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SG Reform Proposed

by John Quigley

While Student Government met in a closed session on Oct. 30, to discuss the actions of President Bret Pangle the Activities Planning Committee (APC) met to discuss the actions of SG.

The result of the meeting was to appoint a committee to investigate charges that Pangle had over-spent the budget for stationary.

The weekly meeting of SG scheduled for Nov. 6 was cancelled. The appointed committee has yet to announce its findings--or its existence.

The APC, which has been meeting on an irregular basis since March of 1980, was established by Chancellor William Highsmith to examine problem areas on campus and formulate solutions. It is composed of students, faculty and staff and is loosely directed by Dr. Eric Iovacchini.

"The members of the Activities Planning Committee were drawn from a cross-representation of as many identifiable groups on campus as we could find," said Iovacchini. Each of these groups had conferred with Chancellor Highsmith during the '79-'80 school year.

Iovacchini said, "The common complaint of all the groups was that it seemed like too much money was going into student government and too little was coming out in the way of activities. The Activities Planning Committee was formed to resolve the dissatisfaction with the effectiveness of Student Government and review the expenditure of student fee funds."

The solution which the APC is proposing is a revision of the SG constitution which will concentrate the activities of SG

into the capacity of an advisory source on faculty or administration proposals involving student concerns and a problem-solving body which can pursue and propose suggestions to problems involving student concerns.

Student concerns are defined as matters where students can provide useful advice, information and insight into specific problems.

If the faculty or administration were formally considering a student concern, S.G. would have the opportunity to independently investigate the same matter. Its suggestions and recommendations would be incorporated into the formal decision process. This concept sees student government as a student pressure group.

The social functions now attended to by

S.G. would be delegated to another organization tentatively named the University Union of the University of North Carolina at Asheville.

General membership in the "Union" would include all students currently enrolled in the university. Any registered student could be active in initiating and implementing programs of the Union.

The associate membership would include all members of the administration, faculty and alumni.

The Union's purposes would be to centralize and integrate cultural, educational, recreational and social programs for all members of the university community and to provide opportunities for learning outside of the classroom through participation in all aspects of the Union program.

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Shelter Controversy Continues

by Susan Marschalk

The Buncombe County Animal Shelter is a waste of taxpayers' money, said Edwin Armstrong, member for the Concerned Citizens for Animals in a telephone interview Nov. 4.

"We're going to push until something is done," he said.

"They (CCA) don't know what they are talking about," said Harold Patton, temporary director of the shelter.

"I don't see why they're so concerned at all," said a member for the North Carolina Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (NCSPCA).

The remarks came after county commissioners failed to pass a CCA-backed proposal Oct. 28 that would create a supervisory committee for the shelter.

"They just passed the buck," Armstrong said. "The Democrats blamed the Republicans and the Republicans blamed the Democrats...In turn, the animals suffer."

The CCA plans to push the proposal gain the first Tuesday after the new commissioners elected Nov. 4 are seated, he said.

The county manages the shelter but the SPCA has 24-hour access to see that things are being run properly, according to Patton. He was glad to see the proposal fail, he said. "They (CCA) just want a hold on the shelter--they want to be the director," he said.

The SPCA member said there "always can be some improvement," but that the society was satisfied with measures taken in the past few weeks, such as painting the facilities. "There are no serious problems, she said. "What they need now is a director. They'll get one soon."

The CCA is not affiliated with the SPCA, which handles investigation of cruelty cases, according to Armstrong. "The SPCA is doing an inadequate job in Buncombe County and never has done a proper job," he said. "We have a common goal, but we disagree with how to reach that goal."

Armstrong said the CCA members want a distemper prevention plan and overall improvement of shelter facilities put into effect immediately, qualified and competent shelter employees hired, and an advisory board set up between county commissioners and the shelter to make recommendations.

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