

Senate Reports

by Sharon Deck

New grievance procedures for non-academic employees, a statement of University objectives and goals, a streamlined curriculum decision system, and a cost analysis of educational programs highlighted the work of the University Senate this year.

Senate committee chairmen reported on their activities at a sparsely-attended University Assembly on Monday. During the meeting, an annual requirement under the University Constitution, Chancellor Colvard discussed improvements in enrollment, physical plant, academic programs, and planning.

An abbreviated version of the long-range planning committee's statement of goals and objectives will be circulated soon. Although the document has been approved by the University Senate, final implementation must await discussion and approval by the entire University community.

The long-range planning committee also urged the establishment of a permanent planning office, because they felt that their committee was inadequate for handling the day-to-day details of planning. The University has requested state appropriations for such an office, but has never received them. What little planning has been done, was made possible by private gifts.

Student Bill Sigmon, chairman of the Senate's university affairs committee, called for implementation of a streamlined procedure of curriculum decision making. At present, curriculum changes must be approved by three separate committees at the University level, a procedure that delays passage of even the most routine proposals.

The committee suggested a single academic policy committee, composed of one representative from each college. The committee would review any proposal brought before it by a college representative. If no objections to the proposed curriculum change were voiced in 14 days, the proposal would automatically be passed. If there were objections, the committee would "use its good offices" to attempt a settlement of the issue.

Sigmon called for more student input into curriculum development, especially at the departmental and college levels. He also suggested the dissolution of inactive or unnecessary committees, and a conscious attempt to get more and different students and professors to serve on present committees.

The Senate personnel committee, chaired by Dr. Ronald Simono, has prepared a six-page set of procedures on employee questions and problems, which will serve as a grievance mechanism for non-academic employees. Implementation of this proposal, as with other Senate proposals, must await Administration approval.

Dr. Simono suggested three areas for future committee work: the development of effective in-service programs for faculty, the development of means of student participation in grade evaluations, and cooperation with the American Association of University Professors on a statement of the rights and responsibilities of the teaching faculty.

The finance committee, under the chairmanship of Dr. Tom Turner, has been studying the cost of educational programs and activities, in hopes that such information could be used in planning the development of the University. Although the results of this year's research are too crude to be useful, the committee feels that useful information can be gleaned from currently available data.

Dr. Turner also suggested that the University investigate a new "higher education management system," a computer setup that would facilitate both long-range planning and day-to-day administrative work. Part of the system is currently being used here.

Enrollment next year will be up more than 16 per cent, slightly exceeding the projection, according to Chancellor Colvard's statement. All spaces in the women's residence are filled, and less than one floor of rooms are still available for men.

An addition to the University Center has been approved. Eventually, it will be connected with the administration building to form a three-building university affairs complex. This will entail the construction of a new administration building in the future. The most pressing needs, the Chancellor said, are for an Earth-Life Sciences building and a high-rise office-classroom building. Tentative plans call for the completion of these buildings by 1975.

Masters degree programs in Chemistry, Biology, and Geography have also been approved, subject to funding by the 1973 state legislature. Other new programs will have to wait until the new Board of Governors has been activated, Dr. Colvard said.

Jordan going to court

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Dr. Leonard Jordan, recently fired from his post as sociology professor, will file suit this week in two courts to seek reinstatement. Defendants in the suit are the University; Dr. William H. McEniry, vice-chancellor for academic affairs; Dr. Norman Schul, dean of the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences; and Dr. Barbara Goodnight, chairman of the Sociology Department.

Dr. Jordan's attorney, George Daly, has applied for a hearing in Federal District Court. It will take about 30 days for the case to be placed on the docket.

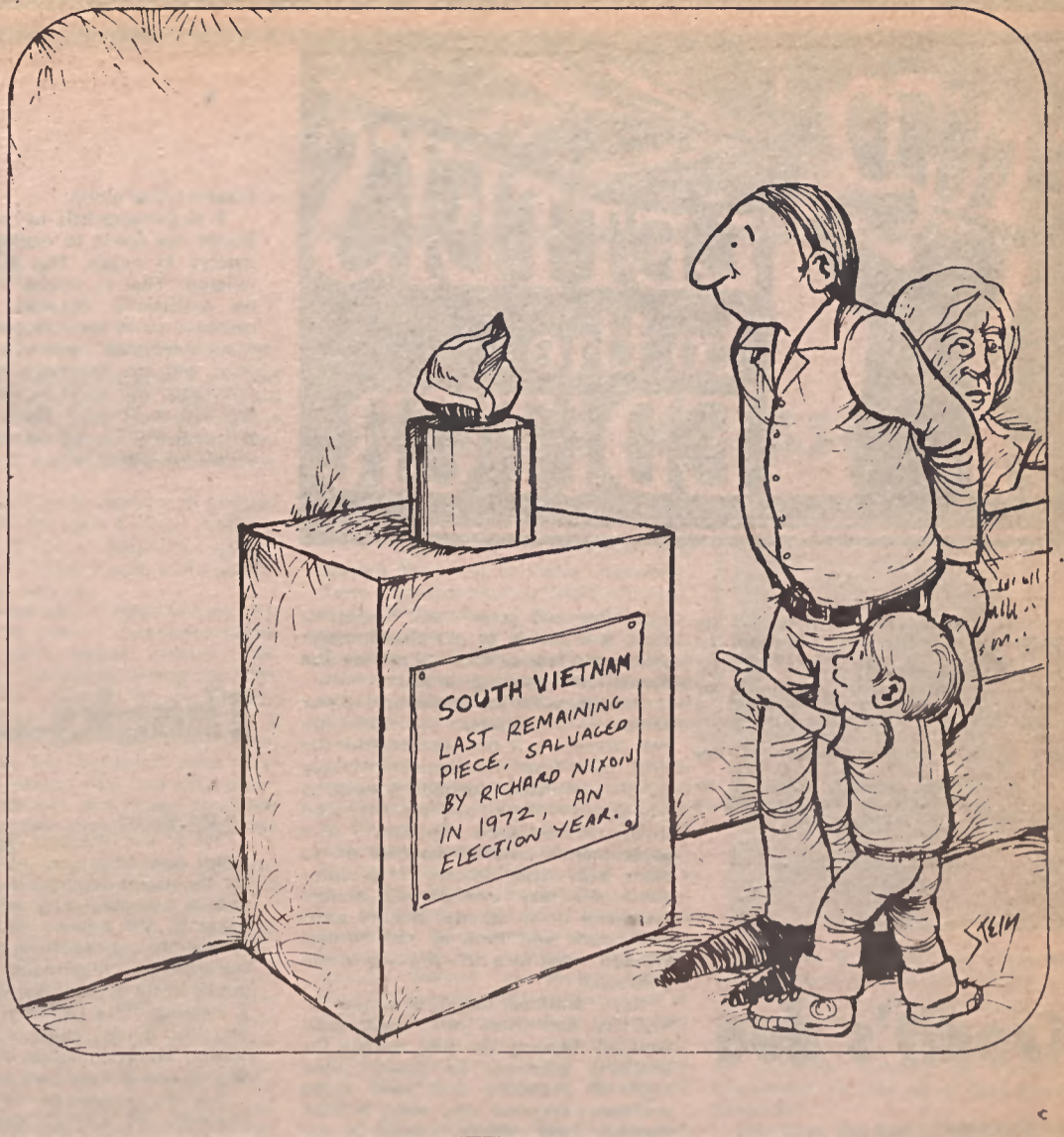
This Tuesday, Daly will file suit in University Court here. The case, which will be the court's first, will be heard as soon as the court can be activated. Jordan will also submit the lawsuit as a last appeal to Dr. William Friday, president of the Consolidated University.

Jordan contends that his dismissal violated his rights under the United States Constitution.

The complaint outlines the charges made against Jordan by the defendants. These include "a life style that simply is not acceptable," "a dogmatic, super critical and a generally suspicious attitude," a lack of "compatibility and cooperativeness," "dogmatism and recalcitrance with respect to persons in authority, and an attempt to 'polarize' the sociology faculty."

In the complaint Jordan states that the termination of his contract was done "on account of plaintiff's exercise of constitutionally protected rights, and was arbitrary and capricious."

Dr. Jordan is asking the court to temporarily restrain the University to hold his present position open for him, to enjoin the University to reappoint him and to give him a statement of the reasons for his dismissal and a hearing at which he can respond to any charges, and that Jordan be allowed to recover court costs and attorney's fees in the action.



Anti-bombing rally

by J. Charles Autrey

The sun did not shine on the student strikers Friday, April 21, in their half-the-bombing efforts. The Rally, led by some UNCC students, ended the week-long petition campaign by the local Vietnam Veterans against the war. The morning began with a few workers passing out arm bands and petitions to who ever would take them, and there were not many takers. Reactions to the petition to halt the bombing varied from enthusiasm, through apathy (I'm really apathetic about the whole thing," said SGA president Stan Patterson.) to "I think we ought to put the Kitty Hawk in Haiphong Harbor and Blow 'em all to hell!"

Things plodded along until the rally began at 11:30 in the Parquet Room. Shortly before the rally's beginning, here were only about 35 people in the audience. But as the beginning neared, the room filled with people coming not only to hear the music provided by two guitar strumming UNCC students, but to stay and listen to speeches made by students, faculty members of the community, and Dr. Hallgarten, a visiting professor.

Dr. Hall, UNCC History professor, opened the rally with a short, eloquent

trade to stop the bombing and the war in the interests of human decency "Are we too deaf to hear the screams of a Vietnamese baby burning in napalm, even over the span of fifteen thousand miles?"

Andrea Soloman, also of the History Department, told the audience of the atrocities the U. S. has afflicted on its ally, South Vietnam:

23 million bomb craters 40 feet wide and 26 feet deep.

8 billion pounds of explosives dropped on South Vietnamese countryside.

Enough prime forest destroyed by defoliants to occupy the land area of Massachusetts.

and much, much more.

Possibly the most important contribution came when Dr. Hallgarten, author of a book on dictatorship, addressed the gathering with a statement he prepared for his own students. He traced, in detail, 2000 years of foreign involvement in Vietnam from ancient China and Japan through French and later U. S. colonialism. He described step-by-step the process by which the U. S. was led by monetary interests into an increasingly entangled financial and

military involvement at the costs of 55,000 American lives and innumerable other resources all in the name of protecting the U. S. from purported "communist menace." In the end, he asked the body assembled to vote for a presidential candidate committed to withdrawal from Vietnam and peace for their citizens. After he finished, the crowd answered him with over a minute of standing ovation.

After Hallgarten, here was a succession of speakers from the VVAW, the labor movement, and the general student body. The Daily Worker was sold outside the Parquet room as the students left for a 15 minute intermission before seeing My Lai 4 a documentary interview of four My Lai veterans. Their reactions to the incident ranged from remorse through indifference through acceptance of the search-and-destroy mission (of which My Lai 4 was one of many) as good military practice. Said one Ex-GI after observing that the Vietnamese did not resist, but merely huddled together and allowed themselves to be gunned down en masse, "Those Vietnamese are crazy; they just don't understand life"

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Elections invalid

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According to the Board of Elections, the results of last week's elections have been thrown out. New elections will be held next Thursday and Friday for Media Board, Class Presidents, Student Judges, Student Legislators, and Sanskirt editor.

In an interview, Randy Russel, Elections Board Chairman, said the ballots were not counted because of several violations of elections procedure by the Board itself. The action was taken on request of a letter written by Kenneth "Fish" Foster and

signed by three other candidates and 6 other students. The alleged (and admitted) violations were:

- 1) The polls in the dorms, slated to open on Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and from 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. did not open on schedule (if at all)
- 2) On Wednesday, the commuter's poll in the University Center was not located in a marked-off, restricted area, allowing the candidates to come within 15 feet of the ballot box.
- 3) Campaign posters were also found to be within 15 feet of the polling place, another violation of election rules.

The Election Committee offered to extend the polling dates until Friday, but, under Foster's threat to take the matter to student Superior Court, the Board agreed to throw out last week's results and hold new elections this Thursday and Friday.

When asked if a statement circulated accusing Sanskirt editor candidate Dean Duncan of publicity violations, had any bearings on the board's ruling, Russel said that no petition had been submitted, so therefore the matter had not been considered.

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