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Council Maps Change

by Geoffrey Cantrell

The University of North Carolina at Asheville Student Government may be taking on a new identity within the next year.

A final draft of a proposed constitution that would change the structure and operation of SG has been presented for inspection.

This SG reform was originally proposed by the Student Activities Planning Council, a group composed of a cross-section of students, faculty and staff headed by Dr. Eric Iovacchini, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs.

Established in March 1980, by Chancellor William Highsmith to examine problem areas on campus and to formulate solutions, the Council decided to concentrate on four general areas:

1. the promotion of a UNC-A campus or community identity.
2. the continuation of maximum campus and student activities within the pre-

sent and future fee structure.

3. the review of allocation of funds by the campus commission.

4. the revision of the student government constitution, including a review of ongoing student committees.

With the new UNC-A Student Center making its way toward completion, the campus will be taking on a new identity of progress, with the expansion of university programs, activities, and enrollment.

SG should then be in a position to keep abreast of the campus' changing needs. The proposed SG reform is but one alternative, but one many feel is the correct option for the university at this decisive moment of change.

Dr. Iovacchini stated in an interview this week, "If we are going to have a change in student government, I would like for it to be close in coinciding with the opening of the new building. It seems to me to be philosophically aligned with what we're

trying to achieve."

Basically, the proposed changes would divide SG into two separate units: an academic section to deal with the policy and practice of the educational process, and a Student Union to delegate social functions, recreation, and cultural activities.

The academic branch would have a representative breakdown of commuter, dormitory and undeclared major seats, and the rest from academic grouping, such as natural sciences, social sciences and management positions.

The Student Union would be made up from student enrollment at large. An important factor is that part-time students will be qualified to participate regardless of their number of hours per semester, something that isn't practice with SG now.

Dr. Iovacchini said the proposed SG reform would comprise two bodies with defined purposes with the hope that people who are more interested in the social-cultural aspects will aspire to Student Union and those interested in academics could become involved there.

The present SG administration will be involving itself in future discussions and the critiquing of the proposal to see if it contains any discrepancies that could injure SG capacity to act on students' behalf.

Any student, faculty or staff sentiment for the proposed SG reform is welcome by the Rag & Bone, SG and the Student Activities Planning Council.

With involvement and attention to such concerns the campus should not only grow, but improve in the future.

Hendon Addresses Economy, Taxes

by Susan Marschalk

It was not your typical political speech full of grand promises and bright prospects for America's future.

Instead, "economic peril" and the hammering home of the urgent need to do something about it have replaced the old subject matter, at least for Asheville's newly-elected congressman, Bill Hendon.

The freshman congressman addressed a gathering of Asheville area residents at a luncheon conducted at the Inn on the Plaza on February 12th. The address, and a question and answer period with the press and audience, were this month's Community Forum, a series of public discussions co-sponsored by Inn on the Plaza and UNC-A.

"The president told it like it was the other night," Hendon said, referring to President Reagan's televised speech of February 4th. "After years of ignoring the problem, after years of applying Band-Aids where we needed major therapy, the president of the United States went on nationwide television and told you and me that we face an economic calamity of unbelievable proportion unless we mend our ways."

Hendon said he would work to convince people the country is in peril, "despite the lethargy and, in some cases, the obstinance of the United States Congress."

The congressman, a Republican, was sworn into his first term of office on January 5th. He took a critical view of the Congress' progress in his first five weeks in office.

Speaking of the congress, Hendon said, "One, it stays in adjournment, for all practical purposes, since I was sworn in. We have had five votes. We run up the debt limit when we do meet--to \$985 billion." Hendon had voted against the debt increase.

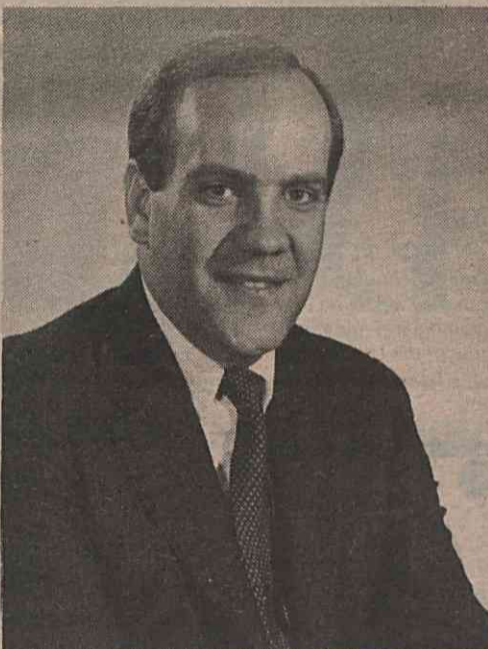
"A couple of hundred members considered spending \$400,000 on gold medals to be given to the returned hostages; and one of our fold goes to the president and tells him, 'Mister President, we can't handle it.' So far, so bad for the 97th Congress."

Hendon told the luncheon that the interest on the national debt alone would cost \$80 billion this year and \$90 billion next year. He said that raising the debt ceiling is not the answer to the nation's economic problems.

The congressman said he supported President Reagan's program to reduce inflation by means of tax cuts for individuals and industry and by across-the-board cuts in federal aid programs.

Saying that Congress must "cut the fat" in such programs, Hendon pledged that

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Congressman Bill Hendon

How to Fall Out of Love

by John Edwards

Over 100 people attended a 'How to Fall Out of Love' workshop held in the Owen Building conference room at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 12.

Sponsored by Psi Chi, the workshop was scheduled to last until 5 p.m., but most of the participants in the workshop who have experienced one of Cupid's misguided arrows remained to hear Drs. Ann Weber and Maggie Weshner present techniques on how to deal with the emotions of a broken relationship until past 5:30 p.m.

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