

Professor Advocates Political Change

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A change in the way Americans nominate presidential candidates is being suggested by a political

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Dr. William R. Keech favors reform of the present primary nominating system and offers an alternative he feels would be more organized and structure.

"The present system is unplanned and chaotic," explained Keech. "Different state primaries are often scheduled for the same day and candidates can avoid entering a primary because of a possible defeat. As a result, a lot of primaries aren't meaningful."

Keech favors setting up a national nominating policy based on state primaries held in five or six states. This would eliminate the problems of overlapping elections and all of the candidates could be listed on the ballot.

Religion In Black Lifestyle

The Black Student Movement (BSM) at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill is presenting several speakers, panel discussions and campus groups this week to celebrate Black History Week (Feb. 9-16).

According to Cookie Bell, chairman of the BSM Cultural Committee, the scheduled activities should make black students, at the University and Chapel Hill community aware of the achievements blacks are making in the present and have made in the past. The program also will explore some black problems and their causes.

All of the programs, which are open to the public will be held in Upendo Lounge in Chase Cafeteria at UNC.

A graduate student panel discussion on health problems will be held at 8 p.m. Thursday (Feb. 13). Students from the UNC School of Public Health will discuss some of the most common health-related problems affecting blacks and possible ways of controlling them.

The BSM Drame Group will perform at 6:30 p.m. Saturday (Feb. 15). This group has been presenting plays on the UNC campus for several years.

The states, which would be different in each presidential election, probably would be selected by some federal agency, Keech said. The order of primaries should range

be representative of the various regions.

"There is no guarantee my idea would work better than the present system," Keech said, "but I am in favor of reform and I feel my alternative is the best of those suggested."

Other alternatives to the present nominating policy include setting up a national primary or a system of regional primaries. Keech feels that a national primary would be too expensive and unknown candidates would not have a fair chance against those individuals already known by the public.

Keech, who has done an extensive study on the current nominating policy and alternatives, admits it is difficult to design any system that will insure good candidates or good presidents. However, any system should try to insure fairness and openness, he said.

The press could play a more important role in nominating candidates according to Keech. "The media have a tendency to cover pseudo events and trivia," he explained. "They should do more assessing of qualifications."

He admits the media might be somewhat restrained in evaluating candidates more carefully because of credibility problems.

Annual Session Is Held

The 22nd Annual Mid-year Session of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina convened in Raleigh, N. C. recently at the Raleigh Memorial Auditorium. The session theme: "His Message- Our Hope". Luke 4:14-20. This session was for the Senior, the Young Adult and the Youth Departments. President J. B. McLester presided. The 1975 Budgets adopted were: Spiritual- 200 Souls to Christ. Financial- \$200.00 for objectives. A joint session of all departments was held. Delegates from New Bethel were Mrs. Essie M. Wilson; Mrs. Ella Wallace; Mrs. Marie Leak; Mrs. Helen Jones; Mrs. Erma Frazier; Cynthia Ellis and Fredrick Coleman represented the Junior Department.

How To Cut Home Heating Costs

Insulating your home is one way to deal with those ever-rising heating bills you have been hit with this winter. If you spend some money and time insulating your home, you'll soon get a return on your investment in the way of smaller heating (and cooling) bills, says the Better Business Bureau.

If you're handy around the house, there are a lot of insulating steps you can take yourself. Set aside a Saturday and caulk and weatherstrip windows and doors. It won't take long and it won't cost much, but you may save as much as 10 percent in fuel bills, according to the Federal Energy Administration. If you've got a one-quarter-inch gap at the base of your front door it's like having a nine-square-inch hole in the side of your house.

Another thing you can do yourself is to install storm windows. The most convenient type are combination storm and screen windows, because you don't have to remove them in mild weather. Or you can tape clear plastic film to window frames and still get the effect of storm windows, but for a fraction of the cost.

Putting in attic insulation to a depth of six inches will save you a lot of money. (Insulating walls will also yield savings, but this is difficult to do after a house is built.) The blanket or batt type of insulation is made of mineral wool, glass fiber, cellulose, or other materials and comes in big rolls. It's easy to use but do remember: wear a mask, gloves and protective clothing when you install it. There are other types of insulation, some of which require the work of a

contractor. The board type will not only insulate your home but will give it added structural strength. The loose

or fill type of insulation is usually applied by blowing the material in through removable shingles or clapboards. But

don't try this yourself; hire a skilled contractor. Improper application can result in bulges and cracks in your home -- inside and out.

Food Town Opens Unit

Food Town Stores, Inc., with headquarters in Salisbury, announced recently the opening of its twenty-third unit in Charlotte on Wednesday, January 29.

The new unit, located on Lawyers Road just off Albemarle Road in Charlotte, is a 21,400 square foot facility, and is the second Food Town Store in Charlotte.

Food Town, considered one of the fastest growing super market chains in the Southeast has seen sales mushroom from

\$5 million in 1967 to more than \$100 million anticipated in 1975.

The super market chain generates its sales volume through the use of "over 5,500 every day low prices." The company uses as its slogan "LFPINC" -- "Lowest Food Prices In North Carolina."

Additional Food Town Stores are scheduled to open in Monroe in late February, and in Gastonia in March. Three other locations are currently under consideration in Charlotte.