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Social Sciences Funding Cut Budget Goes Before Legislature Soon

Governor Bob Scott presented his Budget Advisory Commission's report to the N. C. Legislature January 14. The report contained budget cuts for the UNC-A campus which will eliminate among other items any possibility of constructing the new Social Sciences Building called for in the UNC-A budget requests.

The Social Sciences Building was the top priority item in the campus' building request of \$1.9 million. The Budget Commission recommended cutbacks in the UNC-A requests to the General Assembly and the Social Sciences Building estimated at \$1.5 million was one of the first requests to be cut.

Chancellor Highsmith was quoted in the Asheville Times as saying that the Social Sciences Building was "extra important" to the college's plans since it was designed to house the department with the largest enrollment on campus.

Highsmith added that Social Sciences is now in "cramped and unsatisfactory quarters which are completely inadequate for the instructional program."

The removal of the building from the budget will seriously hinder the growth of UNC-A, according to Highsmith who will spend the greater part of his time in the near future trying to persuade the members of the General Assembly to reconsider the Commission recommendations.

Most of the other budget requests made by UNC-A for the coming biennium were also cut by the Commission. The original budget requests which were made by the Asheville campus amounted to over \$3 million. Also included in the building requests were track and field facilities and a service building for the Asheville-Biltmore Botanical Gardens, both of which were turned down by the Advisory Commission.

Recommended by the Commission, however, were air conditioning for the Student Center at \$35,000.; roads and parking at \$25,000.; and walks and landscaping at \$17,000.

In the past, UNC-A has been fortunate with budget requests and has reaped per student more money from the state than any other University.



The N. C. Legislature which went into session January 14 after a State of the State Message in which Governor Bob Scott recommend an amendment to allow the eighteen year old vote in N. C., as well as reforms in higher education across the State.

The Legislature will soon take up the Budget Advisory Commission's report that, if passed, will kill any chance of building the badly needed Social Sciences Building until after 1973.

White Removed as Proctor in Administrative Reprisals

by Dee Grier

Curtis White has been dismissed as proctor of Hoey (I) Dorm in the wake of Administrative investigations into activities in the dorm. Reported incidents of extensive abuse of facilities and unreported damages are allegedly the cause for the action.

White's replacement has been named as Lars Petersen, formerly proctor of Swain Dormitory.

The damages have been charged to overly-enthusiastic partying in the basement recreation room of I Dorm. The parties were sponsored by Delta Chi Omega, a new fraternity on campus composed mainly of Freshmen. The new room with its beer-serving facilities was also decorated and made comfortable by the fraternity. The parties had been made open to all students, resulted in the damage of furniture, ceiling tiles and other articles.

White was removed from his position after two members of the Administration, Thomas Dula, Dean of Students and Ed Harris, Administrative Assistant to the Chancellor made a tour of the dorms discovering the damages, which had been allegedly unreported. As proctor, White's duties had entailed the reporting of all damages and any trouble within the dorm.

Actions on the part of the Administration following Curtis' dismissal included locking the rec room of the dorm except for the purpose of doing laundry,

forcing students to use the facilities in Aycock Dorm.

Inhabitants of the dorm protested this action, pointing out that out of the dorms 32 residents, only 14 are members of the fraternity. Furthermore, the members of the fraternity claim that the action was taken without consultation with the representatives of the fraternity and without sufficient reasons being given.

One member of the Administrative staff interjected

the opinion that Chancellor Highsmith may have acted too hastily.

Plans at the moment on the part of the dorm residents include appealing the last action to the Judicial Board of the SGA in hopes of a reversal.

All of these actions have taken place shortly before the planned re-assignment of proctors. The dismissal of White has caused the addition of Trip Hill's name to the list of the

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Scott Proposes School Reforms

Governor Bob Scott in an address to the Governor's Committee on Reorganization of Higher Education, told the committee that he expects the results soon and that he wants a new plan for higher education in North Carolina in time for consideration by the 1971 General Assembly.

The committee, headed by former State Senator Lindsay Warren, Jr. of Goldsboro, agreed to start meeting behind closed doors next weekend to begin thrashing out a plan to end the bitter rivalry and competition for funds that has plagued higher education in the state.

Scott has called for the creation of a new system that would provide for a more centralized control of the six

branches of the University of North Carolina and the nine regional Universities. One of the suggestions made recently by Scott was the formation of a single board of regents to control all the Universities in the state.

Scott is seeking an end to the cutthroat competition for funds similar to the battle that UNC-A now faces in trying to convince the General Assembly to ignore several of the budget cutbacks proposed to the Assembly by the Advisory Budget Commission recently.

The Governor told the group at its organizational meeting recently that its work could well be one of the milestones for North Carolina in the coming decade.



An appropriate message for almost everyone concerned is scrawled on this makeshift repair for one of the damages that caused the ouster of Curtis White as Dormitory Proctor of I Dorm in recent Administrative reprisals.