

Student legislature proposed for UNC system

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The Student Government is promoting the establishment of a student legislature to consist of representatives from the 16 schools of the UNC system.

Sharon Moylan, executive assistant to Student Body President Kevin Monroe, outlined a plan for the proposed student legislature at a conference of the UNC Association of Student Governments held at the Carolina Union on Saturday. The association consists of the student body presidents of the schools in the UNC system.

A student legislature for the UNC system would give students more muscle in dealings with the N.C. General Assembly, Moylan said. Under the existing organization, UNCASG is ineffective as a representative voice for students, she said.

"I think the General Assembly realizes UNCASG doesn't speak for students in North Carolina because students don't know what the hell UNCASG is," Moylan said.

The student legislature could tackle such issues as the drinking age, tuition and financial aid, she said.

"It would bring in a fresh outlook focusing on student-related

issues," Jim Yocum, a delegate from N.C. State University and a former president of the UNCASG, said.

As part of the written proposal, the student body presidents of the UNC schools would serve as a board of directors for the student legislature.

A proposal to allot seats on the legislature to schools in proportion to their student population came under fire. Small schools in the system would suffer, particularly the predominantly black schools, said Sheila Arnold, who was representing UNC-Charlotte.

"Predominantly black schools would have a much tougher time getting something through," Arnold said. "You could block almost anything they want to put out. It's happened before, it could happen again."

Yocum proposed that the legislature have an equal number of delegates from each school.

Individual schools could decide whether delegates to the legislature should be picked by election or appointment, Moylan said.

The student legislature would probably cost 25 to 50 cents per student in the UNC system, she said. Moylan proposed a system by which students could indicate on their tuition bills whether they

would pay a small fee to support the system, she said.

Carrboro viewers want more cable TV channels

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Cable television viewers in Carrboro want more channels and a local studio as part of the town's new contract with Alert Cable TV of North Carolina, but it could be some time before an agreement is reached.

Alert had proposed to the Carrboro Board of Aldermen in a public hearing Nov. 9 that the town approve a 15-year extension on their present contract.

The board had wanted to reach an agreement to upgrade the town's 20-channel system to 35 channels before the terms of Mayor Robert Drakeford and several aldermen ended on Dec. 13, according to E.R. Pettis, the vice president of operations in North Carolina for Alert.

But since the board concluded that Alert needed to work out some details in the new contract, Pettis said Alert would

not be on any time table for expanding its system.

"We'll be in discussions with the town in what they want and what we can provide," Pettis said.

The original idea to upgrade the system came from residents and aldermen, he said. Under the present contract, which does not expire for six years, Alert would have had to borrow money to meet the town's request, Pettis said.

"That was based on the fact that they were wanting local origination and more channels," he said. At the public hearing, the board agreed with citizens that Alert should also provide details in the contract for building and operating a local studio.

Carrboro town attorney Mike Brough said that until a new contract was agreed upon, the old contract would remain in effect, and new channels would probably

not be added.

"I don't know there is anyway the town can require them to upgrade under the present franchise," Brough said. Alert had mentioned to town officials several times in past years that the company would like to upgrade the system, he said.

Norman Vogel, a cable TV hobbyist who has been acting as a consultant for the town, said that the proposed 35-channel system was good, but that many towns, such as Raleigh, were moving toward a 55-channel system.

Pettis said Alert would have to carefully consider the economics of expanding to the 55-channel system, as opposed to the 35-channel system.

"We're talking about probably a half million versus 250,000 (dollars)," he said.

Upgrading the system will not provide any additional income for Alert, Pettis said.

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- At one time, the U.S. was more advanced in its technology. Today the Soviets are almost equal if not equal.

— Information taken from *Soviet Military Power*, 2nd Edition, published by U.S. Department of Defense, 1983.

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 - During the Hungarian Revolt of 1956 there were 15,000 casualties in Budapest alone with more than 200,000 Hungarian refugees fleeing to the West.
 - In Czechoslovakia three years after the Communists seized power at least 152,000 Czechs had been executed or sent to slave-labor camps.
- In Bulgaria more than 16,000 citizens were liquidated or deported to labor camps during the first 15 years of Communist rule.
- In China, according to Richard Walker, director of the Institute for International Studies at the University of South Carolina, it is estimated that perhaps 64 million casualties can be attributed to Communism's coming to power. In the Political Liquidation Campaigns of 1949-1958 alone, some 30 million Chinese lost their lives. No figures are available on how many died in the Cultural Revolution shortly before Chairman Mao's death, but many experts think the figure is substantially large.
- In Vietnam, the "Land Reforms" of 1953-56 sent 500,000 persons to their deaths. Another 200,000 were liquidated in the "People's Tribunals" of 1956-1959.
- John Barron and Anthony Paul in their remarkable book *Murder of a Gentle Land* estimate between 1.2 to 2.5 million Cambodians were murdered during the first two years of Communist rule in that country.
- In Laos, with a population of fewer than 4 million, more than 200,000 Laotians have fled their country.
- The largest refugee population in the world today, estimated at close to 3 million, are Afghans who are living in wretched border camps in Pakistan.
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