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Rationing may hit students

by Ron Hendren

(CPS) -- If gasoline rationing becomes a reality the nation's 1.6 million students who are attending out-of-state schools may have to go home an extra four times each year just to pick up their allotment of rationing coupons.

That's the way the Federal Energy Office's (FEO) proposal for a contingency rationing plan now reads, although energy officials stress the plan is still under study and suggestions for "refinements in the system" are welcome.

Under the plan, in the event gasoline rationing becomes necessary any licensed driver 18 or older would be eligible to receive an authorization card which, when presented every three months together with a driver's license, would entitle the driver to receive a quarterly supply of rationing coupons.

The hitch for out-of-state students is the proviso that, "coupons must be picked up in the same state in which the driver's license and authorization cards were issued."

The only exception to that rule applies to military personnel who "would be allowed to pick up coupons in their present state of residence by

presenting military identification cards in addition to their out-of-state driver's licenses and authorization cards."

One energy official said the agency was aware of the inconvenience the plan would likely cause for thousands of students, and that FEO was considering alternative means by which out-of-state students could pick up their coupons, possibly through the cooperation of college and university administration.

The official stressed that the agency genuinely wants to hear and consider the views of all persons who would be affected by rationing, and that the provisions of the proposed plan are not as yet final.

However, the deadline for submitting comments and suggestions was January 30. Although this deadline is not inflexible, those who have something to say should waste no time in sending a card or letter to: William E. Simon, Administrator, Box GR, Federal Energy Office, 1016 16th St., N.W. Washington, D.C. 20036.

The National Student Lobby and the National Student Association were among the first groups to oppose the provision requiring students to obtain rationing coupons in their home states.

"Imagine students

driving from Michigan to New York City or further to pick up rationing coupons four times a year," said Arthur Rodbell of the National Student Lobby, "...it constitutes an outrageous waste of energy resources," he said.

Both organizations filed formal complaints only hours within the January deadline.

Admission criteria attacked

(CPS) -- A Cornell University physician has charged that many graduate schools use health histories as criteria for admission.

Dr. Allyn Ley in a letter to *Science* magazine urged that the practice be stopped, describing it as "an unnecessary and unethical breach of confidentiality." Ley said that some students have avoided obtaining needed medical care in college health services because of fear that their acceptance to graduate school would be jeopardized.

Ley urged that health services at undergraduate schools refuse to provide medical records to graduate schools until after an applicant has been accepted.

Undergraduate schools now provide such data only at the written request of the student, but Ley said this is "irrelevant," since the student is "in no position to refuse to sign such a request."



Workmen have been busy for weeks readying the college center grounds for the dedication ceremony.

Student reports life in N.C. Legislature

by Cathy Rodenberg

At its best, legislative life, with its uncertainty, ambiguity, and inconclusiveness, can be extremely frustrating. This summarizes my initial impression of the N.C. General Assembly since I began my internship there this semester. My opportunity came when I applied for the internship which is a program sponsored under the auspices of the Political Science Department at NCSU, after deciding it was time for me to experience a practical application of all of my book-learned knowledge. (I wanted to see if I could use all the information and facts that have been stuffed into my head in the past four years!) Forty-odd applications were turned in, 25 were interviewed and 17 were selected in the final choice of legislative interns. I was ecstatic when I received my letter of acceptance.

The program is set up so the student can learn about state government while actually working in one of its branches. I am taking 12 hours of NCSU which consists of a 6-hour seminar, a graduate level course in Legislative Processes, and a course in state government. Course responsibilities consist of reading and 4 term papers.

Needless to say, the best part of the program is when I work in the legislature-Tuesday and Friday-averaging 25 hours per week. The internship is supplemented by certain fringe benefits such as a paycheck, but I have come to the conclusion that the experience I am gaining is more valuable than the salary.

The legislative coordinator of the program assigned each intern to a senator, representative or a committee, according to individual abilities and interests. I feel quite fortunate working for Sen. Gordon Allen, D-Person, who is President Pro-tempore of the Senate, and also Senator Majority leader. My assignment is concerned with the reorganization of the N.C. General Assembly for annual sessions. This must take into consideration such aspects as committee structure, staffing,

length of legislative session, and legislator's salary. Primarily, I am consulting other State legislatures who have made the transition from biennial to annual sessions, so as to establish a model for our state. My final report will provide a basis for any changes that are made.

Some of the other interns have assignments that are short term in length as opposed to my long-term assignment, such as gathering facts for bill-drafting or summarizing the present status of a statute. It varies according to the desires of the senator or representative. Also, the interns are all divided evenly between the two houses, so there is a good cross-section of benefits offered.

My opportunity to fulfill my ambition of gaining practical experience within the legislative process has certainly revealed itself. I hope to make the best of my experience.

ECU plans European excursion

If you are thinking about this summer and how to combine travel and study, the Political Science Department of East Carolina University is offering exactly that: a new experience in Western Europe and 9 easily transferable quarter credits. Visits will include Bonn, Amsterdam, Brussels, Paris, London, Copenhagen and Stockholm. Almost one hundred students have enjoyed this tour over the past six years.

Leaving on May 29, the group will be meeting with leading personalities in government, politics, business and labor management. This course should be attractive to students in many disciplines. It provides excellent contacts as well as a sound professional preparation.

To enable broad participation
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WORSHIP PROGRAM

The Wednesday morning worship service during the time of Lent will deal with the "Seven Last Words" of Jesus. These are the sayings of Jesus from the cross as recorded in the gospels. The first service in this series will be held on Wednesday, February 27, at 10:00 a.m. in the student center.

Dr. Edward Pruden, Pastor-in-residence for Meredith, will be the worship leader for the first service. The worship service will be centered on the first "word" of Jesus from the cross: "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." (Luke 23:34)

Other services on Wednesday will be concerned with the other sayings of Jesus from the cross. All students, faculty, and staff are cordially invited to participate in these worship services.

YDC WORKSHOP

The College Federation of the NC Young Democratic Clubs is sponsoring a Lobbying Workshop at Meredith on Saturday, February 23, 1974, at 11:00. The purpose of the workshop is to inform interested young democrats of pending issues in this session of the legislature. Tax reform

and land use planning are examples of subjects needing special consideration. The sponsors of the bills will be present along with representatives from Common Cause to speak to the group. Any interested persons are welcome.

STUDENT LEGISLATURE

The N.C. Student Legislature will meet in Raleigh, March 4-10 at the Sir Walter Hotel. The Legislature is for students from U.N.C., Duke, Meredith, N.C. State and Peace. Interested students contact Cindy Snipes, 3rd Barefoot.

LOST BOOK

LOST: Bergey's Manual of Determination Bacteriology, 7th ed. R.S. Breed, E.G.D. Murray, and N.R. Smith: Baltimore, The Williams and Wilkins Company, 1957. Please return to Dr. Clara Bunn, Biology Dept.

"Give a hoot,
don't pollute."

THE COLLEGE CENTER ASSOCIATION

cordially invites all Faculty, administration and students

to the

Country Carnival
6-10 p.m. - Feb. 25

cake walk!

musical chairs!

square dance!

with

Homer Briarhopper
and his band

Everybody welcome!

Weatherspoon Gym