

The Tar Heel



Campus leaders burn meal cards outside South Building; but the cards had no value.

have input in the decision three years ago. It couldn't have been decided later because of needed time to renovate, finance and negotiate. They didn't want to put in a mandatory plan until the facilities were available and complete."

With CAMP members Sherrod Banks and Tom Terrell having graduated, Wallace said she was unsure if CAMP would continue its lobbying efforts next year. Fetzer Mills could not be reached for comment.

"None of them applied to be on the Food Services Committee," she said. "It's been the hardest committee to find people for. It can be a committee where you can use your knowledge to change things. I haven't seen any organized effort against it for next year."

"The result in energy of fighting the meal plan can be positive if we direct it to something that can have more benefit for students, the community, and the state. In my mind, the meal plan wasn't the central issue of the fight. I'd say they were fighting a deeper issue." Wallace declined to elaborate on the issue.

Wallace said she hopes to see Student Government and the Residence Hall Association get involved with Food Service to ensure it serves students effectively.

"I'd like to work with ARA Food Services to see that students can get jobs with them," she said. "We should work with ARA to ensure they can turn operations into profits by offering food to students at good prices. If students work within the system to keep the food quality up and prices down, we can prevent any further increases in the meal plan."

"The ideal goal would be to make ARA financially stable so we wouldn't need a meal plan," Wallace said. "I'd like to see the meal plan repealed at a future date when they become financially self-sufficient. But looking at other campuses, I'm somewhat cynical about its feasibility - but I won't close the door to it automatically."

CAMP member Tom Terrell denounced the meal plan's financial argument.

"The meal plan is a mandatory 100 dollar minimum payment to a private corporation to enable it to do business on campus," he said. "It is justified by citing studies which discuss methods of financing renovations to a university building. Those are two completely different issues - it's sloppy business planning, it's entirely inadequate, and if they worked to present that to a business professor as students they would probably get an 'F'."

Terrell also said Mills' April 25 testimony before the Student Affairs Committee was intentionally made ineffective by university administrators.

"(Dean of Student Affairs) Donald Boulton called Fetzer and told him to show up at 3:45 for what was a 3:00 meeting - discussion of the meal plan began at 3:15," Terrell said. "Student Affairs and Business Affairs brought out every person with every kind of knowledge they had to discredit Fetzer - that's how scared they were. They didn't even address his issues, and the motion to pass the plan carried unanimously."

James O. Cansler, Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, pointed to student misunderstanding of the time requirements for University planning as one key reason for

student criticism. "The difficulty is that planning takes a long time and students, in the nature of things, come and go. There was significant student involvement in the decisions to upgrade food service and to inaugurate a room and board plan here, but those decisions were made in the years 1980 through 1983."

"The room and board plan was instituted in 1983, but could not be implemented then. It was not possible then to give people what they were paying for, and not fair to put it into operation. But the decision was made and contractual commitments made based on it. And students on campus after that date could have no input in it. If the decision had not been made, if it was still open for negotiation and alteration, Lenoir and Chase would not be renovated today."

"Planning lead time cannot be overemphasized as a factor in current student input in capital improvement decisions. The nature and time requirements of institutional planning are such that, at any point in time, current students cannot have input in every phase of it. To attempt to mandate input in each decision by each student generation is unrealistic. It would either make institutional planning impossible or remove students from the process entirely."

As it stands today, the plan is in effect. Who knows what is in store for the future?

Crime

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lied hoods, and executioner released the traps. A Hillsborough reporter was "happy to state that no white ladies were present."

Later that summer, another sensational case broke in Chapel Hill. In late August postal agent R.B. Long arrested Dr. E.R. Williamson for having mailed obscene post cards to Miss Sallie Davies in Meherrin Station, Virginia. Hillsborough attorney Thomas Ruffin prosecuted; James M. Alexander, Jones Watson, and I.R. Strayhorn defended and succeeded in having the charges dismissed. Dr. Williamson then left for the North, but postal agent Long obtained new warrants, chased the doctor down, and carried him to Greensboro to await a second trial on 11 October. Dr. Williamson pleaded guilty, but the judge let him off with court costs when Sallie's father dropped charges. The Chapel Hill Ledger reported that Dr. Williamson was not responsible for his behavior since he was "an inveterate opium eater."

Opium eating may have been rare in Chapel Hill, but the consumption of unlicensed whiskey never slackened, even in the midst of a renewed temperance crusade in the years following Reconstruction, and Leandrew Graham Sykes made a lifelong effort to keep supplies plentiful. Sykes married Lutinia Andrews in 1869, and the couple soon grew used to the occupational hazard of the moonshiner, arrest and prosecution. Convicted and sentenced to the Hillsborough jail several times, Sykes kept at his occupation even after being sentenced in 1893 to 18 months in the Albany, New York penitentiary, ceasing only with his death on 11 August 1914 from "acute cerebral softening."

In January 1879, following complaints by townspeople, the commissioners evicted Jenny Kelly, Mary Nunn, and Beck Mason — "... women of bad character" — from shanties behind the Presbyterian Church owned by preacher Jordan Weaver.

While most students were tolerant of a measure of lewdness, there were those who struggled heroically to keep the purveyors of sin always at a respectable distance. They reached their finest hour one spring night in 1909 when YMCA president and Tar Heel editor-in-chief Frank Porter Graham, assisted by constable "Jug" Whitaker, led a small army of righteous-minded students in driving a force of Durham prostitutes and their panders from their *locus criminis* in the village cemetery.

Jug Whitaker refused to enter the graveyard, and student Henry Johnston had his hat knocked off by a bullet, but the intrepid crusaders forged onward, capturing two very frightened ladies of the evening. In a preliminary hearing in magistrate A.S. Barbee's office, Law School Dean James C. McRae bound the women over for later trial and instructed Jug to convey them to the Hillsborough jail, from which they were soon released.

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