

The Tar Heel

Synthetic Fuels Corp. just money 'down a rathole'

By Congressman James T. Broyhill

Our budget deficit problem demands immediate action. Many painful cuts in federal spending will be necessary if we are to bring our budget closer to balance.

For that reason, for the past several years I have worked to eliminate the unwise and wasteful commitment of taxpayer monies to the Synthetic Fuels Corporation.

I voted against the creation of the Sunfuels Corporation in 1980. I did not believe then, and I do not believe now, that it makes sense to spend massive amounts of taxpayer dollars to develop commercial scale plants to demonstrate technologies that are not even remotely economical.

Fortunately, last week I learned that we have a majority of Members in the House of Representatives who feel as I do — that something must be done to correct this

disastrous synfuels mistake and save the American public from further unwarranted outlays. The action taken by the House was a significant victory for the American public.

Let me explain. The rule which allowed for consideration of H.R. 3011, the Department of Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations for FY 1986, did not allow the offering of an amendment which would rescind all but \$500 million of the \$7.9 billion currently appropriated for spending by the Synthetic Fuels Corporation. Therefore, a majority of the House of Representatives joined me in defeating the rule so that we may have an opportunity to vote on a rescission of synfuels funds.

I sincerely believe that we cannot continue to allow the Synthetic Fuels Corporation — a monument to corporate welfare and bureaucratic waste — to continue untouched while

we are reducing farm supports and funding for medicare and transportation programs. Unlike many of these programs, which have contributed to the well-being of a significant number of Americans, the Synthetic Fuels Corporation has contributed only to the well-being of its officers and employees. The development of synfuels technology that is taking place — and real progress is being made — is happening in spite of the Synthetic Fuels Corporation, not because of it.

This action by the House was necessary to prevent immediately further commitments of funds by the Corporation for synthetic fuels technologies which are not economically feasible. Just last week, the Synthetic Fuels Corporation announced an agreement in principle for a \$720 million price guarantee and loan restructuring arrangement for one project to convert coal to natural gas. This

money is in addition to the \$1.5 billion in Federal monies this project has already received from the Federal government. The Corporation has been pouring billions of dollars down a rathole.

Momentum for a change in our synfuels policy is building, and it is only a matter of time before corrective legislation is approved by the House of Representatives.

In a related measure, the House Energy and Commerce Committee, on which I serve as the Senior Republican, recently reported to the House legislation, H.R. 935, which would abolish the Synthetic Fuels Corporation and authorize greatly reduced spending for small sub-commercial scale projects under a program to be run by the Department of Energy. The legislation is now pending before the Committee on Banking, Finance, and Urban Affairs.

Involvement important to Pres. Patricia Wallace

By Tom Conlon
Staff Writer

For Student Body President Patricia Wallace, involvement is the philosophy for success.

At the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, she is most known for her involvement in campus politics, where she became the University's first woman student body president last February.

"I've been involved in something since third or fourth grade," she said. "I feel a student can gain much more out of a school by getting involved — one learns more and enjoys school more."

Wallace, 21, is a native of Virginia Beach, Va., and a senior English major. A daughter of a radiologist, she attended Norfolk Academy for 12 years before coming to UNC-Chapel Hill.

Although she looked at other schools, she selected UNC-Chapel Hill because it was a change from home, and a 4-year Morehead Scholarship was a nice incentive. She also said she looked for diversity.

"UNC offered the opportunity to move into a new culture and group of people from whom I had spent my life with," she said. "I only knew two people by name and face when I came here in the fall of 1982."

"UNC is a very easy place to become involved at and be a part of," she said. "It's not so huge that you're just a number and lost in a crowd — everything here can be your own if you just make it your own."

Within a couple weeks at the University, Wallace became a member of the Delta Delta Delta sorority and president of the Model United Nations Club. During her first semester, Wallace became familiar with and interested in student government.

"During orientation week,

(Former CGC Speaker) James Exum was my orientation counselor," she said. "He and others showed us the Student Government offices."

In February 1983, Wallace ran for the University's 16th district Campus Governing Council seat — representing much of the East Franklin Street district and apartment complexes below the Hillsborough Street hill.

In February 1984, she was re-elected to her CGC seat and became chairman of the Rules and Judiciary Committee. During that time, she played a key role in getting the CGC to obey treasury laws and was aided with changes in the CGC Bylaws.

"(Former Student Body President) Paul Parker started bringing the Student Code together — amending and updating by-laws of the CGC — so we could do our work," she said.

"When constitutional funding for campus organizations came up last fall, I felt it was taking away a lot from the budget process by giving organizations automatic funding each year without the flexibility to review it each year. I did research on the issue."

During that time, Wallace said she became interested in seeking the office of Student Body President.

"Student Activities Fees were something I was very proud of," she said. "With my goals and values, I felt I could be a president who could fight to preserve the independence and integrity of Student Government. A lot of that is abiding by rules of the CGC business manual on how to maintain and control equipment plus employing people."

Being a female candidate for student body president did not cross her mind, she said. "In my mind, if you're competent enough to do a job, you should be equitably able to win an election."

Wallace was not the first woman student body presidential candidate (Susan Gaddy ran in 1984), but was the first to win. Getting there was not easy as nine candidates ran for the office where issues such as the mandatory meal plan, constitutional funding for the Black Student Movement, and involvement in non-campus issues were at the forefront.

In the Feb. 4 primary, Wallace came in a close second to Doug Berger and subsequently defeated Berger in a lopsided runoff.

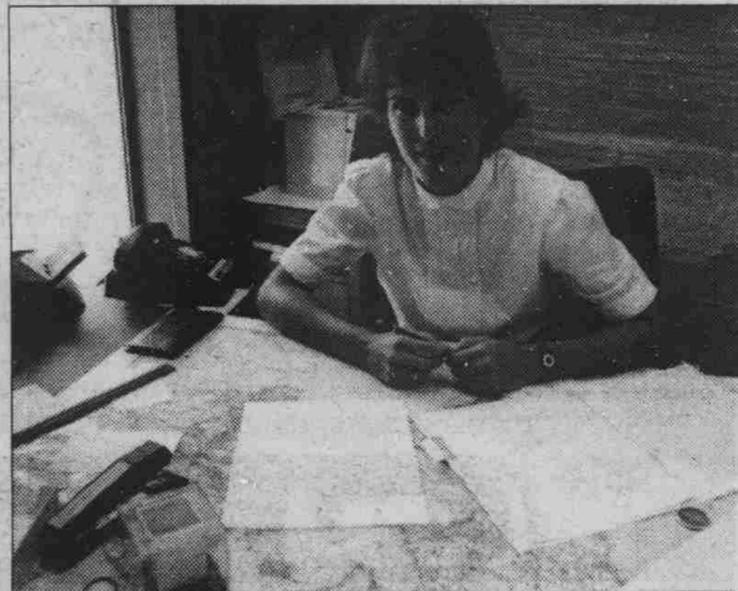
Since her election, Wallace has actively lobbied in Raleigh against university tuition hikes and negotiated with the UNC Board of Trustees on the new mandatory meal plan, and as Student Body President, Wallace holds an ex-officio seat on the UNC Board of Trustees.

Wallace describes herself politically as "a moderate" but says she really is independent on all issues.

"I'm conservative in the way I look at the practicality of issues," she said. "I'm liberal in that I'm going to fight from here to eternity for more education, less poverty, and for people to treat people as people."

"The major problem I see at UNC is that we're not recognizing someone equally because they are black, gay or female," she said. "It's the same stuff under the skin — blood and water — they are human beings. We have been getting caught up in hard-line liberal-conservative ideologies and not looking at the personal-interpersonal implication of what we're doing."

Wallace enjoys cooking, reading and biking in her free time. Jamey Jones, a 1985 graduate and former roommate and sorority sister of Wallace, said they spent a lot of time together talking and sharing school experiences before she became stu-



SBP Patricia Wallace

dent body president.

"She even gave her bicycle a name — Rover — and we'd joke about it," Jones said. "She's a very diligent worker and will probably be successful in whatever she decides to do."

Madelyn Morreale, an executive assistant to Wallace, was very involved in her SBP campaign and met her as a freshman at Breadman's restaurant talking about space qualities.

"Patricia's an upbeat, happy person with so many ideas," Morreale said. "She enjoys sharing ideas and applying ideas to life. The SBP campaign brought out many of her positive qualities."

"A lot of people were making big sweeping generalizations about the candidates," she said. "I think she sometimes came off as stoic. She let her guard down only with close

friends. At a few moments you could see it in her eyes."

Even as Student Body President, Wallace stays involved in other areas of campus life.

"I haven't been able to figure out how active she's been," Closs said. "She's been on the Lacross Club team, secretary of the WXYC Radio board of directors and still does a lot for student government. There's a lot to be said for her energy."

Wallace feels such involvement is her obligation.

"I don't think students realize how much freedom we have until we get out of school," she said. "We have an obligation to get involved in state, nation and community. The state pays for 85 percent of our education." Involvement has been Wallace's success, and her success came through involvement.

Students for America pushes conservative ideology

By Tom Conlon

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While many college campuses were the thriving homes of liberal student activism during the 1960s and 1970s, a conservative student activist group which calls itself "The Student Movement of the Eighties" is growing in membership since its inception in March 1984.

Students for America, formed at a Powhatan, Va. conference by 60 concerned conservative activists, now

has 7,000 members on 108 campuses in 37 states with the goal of increasing its membership by 10,000 students within the upcoming year.

"The conservative movement no longer just responds to the left on campus," Ralph Reed, Executive Director for Students For America, said recently. "It sets the campus agenda."

The UNC-CH chapter began in the Spring of 1984 under David Fazio, a 1984 graduate who last January was elected the organization's national chairman. Fazio will head the entire

organization, headquartered in Raleigh, when Reed leaves for graduate school at Emory University.

The organization, funded in full from contributions, plans to open regional offices next year in Atlanta and Berkeley, followed by future openings in Boston and Bloomington, Ind. This fall, the organization will employ four full-time field directors to target new campuses throughout the nation.

"We're after a movement conservative," Reed said. "We want people who believe in conservatism in terms

of ideology, not a lifestyle."

The four target groups, Reed said, are Reagan-Bush voters, conservatives, daily bible-reading Christians and practicing Jews, and members of the Republican party — although the organization is non-partisan and does not require anyone to belong to a particular party as long as they support conservative principles.

"For \$3 a year, members receive a free book, poster, legislative updates, can attend the annual national convention in Washington and get on the mailing list," Reed said.

The two posters, printed in movie format, are titled "The Return of Walter Mondale" and "The Gipper." The latter, a pro-Reagan poster, along with the anti-Mondale posters, have become fundraising items along with buttons such as "Kennedy For Lifeguard," "Kemp For President" and "Abortion Is Murder."

Although growth of the conservative student movement is a major goal, Reed said the organization was founded to provide leadership oppor-

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