



It's rained in Chapel Hill the last couple of days but students really shouldn't be so paranoid about it. Felicia Farrar was found with umbrella protection during one of Wednesday's dry periods. (Staff photo by Cliff Kolovson)

For consumer protection Nader raider urges fee tax

by Jim Minor
Staff Writer

An associate of consumer advocate Ralph Nader proposed Tuesday a \$1.50 increase per semester in individual student fees to hire a full-time staff of advocates trained in various areas of societal problems.

Brent English told the students at a meeting in Murphey Hall the small increase in student fees would be enough to finance a consumer protection group. "This small amount would add up to \$180,000 to \$200,000 a year," he said.

"This would be enough to hire 10 to 15 public interest advocates."

He said environmentalists, lawyers and scientists would be included in those hired.

Another meeting will be held tonight at 9 p.m. in Murphey Hall. Organizational meetings will also be held this week at Duke and N.C. State.

English told students that under his plan anyone who wants his money back would have it refunded after two or three weeks.

He said the Nader staff's relationship to the group is purely organizational.

"We want to provide the magnetism and impetus and then it's up to the students of North Carolina," English said. "We're trying to get the students interested."

"The best way to get something done is to work within the system. Students, as well as citizens, have the right to govern themselves."

"If somebody is violating the law, take them to court," he added. "If a law needs to be changed, change it through legal processes."

"Students can't afford to pay lawyers what the corporations do, but many of

the finest young lawyers in the nation still respond to public interest. They are the people who can help students work effectively within the system."

English said such campus groups as ECOS have proven admirable, but they lack the expertise to really go after the problems.

The best way to deal with such problems is through local organizations, he said. "Because of bureaucratic nature and seek federal cooperation is almost impossible. We need to work through state governments and local boards."

Plans are forming in 25 states for similar groups, English said. Organizations are already functioning in Oregon and Minnesota.

"The Research Triangle area is ideal for an organization because of the tradition of student activism and the geographical proximity of the major universities," he said.

He added that other similar groups might join the organization.

"We want to revive student activism throughout the nation," English said. "We need permanent groups that carry over their work from year to year."

English said the next step will be the distributing of petitions. The petitions will then go to the student legislatures, trustees and a student referendum.

Getting approval from the trustees will probably be the biggest problem, he said, although he expressed confidence the board would approve the proposal.

"We want to work through the system," he said. "This is what the trustees and politicians also emphasize."

New dorm regulations hit by black students

by Charles Jeffries
Staff Writer

Dissatisfaction over the newly-invoked floor party policy in South Campus dormitories was the main topic of a meeting of the UNC Black Student Movement (BSM) Tuesday night.

The meeting, drawing more than 180 black students, was held to discuss the various programs the BSM would attempt to initiate during the coming year.

After discussing such topics as an off-campus tutorial program, a black library, Black Ink (The BSM Newspaper) and a new black radio program, the meeting turned to a discussion of the recent troubles plaguing South Campus dorms.

Most of the members agreed with the new dorm policy that makes it unlawful for non-students to enter the dorm although it does allow the guests of students to enter. The group became divided over a floor party policy which they say is discriminatory.

The floor party policy states that in order for a group to have a party in the lobby, a meeting of the floor must be held with a vote taken to determine whether a majority of the floor members approve.

The BSM contends that this policy is discriminatory because the administration knows the majority of the students on all floors are white and therefore a majority vote for a black party would be virtually impossible.

Many of the students argued that the policy only reinforces the dislike of the University by off-campus young people and makes a hostile relationship between off-campus and on-campus blacks.

"We have to begin to relate to the people off-campus before we become doctors and lawyers and move into big homes," said one student.

Another student said she had visited the people in the community and they were "afraid of the University," making it difficult for her to relate to them.

BSM President Ronald Wesson said he plans to have a meeting with Dean of Men Fred Schroeder and try to work out a more popular plan concerning the use of lobbies for parties.

"The University has for a long time considered the black population of Chapel Hill an employment pool for janitors, maids and cafeteria help," said Wesson.

He urged the students to attempt to become more familiar with the people of Chapel Hill and to frequent some of the

black-owned businesses in the city.

With the discussion of the floor party policy in a stalemate, the group continued to discuss the other topics on the agenda, including the attempt by Governor Scott to reorganize the state's higher education system.

A representative from the N.C. Youth for Black Unity organization, Ronald Ivey, led the discussion saying the plan by Governor Scott would hurt black universities in North Carolina.

The two-and one-half hour meeting ended with many of the students still divided over the community relationship controversy, but most of them said they hoped the differences between the off-campus blacks and on-campus blacks would soon be resolved.

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