

Keep out the raincoat. Forecast for today is cold with rain continuing through tonight. Cold and clearing tomorrow.

The Daily Tar Heel

Playmakers 'Oh Dad' will run through Sunday in Playmaker Theater. Tickets are still available.

'Marxism' Charge Hurlled At Medicare

By JOHN GREENBACKER
DTH Staff Writer

Medicare: "This reminds me of one of the first principles of Marxism."

This was an argument raised by former North Carolina American Medical Association president Dr. John Kernodle Tuesday night in a debate in Gerrard Hall.

A self-proclaimed "radical" and Socialist Party member, a former national AMA president, UNC associate professor and Kernodle tossed the Medicare question around with a flurry of facts, figures and pleas before a capacity crowd.

UNC associate professor of medicine Dr. Frank Williams led the debate for the affirmative with the statement: "In an abundant society there is no reason why everyone can't have adequate medical care."

"There are more aged persons suffering from illness than any other age group," he said. "The average person 65 years old or older who is sick spends an average of 10.9 days per year in the hospital, while the average sick person under 65 spends under 6.5 days in the hospital."

"Elderly persons pay 55 per cent more in costs for hospitalization than younger persons. In North Carolina older couples spend five times the money in medical care than younger couples do."

"Among elderly persons 64 per cent don't have health insurance, and of those that do, only one-fourth of them have insurance which would cover three-fourths of their medical expenses," Williams said.

"An older person is most concerned over two things, day-to-day subsistence and the possibility of illness," he said. "A total of 31 per cent of all elderly persons who apply for welfare benefits have lost their previous income because of medical costs."

"Nine out of 10 elderly persons spend some time in the hospital before death."

Williams said the current federal bill for medical assistance to elderly persons, the Kerr-Mills act, and its more liberalized version, the AMA sponsored Eldercare bill, "will not help an elderly person with any significant income."

"The King-Anderson or Medicare bill will provide medical care for all persons over 65 regardless of income," he said. "It will be financed like social security and will cost an estimated \$45 per year for each person."

More Insurance
Williams said the program would enhance the purchasing of private medical insurance much as the social security system has done.

Former national AMA president Dr. Edward Annis opposed the Medicare bill, and said current programs would be sufficient with some modification.

"Catastrophe illness insurance which would cover medical expenses between \$500-\$25,000 can be purchased by a person of any age for the same or less than the price of Medicare," he said. "Eighty-two per cent of our elderly people are supporting themselves independently, and 80 per cent own their own homes, besides having federal tax advantages."

"Among those elderly persons who are not financially independent," he said, "they may receive free medical care under existing programs if they need it."

"The biggest problem we face today is that people don't know of the existing medical care programs, and when the question of eligibility arises, there is too much adherence to the letter of the law," he said.

"The proposed Eldercare plan calls for additional money for free medical care along the Kerr-Mills basis, pays for the medical insurance of needy elderly persons and provides aid for persons more financially solvent."

Annis said under existing programs, no needy person is denied medical care if he needs it.

Tucker attacked the AMA for its stand on the bill. "The King-Anderson bill doesn't set the pay of physicians, it deals only with hospitals and institutions," he said.

"In many ways, the Medicare bill is entirely irrelevant to doctors. They dislike it because of its implications."

Tucker said the AMA was fighting the Medicare proposal because of a long range fear of socialized medicine. "They dislike it for the same reason that I support it," he said.

"There are many persons who have come to feel that medicine should have its socialized aspects

much as do the police, fire prevention and educational systems of the state."

Lines of Opposition

"The AMA has three lines of opposition against Medicare," he said. "They rely on massive resistance, the claim that private insurance can solve the problems along with Eldercare and the attitude 'don't mess with the status-quo.'"

Tucker said that federal involvement in medical institutions in the past has had the effect of upgrading standards.

Kernodle, speaking against Medicare, said, "Eighty per cent of the people in North Carolina pay medical expenses out of insurance or earnings, not savings."

"Under the Kerr-Mills program in North Carolina," he said, "elderly persons who are in need are eligible for unlimited hospital care, and now may receive dental, drug and outpatient services free."

"To be eligible, an elderly person must show his need by filling out a voucher statement of income, similar to that used on income tax forms," he said.

"We believe in helping those who need help, not the greedy."

"Only 18 per cent of our elderly persons are indigent," he said.

"Why should younger persons have to pay for the care of these people?"

\$6,500 for Medicare

"Under the Medicare program, it has been estimated that a young working person will have to pay \$6,500 from his lifetime salary to finance Medicare aid," he said.

Kernodle agreed that Medicare was a step towards socialized medicine, and said, "One of the first principles of Marxism is if you want to control a nation you must organize and control the medical profession."

Attacking the socialized medicine concept, Annis said, "As soon as you provide care for all, your institutions will have their standards and operations prescribed in Washington."

Addressing himself to the reason why a person must show his need to receive aid, Annis said: "In 24 programs for government assistance and in President Johnson's poverty programs, all persons applying must show need before aid is given."

The Carolina Forum and the Carolina Political Union, sponsors of the debate, have planned more programs, CPU chairman Jerry Hancock said.

HC Candidates To Meet Tonight

Students interested in seeking election to Honor Council seats this spring must attend the Honor System Commission meetings tonight.

The Women's Council will meet at 6 p.m. in GM, and the Men's Council, at 7 p.m. in 207 Alumni. To be eligible for election, a student must be endorsed by the Honor System Commission and must take the Honor System test. This includes write-in candidates that do not file for election in time to go through the normal pre-election procedure.

There are seats open in Men's Districts I and IX, and several Women's Council seats are up for election in dormitory districts.

The Carolina Playmakers production of "Oh Dad, Poor Dad, Mama's Hung You in the Closet and I'm Feelin' So Sad" opened Tuesday night and will play through Sunday at Playmakers Theater.

By KERRY SIPE

There is a standard recipe for writing a contemporary drama: (1) decide that life is ridiculous, (2) write two hours of ridiculous things tied together around a ridiculous plot, and (3) label the whole thing "Life" in big red letters.

A great many writers have the formula and a great many new plays have the ingredients. For this reason, "Oh Dad, Poor Dad," the current Playmakers production, needed a capable cast if it expected to be anything out of the ordinary. It has one.

Director Kai Jurgenson has a



DID SOMEBODY STEP on this bug? Not really. Somehow the rear of Chip Bernard's sports car was dented and instead of sending it to a repair shop, Bernard took the easy way out and just applied a super-size bandage. Coed Mary Ellison Strother checks out the hasty repair. Photo by Jock Lauterer

Senate Says 'YES' To Upgrading CC

RALEIGH (AP) — A bill to make Charlotte College a fourth unit of the Consolidated University was passed by the Senate Wednesday and sent to the House.

The Senate voted after beating down a move by Sen. Thomas J. White of Lenoir County to send the bill to the Appropriations Committee of which White is chairman.

White has led the battle against the bill. White objected Tuesday to a third reading and said he would conduct research on how much it would cost to run a university branch at Charlotte.

Earlier Tuesday, the bill received unanimous approval by the House Higher Education Committee. An amendment providing that Charlotte College become part of UNC as soon as the bill is enacted, instead of July 1, also was approved.

Sen. Ralph Scott of Alamance, chairman of the Senate Higher Education Committee, in presenting the bill to the Senate, reviewed the problem of rising college enrollments.

52,101 Enrolled
Scott said there were 52,101 students enrolled in state colleges and universities last fall. He said these colleges would be called on to enroll 7,300 persons in 1970 and 132,600 in 1975.

Scott called for unanimous approval of the bill and said: "Let the youth of North Carolina know that we're doing all we can to raise their level of living."

White, the only senator not to sign the bill when it was introduced, then took the lectern in the well of the Senate chambers.

"It was difficult for me to withstand the persuasive and persistent attempt by Sen. Belk of Mecklenburg to put my name on this bill," White said. "I was

tortured by this restraint. "But the responsibility is mine as a legislator," White continued, "to proceed on available facts and due inquiry."

The senator charged that the Senate Higher Education Committee gave the bill rapid approval "contrary to ordinary procedure." He described the committee vote as "tacitly affirmative."

"We need to know how much money is needed now? How much money will be needed in the future and what effect these appropriations will have on appropriations for existing branches of the university?"

"All this should be done in a respectable manner," White continued.

Capital Punishment
A bill to partially abolish capital punishment in North Carolina was introduced in the House Wednesday.

Rep. Ernest B. Messer of Haywood sent forward the bill which would eliminate the death sentence for murder, burglary and arson but leave it in effect for rape.

Messer said he wrote the bill to leave rape as a capital crime because he did not think the bill would pass if the death sentence for rape were abolished.

Minimum Wage
Rep. Carl L. Bailey Jr. of Washington County and J. Henry Hill of Catawba and other House members joined in sponsoring a bill to boost the state's minimum wage from 35 cents to \$1.

The bill would benefit an estimated 50,000 of the state's lowest-paid industrial workers. Gov. Dan Moore has stated he would favor an increase in the minimum wage if it would not cause low-paid workers to lose their jobs or cause marginal industries to go out of business.

McCrary Files For Editor

Investigators Push Search For Arsonist

A team of 30 professional investigators and a 50-man security guard continued looking yesterday for clues concerning the \$550,000 halocaust which destroyed one building and damaged another on the N. C. State campus Monday night.

Hardy Berry, State's public information director said that students have established a sentinel system in all dormitory buildings, and are keeping watch 24 hours a day.

It was determined soon after the fire in Pullen and Peele Halls were extinguished that arson was the cause. The fire was the latest in a series of 11 blazes set on the State campus since Dec. 18.

State Bureau of Investigation Chief Walter Anderson said his men have eliminated as suspects the two former State students who were arrested recently in connection with a December fire on the campus.

Whereabouts Established

Although the two youths, William Royal Fairchild of Winston-Salem and David Landon Steele of Raleigh, are both free under bond awaiting trial, Anderson said their whereabouts Monday night have been established.

Det. Capt. Robert E. Goodwin of the Raleigh police said information gathered by investigation officers has been examined and two-man teams were assigned to follow up leads.

An arson investigation headquarters has been set up on the campus by the SBI.

In addition to SBI agents and Raleigh detectives, the investigative force includes men from the State Insurance Department, the National Board of Fire Underwriters, the Raleigh Fire Prevention Bureau and State's security police force.

'Alarming Problem'
Gov. Dan Moore called the situation "an alarming problem because we don't have the slightest idea where fires will occur next on campus."

Moore directed the SBI to make every effort to catch the firebug. He also ordered Ed Rankin, director of the State Department of Administration, to use any additional measures to guard against further fires.

A 6 p.m. curfew has been put into effect on all academic and administrative buildings by Chancellor John Caldwell. Only students attending classes or labs are allowed to enter the buildings and these were asked for identification.

Salvage Continues
As the investigators worked, college officials began to salvage records, and files from Peele Hall, an administrative building, and cleaning up the charred remains of Pullen, used in recent years by band and music students.

Except for a small brush fire on the railroad tracks near the campus, there have been no incidents since Monday.

First Candidate

McCrary Files For Editor



ERNIE MCCRARY

... To Seek DTH Editorship

—Photo by Jock Lauterer

Peace Corps Booths Planned Next Week

Peace Corps officials will make a weeklong informational visit here beginning Monday.

According to a statement from Georgianna Shine of the Peace Corps' Office of Public Affairs, members of the Peace Corps staff and returned volunteers will man an information booth in Y-Court and another in Lenoir from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. each day during the week.

Organizations interested in having one of the volunteers or staff members speak at a meeting during the week can make arrangements by calling Miss Shine or Helaine Murphy of the Division of Selection at 933-2294.

Over 8,000 new volunteers are needed in projects in the fields of teaching, community development, public health, agriculture, engineering, home economics and recreation.

Students Invited To Prayer Service

UNC students have been invited to the World Day of Prayer observance here March 5.

A service will be held at 11 a.m. in Holy Trinity Lutheran Church on Rosemary Street.

The observance is sponsored by the United Church Women of the United Council of Churches.

Services will be held in more than 25,000 communities in the United States.

Endorsed By UP, SP, Pub Board

DTH managing editor Ernie McCrary announced yesterday that he will seek the editorship in the spring election. He is the first to announce for the position.

The Lenoir junior was endorsed Sunday by Student Party and Monday by University Party. Yesterday he received the endorsement of the Publications Board.

No Co-Editor

McCrary will seek the post alone.

"Despite a trend toward co-editorships in the past two years, I am running alone because I feel a more effective job can be done with one person in charge of the newspaper," he said yesterday.

"Almost every staff member from this year's paper will be back next fall. This staff, which will be one of the most experienced and competent in DTH history, will make a tough job easier."

McCrary has worked in a variety of positions on the DTH staff, including staff writer, assistant managing editor and managing editor.

He has also worked for The Charlotte Observer, Hickory Daily Record and Chapel Hill Weekly.

McCrary, a journalism major, made the School of Journalism Dean's List last semester with a 3.1 average.

'Political Moderate'

He describes himself as a "political moderate who prefers to judge each issue on its own merits, rather than adhere to any party's policy."

"My editorial policy will be firm and responsible, with no place for extremism and loss of perspective which has brightened some past Daily Tar Heels," he said.

'Office Open'

"A good editor has to be an informed editor. I will maintain close contact and communication with the administration and students, through individuals and Student Government officials, to insure that I am informed. My office will always be open to anyone who has Tar Heel business to discuss and I trust that administrative and student offices will be open to me," McCrary said.

He is a 1962 graduate of Lenoir High School, where he was an officer of the National Honor Society, and a four-year Student Council member.

Five English Scholars Get Study Grants

Five members of the Department of English faculty will pursue study projects in the humanities this summer under a cooperative program launched this year by UNC and Duke.

The five have been awarded summer research grants under the Cooperative Program in the Humanities, a program made possible by an \$800,000 grant from the Ford Foundation.

The regional program permits the exchange of humanistic scholars between UNC and Duke and between these two institutions and a number of liberal arts colleges in North Carolina, Virginia and South Carolina.

The program includes summer research awards for specific projects. The five recipients of these awards are: Dr. J. O. Bailey, Dr. Charles E. Edze, Dr. William A. McQueen III, Dr. Mark L. Reed and Dr. Charles D. Wright.

ITALIAN SOCIETY

The Italian Cultural Society will meet at 8 p.m. today in the lounge of Graham Memorial. A music program is planned and Italian folk songs will be sung. The event is co-sponsored by the GM Music Committee.

Acting Cited In Lead Roles

Playmakers Score Success In 'Oh Dad'

troupe capable of milking meaning from the absurd and of giving the Playmaker audience a puzzle for their philosophical intellects. The show in part redeems the Playmakers for their rather disappointing efforts in Hamlet earlier this season.

To satirize a single part of life successfully is commendable. To satirize all of life successfully is monumental. Arthur Kopit, the author of the play, who wrote it as a college fraternity student, pictures life as a beautiful pastoral scene with blue sky and green trees. "When you go sit under the tree and breathe in the air and say, 'Oh, God, how beautiful—that's when the bird on the branch above your head lets go his droppings.'"

The bearer of this revelation is Madame Rosepettle (Martha Nell Hardy), a sophisticated

lady necrophiliac with an affection for her dead husband's stuffed body. The madame, whose favorite past-time is going to the beach at night to kick sand in the faces of the lovers she finds there, is traveling in the Caribbean with her paranoid son, Johnathan (Michael Carrington).

In her long search for something she can call her very own, Madame Rosepettle has taken her husband's life and is busily engaged in collecting the broken pieces of her son's mind.

Happy Family
With the happy family in their hotel room are two venus flytraps, an elderly and lecherous yacht captain (George A. Gray III), a silver pyrrannah fish named Rosalinda with an appetite for cats, a number of bellboys, a "fantastic" stamp collection, a corpse, a "fabulous"

coin collection, a youthful, lecherous and decidedly female babysitter (Sara R. Kravitz), and a collection of "unbelievable" books.

From the beginning of the first scene, the action of the play consists of passing these 10 props back and forth across the stage in various patterns.

In the role of the love-oppressed Johnathan, Michael Carrington captures every spasm of the exaggerated clumsiness and stutter that is necessary to make the observer wonder whether he should laugh or cry.

George A. Gray doesn't dance very well, but then, neither would a commodore. Sara R. Kravitz, as Rosalie, presents an impressive showing of much natural talent—and even a little acting ability.

The bevy of uncoordinated bellhops left the most to be

desired. The bell captain (Stephan Chandler) stood by and let his double chin do most of his acting for him. His crew sounded as if they were reading even in the parts where they didn't open their mouths.

Stage Sermon
The play is worth seeing if only for the 20-minute stage sermon delivered by Martha Hardy in the second scene. She has, through witchcraft, fastened the commodore to his seat upon the stage, and by magically becoming the woman she only mechanically portrayed earlier in the play, she transfixes her audience in the same way.

In what is undoubtedly the highlight of the drama, Madame Rosepettle makes the audience ashamed of itself for laughing at the tragic picture they are seeing.

Tommy Rezzuto deserves ap-

plause for his set design and for making excellent use of the limited space of the Playmaker stage. The audience was visibly impressed when the stage split and turned in the third scene to reveal the interior of Madame Rosepettle's mysterious master bedroom.

Russel B. Graves' lighting was harsh and spotty at times, leaving the live actors on the stage more hollow-faced and pallid than the dead ones.

At one point during the play, Madame Rosepettle says to a bellboy, "If you must bang like that—try to bang with some sort of rhythm."

The case of "Oh Dad," must have taken her advice. They have taken a play that might have been simply a loud, rasping noise on the stage, and added enough talent and rhythm to make it poetic.