But one suit was later withdrawn after the plaintiff said he had been set up by Campus Governing Council representative to deliberately lose the case.

The office of comptroller was established Tuesday night after CGC overrode Student Body President Bill Bates' veto of the bill, 9-8-2.

The two complaints filed Wednesday charged that the new position was unconstitutional because it would be a legislative infringement on executive powers.

One suit was filed by Barry Smith, Rick Buttner and Bob Lofton, all aides to Bates, and the other was filed by Greg Scott, a second semester freshman with no Student Government ties.

Scott later withdrew his suit, saying he could not effectively represent the student body or offer an adequate argument against the bill. He said he was asked to file the suit by a conservative CGC member, whom he refused to identify.

Scott said the representative wanted him to file the suit before anyone else to ensure that Scott's suit be heard first, thus setting a precedent and preventing any subsequent suit from being heard by the court.

Student Attorney General Andromeda Monroe supported this idea saying if Scott lost his suit, the supreme court would probably not hear the second suit because the grounds of each were basically the same.

The CGC member asked Scott to deliberately lose the case by putting forth a poor argument, Scott said. In this way, the controversial comptroller bill would go into effect with no danger of being ruled unconstitutional.

Scott said he introduced the suit because he had promised to do this unidentified person a favor. But he decided later to publicize the incident to inform the student body of the "underhandedness, deceit and trickery" going on in Student Government.

Scott was upset "that these people are more concerned with their own sides than they are with the good of the student body," Scott said.

The second suit, filed by Bates' three aides charged that the comptroller bill "deprives the Student Body President of his executive duty to enforce and appoint those whom he desires to enforce in his place laws enacted by the Campus Governing Council."

Article III, Section 1 of the Student Government Constitution reads, "The executive power shall be vested in the President of the Student Body."

The three plaintiffs also contend that the bill restricts the treasurer's constitutional power to disburse monies. Article III, Section 5 of the constitution restricts this power exclusively to the student body treasurer.

CGC Rep. Dick Pope, who co-sponsored the comptroller bill, said Wednesday the argument that the comptroller robs the president of executive powers is ridiculous. Pope said the treasurer's powers are defined by the treasury laws. Because the laws are legislative acts, they can be changed by legislative acts, he said.

He added the issue of constitutionality will depend on the court's interpretation of the word "disbursement."

Monroe has been asked by Bates' aides to help prosecute the case with second year law student Ralph Yount, but Pope said he will ask her to remain off the case because he believes it would be improper for an attorney general to prosecute the government he or she represents.

The comptroller's duties include overseeing all non-executive Student Government funded organizations and acting as an investigative arm of and a financial aide to CGC and its Finance Committee.

Save the dogs

Unowned dogs found over the Christmas holidays will be killed unless students take them home.

Chapel Hill dogcatchers John Sauls and Tom Vogel warned Wednesday that they will be patrolling the campus during the holidays looking for strays.

"Normally we don't go on the campus at all," Sauls said, but during the holidays they pick up campus strays who might starve without students to feed them.

The Chapel Hill dog pound keeps dogs for one week. Unless a dog is claimed or sold before it has spent five business days at the pound, it is put to sleep, Vogel said.

Sauls and Vogel said that in previous years many dogs had been destroyed because they were left on campus over the holidays.

But last year, many dogs were saved by students taking them home for the holidays, Sauls said.

Grail and Valkyries may combine to meet Title IX regulations

by Laura Scism
Staff Writer

A plan to combine the orders of the Grail and the Valkyries, UNC's highest honorary societies for men and women respectively, has been proposed to meet Title IX regulations regarding sexual discrimination, officers of both societies said Wednesday.

The plan, designed by members of the two honoraries, would combine both groups under one administrative board, the officers said. Criteria for membership would be the same for both men and women, but the men and women would form two distinct groups within the larger group.

Assistant to the Chancellor Susan H. Ehringhaus, who is in charge of implementing Title IX, said the plan would probably meet the federal regulations.

Title IX, a section of the 1972 federal Omnibus Education Act, prohibits sexual discrimination in educational programs or federally funded activities. Social fraternities and sororities are exempt from its regulations, but honorary, professional and service fraternities are not, Ehringhaus said.

"If it (the proposed plan) is truly one organization with one administrative body and one set of membership standards, then I will be able to defend it (as meeting Title IX regulations)," she said.

Failure of the two honoraries to open their membership to both sexes would mean the loss of their official University recognition, she said.

The two honoraries have the option of either going coed, withdrawing from University recognition or reorganizing as one group, Ehringhaus added.

Valkyries President Lisa Bradley said members of both groups discussed giving up University recognition but believe it would damage the prestige of the organizations.

Becoming separate coed honoraries was not considered because "it violates the tradition of the groups," Bradley said.

Besides that, the Order of the Golden Fleece, formerly an all-male honorary society, is now coed, she added.

Ehringhaus said the University has no choice but to comply with Title IX since failure to comply with the regulations could mean the loss of \$50 million in federal aid for the University.

"The regulations prohibit this institution from giving 'significant assistance' to any organizations with sexually exclusionary membership policies," she also said.

Associate Dean of Student Life Fred Schroeder, who is working with other University officials to define "university recognition" and "significant assistance," said "significant assistance" may include financial aid, use of University facilities or faculty support.

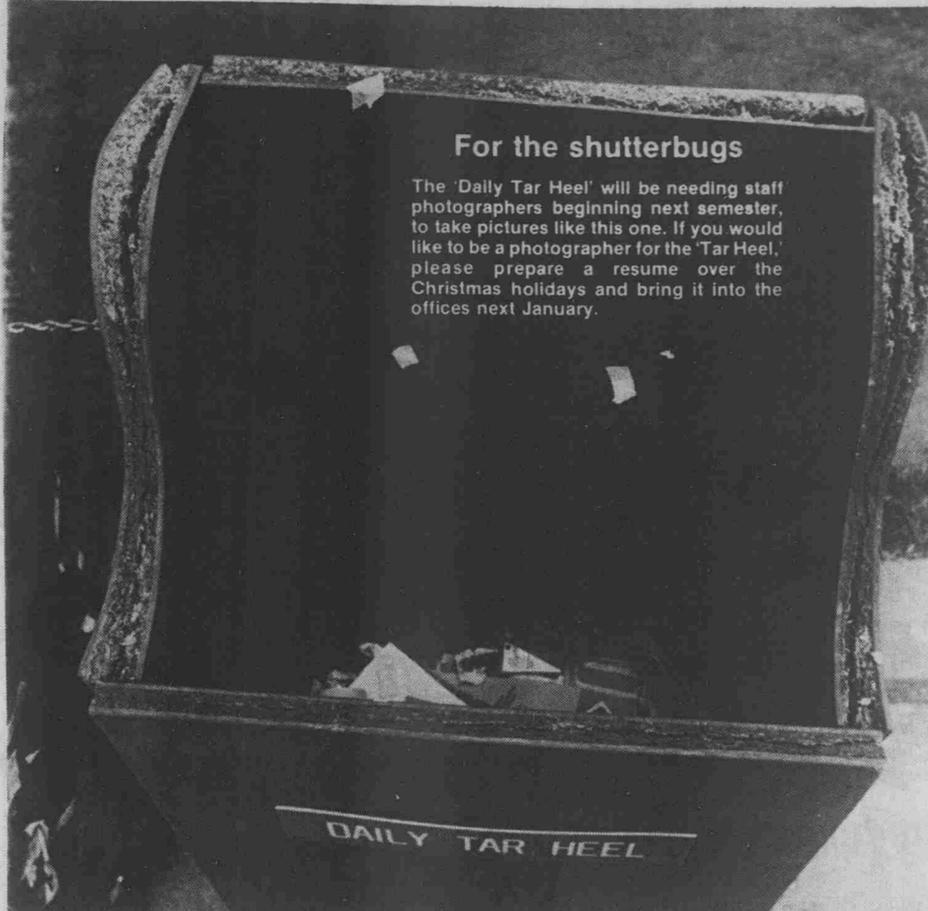
Since these terms have not been clearly defined yet, Schroeder said he could not say definitely that the Grail and the Valkyries are in violation of Title IX. But he said, "It appears likely that the University does provide 'significant assistance' to these organizations."

Grail Scribe Jim Snedeker said uniting the two honoraries could benefit both groups "as long as they don't lose sight of their traditions."

The union could mean a more effective organization because activities of the two groups will be coordinated, he said.

Snedeker and Bradley both said the policies and criteria of each organization will change somewhat under the new setup. For example, the Valkyries will now admit sophomores instead of only juniors and seniors, and the Grail will tap members in the spring and the fall instead of only in the spring.

The charter for the new organization, which has not been named yet, will be written in January, Bradley said, and will go into effect after being granted University recognition by Dean of Student Affairs Donal Boulton, she added.



Staff photo by Alice Boyle

Union criticizes EPA official

Levy needs to learn about labor relations

by Miriam Feldman
Staff Writer

Although the director of the Environmental Protection Agency's administration office will teach a collective bargaining course here next year, the agency's labor union contends that the director, Dr. Burton Levy, needs to learn more about labor relations.

"Needless to say, the union knows of no one whom we feel could benefit more from a knowledge of the labor relations field," a union newsletter said in its December issue.

Calling the newsletter crude, Levy, former political science professor at Wayne State University in Detroit and former director of the Michigan Civil Rights Commission, said, "Most employees around here were shocked at the grossness of the article."

"There's a couple of people who head the union, and in the course of the three years that the union has been in existence, they've been able to find one person who could file a grievance against (me)."

But President Everett Quesnell of American Federation of Government Employees Local 3347, said Levy "has not been union-oriented or receptive to the union's being involved in establishing policies on working conditions."

The union has not been made a part of the decision-making process, said Quesnell, who

believes management and the union should have confrontations.

As director of the administration office, Levy's job is to handle personnel policies and practices for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

In this capacity, Quesnell said, "Levy is also the party that the union is mostly involved with."

Although the Union has a lawful right to participate in decisions affecting working conditions, Quesnell said, "we have not been a part of the decision making process."

"Our biggest complaint against the Office of Administration is that they fail to include employees in decisions." He added that if employees were allowed to provide input into decisions, they "would feel they were becoming part of the overall picture."

Quesnell said the EPA filed an Affirmative Action plan with their office in Allanta, but the union was not involved with drawing up the plan so the union filed an unfair labor practice grievance against Levy.

Quesnell said he did not disagree with the contents of the Affirmative Action plan but disagreed with the union's not being included in formulating the plan.

The union has not been consulted in other personnel decisions, such as reduction of work force, he said. For example, he said, a man's job was recently eliminated, but he has just now been informed of it. "We should

have been informed before the decision was made — not after the fact," Quesnell said.

Similarly, a training plan was developed in Washington, D.C. and sent to EPA where the plan was implemented without union participation, he said.

The union filed a grievance over the training plan and won.

But Levy said it is normal for a union to file grievances and that only a few grievances have been filed since he has been there.

"The fact that we've had 20 grievances in three years is not a remarkable thing," Levy said, considering that many companies have hundreds of grievances during a three-year period.

UNC political science department Chairperson Richard Richardson said Levy will go to Europe to study collective bargaining this summer to prepare for the course he will teach next fall.

In addition to the collective bargaining course, Levy will teach a course in race relations, he said.

Levy, who taught at UNC for one semester in 1973, said he will return to EPA at the end of next year, and will not change his work policies. "I think we've been doing things quite well," he said.

Quesnell said he hopes Levy's replacement "will be interested in the welfare of the workers."

Alice doesn't alderman here anymore

by Bruce Henderson
Staff Writer

Editor's note: This is the first of a series of articles on the outgoing Chapel Hill administration. Tomorrow, articles on Alderman Sid Rancer and Mayor Howard N. Lee will be printed.

Immediately recognizable, the unchanging alderman sat hunched over a conference table in the town Municipal Building Wednesday talking in long breathless sentences.

Short, businesslike and talkative, with wispy red hair peeking out from under a brightly colored scarf, Alice Welsh talked of her term as alderman, which will end Dec. 8, and of the outgoing board's accomplishments.

"This has been a very closely knit board that has worked exceptionally well together without sounding like 'me too-ism,'" she said. "We all had our major differences, but when it came to things that really counted the board tended to support (each other). Welsh has been involved in politics for 22 years, beginning public service as the first

female member of the Chapel Hill Planning Board. After heading the Appearance Committee in 1967, she was appointed to fill an unexpired alderman's term in 1970 and was reelected to a four-year term in 1971.

"Being an alderman has been a full-time job for me, every day of the week. Community meetings, doing research, meeting with people, talking on the telephone, planning strategy. For me, it's just taken an incredible amount of my time."

Coming from the San Francisco area, Welsh holds a B.A. from Ball State University and an M.A. from Louisiana State University. She also did graduate study at the University of Minnesota.

As one of the major accomplishments of the outgoing board, Welsh said municipal employee salaries and opportunities for advancement were greatly increased, she said.

"A salary is a product with a buyer and a seller," she said. "I feel that if we pay a policeman too low a salary, he's going to be lured away to someplace that will pay a higher salary. For the most part, I think we have pretty steady employee tenure here."

Obtaining federal funds for the



Staff photo by Margaret Kirk

Alice Welsh, outgoing member of the Board of Aldermen, who's term ends Dec. 8.

Neighborhood Development Program to improve housing on the town's north side was an important step, she said. This allowed for street resurfacing, installation of sewer lines and sidewalk and drainage construction.

The board also set aside \$350,000 in revenue-sharing funds as a trust fund for low-income housing areas, "a very civilized thing to do," she said.

Welsh called the municipal transportation system a "very progressive ecological step forward." But she added that the town should seek alternatives to automobile driving in the downtown area.

"We need a balanced transportation mix. At the moment and in the past, we've paid too much attention to automobiles. I believe the time has come when we must not let the automobile dominate the community as it has in the past."

She also said the town has not made needed capital improvements and she blamed this on poor town administration in past years. The town now needs a new police station, new fire station, additional community meeting space, wastewater treatment facilities, branch libraries, street

improvements and sidewalks, she said.

But she expressed confidence in new Town Manager Kurt Jenne's ability to carry out these improvements. "The present town manager is really just top-drawer," she said. "I think we ought to be able to plan for at least five years ahead and not just constantly going on a one-year basis, without any vision for the future."

Once out of office, Welsh will probably stay out.

"I've got several things I'm going to do. I'll probably be working in a couple of campaigns on the state level . . . and be doing some travelling . . . and probably continue to do some volunteer things. I still have some unfinished projects that have to be finished."

Her husband, George, a UNC psychology professor, has always supported her public activity, although he has not been involved in public life.

"He respects my need for an independent life — respects it and enjoys it," she said. "I suppose that in a sense he feels that since I'm putting in double time, he doesn't have to put any in."