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Traffic backed up on Cameron Avenue Tuesday but this bicycle rider was undaunted. It's easy for the two-wheelers to go where the four-wheelers can't. (Staff photo by Cliff Kolovson)

## Deconsolidation plan may not be introduced

by Doug Hall  
Staff Writer

Speaker of the North Carolina House of Representatives Phil Godwin has recommended that a proposal to deconsolidate UNC not be introduced into this session of the General Assembly.

"With a proposal with such far-reaching effect, I hate to see us get involved in it this late in the session," Godwin said. "I don't think the members

of the General Assembly would have the time to give it the consideration it deserves."

Godwin was referring to the recommendations of a 23-member study committee for restructuring higher education in North Carolina. The report will probably be presented to Gov. Bob Scott next week.

The committee was divided 13 to 8 on the proposal and Godwin said he foresees much division in the General Assembly.

"Something as controversial as this should come up at the first of the session," he said. "Then, it could have the full course of committee hearings and legislative process."

Godwin said he also doubts whether the public has had the chance "to grasp the full importance of the proposal." The General Assembly and the public do not have the advantage of the knowledge collected by the committee, he said.

The proposal was made Saturday by

the Governor's Committee on the Organization and Structure of Higher Education. It recommended the University be deconsolidated and the State Board of Higher Education be strengthened as part of the restructuring of the state's system of universities.

The present system, according to the proposal, would be replaced with a network of 16 individual institutions guided by a single coordinating board.

The central board of regents would be responsible for programs, functions and allocation of budgets of each of the 16 state-supported universities.

Godwin said he has talked with Lt. Gov. Pat Taylor, and they have set a goal of June 30 to terminate this session of General Assembly, but the session could run longer if necessary.

"The majority of the members have been here since January," he said. "They left businesses unattended and want to go home."

"I don't want us to get panicky and pass or kill something just to go home. We are just not in the frame of mind to give the proposal the attention it deserves."

Former State Sen. Lindsay C. Warren Jr., chairman of the study committee, outlined the proposal in a news release Saturday.

Warren said the proposal included individual boards of trustees for each of the 16 institutions; to govern the internal affairs of the universities.

Scott appointed the 23-member panel in January to study the state's system of higher education and make recommendations to eliminate the duplication waste and political infighting in the state system of universities.

The study committee is composed of trustees from the Consolidated University, the nine regional universities, the School of the Arts and members of the Board of Higher Education.

Consolidated University President William C. Friday said Saturday he is opposed to the deconsolidation proposal, "which would deconsolidate this university and effectively discard the unified and highly successful efforts of the faculties of the six university campuses."

"The Consolidated University of North Carolina, established through the imaginative leadership of O. Max Gardner and effectively administered by Frank Graham, Billy Carmichael and Gordon Gray, under policies established by its trustees, had through its distinguished faculty and staff served the people of North Carolina faithfully and well," he said.

Friday denied the charge that the Consolidated University has been wasteful and allowed duplication of educational services.

"Through wise and efficient use of tax funds, the university has established an assignment of responsibilities among its campuses and thereby avoided wasteful duplication," he said.

## Legislature defeats bill providing summer lawyer

by Woody Doster  
Staff Writer

Consideration of the bill to provide \$3,000 for legal counsel over the summer months was again denied by Student Legislature (SL) Monday night.

A second special session has been called for Thursday, May 13 at 7 p.m.

The primary objection to consideration of the bill was made by Legislator Landon Shuff, also a member of the Graduate-Professional Student Federation (GPSF).

The bill was turned away from the floor of the Legislature last Thursday night because copies of its were not

available 24 hours in advance. A single objection, provided by Ways and Means Chairman Kathy McGuire, was enough to stop consideration.

Speaking for consideration on the bill, Legislator Gerry Cohen said, "This bill will allow a lawyer to consider some crucial issues that may come up this summer, when the students aren't in Chapel Hill."

He noted the "attacks" against The Daily Tar Heel and the University's visitation policy, in the N.C. Legislature, which will be in session through the summer.

In addition, there will be a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University,

"in which the students need representation."

"I think this bill has adequate safeguards to prevent any unethical spending of the money," Cohen continued.

Finance Committee Chairman Robert Grady, who is also a member of the body which will choose a lawyer, said "in all probability" the summer lawyer would be John Brooks, who presently is doing some legal work for Student Government. "I believe the Legislature should re-examine this issue very carefully," Shuff said. "The appropriation for Student Government legal counsel was discussed for several meetings before it was approved. This bill is asking us to abdicate control over something that we considered so carefully."

Shuff noted provisions put in the original appropriation required that SL would hire the lawyer and decide what he should consider.

With the bill under discussion, a vote of four out of five of the members of the Summer School Governing Board could hire the lawyer and decide his functions.

"The idea of the Executive Branch seems to be use the lawyer as much as you can while there is no control over him," Shuff said. "He could be used to gather arguments against the GPSF, when we are paying part of his salary."

Graduate students comprise about one-third of the student body, and their fees will provide one-third of the lawyer's retainer.

## ECU student editor suspended

by Evans Witt  
Staff Writer

The editor of the East Carolina University campus newspaper has been suspended from school indefinitely and removed from the paper's staff for publishing a letter that ended with an obscenity.

Robert Thonen, editor of the ECU Fountainhead, was suspended Monday by the University Judicial Board after publication of the letter sharply criticizing ECU President Leo Jenkins.

The letter, written by an ECU student, ended with the words "f--- you, Leo."

Shortly after the letter was printed, the Judicial Board met and voted to remove Thonen from his duties as editor due to Thonen's refusal to censor the letter.

"So long as I am up there as editor, the paper will not be censored," Thonen told the Judicial Board.

"I wasn't going to censor anything that was legal," he said in a telephone interview Tuesday.

Another hearing was held Monday night by the Judicial Board to determine the future status of Thonen as a student at ECU.

In the proceedings, Thonen had Jenkins subpoenaed to testify on a number of issues.

One of the admissions Thonen hoped Jenkins would make was that Jenkins had used four-letter expletives, such as the one used in the letter, in personal conversations with Thonen.

Jenkins refused to testify, partly on the grounds that he would eventually have to review the case.

At this point in the hearing, Thonen and approximately 30 of his supporters walked out of the hearing. For this action Thonen was cited for contempt of court.

The decision of the Board was to sentence Thonen to indefinite suspension, meaning he will be required to petition the board's permission before he can return to ECU as a student.

An appeal of the Judicial Board's

decision is being processed through procedures of the University, according to Thonen, but also a federal court injunction will be sought to reinstate Thonen as an ECU student.

Thonen, with the help of an American Civil Liberties Union lawyer, filed a suit to enjoin the University from prosecuting him. This original request was denied.

The letter which stirred all the furor was a 300-word letter condemning Leo Jenkins and the ECU Board of Trustees

for attempting "to legislate morality" for the ECU students in regards to the visitation policy.

Visitation has been an explosive issue on the ECU campus for much of this year, according to Thonen.

According to Thonen, the letter was a "very well reasoned, logical, rational one which the author saw fit to end with the phrase objectionable to some members of the ECU University community."

The author of the letter was also

suspended from school by the Judicial Board, but the sentence was suspended.

The writer of the letter has since dropped out of ECU.

The Fountainhead is published in Thonen's absence by Bev Denny, Thonen's assistant editor.

In an editorial discussing the letter and the hearings, she reprinted the words which brought about the controversy.

The future status of the paper is still in doubt at ECU, according to Thonen.



The traffic jam on Cameron Avenue was no problem to the bike rider, but the bicycles jammed in front of the Carolina

Union were a problem to pedestrians. Traffic jams come in all sizes. (Staff photo by Cliff Kolovson)

## Would set policy by vote

## GPSF rules amendment asked

by Jim Minor  
Staff Writer

A proposed amendment of the Graduate and Professional Student Federation's (GPSF) constitution states that general policy statements of the GPSF can be made only by referendum.

The amendment was proposed at a GPSF executive committee meeting Monday night. It will be voted on next year.

The constitution presently states "Only the Senate, or the graduate and professional student body through referendum, shall make general policy statements."

"The amendment would prohibit the Senate from speaking for the entire group on group policies," Charles Vincent, GPSF vice-president, said Tuesday. "This especially applies to political, non-University-connected statements."

"We are not trying to dissuade

members from presenting political views individually," he said, "but we feel they should not do so when acting as representatives of the entire group."

"This is one reason GPSF was formed. We felt the undergraduate student government did issue such statements," Vincent said.

He said the Federation will have referendums from time to time on controversial topics. The results will then be published. However, the statements

will reflect the views of members of GPSF, not of only the Senate.

"We need cohesion to accomplish our goals, especially since we are a new group," Vincent said. "Advocating political doctrines which are not really connected to the University could do away with this cohesion."

"We do not want to serve as a podium for certain people expressing their individual convictions," he said. "This is not the aim of GPSF."

## Weather

TODAY: partly cloudy and warm;  
30 per cent chance of precipitation  
today; 60 per cent chance of  
precipitation tonight.

## Stallings praises Infirmary report

by Jessica Hanchar  
Staff Writer

Student Body President Joe Stallings expressed a desire Tuesday that the Infirmary evaluation report "not be filed away like so many other reports and the information not used."

The report states Infirmary problems and the lack of student input as main areas needing improvement.

Stallings pointed out two recommendations the report made of particular importance.

The first is the recommendation that a student board with voting power be established immediately to help establish health services policy.

"A service paid for exclusively by student fees and utilized, for the most part by students should, to a certain extent, be under the direction of students," Stallings said.

"This is the same principle as the one that a consumer should be able to determine what he's paying for," he added.

The second recommendation Stallings emphasized was that financing and budgetary accountability should be reviewed.

The report recommended an itemization of the services available under

student fees should be published for the students.

"In the past, it has been difficult for students to find out how their money is being spent, not only in the Infirmary but in many segments of the University," Stallings commented.

"Individuals sometimes can obtain financial information only after spending a great deal of time trying to convince the University of the importance of getting this information," he continued.

"The University's general policy should be one of openness in University finances," Stallings charged.

The report was compiled by Dr. Addie Klotz, director of the Health Service at San Fernando Valley State College; Joseph Axelrod, director of Health Planning at Yale University; and Dr. John Curtis, director of the Health Service at the University of Georgia.

The consultants were charged by Chancellor J. Carlyle Sitterson with the task of evaluating the present Infirmary and making suggestions about future goals.

Stallings said he was "impressed with their perception and their ability to make valid judgments about our present health services" when he met the three consultants during their visit to the University last March.