

Board changeover disturbs seminary

By AMY WINSLOW
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Conservative control and a New Right Baptist agenda would be destructive to academic freedom at the Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, seminary professors said Thursday.

"The climate of learning would be emotionally charged and definitely not conducive to American academic freedom," said Rod Byard, assistant to the president of communications at the seminary.

Conservatives, who have controlled the Southern Baptist Convention since 1979, now have majority control of the Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary board of trustees after recent elections.

The changeover prompted concern for the future of academic freedom from the predominately moderate faculty of the seminary school.

After a three-day meeting this week, including a closed executive session of the board and Southeastern President W. Randall Lolley, conservatives also have a 4-1 majority on the powerful instructional committee, which is involved in hiring faculty.

Trustees voted Wednesday to give Lolley and the instructional committee more power in selecting the school's faculty.

Faculty, who say that the conservatives want to establish a New Right agenda based on literal interpretation of the Bible, established a chapter of the American Association of University Professors in response to the board's actions.

Lolley, the first alumnus of Southeastern to become its president, also voiced resignation plans if he feels the conservatism interferes with academic freedom.

Most students have sided with the faculty in opposing the conservatives, seminary officials said.

"Obviously there's a chance for a threat (to academic freedom)," said Beverly Hardgrove, student body president.

In considering faculty appointments, conservative viewpoints might prevail, Hardgrove said.

"Everyone can tolerate inerrantism (literal interpretation of the Bible) faculty," she said. "It's whether or not those views will be forced on you that's the issue."

Helms wins moral victory in Senate

By CARRIE DOVE
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"Good Lord, Mr. President, I may throw up," Sen. Jesse Helms said in a speech on the Senate floor Wednesday during debate of his amendment setting guidelines for AIDS educational materials.

Helms urged adoption of his amendment, which was prompted by an educational comic book, published by the Gay Men's Health Crisis, depicting a sexual encounter between two homosexual men.

Helms' amendment to the \$129 billion Labor, Health and Human Services and Education appropriations bill would "prohibit the use of any funds provided under this act from being used to provide AIDS education, information, or prevention materials and activities that promote, encourage or condone homosexual sexual activities."

The Senate passed the amendment by a vote of 94-2, with senators Lowell Weicker, R-Conn., and Patrick Moynihan, D-N.Y., dissenting.

"Every Christian religious moral ethic within me cries out to do something," said Helms in the floor debate.

Helms said he showed the comic book to President Reagan, who opened the book, looked at a couple of pages, closed it up, shook his head and hit his desk.

The Gay Men's Health Crisis received \$674,679 in federal funds to create educational materials, Helms said, but the comic books were not paid for with government monies.

"Oh, boy. No wonder we have such a stupendous federal debt," he said. "If we are one-tenth as insane in the expenditure of other federal funds as we are in this, no wonder."

Congressional opposition centered around Weicker and culminated in a conference in the Republican cloakroom between Weicker, Helms and Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., with Republican Leader Robert Dole's chief of staff acting as a mediator, said a Senate official who wished to remain anonymous.

The nation does not have time to waste in philosophical debate, Weicker said. The U.S. needs to pour money into both AIDS research and education, he said.

"I might be able to work around this with the senator from North Carolina were it not for the fact that if the knowledge is not transmitted these people are going to be dead, dead," Weicker said during debate Wednesday.

Weicker thinks that the morality question is a distraction from dealing with the AIDS crisis, said Steve Snider, his press secretary.

The amendment went through four drafts, trying to affect a compromise with Weicker. The original version stated that no funds could be used to "encourage or promote sexual activities outside of a sexually monogamous marriage."

By promoting the amendment, Helms attempted to ensure that all educational materials would emphasize abstinence outside of marriage, said Barbara Lukans, Helms's press secretary. The clause was dropped

after Weicker objected.

Snider said about 70 percent of teenagers are sexually active.

"Whether or not the Senate recognizes it, sexual activity is going on," he said.

Moynihan, who did not participate in floor debate, advocates wide distribution of educational material on AIDS, said Matt James, his press secretary.

During the debate, Helms quoted a grant proposal from the Gay Men's Health Crisis which said, "For many, safe sex has been equated with boring, unsatisfying sex. These perceived barriers must be considered and alternatives to high risk practices in the implementation of AIDS risk reduction education (must be considered)."

"I cannot believe that the majority of the American people want this sort of thing, this expenditure of their money," Helms said.

The appropriations bill passed 80-15, and is pending consideration in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Group works to finance local youth hostel

By WILL LINGO
Staff Writer

Four of North Carolina's five youth hostels are located in the western part of the state, but the Research Triangle Council of Youth Hostels is working to locate and fund a hostel locally.

This hostel will become part of an international network organized to provide simple, safe overnight accommodations for young people, said Amy Grant, chairwoman of the hostel board.

This networking of hostels fosters peaceful relationships between people of different cultures, said Lynn Williamson, council vice president.

"Hosteling does that better than

any other style of accommodation," she said.

But the effort to establish a hostel in this area is still in the planning stages, and further progress will depend on the results of a feasibility study conducted by the State Parks Service, Williamson said.

The study, scheduled for release in November, will determine the feasibility of locating a hostel in Eno River, Umstead or Raven Rock State parks, Williamson said. The council hopes to establish a hostel by leasing a pre-existing building at one of these parks, she said.

In exchange for an inexpensive lease, hostel volunteers will maintain the building and increase park traffic,

Williamson said.

Council members also want to establish a positive long-term relationship with the park service so that they can participate in more of the service's planning.

The council aims to raise \$5,000 with an auction to benefit a local hostel. The event will be held in the Chapel Hill Bible Church, 1200 Mason Farm Road, on Oct. 17 at 8 p.m.

An array of items have been donated for the auction, ranging from antique quilts to an autographed picture of Sen. Jesse Helms, Grant said. Some unusual items will also be up for auction, such as an opal from Australia and 20 years of back

issues of National Geographic magazines.

Michael Jordan and other prominent personalities — including Jim Valvano, Charles Kuralt and Bill Friday — have donated items as well.

"The auction will include one of everything under the sun," Grant said.

Money raised from the auction will be used to pay for beds and kitchen equipment, as well as other start-up costs for the hostel, Williamson said.

A spaghetti dinner will be held in conjunction with the auction. The dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Church at 106 Purefoy Road.

100 passengers still missing after ferry sinks near Dhaka

From Associated Press reports

DHAKA, Bangladesh — A ferry carrying an estimated 200 passengers sank in a river outside Dhaka on Thursday, fire brigade officials and witnesses said. They said about 100 people were missing.

The fire brigade at the port of Narayanganj, 12 miles east of this capital, said some 100 people, most of them on the upper deck of the 60-foot ferry M.L. Diana, jumped into the Sitalakhya River and swam ashore.

They said the fate of the other passengers was unknown.

The overcrowded ferry sank around 1 p.m. about three miles from Narayanganj.

Fire brigade divers reached the vessel in about 35 feet of water, but found no bodies inside, said a fire brigade official in a telephone interview.

He said the ferry was traveling from the Taltala Trading Center, 20 miles southeast of Narayanganj, via the nearby town of Munshiganj.

Shultz favors negotiation delay

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State George Shultz said Thursday the United States and the Soviet Union should delay a meeting between President Reagan and Mikhail Gorbachev if a treaty banning intermediate-range nuclear missiles is not ready for them to sign.

But he added, "I should think we would be able to wrap it up."

Before heading for the Middle East and Moscow, Shultz told reporters at a news conference, "If

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there isn't going to be any major accomplishment, then we should wait."

But he stressed that U.S. and Soviet negotiators had made headway on completing the treaty since an "agreement in principle" to ban missiles with a range of 315 to 3,125 miles was announced by President Reagan last month.

"I hope, I believe that we have all of the ingredients necessary to have INF (Intermediate-range Nuclear Forces) agreement if both sides continue to want it, and we do," Shultz said.

At the same time, he said, negotiators in Geneva probably will be unable to resolve all the remaining differences before his talks in Moscow Oct. 22 and 23.

Was Stark disaster avoidable?

WASHINGTON — The USS Stark stayed afloat after an Iraqi missile attack last May thanks to crew training and simple good luck.

But if the ship's officers had reacted properly before the attack, the Stark probably could have avoided the disaster that killed 37 sailors, the Navy added.

Those findings are contained in two different reports provided today to a House subcommittee — the first written by a blue-

written panel to assess the "survivability" of frigates like the Stark, and the second by a military board of inquiry that investigated the ship's failure to defend itself.

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urged students not to discuss the harassment, out of respect for the rights of the students involved.

Lynne Gerber, executive director of the MBA program, has asked second-year MBA students to turn in their graded briefs, so she can compare them to the brief that contained the racial slur. So far about half of the students have complied.

She said her examination of the briefs has turned up no suspects. "I'm turning everything I have over to the Graduate Student Honor Court," Gerber said. "I'll let them decide how they want to conduct the investigation."

Officials want make raising awareness of racial issues a continual process, Gerber said. "We need to let those involved in the incident con-

tinue with their work."

At the meeting, Rizzo said the incident could have a negative effect on the school's reputation, hurting recruitment of students and faculty and relationships with corporations.

"We need to establish a credibility that this is a decent place for students to come and faculty to work and corporations to recruit," he said.

Gerber said she didn't think the incidents would harm the school's reputation because officials are dealing with the situation openly and fairly.

"We're going to turn it into a positive, constructive learning experience," she said. "The ultimate outcome will not be destructive to the school."

Drugs

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average score.

Now the volunteers are being tested on their performance while unimpaired, so they can practice and provide researchers with a standard of comparison.

The volunteers have also attended two pilot sessions, during which they smoked marijuana or a synthetic substitute, and told the researchers what percentage "high" they have reached, compared to the highest they have ever been.

Perez-Reyes said he wants to study the effects the drugs have on the human metabolism, as well as what he called "the kinetics of drug use." The kinetics of drug use include how fast the drugs travel through the body, and how long their effects last.

"I feel that this is a worthwhile experiment," said one participant, who asked not to be identified. "I would hate to see drug research cut off because of the paranoia about drugs in this country. It is important to learn about their effects on the human body."

Another participant, who also requested anonymity, agreed. "I think that this is a worthwhile program. There's a lot that has to be found out about marijuana. I'm doing this because I would like to see marijuana legalized. A lot of people think that it's a bad, evil thing, 'of the devil.'"

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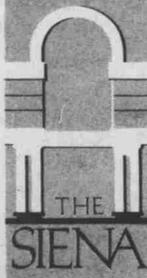


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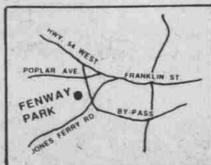
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