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SG reorganization plan asks end to legislature

by Jessica Hanchar
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A reduction of the current 55-member Student Legislature (SL) to a 15-member Campus Governing Council with insured representation for minorities was proposed in a Student Government reorganization report released Monday.

The proposals, part of a report by the Presidential Commission on the Goals and Organization of Student Government (SG), were submitted to Joe Stallings, student body president. The commission has been studying the problems of student government since the beginning of fall semester.

The basic problems discussed in the report were lack of representation of various interests and minorities on campus, inefficient coordination between the executive and legislative branches of Student Government, procedural problems due to the present size of SL and problems surrounding the consideration of the SG budget.

The report also includes a compromise with graduate and undergraduate students in which each party receives guaranteed representation.

"The whole report, with regard to the internal affairs of Student Government,

recognizes two important philosophies," Jay Strong, commission chairman, said Monday. "It agrees with the general opinion among students that we are over-governed by too much bureaucracy and too many positions in Student Government which do not acquire responsible people.

"Secondly, the philosophy applied by the commission was a firm belief that what we need is a democratic process that does not just guarantee minority rights but guarantees to minorities protective representation in the bodies of government."

The proposed amendments will serve to protect undergraduate, graduate, male, female, black and white students.

The proposed council would be composed of 15 elected councilors and the president of the student body as an ex-officio member.

Two of the councilors will be of a minority race, two will be male and two female. The president of the student body with the council's consent would appoint up to four additional students to fill this requirement if not met by the regularly-elected councilors.

Graduate students are guaranteed representation on the council equal to the proportion of graduate and professional

students in the student body. That number would be established annually by the council.

An additional change is that the student body vice president, currently elected campuswide, would be elected from within the council as its chairman.

The powers of the council are basically the same as those of the present SL. A major change, however, occurs in its power of establishing an annual student budget.

The Finance Committee of the council, with the president of the student body as ex-officio member, would prepare and present a budget to the newly-elected council.

The council would also be able to impeach and bring to trial by majority vote and remove from office by two-thirds vote any student official except the editor of The Daily Tar Heel.

The student body president would still hold his veto power, but the council can override a veto by a simple majority vote of its members.

The president would also receive remuneration or a scholarship while in office. He would also become an ex-officio member of the University Board of Trustees.

"The recommended proposal is not

designed to change for change alone," Strong said. "It is consciously designed to improve the system in the areas where problems have arisen. These problems have rendered Student Government vulnerable to inefficient internal disputes.

"Of course, a few will be opposed to these proposals. For a few are always opposed to any form of change," he said.

"But it is significant that this commission of 16 people who have deliberated for four months have produced a nearly unanimously-supported conclusion."

The proposed amendments, if passed, would become effective Nov. 1, 1972, when the present Student Legislature would be dissolved.

A council elected Oct. 2, 1972, would serve from then until the 1973 spring elections. The new council would take over for a one-year term.

The proposal is now under consideration by Stallings. If he recommends the report, the amendments could be implemented either by action of Student Legislature or by a campuswide student referendum.

"I view the commission as a highly competent and dedicated group of people," Stallings said Monday. "They spent many hours reviewing the problems surrounding Student Government and have presented an extremely creditable report. Jay Strong, the commission's chairman, has done an excellent job in coordinating the group's work."

Stallings said he viewed the work of this commission as the most important of Student Government this year.

"Because of the importance of the report, I am now intensively studying the commission's work and will make a report to the student body Tuesday," Stallings said.

"Quite obviously, no commission member believes this proposal is a panacea on its own," Strong said. "Many of the problems exist in student attitudes themselves, but the commission does believe, through a better-suited governing process, student attitudes will be changed."

The commission was formed by Stallings last August. Membership was comprised of on- and off-campus students, men and women, fraternity and sorority members, graduate and undergraduate students and minority students.

Stallings instructed the members to analyze the problems concerning Student Government and present some recommended changes to him.

The remainder of the report will be made public with the week.



UNC students can easily forget that it is not easy for everyone to get around on these mild winter afternoons. One of Chapel Hill's senior citizens was making her way to Franklin Street through the alley beside the Intimate Bookstore recently when our DTH photographer spotted her. (Staff photo by Johnny Lindahl)

10,000 sign petition

Sanford drive succeeds

A UNC student group announced Monday in Raleigh it has already obtained the required 10,000 signatures to place the name of Duke University Prepresident and former N.C. Governor Terry Sanford on the May presidential primary ballot.

Bill Blue, a UNC law student, said the group will continue gathering signatures until it has 25,000.

"Three days ago (Friday) we passed the 10,000 signature mark and our total continues to climb," Blue said at a press conference Monday.

"Though all of us are heartened and encouraged by the response we have found, none of us is yet satisfied," he said. "Because of this outpouring of support, we have set a goal of 25,000 names for our campaign."

The group expects to reach this new figure rapidly, he said. "We do not foreclose the possibility that a new goal, an even higher number, may be set as a target at some future time."

Blue said the group will announce in a few days the names of many prominent Democrats, including citizens of states besides North Carolina, who will join the students in the Sanford draft.

Sanford earlier said he would take no part in the petition drive, but if the group obtained the required signatures he would talk to its leaders about the drive.

"Sometime in late February, we will



Terry Sanford

take the signatures we have collected to Mr. Sanford and talk with him about his candidacy," Blue said.

"We feel the large number of names will be a strong argument endorsing his entry into the Democratic primary. Confronted with such an outpouring of support, we are hopeful he will accede to our collective desires and make a formal declaration, launching efforts in North Carolina and elsewhere."

Blue refuted allegations concerning the group's motives.

"Many have dismissed this campaign as a fantasy fostered by a group of whimsical college students," he said.

"Others would see us as only spoilers, attempting to derail the potential support for other candidates in this state. A few see this only as a campaign for the vice presidency or some lesser office," he added.

Blue said the group's intent was "to elect him President of the United States. We neither seek nor desire any lesser office."

He said support for the movement was coming from not only students but also "businessmen, professional people, laborers, housewives, office personnel—all of whom have found a common ground" in Sanford.

"We believe the democratic process is best served by a democratic choice, an open primary where all elements can be heard," Blue said. "That democratic process cannot be satisfied when an endorsement of a candidate by a single individual is seen as tantamount to his receiving a state's delegate votes."

The movement for Sanford began about two weeks ago in Chapel Hill and involved other state campuses. A statewide effort began last week.

Blue said the group has organizations on college campuses in several other states.



As these four persons listed their personal property for taxation Monday afternoon, approximately 100 others were standing in line waiting. Most people were forced to wait two

hours or more before reaching one of the six tax lists. County residents will be allowed to file today without penalty. (Staff photo by Tad Stewart)

Scott College may reorganize

by William March
Staff Writer

The residents of Scott Residence College will vote Thursday on a new constitution which would greatly decentralize the governing power in the college.

A simple majority of voters will be required to enact the new constitution, which the Scott College senate approved for a referendum by a 19 to 3 vote last Thursday.

"This constitution is an effort to save the college from breaking up completely as King College did, by strengthening the powers of the individual houses," Mike O'Neal, student legislator from Avery and Teague dormitories, said Monday.

"The heart of the change," he explained, "is to increase the financial and social autonomy of the individual houses by lowering the portion of each resident's social fee which goes to the college, and increasing the portion which goes to the house."

Currently, \$2.50 of each resident's social fee goes to his house, and \$2 goes to the college. Under the new constitution, the college would get 55 cents and the house would get \$3.95.

The constitution would further cut the

number of executive officers of the college, and delegate many executive duties to the house officers.

"Under this system," O'Neal said, "the houses would be responsible for initiating social and academic events. The president of the college would be mainly a coordinating officer."

"The residence college idea was set up before we had visitation," he said. "Now that we have it, the social situation is different, and the colleges should change. Just as in King, we find that we have more unity in the individual houses than in the college as a whole."

O'Neal was optimistic the residents would pass the new constitution, as was Bob Arrington, college senator from Avery.

"The senate has been deliberating this bill for several weeks," Arrington said. "Some of the compromises have strengthened the powers which it would give to the college, but the purpose of the constitution has not been destroyed. All the college officers are working for it now."

The constitution was drafted by Avery President Ralph Hill, Bob Arrington and Teague senators Fred Kiger and Steve Wallenhaupt. If passed, it will probably go into effect immediately after the general college elections this semester.

Weather

TODAY: cloudy and cooler; highs in the mid 40s, lows in the upper 30s; 10 percent chance of precipitation today—increasing to 50 percent chance tonight.

Campaign spending curbs offered to SL committee

by Bob Downes
Staff Writer

A plan to limit campaign spending to \$555 for Student Government offices was proposed Monday by Student Legislator Charlie Dean at a special meeting of the SL Rules Committee.

The plan, which encountered several objections, would limit expenditures for printing to \$185; advertising to \$185; postage, telephone and telegraphic expenses to \$92.50; and miscellaneous costs to \$92.50.

Objections to the proposal centered on the possibility that candidates may want to spend more money in one category than another.

Rules Committee Chairman Charles Gilliam said another objection to the plan was that it would not affect those expenditures already made by several candidates and could hinder candidates who had not planned ahead.

Dan Lewis, a prospective candidate for

student body president, suggested that one member of the election board be made treasurer of each candidate's campaign.

The board member would be responsible for signing each check as well as keeping record of all campaign expenditures.

Gilliam said several members of the Rules Committee voiced opposition to any such regulation due to the huge amount of work and time it would require.

Another suggestion included no limit, but full disclosure of all spending. However, there was concern there would be no way to provide adequate surveillance, Gilliam said.

The committee, took no action on the proposals, but will meet at 2 p.m. Wednesday to consider them.

If a bill is not submitted to Student Legislature by Thursday, it probably will be too late for action, explained Gilliam. Gilliam emphasized that all prospective

candidates for student office "who might object or feel hindered by a bill (regulating campaign spending) should attend or send somebody to the next meeting."

In other action, Larry Eggert, president of the Election Board, told Rules Committee members progress has been made in computerizing the entire election.

If approved, the entire election will be conducted on computer cards including the honor court and the legislature at a cost of approximately \$250-\$300 for printing of cards and \$150-\$200 for computer time, a total cost of about \$500.

Eggert also said he will visit the Durham County Board of Elections to investigate the possible use of voting machines.

The committee also discussed moving election poll sites indoors due to possible inclement weather.