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Student Affairs Office draws Stallings' attack

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Terming the Office of Student Affairs a "stumbling block," Student Body President Joe Stallings has asked Chancellor J. Carlyle Sitterson to restructure that office.

Stallings expressed "extreme dismay" Wednesday in a letter to the chancellor concerning the Faculty Council's refusal last Friday to approve a proposal to restructure the office by the Committee on Student Involvement in University Administrative Structures.

The Faculty Council voted Friday after lengthy debate to send the recommendation for the half-student, half-faculty administrative board back to committee.

The proposed 20-member administrative board would have had authority over the Office of Residence

Life, Student Union and Student Health Service. As recommended by the committee, the board would have direct access to the chancellor.

Stallings' caustic letter reviewed the current state of the students affairs office and the possibilities for such an office.

"Since the beginning of my involvement in Student Government, it has been evident that many conflicts have arisen simply because the nature of the Student Affairs Office is not such that it serves students," the letter said.

Stallings detailed in the letter the lack of student input and the lack of mutual respect between students and the student affairs office.

"The state of affairs - with our present Office of the Dean of Student Affairs - as it now functions is unfortunately sad," he said. "That office functions not as an advocate for the student interests and interests articulated

by the University Administration."

Stallings' letter cites his membership on the advisory board of the Dean of Student Affairs, a body he said has not met since he assumed the presidency of the student body last spring.

"Student input is an unheard-of commodity for the top officials of that office," the letter says. "The officials there do not understand the need for student input."

Stallings said there was no feeling of mutual respect between the students and the top officials of the office. But he said he does not question the intentions of the officials of the office.

The letter says a lack of understanding seems to be a main problem in the relations of the office with students.

The potential for such an office was also reviewed by Stallings in his letter to the chancellor.

"That office more than any other in

the University administration should cooperate closely with students," he said.

"It should be an advocate for students in the University Administration . . . to explain students' wishes to other officials of the University."

Stallings said he does not expect the student affairs office to acquiesce to every student request.

"What I am requesting is that the office could serve as a liaison, recognizing that student ideas deserve careful careful consideration and complete articulation," he said.

Stallings cited the operation of the dean of student affairs office at UNC-G as an example of this advocacy of student ideas to other officials.

Stallings called for the establishment of mutual respect between students and the office.

At the end of his letter, Stallings asked Sitterson to provide the impetus for changing the student affairs office structure.

"I realize that you are coming to the end of your tenure as chancellor at Chapel Hill, but I request that as one of your last acts in your present capacity that you provide the leadership necessary to revitalize the Office of the Dean of Student Affairs," he said.

In the letter, Stallings also praised the work of the Committee on Student Involvement, headed by Dr. Gordon P. Cleveland.

The Cleveland Committee's recommendation that an administrative board be established over a part of the office "should not go unheeded," the letter said.



The unseasonable warm weather has even brought classes out on the lawn of Polk Place - and that never happens in late November. (Staff photo by Cliff Kolovson)

Of student voters

Rally urges registration

A rally to encourage registration of student voters will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. today in the parking lot of the new Chapel Hill Municipal Building.

Students who do not register to vote today will not have their names on the jury selection lists for 1972-73, according

to Gerry Cohen, UNC student legislator and an organizer for the rally.

Registration books will be open from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. today at the Municipal Building on North Columbia Street.

"The law provides that the list for jury duty be every 20th name taken from the

list of registered voters," Cohen said. "Juries are then selected at random from the compiled list."

The jury selection list for 1972-73 will be compiled from the names of all persons registered to vote by today, he said.

Cohen said nine names for the 1972 grand jury will also be selected from the registration list as it is complete today. Names for the grand jury are selected every six months, and the jurors serve for one year, he said.

Jim Van Hecke, a UNC law student and an organizer for the rally, said it is important that students brought to trial face a representative jury.

The rally will feature three rock bands - Jerboa, Sweet Rye and Flatrock. Sponsors of the rally will provide free soft drinks.

Becky Hannah, one of the rally's organizers and a member of Campaign for Young Voters, said the dormitory, fraternity or sorority with the most students registering to vote today will win a case of beer.

The rally is sponsored by the statewide Campaign for Young Voters, the UNC Student Government Association, the N.C. Veterans for Peace and the Carolina Union Current Affairs Committee.

N.C. Veterans for Peace are sponsoring the rock bands. Chris Miller, a veteran from Winston-Salem, is coordinating the rock groups for voter registration rallies across the state.

N.C. Vets working to bring war's end

The N.C. Veterans for Peace has obtained 1,477 signatures on a petition requesting universal amnesty for all Vietnam war resisters, a spokesman said Wednesday.

Most of the signatures were received in the Chapel Hill and Raleigh areas.

David Harris, husband of Joan Baez and well-known draft resister, spoke at N.C. State University Tuesday at a rally. More than 500 persons signed the amnesty petition after he spoke.

The veterans are hoping to reach a goal of 10,000 signatures before they deliver the petition to the White House Dec. 24.

The N.C. Veterans are also co-sponsoring a voter registration rally, featuring three rock bands, from 4 to 8 p.m. today in the parking lot of the Chapel Hill Municipal Building.

Mark Smith, spokesman for the veterans, said persons will talk about voter registration between concerts.

The peace organization will also sponsor a float Saturday in the Raleigh Christmas Parade. The theme of the float is "What have you done to free the prisoners?"

"Veterans will be in the crowds passing out leaflets," Smith said.

A national organization of Vietnam

Veterans Against the War have made plans for a nationwide fast in state capitols on Thanksgiving Day.

Smith said veterans from UNC are going to Raleigh and anyone interested should join the group there or contact the group in its office in Suite C, Student Union. The group will meet at 8 p.m. Thursday to make further plans.

Project Dialogue, an organization of veterans which met in Durham last weekend, is trying to bring students and communities together to talk about various issues, Smith said. He said the organization is forming a statewide group of veteran speakers to talk to civic and community groups.

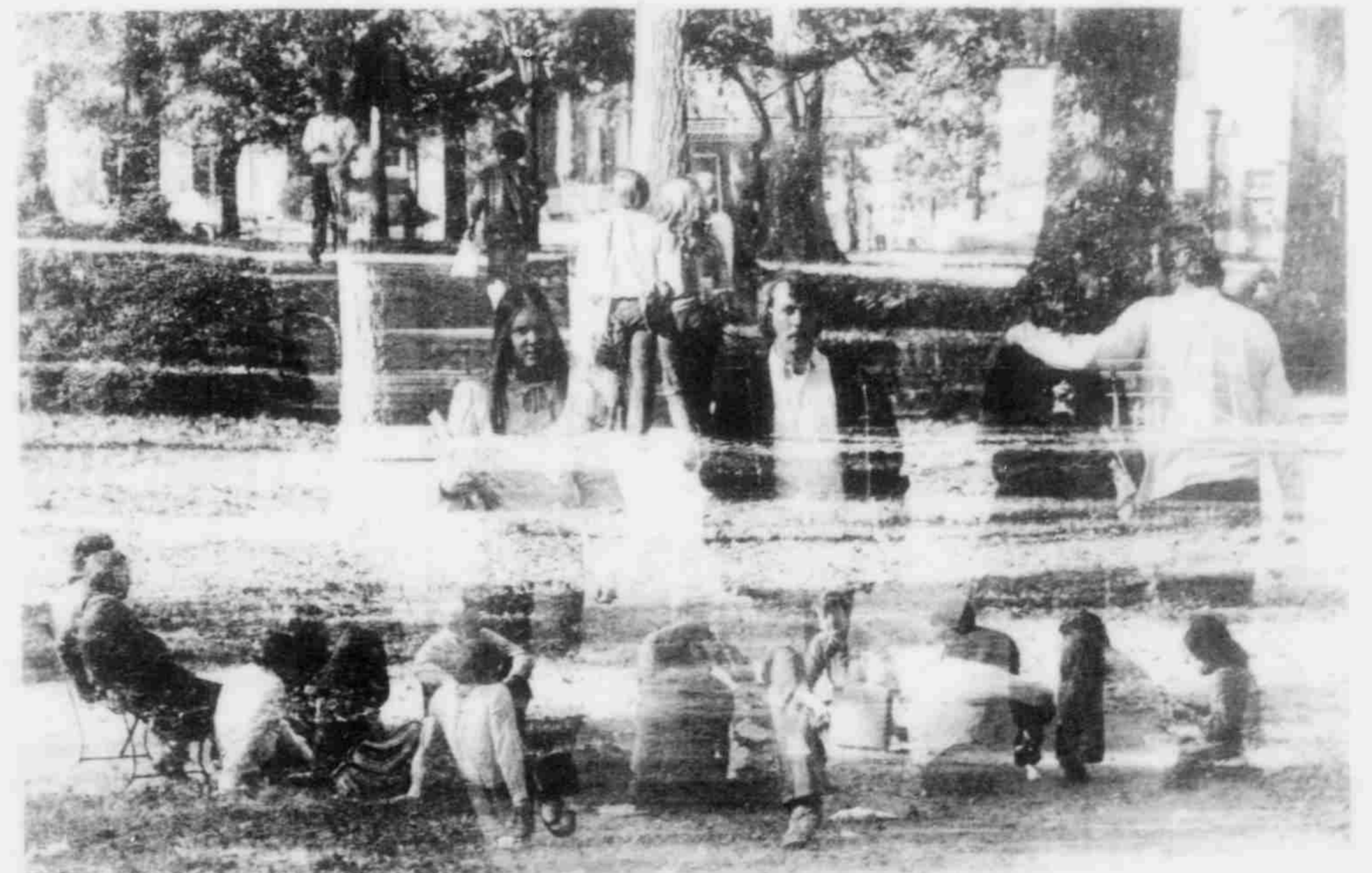
Presently, there are anti-war groups in Chapel Hill, Fayetteville, Winston-Salem, Greensboro, Charlotte and Raleigh. Project Dialogue should be able to get speakers in these areas, according to Smith.

"We are trying to get veterans in the Chapel Hill group to speak at civic organizations in their hometowns when they go home for Christmas," Smith added. "We want to get them into communities where people have not been seriously contacted by the anti-war movement."

Weather

TODAY: Sunny and warm with a high in the low to mid 70s; low tonight in the upper 40s; probability of precipitation near zero.

Where's winter weather?



The warm weather has students hustling and bustling just like it was springtime. DTH staff photographer Leslie Todd captured students walking and talking in McCorkle Place Wednesday - as everyone takes advantage of the delay of winter.

New policy modifies electrical restrictions

by Jessica Hancher
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The final draft of a policy removing refrigerator quotas and most electrical appliance prohibitions was released Wednesday by the Office of Residence Life.

But the policy, effective Dec. 1, imposes limitations on the number of wats in use in a dorm room at one time.

"There may be some few minor modifications," said Robert Kepner, director of Residence Life. "But the final policy will be very similar to this draft."

The policy came out of a survey on electrical conditions last summer and early this fall.

The University contracted an

engineering firm to completely evaluate the electrical capabilities of each dorm.

The policy divides the dorms into two categories according to electrical capability.

Category A buildings are those in satisfactory electrical condition, with minimum restrictions on electrical usage. These dorms include all South Campus, lower quad, Old East and Old West and the new section of Spencer.

Category B buildings are in unsatisfactory electrical condition, with severe restrictions on electrical usage. These dorms are Upper Quad, Alderman, Kenan, Melver, Alexander, Joyner, Winston, Connor, Cobb, Carr and the old section of Spencer.

Special restrictions will exist in

Whitehead until emergency rewiring is completed. The dorm is excluded from both category A and B until that time, when it will be included in Category A.

Old East and Old West were rewired on an emergency basis at the beginning of this semester.

All dorms in category B will be rewired next summer, Kepner said. He said all dorms should operate under the policy for Category A buildings next fall.

The basic restriction for category A dorms is a total of 1,800 wats in use per individual room at one time. No single appliance may exceed 1,000 wats.

Students should know the wattage of each appliance they own, the policy states. It is up to the students residing in the room to determine how they wish to

spend their 1,800 wats.

"This limitation was imposed purely for safety reasons," Kepner said. The policy states, "The 1,800-watt maximum with the 1,000-watt restriction is stipulated by the engineering firm as the maximum safety limit for any given room."

The 1,000-watt maximum still restricts the use of most large hotplates, broilers, toasters and fry pans.

Category B dorms are limited to 600 wats in use at one time. This limitation still restricts the use of hotplates, broilers, popcorn poppers and heaters. Refrigerators must be restricted to a normal running wattage of less than 100 wats.

"Dorms in Category B are not in very

good electrical condition," Kepner said.

"The safety of the residents is threatened when restricted appliances are used."

The policy says, "The highly restrictive appliance limitations in Category B are indicative of the danger that exists to the occupants of the buildings if the appliance usage is not limited."

"The enforcement of these restrictions is of utmost importance and must be the primary responsibility of each student."

If the safety of residents in Category B buildings is in jeopardy, the policy continues, the University reserves the right to have students restrict the use of or remove illegal appliances such as refrigerators. This action will be taken if the cause of problems with an electrical

circuit cannot be determined.

In addition, the policy restricts the use of all electrical appliances except electric razors and toothbrushes in the bathrooms of any dorm.

If problems arise on a circuit, the University will inspect the rooms on the circuit to determine if there are any violations of the restrictions. Illegal appliances must be removed and violators may be fined \$20.

The final draft incorporated all proposed modifications to the original draft developed by the office of Residence Life. It will be sent to the Residence College Federation, the Committee on University Residence Life and other offices for another chance to propose modifications, Kepner said.