

Student Legislators fired up in heated debates

By Bill Peschel

Five vetoes, budgets and rejection of a presidential nominee highlighted last Tuesday's meeting of the Student Legislature.

In a debate carried over from the previous meeting, the legislature refused approval of Student Body President Larry Springs' nominee for the vacant humanities seat. The Ways and Means Committee beforehand had denied recommendation of ex-legislator Mike Kemp citing his attitude, being out of order in session and his unexcused absences. The debate following was heated, prompting the chairman to call several persons out of order.

Ward Simmons, student body government treasurer, was called out of order for asking Kemp if he is bringing a suit against Ways and Means for not approving him. At one point, Carol Nunnally, in defense of Ways and Means, said Kemp never assigned himself to a committee last year, a violation of the by-laws. This prompted Jamie MacDonald to admit last year she was not assigned to one either. Another debate followed as to the extent of Ways and Means responsibility for orienting new legislators. Feelings ran high on both sides of the issue, with one legislator commenting, "If you approve Kemp over (David, chairperson of Ways and Means) Currie, you are showing a lack of faith in not one but five persons."

Tom Chumley, head of Elections Committee, said if the legislature turned down Kemp,

"you're turning away someone who could be a great addition to the legislature." The final vote was 7-5-4. Voting no or abstaining on the motion was Kevin Ashley, Kay Cloniger, Priscilla Davis, Chip Ferguson, Clay Fitzgerald, Joel Gilland, Mark Matheson, Nunnally and Donna Tracey.

The session began with Springs' vetoes of five motions passed previously by the legislature. One motion vetoed had separated the Student Financial Service's budget from the executive budget and was approved. Springs claimed this move was illegal saying the budget was previously sent back to Finance Committee.

Through the motion, the legislature was, in effect, bypassing committee approval. Later, a motion introduced by Clay Fitzgerald overrode the veto (12-3-1).

The president vetoed legislative approval of Barbara Bland as assistant attorney general, saying, by law, his approval was not given, "but I am sure approval can be granted." Bland's responsibility was to collect bad debts for the Student Financial Service (SFS). A motion introduced by Ferguson to override the veto failed (9-3-3).

His veto of Bland's approval prompted a brief exchange between Springs and Attorney General Billie Stickell. While the legislature was debating the override motion, Stickell asked Springs out loud, "Want to give your approval now?" Springs replied, "I told you we'll be meeting tomorrow to

discuss it."

Spring also vetoed about \$2,000 allocated by the legislature for office renovations saying, "everyone has been talking about how tight money is and yet you give \$2,000 on office renovations." The motion limiting the president and chairman of the legislature to five minutes in their reports before the legislature

was also vetoed by the president.

In other business, a motion granting the Bowling Club a secondary charter was granted after a motion temporarily suspending a part of the Chartering Act was approved by the legislature. The section suspended would have required a one week wait before the motion would have been voted on.

Cathy Ballard, business administration representative, was removed from her seat in a 14-0-2 vote by the legislature. The Rules Committee recommended she be removed because she had more unexcused absences from meetings than was permissible.

The budgets for the following clubs were ap-

proved: Circle K, Treasurer's and Elections Committee portion of the executive budget, Association of Biology Graduate Students and Holshouser Hall. A motion by Renee Gaddy to accept the student body president's budget was ruled out of order by the chairperson of the legislature.

UNCC four years behind

By Luann Whitley

In 1974 a five year plan was devised for the growth of UNCC. The plan was put into effect for the years 1975-76 through 1979-80. The five year plan was a state requirement therefore all 16 universities in the system entered individual growth plans.

Ed Ayers, director of the Physical Plant, explained UNCC in effect

uses the plan on the basis of student need rather than a time schedule. Roughly UNCC is about four years behind according to the plan. When the new classroom/office building is finished we will be closer to the original plan for expansion in 1978-79.

"We would rather construct the things planned when they are needed

rather than be left with empty dorms or unused classroom space," Ayers said.

UNCC had to build the plan in congruence to the plans of the growth of the city of Charlotte. The expansion of the college depends greatly upon the future of Charlotte and the surrounding area.

Due to money limitations, construction of needed classroom, dorm space and faculty offices is often slowed.

Every two years the "five year plan" is looked at by the university

in order to determine the priorities when submitting a financial needs statement to the government. With the exception of the every two year study, the plan has not been formally updated to meet UNCC's needs since the spring of 1975.

Ayers said the plan is set up for five years simply because that is as far as one can project into the future and be realistic.

The "five year plan" is an on-going program and will be used throughout the future of UNCC.

We Were Wrong

In the Oct. 17 story on budgets, several errors were made. Motions setting the buffer zone for Student Legislature were \$2,918, not \$2,198 as reported. The slash from \$4,000 to \$1,850 was from the president's budget, not the executive branch.

A more serious error in the same story was made concerning Student Body Government Treasurer Ward Simmons. Simmons

reported there was \$16,000 in budget requests pending before the Finance Committee. The committee had only \$11,000 to work with. Therefore, extensive cuts of about \$5,000 must be made from those budgets. The Student Legislature is not in danger of overspending as originally reported. We apologize to Simmons for any trouble this may have caused him.

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