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Public loudly endorses Consumer Utilities' bid

by Sandra Millers
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Orange County citizens expressed overwhelming support for the Consumers Utilities Corporation's bid for the University-owned utilities, to select the Consumers bid over bids by Duke Power Co. and Central Telephone and Utilities Corp. (Southern Bell). Consumers Utilities Corporation is a local public corporation formed specifically to purchase the utilities.

"I have yet to find anyone who's opposed to the acceptance of the Consumers bid," said UNC law student and Chapel Hill Alderman Gerry Cohen.

State senatorial candidate Charles Vickery, who has already voiced support of the Consumers bid, also affirmed the public support for Consumers and emphasized that "no decision is so vital to a community as one concerning the distribution of utilities."

A series of comments centered around an

unfavorable analysis of the Consumers bid by the UNC Business Office and Assistant Vice-Chancellor John Temple, which predicts higher utilities under Consumers ownership and implies that the utilities should be sold to an established company.

Representatives of Orange County Citizens for Alternative Power (OCCAP), an ad-hoc citizens' group advocating public ownership of the utilities, spear-headed criticism of Temple's analysis and the two private companies.

OCCAP spokesman Bob McMahan argued that Southern Bell's rates are already higher than current Chapel Hill rates, challenging a formal appraisal of the bids which assumed Consumers' rates would rise while Bell's would remain the same.

The only opinion opposing the Consumers bid came from former Cornell electrical engineering professor Barry Cradle. He recommended the sale of the telephone system to Southern Bell to gain

the benefit of Bell's advanced satellite communications technology.

Commenting on the bids for the electric and water systems, OCCAP representative Kerry Fowler noted Duke Power's current request for an unprecedented 17 per cent rate hike and quoted a Duke official who called Duke's financial condition among the "poorest in the entire industry."

Fowler also criticized the company's failure to end a year-old miner's strike for better health and safety standards at a Duke-owned mine in Kentucky, as well as excessive advertising and charitable donations.

"Do we need a power company that feels a need to explain itself to us with our money?" he asked.

OCCAP spokeswoman Len Stanley expressed bewilderment at the UNC Business Office's failure to analyze bids other than Consumers, an omission they have attributed to the difficulty of assessing the financial capabilities of the larger companies.

"What kind of answer is that from a financial analyst?" Stanley asked. "We (OCCAP) had no problem predicting the impact of Duke's ownership of the utilities."

Stanley gave calculations which predicted a 100 per cent Duke rate increase over the next 10 years as compared to the 22.62 per cent Consumers rate increase predicted for the next decade by Temple's analysis.

Comments from other speakers reflected

public concern that the commission is already decided and sparked a sharp reply from commission member Ned Huffman. Responding to a charge by UNC graduate student Ed Humburger of "biased, undemocratic and less than legitimate" conduct by the commission prior to the public hearing, Huffman said, "I take personal offense to the inference that this commission is stacked. Any more of this and you may find you don't have a commission."

Huffman's remarks brought hisses from the crowd and were challenged by Harry Boyte who noted that "elected officials are accountable," and emphasized guarding against possible conflicts of interest within the commission. Referring to the commission's request that all speakers identify themselves with credentials, Boyte said, "We the people have the same kind of right and obligation to probe and ask that the cards be laid on the table."

UNC Student Body President Marcus Williams also addressed the commission, admitting that he was "embarrassed and disappointed by the chicanery of our (UNC's) business office."

Several speakers stressed the importance of easy accessibility to utilities directors as a factor favoring local control.

"We've cussed the utilities in Chapel Hill," one local resident said, "but at least we knew who to cuss."



Huffman responds angrily

Utilities Study Commission member Ned E. Huffman glares at a speaker during Wednesday's public hearing concerning the sale of the four University owned utilities. (Staff photo by Bill Wrenn)

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On The Outside

from the wires of United Press International

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Judiciary Committee subpoenas tapes

The House Judiciary Committee subpoenaed President Nixon for 45 more Watergate related tapes today and warned him that further defiance of its demands might constitute grounds for impeachment. For further details please turn to "45 tapes subpoenaed" on page two.

SLA member's father demands inquest

LOS ANGELES—The father of slain Symbionese Liberation Army member William Wolfe said Thursday a coroner's inquest may develop more information on the May 17 shoot-out in which his son and five other adherents of the terrorist group were killed.

Dr. L. S. Wolfe, an Allentown, Pa., physician, said authorities knew the fugitive SLA members were in the vicinity of their last hide-out on the morning of the shoot-out but no attempt was made to contact the families.

"I could have gotten here on time but I was never invited," he said at a news conference called by the American Civil Liberties Union which supports his demand for a public inquest.

"I think if the inquest is held and conducted in the fashion that we think it should be done, we're still not going to prove anything, but we may find out something," Wolfe said.

The hunt, meanwhile, continued for surviving members of the SLA including Patricia Hearst and William and Emily Harris.

Sect members captured in gunfight

CLEVELAND—Members of a sect who vow to eliminate all drug pushers in town with vigilante-like attacks shot it out with police early Thursday in an hour-long siege in the suburb of East Cleveland. Seven persons, including five policemen and two hostages were wounded.

Three members of the Sunni Orthodox Muslims which conducted funeral services for Symbionese Liberation Army leader Donald DeFreeze last week were arrested after the gunbattle with about 100 police officers.

Police said they failed an earlier attempt to kidnap a man whom they considered a drug dealer.

"They said their primary purpose is to eliminate all drug pushers," said Lt. Milton Jennrichs, chief of detectives for the East Cleveland Police Department.

One of the suspects told Cleveland radio station WJW that he and his friends were members of the Muslim sect, whose members conducted the services and served as pallbearers at DeFreeze's funeral here last week.

Canaveral launches 'people's satellite'

CAPE CANAVERAL—A \$205 million "people's satellite" soared to an orbital outpost above the Pacific Thursday to beam special education to rural America, telemedicine to Alaska and television to thousands of villages in India.

It is the first communications satellite powerful enough to broadcast radio and television to simple rooftop chickenwire antennas and receivers costing as little as \$700.

The NASA spacecraft, called Applications Technology Satellite 6 ATS-6, reached its final stationary orbit 22,300 miles high 6-1/2 hours after launch atop the Air Force's mightiest rocket. Twenty-five minutes later, it unfolded a 30-foot dacron mesh antenna resembling a giant beach umbrella.

Walkout ends search for U.S. MIAs

SAIGON—North Vietnam and the Viet Cong Thursday halted the search for 1,100 Americans missing in Indochina by walking out of a meeting with the United States and South Vietnam.

Communist negotiators said they would return to the talks only when South Vietnam restores privileges for Communist delegates in Saigon.

The walkout from a regular meeting of the Joint Military Team ended all formal contacts among the four parties.

UDA, IRA militants seek compromise

BELFAST—Militants in both of Northern Ireland's religious camps adopted a more moderate stance Thursday. Political leaders met to discuss the effect of direct rule imposed by Britain on the violence-wracked province.

The Ulster Defense Association (UDA) called for a tacit Roman Catholic-Protestant truce; the Irish Republican Army said it would settle for a declaration of intent on British troop withdrawals rather than an immediate pullout.

CGC move causes problems

Campus media to lose funds

by Emily Hightower
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A resolution passed by the summer Campus Governing Council last Thursday has sparked great controversy among the campus media. The resolution, sponsored by CGC member Paul Stam, notifies *The Daily Tar Heel*, *Carolina Quarterly*, *Yackety-Yack*, *Cellar Door* and *WCAR* that they will not be allowed to retain funds they have not spent at the end of the academic year.

The funds must revert to the General Surplus because of a provision in the constitution, Stam said.

Murray Pool, business manager of the *Daily Tar Heel*, said that the summer *Tar Heel* technically must shut down if its surplus money has to return to the General Surplus.

"The *Daily Tar Heel* cannot go independent if we are not allowed to retain our surplus funds," Pool said.

According to Mark Dearmon, chairman of the Publications Board, the provision in the constitution which specifies that the surplus must revert to the General Surplus needs to be changed in order to allow the organizations to become independent of

student government funds.

"I am really disappointed that Stam introduced this resolution during the summer when only a few CGC members are here," Dearmon said. He added that Stam introduced budget cuts for all the Publications Board organizations during last spring's budget hearings, but "luckily the full CGC voted most of them down."

"I don't think Stam really knew what he was doing when he introduced this resolution," Joel Brinkley, Publications Board member said. "Organizations have been allowed to keep their surpluses so they

will have some incentive to save money during the year. By saying that organizations must return their surpluses to CGC, Stam is just guaranteeing there will be no surpluses. The organizations will spend the money whether they need it or not."

Both Lee Harris, editor of *Cellar Door*, and Mimi Keever, former business manager of the *Carolina Quarterly*, said that their magazines were continuing to sell spring issues. They expressed concern that they would not be allowed to keep this money to help finance their fall issues.

According to Harris, *Cellar Door* needs to change its format and try new methods if they are to continue to attract readers. "We need to keep all our money to accomplish this purpose," she said.

Keever said that most of the *Carolina Quarterly's* support comes from advertising and grants from foundations. "Although we do not get a great amount of money from Student Government, we certainly need our surplus funds."



Consumers endorsed

Kerry Fowler, a representative of Orange County Citizens for Alternative Power, questions Duke Power Company's financial status, operating procedures and employee relations. (Staff photo by Ted Melnick)

Sex attack pattern seen

by Jennifer Miller
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Director of Campus Security T. W. Marvin released information Thursday about a bizarre sequence of assaults that have taken place on campus during the last month.

"We have noticed similarities in pattern and behavior in three incidents occurring April 20, April 27 and Wednesday night," Marvin said.

In each incident a female student received a phone call from an unidentified male who reportedly had an educated air, and knew her name and major. The caller then made an attractive offer, such as an invitation to a meeting or an experiment in her academic field. He offered her a chance to gain a good grade, money or an opportunity for future employment, and then suggested a meeting place.

In each case the suggested meeting place was the fourth floor faculty lounge in Dey Hall.

The woman who received the first call took a friend with her to Dey Hall. Nothing happened. The incident was reported to the

Campus Police only after the woman happened to talk with the victim of the second incident.

On April 27 a second woman received a call. She went to the supposed night meeting at Dey Hall and found a white male in his mid-twenties. He was described as 5 feet 10 to 6 feet, of medium build and with medium length hair. The victim said her assailant wore a dark costume robe, with nothing underneath, and white gloves. The ensuing assault was not a rape but was described as sexually motivated.

Wednesday night, another female student was contacted the same manner. She found Dey Hall empty and was leaving when she heard her name called. A man described as husky, blonde, in his early twenties and 5 feet 10 to 6 feet tall informed her that the meeting was being held in the basement of Gardner Hall. The attack was attempted there.

The assailant grabbed the victim while trying to disguise his face with a blue bag. The victim screamed, struggled and managed to escape.

Marvin stressed the similarities of the incidents and asked female students receiving such calls to inform the Campus Police immediately.

Weather

Partly cloudy today with highs in the upper 80's. Lows tonight in the middle 60's. Chance of rain is 50 per cent today through tonight. Winds are from the southwest at 10 to 15 miles-per-hour.

Beach weather outlook is for daytime temperatures in the middle 80's through Sunday. Partly cloudy all weekend with a 50 per cent chance of rain.