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## Legislature Shocks Media

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In a surprise move Monday 1 April, the members of the Student Legislature voted to have a student referendum on the literary magazine, *Sanskrit*, and the yearbook, *Rogues 'n Rascals*.

The motion, introduced by Eric Stenstrom, commuter representative, would have asked the students to vote on April 22-23 to take student fees away from the two campus publications and put them on a subscription basis.

Another part of the motion asked that the media be chartered by the legislature's judicial committee, thus placing the media under the control of the legislature.

Stenstrom, in speaking for his motion, asserted that many students were concerned that they had no voice in the spending of their student fees.

Asked by Attorney General Bill Frye, in attendance with several members of the media who had been

informed in advance of the legislature's intentions, just what sort of poll had been conducted, Chicken Little (Cary Miller), proxying for Kat Braswell, replied that it had been a straw poll.

Debate was cut off rather quickly and motion passed 6-4.

After the motion was passed, debate continued and Ed Hendricks, SBG president, gave notice that since no study had been made as to whether students wanted the

yearbook and literary magazine or not, asking that fees be taken away constituted a drastic step.

Hendricks gave notice to the legislature that the motion would be vetoed.

After the meeting, an emergency session of the Student Media Board was held in the Journal office. Members of the media contributed the following information:

-if student fees were taken away from the yearbook, the annual that students are now paying \$2.50 in student fees for would cost each student a minimum of \$8.50.

-on a subscription basis, the cost of the *Sanskrit*, according to Jeffery Beame, would be at least \$10.00. Students are now receiving the literary magazine at no cost except for what is being taken from their student fees.

Media Board members were informed that there would be another legislature meeting on the subject on Wednesday 3 April 1974.

In later interviews, President Hendricks said that he had been consulted about the legislature move a week in advance.

The motion, the brainchild of Chicken Little, had originally included similar provisions for *WVFN* and the *Journal*, but

Hendricks informed the proponents of the motion that he would veto it immediately if the two medias were included. His reasons, he later said, were that the campus newspaper and radio station were viable and necessary organizations. He did feel, however, that students should be asked if they wished a yearbook and literary magazine.

He vetoed the motion Monday at the request of Eric Stenstrom, who realized after the vote that the motion was hasty and ill-researched.

Stenstrom told the *Journal* that he had been approached by several people to make the motion to the legislature.

"The idea was to give the students a choice," he said. "It turned out to be half-baked. We wanted to give the students a choice, but we didn't know how to go about it. Turned out that we didn't take the proper procedure. Maybe we were taking too much privilege. I wish I'd never introduced the thing."

The legislators who had a stake in the motion met after the meeting on Monday and decided to ask that a straw poll asking student opinion on the yearbook and literary magazine would be included in the second series of the spring elections.

## Legislature

After the reception of the resignation of Mr. Bill Frye from the position of Attorney General, the legislature approved David Sturgis as the new Attorney General and Jim Olmstead as Student Legal Counsel at the student legislature meeting of 1 April 1974. The legislators requested that Vice-chancellor Mulcher be present at the next meeting to answer questions concerning the raise in the parking fees.

Subpoenas were issued by the Judicial Committee to William Mike Morris of the UNCC College Republican Club, the president of Moore Hall, and presidents of Dorms '72 and '73.

A motion was made by Commuter Representative Eric Stenstrom and seconded by Chicken Little (Cary Miller) to include a referendum in a special election prospective amendments to the Student Constitution. To be voted upon in a "for or against" form, were amendments which would eliminate all monies coming from the Fees Commission to the literary magazine *Sanskrit*, and the UNCC yearbook, *Rogues 'n Rascals*, and funding them primarily through subscription only. The third amendment was to ultimately place the media, technically, under the jurisdiction of the Student Body Government (SBG) by requiring them to be chartered by the Judicial Committee of the student legislature. The referendum was approved by a vote of 8-6 by the legislature and would have been sent to the Elections Board had not the president, Ed Hendricks, applied his vetoing power to the motion by explaining that the consequences of these amendments were not fully

considered, such as the question of whether the Fees Commission would, as a result, cut back on finances or simply reallocate the sum originally given to *Sanskrit* and *Rogues 'n Rascals*. Also brought to the attention of the legislators by Bill Frye was the amount and degree to which each media were investigated before a referendum of

this type was prepared, which appeared to have not been done at all. Mr. Hendricks ended the meeting by suggesting that a thorough investigation be made as to the student opinion and each of the media's opinions on the nature of the amendments before any drastic measures are taken.

## Court and Justice

To: Chancellor D.W. Colvard  
Fm: E.D. Hendricks, President of the Student Body  
cc: Members of the University Court  
Dean Rash

*It has become increasingly apparent that the University Court has been involved in a gross miscarriage of justice. The enclosed letters from the Student Attorney General and from the Media Board Representative, both of which are substantiated by tape recordings of the Court's proceedings, will serve to confirm this claim.*

*Furthermore, it is the contention of this office that the University Court has no right to assume jurisdiction over cases involving solely student matters. I have, therefore, informed the Attorney General that students will no longer appear before the University Court in cases involving disputes between students, and we will not be bound by the Court's decisions, until such time as the Constitutional Review Committee revises the structure and authority of this court.*

*We will, of course, abide by your decisions in this matter, but until such time as we are officially informed of your decision, my directive of non-compliance remains in effect.*

## NCNB Awards

Every year the North Carolina National Bank sponsors a gala banquet to honor the entire UNCC faculty. At this banquet are presented the **NCNB Awards For Faculty Excellence**. This award is one way in which the members of the campus community, faculty, students and alumni get a chance to express their views concerning their feelings towards the abilities of the many faculty members here at UNCC.

Faculty members are nominated for this award through letters of nomination submitted by the various members of the campus community, but the most accurate responses concerning teacher ability come from the presently enrolled students and alumni. Faculty members are urged to recommend their

counterparts. According to Dr. Jamgotch of the NCNB Awards Committee, 2200 letters have been mailed to alumni, asking them to recommend someone for this award.

A lot of people agree that the teacher evaluation forms which are passed out every semester are not important and don't really mean anything but here is a real chance for the student body to indicate their teacher preferences, it gives us the chance, as Dr. Jamgotch said, to "focus attention on an area so important to students...faculty excellence."

Deadline for letters of nomination is next Monday, April 15 so hurry and get those letters in to the NCNB Award Committee, c/o Office of Academic Affairs.

## Elections

Due to a contest in elections procedures, there will be a weeks delay in voting. The delay comes after a report filed by Kenneth Foster and Chicken Little to the Elections Board concerning the adequacy of notifications of nominations and the unfiled report on reappointment of the legislature.

The elections scheduled to occur on this Tuesday and Wednesday will not be allowed to go on as planned. Next Tuesday and Wednesday (9 and 10 April) will see the actual voting.

All nominations must be re-submitted between Wednesday 3