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Marijuana

Pressure for the legalization, or at least the decriminalization, of marijuana is on the increase with several recent developments.

Sen. George McGovern, Wednesday, announced his support for the legalization of marijuana in Boston in a speech before a drug counselling center.

"Experience, along with limitations on enforcement and the grave costs involved in imposing severe sentences and prison terms on usually law abiding young people and young adults, suggests that a more promising route might be to regulate marijuana along the same lines as alcohol, while continuing and expanding educational programs aimed at discouraging its use," he said.

Pressure from within the Nixon administration towards the decriminalization of marijuana has increased to significant proportions with the forthcoming report of the National Commission on Marijuana and Drug Abuse. The report, it was revealed last week will recommend complete decriminalization for private use and possession of marijuana.

Adding to the pressure is the resignation of John Finlator as Deputy Director of the Federal Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs. Finlator has since become a member of the advisory board of NORML (The National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws) and has announced that he plans to take an active role in getting current marijuana laws changed.

The report of the National Commission on Marijuana and Drug Abuse is scheduled to be released on March 22 and is said to contain a unanimous recommendation from the 13 member commission that all criminal penalties be eliminated for private use of marijuana. After studying 50 reports they commissioned, plus the testimony at 10 hearings and



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four private sessions conducted during their year study, the commission members were persuaded that the cost to society of enforcing the strict marijuana laws currently on the books proportionally outweighs any dangers which might result from liberalizing current laws.

The commission has not made clear to what extent it has recommended liberalization in its unreleased report. Apparently the report shows favor toward legalization of possession and use, but it is not clear how it stands on selling, growing, transporting or giving away marijuana, or on smoking it in public.

According to THE LEAFLET, a publication of NORML, commission members have been under pressure from the White House to adopt a

position closer to that of Nixon. According to an editorial in the periodical, at least two of the commissioners are being considered for federal judgeships, and the NORML writers fear that the appointments are being "dangled as a carrot" in an attempt to soften the report.

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PE, Psych Discussed

by *Tori Potts*

In a two and half hour meeting Wednesday morning the faculty Curriculum Committee discussed extensive revision of the psychology program, the physical education requirement, and requests that graduates of Brevard College and the Bowman Grey Anesthesia Program for nurses be accepted at Guilford.

Registrar Floyd Reynolds expressed the concern that many students are not taking the P.E. requirement for graduation seriously, and are avoiding taking P.E. in the hope or belief that requirement will be dropped.

The committee charged Randy Catoe and Gary Kirby, student representatives to Curriculum Committee with the responsibility of gathering student opinion and formulating a proposal for the abolition, reduction or continuation of the P.E. requirement.

Wednesday afternoon Student Body President Douglas Scott announced that he will ask the Community Senate to include a campus-wide referendum on the P.E. requirement on the general election ballot. Scott stated "The student members of the Athletic, Curriculum, and Educational Policies Committees are meeting to gather information and formulate a position and active policy towards the subject of required P.E. The proposal for a

campus-wide referendum with the general elections of March 1 will be brought before the Senate at their next meeting"

In addition, the committee approved the recommendation that General Psychology be counted as either a natural science or a social science credit.

The Psychology requirements for education majors have been reduced from three courses to two. The General Psychology requirement has been dropped. Education majors will now only be required to take Developmental Psych (224) and Educational Psych (331).

In addition the committee approved revision of the requirements for Psychology majors. Under the proposal, majors will have only three absolute requirements. All majors must take General Psych. (200). Statistics (241) and one semester of experimental Psych (301). In addition to these three courses, majors must take five other courses in psychology.

In other actions, the committee rejected a request from Brevard Junior College that their graduates be automatically accepted by Guilford College.

The committee discussed a request from Helen Vos, the Director of the Anesthesia Program at Bowman Grey. She requested that graduates of the Bowman Grey program be allowed to apply their nursing school credits toward a bachelor of science degree at Guilford.

New Requirements For Athletic Scholarships

by *Jim Shields*

The Faculty Athletic Committee proposed, and the college instituted, a new set of requirements for the granting of athletic scholarships over the last semester. Under the system adopted, all incoming freshmen must have a 2.0 prediction (on the NCAA 4.0 scale) and most undergraduate athletes must also maintain a similar average to receive grants.

The committee includes in the new system a provision that seven times the amount of a full scholarship may be granted to student-athletes who do not achieve the required quality point average. This means that the various coaches who have scholarships to give are allowed to use the given amount of seven scholarships (about \$19,000) for seven or more students who did not get C averages.

If more than seven full grants are held by students who did not get a 2.0, some will lose their grant, according to the discretion of the coaching staff.

The Athletic Committee and the Financial Aid Committee jointly approved the new system

early last summer, and sent it to President Hobbs, who in turn reported it to the Board of Trustees. Upon approval there, it passed to the faculty, and there received final approval.

This new system technically went into effect last semester, but its actual effect will not be felt until next fall. At the end of the spring session, the status of each athlete will be determined to see if he is eligible to keep his grant or not. Any freshmen on scholarship next fall will predict 2.0.

Athletic Director Herb Appenzeller said Guilford is now attempting to attract good male students who are also good athletes. He also said he hoped all of the present scholarship athletes could make the grade.

Professor J.R. Boyd, chairman of the Faculty Athletic Committee, said he felt the measure established an active relationship between athletics and academics. Other members of the committee, from the faculty, are Jim Gutsell, Jim Gifford, Cyril Harvey, John Stoneburner, and Odeh Ali. Student representatives are

Michele Van Gobes and Jack Grossman. Ex-officio members are Jerry Godard, Bill Burris and President Hobbs.

Football coach Johnson had no comment about the measure in general, but said he would abide by any rules adopted by Guilford.

The majority of the Carolinas Conference colleges admit students on a 1.3 prediction. Guilford as a whole admits on 1.6, but scholarship athletes will not be admitted below 2.0.

Under the 1.3 prediction that Guilford used to both admit and give scholarship by, a student could be in the 50% range and score 600. At 1.6, if at 50% he had to have a college board score of 825. Thus the new system calls for quite a substantial increase than the QPA prediction of new student athletes.

There has been opposition to the new measure, mainly on the theme that it should not apply to those athletes who came to Guilford under a less stringent system, perhaps believing it would remain that way.

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Special Programs In Summer Sessions

Two joint summer school sessions sponsored by the Greensboro Tri-College Consortium - Greensboro, Bennett, and Guilford Colleges - will begin Monday, June 12, and Monday, July 17, according to Dr. William J. Lanier, consortium director.

The two five-week sessions will be held on the Greensboro College campus with night courses offered at the adjacent Downtown Campus of Guilford College. Of special interest will be nine courses dealing with instructing exceptional and mentally handicapped children, Lanier said.

Registration for both the first and second sessions will be held

June 12 and July 17 in the Recreation Hall of Main Building at Greensboro College. Registration will be held on those dates from 8:30 a.m. until noon and from 1 p.m. until 2:30 p.m.

A general meeting of all students will be held on Monday, June 12, at 4:30 p.m. in Odell Auditorium at Greensboro College.

New dormitories for men and women on the Greensboro College campus will be available to house both students taking day-time courses at Greensboro College and night courses at the Downtown Campus of Guilford College.

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