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Legislature sends letter of censure to Student Affairs

Results of Election

*STUDENT BODY CONSTITUTION
For-51 Against-25

†STUDENT FEES COMMISSION STATUTES
For-46 Against-28

*The Student Body Constitution fails. A two-thirds majority of all votes cast were necessary for passage of the document. The student body will remain under the operation of the present constitution, not approved by the Chancellor, until revisions can be made in the proposed constitution and it can be brought before the students again.

†Passes.

Senate organizing three committees

By Brad Rich

According to Barry Jenkins, the first student chairman of the University Senate's Long Range Planning Committee, "Basically the Senate is composed of students and is an advisory body to the Chancellor. We are charged with specific issues by him, and are supposed to make recommendations to him."

In the next year, the Senate will be doing a number of things. The first article of business will be to investigate the need for additional building space on campus. Also, the committee will look at the five-year plan, and attempt to project facilities needs by the year 1980. Jenkins puts part of the blame for the difficulty of campus expansion on East Carolina. "It is exceedingly difficult to receive funds from the state legislature," he said, "And ECU has made it more difficult."

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Budgeting also must be included in the Planning Committee's work. Jenkins said, "there must be budgeting limitations, of course. We could plan an entire new campus, but that would be ridiculous."

Another duty of the Senate is to maintain a close liaison between the University Administration and the students. "We could call for a review of programs or proposals of the Administration if something off campus affected the University, but this is expensive and would only be done in the most dire circumstances."

Both Jenkins and Dr. Liner

emphasized the fact that to serve on a Senate committee, a student need not have any Senate experience. Interest is all that is required, and lots of help is needed. The committees had not been formed yet, so interested members of the University community should get in touch with Senate members in able to serve.

Doug Lemer, Chairman of the Human Relations Committee, said, "it serves to make recommendations to the University Senate and the Chancellor on all matters that bear on a University Citizen's relationship with the University. The subjects and areas of concern of the Committee are perhaps the most diverse of any of the standing committees of the Senate due to the circumstances that bring things before us. While the Long Range Planning and Finance Committees serve in areas that, because of their nature, require following priorities established by the University administration, the Human Relations Committee must meet needs as they arise within the University. These needs and functions include the origination of University policies that establish rights and responsibilities for citizens."

"Some of our plans for this semester will be to work with the newly forming Staff Organization, look into problems affecting appeal procedures for complaints arising out of parking violations, working with the Chancellor's Task Force investigating compliance with Title IX and continuing our on-going research into all areas related to the citizen's role and relationship with the whole University."

"Our long range plans will take into consideration the possibility of the University growing into University City. In order to enable such an intellectual and research oriented community to flourish without a strong political base, thorough research into guaranteed rights of residents must be investigated and established long before plans for a community are developed. The Human Relations Committee hopes to be able to consider these important elements over the years."

By Michael Evans

In the November 25, 1975 meeting of the Student Legislature, the body sent a letter of condemnation and censure to the Student Affairs Department on campus.

The bill stated, "The Student Legislature of the Student Government of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte does condemn and censure the Office of Student Affairs in response to the arbitrary decision by that office to revoke the student body's right to direct, organize and structure the new student orientation and the Orientation Committee."

"This function, a traditionally student-directed venture, stands as one of the more viable student directed functions on this campus, one which lends itself to the concepts of students exerting influence in their own existence, insofar as determining and creating means for conveying freely their own opinions and constructive evaluations of the purpose, functions and future growth of the University."

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stands resolved to be wholly, irrevocably and unequivocally opposed to any means, by any group or individual, that threatens to stand in the way of free expression, the dissemination of diverse opinion and the right of students to constructively and continually have input and direction into areas that are the students' jurisdiction."

Dennis Rash, Dean of Students, spoke at the December 2 meeting of the Student Legislature, about the letter. Rash said there had been a strong issue in the Legislature for the past few years as to whether or not the Orientation Committee should be funded out of student activity fees. He said this year the Committee was paid for by an additional orientation cost to each incoming student. Rash went on to explain why he had chosen Betty Chafin, Assistant Dean of Students, over the two students who had been placed in

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nomination for the chairmanship of the Orientation Committee. He said, "We feel very strongly there is a need for continuity."

The Legislature voted on whether the letter to the Student Affairs Department should stand, following Rash's speech, and agreed it should.

In the first of two meetings, the Legislature went into a Rules Committee as a whole to discuss having a prayer at the beginning of each meeting. Bobby Roberts, chairman of the Rules Committee, said he laughed at the proposal when it was first brought up, but after investigation and seeing that a number of state legislatures did it, he changed his mind.

"I believe that prayer during Legislature would be an infringement of my personal rights. I would like to remind this body that our purpose for being here, according to our constitution, is, 'to insure personal freedom...and to assist in the formation and execution of the policies of the university'" said Gene Russell.

Jeff Sturkey felt meditation before the meeting would be more effective. Greg Davis, chairman of the Executive Committee of the Legislature said, "I am not going to say you'll go to hell if you don't vote for this issue. That's not for me to decide." The issue was sent back to committee with the Legislature still making no decision on the matter.

Chairman Davis Trotter chose Frances Dolley, Steve Morris, Gene Russell and Pat Rose to be on the Legislative Committee to investigate the overall allocation of funds by the Student Legislature. Ms. Dolley was selected to head the committee.

In other action, secondary charters were approved for the Forever Generation and the Way-Campus Outreach, while primary charters were approved for the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME), the International Club and the UNCC Christian Fellowship.

Speed 'bumps' in Dorm lot serve as warning

By Steve Bass

Motorists driving through UNCC's dorm parking lot have noticed, and have been complaining recently about, installed speed bumps. The asphalt hazards were requested jointly by the Residence Life Advisors' office, and the office of Security to aid motorists, and at protect students walking to and from the dorms.

Jerry Hudson, Director of campus Security, stated the problem had been studied by security for some time. "We have attempted using radar and general police crackdowns combating this problem. Speed bumps seemed the cheapest,

most efficient solution."

"Basically the bumps were installed to protect students from speeding drivers and give relief to drivers entering the area. We were afraid we might have some problems because the vision between the cars is bad at that point." It is believed by forcing cars to slow down, hopefully the potential of accidents will be decreased. However, speed bumps are not extremely popular among students. Hudson says, "We've had some students up in arms, in here bitching about the situation. But, after the first time they hit a bump they'll remember to slow down."