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Christmas Concert

The Carolina Choir will present their annual Christmas Concert 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 16, in Hill Music Hall. The UNC Brass ensemble will play preliminary music beginning at 7:30 p.m.

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"You can't always get what you want.
But if you try some time
You just might find
You get what you need."
—Mick Jagger, Keith Richard

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Etheridge Quits Town Board In Surprise Move

By LENOX RAWLINGS
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David Etheridge, instrumental in making the University aware it should more closely adhere to town ordinances, resigned from the Board of Aldermen in a surprise move Wednesday afternoon.

Strongly critical in the past of the University's "indifference to town regulations," Etheridge cited in letters to Mayor Howard Lee and the Board "a variety of reasons" for his resignation.

His resignation will become effective when a replacement is appointed by the Board.

Etheridge's disdain for some UNC actions which violated town statutes and regulations surfaced this fall when he charged the University with constructing a medical school building too close to the curb on Columbia Avenue. His actions sparked an informal inquiry into the University's procedures in applying for building permits.

Etheridge's actions also formulated Board opposition to speed bumps on Cameron Avenue, causing the University to level the speed deterrents.

Several of Etheridge's formal proposals—slicing the town tax rate to change the municipal

revenue structure and acquiring electricity distribution and water supply responsibility—could affect the University-town relationship even further.

In this summer's defeat of the Fiber Industries' attempt to build a large plant north of Chapel Hill, Etheridge brought the University out of neutral position to oppose the proposed construction.

Considered by many local observers as the most influential politician in Orange County, Etheridge did not "rule out any political possibilities now or in the future," but labeled their "remote" in his resignation.

He has reportedly considered running for one of the district's two seats in the N.C. House of Representatives in 1970.

Etheridge was elected to the Board of Aldermen in an upset win over Veteran member Gene Strowd in 1967.

He finished second in last year's race and used his position to push for new town planning and public housing.

The Board has no strict rules by which they must select a successor, but the established precedent is to pick the unsuccessful candidate with the most votes in the last municipal election.

Attorney Steve Bernholtz, who finished fifth in last year's election, could therefore be placed on the board.

Now a member of the Board of Adjustments, Bernholtz is a close political ally of Etheridge.

Mayor Howard Lee, on business in Pennsylvania, was not available for comment on Etheridge's resignation or a possible successor.



David Etheridge

House Trades Voting Rights

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The House Thursday narrowly approved a proposal by President Nixon to trade the 1965 voting rights act's emphasis on the south for broader and less strict voting safeguards.

"It amounts to voting to lynch the negro at the polls," declared Clarence Mitchell, chief Washington lobbyist for the National Association for

the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). "The administration is selling us out to get the segregationist vote in the South."

Democratic backers of a simple five-year extension of expiring law failed to attract enough Republican votes to cover Souther defectors from their own ranks, and then the Nixon substitute carried on a 208 to 203 roll call vote.

The House then approved the bill on another roll call 234-179, and set it to the Senate, where voting rights legislation is still in committee. Many liberals in the end voted against it.

The 1965 act, some features of which are to expire Aug. 6, 1970, was credited with having added between 800,000 and a million Negroes to voter registration rolls in six Southern states and part of a seventh to which it applied.

The Nixon substitute would reopen the federal government's authority to oversee voting practices in all states, but limit the powers of federal intervention the expiring act contained to rectify discrimination.

It also would place a nationwide ban on literacy tests and provide that otherwise qualified residents of any voting district could vote for president and vice president if they have lived in their district since Sept. 1 of the election year.

Some 20 states now have literacy tests as a qualification for voting. State residency requirements for voting in presidential elections range from several months to as much as two years.



Sittin' on Top of The World

Board Investigates Possible Disruptions

By BILL MILLER
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The Board of Inquiry, the investigating arm of the University disruptions policy, will study the actions of students during the recent SAGA food workers strike to determine if the disruptions policy has been broken, Dr. Claiborne Jones, revealed Thursday.

Jones, assistant to the Chancellor, who is responsible for convening the board, said, "Whenever there is a disruption, or there appears to be one, the board must investigate. There appears to be one here."

Jones indicated he did not know at this time what persons, if any, would be involved in the investigation.

"I imagine it would be some of the people involved in and

arrested during the incident at Lenoir Thursday night," he explained.

Jones referred to a confrontation between strikers and police at Lenoir Hall Thursday night, Dec. 5. Nine persons were arrested in the course of the confrontation, five of whom were students.

Arrested on charges of failure to disperse were Lonnie Chester Harrison, from Leland; John Charles Wheeler, a Sociology graduate student; and George C. Pyne III of Chapel Hill. Larry Kay White of Youngsville, N.C. was arrested on charges of interfering with an officer and failing to disperse. Jack McLean, from Carrboro, was arrested on charges of assault with a deadly weapon on an officer and failure to disperse.

The Board of Inquiry is presently chaired by Ben F.

Loeb, Jr. of the Institute of Government, who accepted the position Wednesday night. He said Thursday that he was not sure what would be the action of the board.

"I am meeting with the former chairman, Richard H. Robinson Jr., tonight (Thursday night) to see what has been done about cases and what powers the committee has."

Harrison indicated he had not been informed of an investigation by the committee into any part of the strike. "Dr. Jones is the man who would convene it if there was, so he should know," he said. Harrison resigned from the position at the beginning of the strike.

If an investigation is conducted, the results will be forwarded to Chancellor J. Carlyle Sitterson, who will make a report to University President William C. Friday.

Friday will consider the evidence gathered and determine if, in his opinion, there appears to be violation of the disruptions policy. If he finds sufficient evidence to indicate there has been, the Hearings Committee will be convened and a hearing set.

A conviction on charges of violation of the disruptions policy can bring expulsion or suspension from the University, according to the disruptions policy passed by the Board of Trustees in October.

Jeopardy Issue To Revive?

By STEPHEN WALTERS
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A double jeopardy bill, part of which would limit drug offenses to include only the sale of certain drugs, will be introduced to Student Legislature by Rep. Alan Hirsch as soon as possible.

Hirsch's proposed legislation will be brought up during Tuesday's SL meeting if it clears the SL Judicial Committee by that time.

It would make only those cases which involve the sale of opium, morphine, cocaine, LSD, heroin and crystal methadrine possible cases for student court consideration after having already been tried in civil courts.

The legislation would also allow for student courts to try disruption policy violations, and cases wherein a student does physical harm against another after they have been through the civil courts.

The result of the bill would be that no one could be tried in student courts for possession of any drug or sale of mild drugs, including marijuana.

"Everyone agrees marijuana is not dangerous," Hirsch asserted. "The old drug policy is patently absurd. To convict someone for using marijuana is more of a crime than the use itself could ever be."

Hirsch said he plans to try to discuss the legislation with Dean of Men James O. Canler before bringing the bill before Legislature.

Hirsch explained, "The Student Legislature is required to pass some kind of double jeopardy bill."

"I want to make the circumstances in which drug offenses can be tried as few as possible," Hirsch said. He will ask the Judicial Committee to pass the bill out favorably to the legislature. He will then bring it before the legislature for debate.

John Williford said his Judicial Committee had not yet been requested by Hirsch to examine the legislation.

Hirsch said he would speak to Williford soon, and that the bill will be co-sponsored "by several influential legislators."

Governors Cite Negative Proposals

RCF: 'Reject Merzbacher Suggestions'

Residence College Federation Governors Wednesday urged Faculty Council rejection of the Merzbacher Committee recommendations.

The recommendations concern the general college curricula. They were revised by the Administrative Boards and were considered at the previous Faculty Council meeting.

In a statement written by Morrison College Governor Johnson Harriss the governors, "on behalf of over 7,000 students," remarked with amazement that in one year's study only one recommendation in 13 was positive—number five.

The governors rejected seven, eight, 10, 11, and 12 on grounds that "a general college should offer a liberal education which gives insight into many varied fields and should challenge a student to obtain those skills needed in his major—most notably, to think and to create."

They concurred with recommendations one, two, three, four, six and nine, "finding nothing of substance with which to disagree."

Harriss fears the Merzbacher report will be considered adequate and further reforms will be long in coming.

"I don't think the report was substantial," he said.

Part IB of the eighth recommendation gives natural science majors a chance to take mathematics instead of foreign

language to meet requirements.

The governors questioned the practicality of this recommendation in light of the high turnover of chemistry and pre-medical majors to non-natural science fields. They also asked how the committee can "justify requiring more foreign language courses of an American history or RTVMP major than a zoology major."

They concurred with all other parts of the eighth recommendation.

Recommendation ten, which advocates that a freshman seminar of three hours be established on a pass-fail basis, was rejected for philosophical reasons. The governors said that "all grades in general college are detrimental to true education and that a

high-pass/pass/fail system should be implemented" for all courses.

The governors rejected recommendation 11, which suggests a 40-hour curriculum be maintained, and substituted a proposal that the 40 hours "should not be mandatory, so that introductory courses would consist of more substantial material, necessitating a reduction of hours."

Recommendation 12 recognizes the need for further study in four areas including the by-passing of General College requirements for selected students and the establishment of a divisional major and a new college to experiment in study methods. This was rejected because "the four items should have been instituted long ago... We fail

to understand why the Merzbacher committee, in its lengthy research, recommended so little in substantial reform and was unable to reach a decision on these four items."

Recommendation seven calls for the establishment of a continual committee to examine the General College. The governors countered that continual committees become stagnant and that a special committee, appointed every three years, would be more active.

Recommendation five, with which the governors concurred, proposes that criteria for part-time instructors be raised and that the full-time faculty be increased.

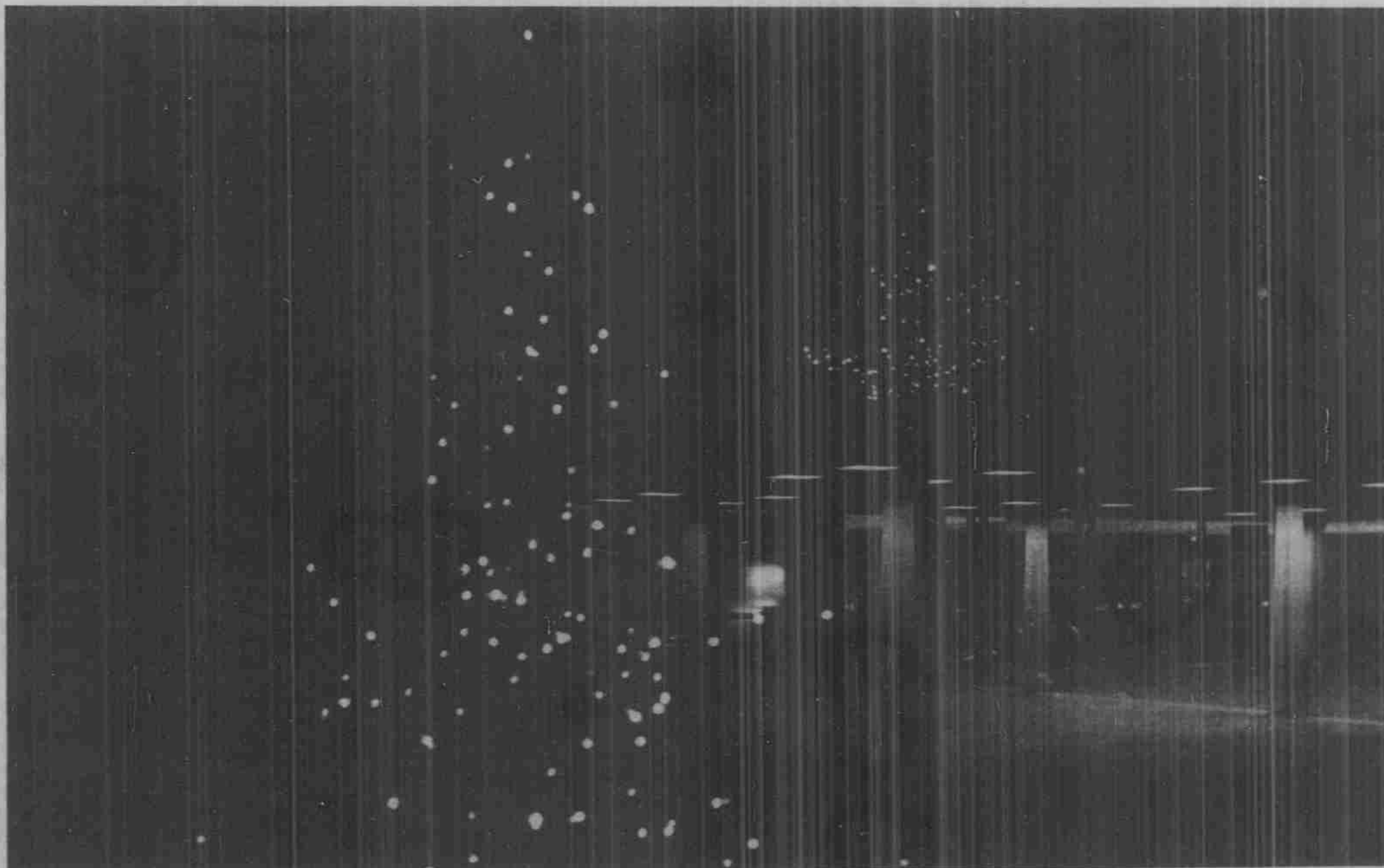
The governors also deplored the absence in the report of provisions for a new college

system affording a special creative program for the most academically-minded students.

In conclusion Harriss's statement said that passage of the Merzbacher reports "would not only prolong an antiquated educational system but would serve to stifle the intellectual mind and freedom which this University has strived to create since its founding."

In answer to Dean James Canler's threat to abolish open house policies if a recent student legislative bill is not repealed, the governors decided not to act unless Canler carries out his threat.

Richard Stevens, RCF Co-Chairman, plans to issue a statement to Canler hoping he will not carry out his threat, due to the serious ramifications that could result.



The Union Gets Ready for Christmas

Plans Range From Light Shows To Cotillions

Residence Colleges Plan Christmas Activities

By STEVE PLAISANCE
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Residence College Christmas activities this year will range from the King-Scott-Morehead Winter Cotillion at the Carolina Inn Saturday night to Morrison's planned "lights show."

According to Craig Graduate Center President Paul Hoch, Craig will sponsor an informal combo party Saturday night from 9-1 a.m.,

featuring Reed Goe and the Inmates.

Hoch indicated that persons attending who are not residents of Craig will be charged one dollar per couple.

Morehead Governor Jerome Thomas commented that Morehead would sponsor Christmas caroling Monday night. The route, though indefinite, would probably, according to Thomas, lead to south campus and through the hospital complex.

Morehead Social Lieutenant Governor Pam Parker said Wednesday that the residence college would also be participating in the Saturday night Winter Cotillion with King and Scott to be held at the Carolina Inn from 9 to one p.m.

Scott residence college, according to Governor Nick Didow, will hold a decorating party and caroling in the lobby of Parker at 8 p.m. Friday. Scott is also having a

Christmas party in the Children's Ward at N.C. Memorial Hospital Monday afternoon, and will participate in the Cotillion Saturday night with King and Morehead.

Granville Governor Mike Padrick indicated that the Granville Christmas events will begin on Tuesday at 5 p.m. with a gourmet dinner of seafood Newbergh and prime rib roast, to be sponsored by the Granville student government at the cafeteria.

At 6:30 p.m., Granville will host a cocktail party for University administrative officials, Mayor Howard Lee, and other dignitaries, to be held at South Building.

Granville will also hold a semiformal dance (with a band) at 7 p.m. at New West. Morrison and Nurses, according to Morrison Governor Johnson Harriss, will hold a formal dance from 8 to 12 p.m. at the Carolina Inn.