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## Stallings favors SG restructuring

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Student Body President Joe Stallings Tuesday gave his "wholehearted support" to the Student Government (SG) reorganization report released Monday.

The report proposed Student Constitution amendments abolishing the 55-member Student Legislature (SL) and replacing it with a 15-member Campus Governing Council.

It also guaranteed membership on the council to minority races, both sexes, undergraduate and graduate students.

"I realize no report can please every individual in its entirety," Stallings said. "However, a group of people with diverse interests have done a good job in offering solutions to the many structural problems in Student Government. I am therefore going to offer no changes to the report."

He said several constitutional changes recommended by the report would solve four aspects of SG problems.

The changes would bring the two branches of SG, executive and legislative, closer together. The president of the student body would be a member of the council, and the student body vice

president would be elected from within the council.

"Having a completely separate executive and legislative branch builds in unnecessary division," Stallings said. "It is harmful to the student body to completely divide the functions of Student Government."

The recommendations would still provide for checks on each branch by the other. For example although the president would be a member of the council, he may not make appointments to fill vacancies in the council. There would be special elections in the appropriate district to fill each vacancy.

In addition, the present two-thirds vote to override a presidential veto would be reduced to a simple majority vote.

The second general area of problems which the amendments might solve is the present size of SL.

"For instance, rather than being a parliamentary body, in which parliamentary law becomes an end rather than a means, the new council would be able to discuss rather than debate issues," Stallings said.

"This added limitation of the councilors should enable them to develop

substantive programs that are now never considered."

Stallings "strongly" disagrees with objections that a smaller body would mean the development of a "power elite" in Student Government.

"On the contrary, each of the 15 councilors will be much more visible to the student body and will be held more individually accountable in their districts," he said.

"Additionally, there will be more competition for each of the 15 seats. Many qualified students who would never consider running for Student Legislature are interested in seeking positions on the council," Stallings continued.

Inadequate representation of various interests on campus is a third area Stallings sees the proposals as improving.

"If a person is not a white male undergraduate on-campus student, then he is not now adequately represented in SL," he said. "Because every student is required to pay the student activity fee, I feel all should be given an adequate voice on the council."

Protective representation is guaranteed to both sexes and the minority races by allowing the student body president to appoint two councilors in each of these categories if they are not represented among the elected 15. The nominations would be subject to approval of the council.

"Although I think this part of the report is necessary, I have enough faith in the student body to think that rarely, if ever, would the student body president have to make these appointments," Stallings said.

The final major problem area, the annual student budget, is improved by the proposals, Stallings said, by "making the budgetary process more reasonable."

"This year as president I and those working with me have had to work within a budget passed by a lame-duck legislature," he said.

An amendment would provide for the new council and the new president to prepare and submit their own budget.

Stallings commended the report and the work of the members of the Presidential Commission on the Goals and Structures of Student Government, headed by Jay Strong.

"I hope every student will give serious consideration to this report," he said. "Although structural changes offer no panacea for solving the problems of Student Government, the suggestions are an important step in the right direction."

Stallings said he and his staff will be talking to individuals and student organizations about the recommended proposals.

The proposals must be approved by a student referendum initiated either by the student body or by SL.



Some of the alleyways in downtown Chapel Hill provide interesting exercises in parking skills for the drivers of large delivery trucks servicing downtown businesses. Even though a VW can go many places that the larger trucks cannot, this auto

had to wait in the alley next to the Carolina Coffeeshop until its bigger brethren was able to make its way out of the alley. (Staff photo by Leslie Todd)

## 5 dorms split King College dissolves

Residents of King Residence College voted Monday to dissolve the residence college and return the dorms to independent status.

The referendum, held in Spencer, Ruffin, Grimes, Manly and Mangum dormitories, passed by a margin of 186-11.

In addition to abolishing the residence college, the residents also voted to send the money in the college fund to the individual dorms. The referendum was in

the form of one yes or no vote.

Explaining the vote, Kate Whittington, assistant to the social lieutenant governor of King College, said the "structure fights the college, because the Arb is in the middle."

Whittington believes "it's a move forward since we are strengthening the independent dorms."

Steve Saunders, chairman of the Residence College Federation (RCF), said: "This is a realistic step for the

college. King has always been one of the weaker colleges in the system. There has been general disinterest since most of the students have identified with the individual dorms and not the college."

Saunders pointed out, however, the dissolution of the college means that there will be no King representative on the RCF executive board.

"This makes some 17 percent of the people living on campus unrepresented on the board," Saunders said. "We are looking at a possible restructuring of our board in an effort to offer representation to everybody."

The RCF executive board consists of the governors of the residence colleges. The RCF will consider changes in the present structure at its weekly meeting tonight.

The money in the King College fund will now revert back to the five individual dorms with the exception of some \$350, which was allocated by the five house presidents to go to the Senior Class to help offset their debt incurred by the Mum Sale.

## Morehead official explains decision

The standard for Morehead scholars concerning conviction of criminal offenses means "just don't break the law," according to Hugh Chatham, chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Morehead Foundation.

When questioned about the suspension of UNC student Frank Alexander's scholarship, Chatham replied, "We take the position that a fellow is innocent until he is proven guilty; but in the meantime Frank is charged with a criminal offense, with deliberately breaking the law, and his funds have been suspended."

Alexander's scholarship was suspended by the foundation's Board of Trustees pending the outcome of a law suit in

which he is charged with violating a Pitt County parade ordinance.

The suspension came under the minimum standards issued to all Morehead scholars in September. The standards provides that "in the absence of special circumstances, conviction of a criminal offense (except minor traffic violations) will be considered sufficient reason for immediate and permanent termination or non-renewal of the award."

Chatham expressed the hope "everything will work out" for Alexander.

He described Alexander as a "fine student" who is "doing well in every other way."

## Weather

TODAY: rainy and colder; highs in the low 40s, lows in the low 30s; 60 percent chance of precipitation.



As the marquee at the Varsity Theater was being changed Tuesday, the movie house's employe had to stretch to put that first letter in the title of this week's movie and still not fall off the ladder. The title of the double features? "A Walk in the Spring Rain." Almost fits Chapel Hill's current weather. (Staff photo by Leslie Todd)

## At public hearing

# New Hope Dam debated

by Lynn Smith  
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A stand-up vote at the end of a public hearing on New Hope Dam was 3-1 against the dam, but both sides got their say Monday night.

The meeting was held to give the Chapel Hill Board of Aldermen an idea how the citizens feel about the \$53-million project. Four experts were asked to talk about different aspects of the dam for about five minutes each, then the floor was opened for questions from the 100 persons in attendance.

Ray Lester of the Research Triangle Planning Commission gave an overview of the dam's physical aspects. He pointed out the idea for the project had existed before the turn of the century.

"The dam was designed for flood control," Lester said. "It's still being built for that purpose. It will be able to withstand tremendous run-off."

"The structure is very sound. I can't think of anything so unlikely as a flood that it couldn't hold."

Lester also pointed out 60 percent of the land for the dam and reservoir had already been purchased. "If the project's not completed, that land will have to be disposed of."

The New Hope Lake and lands

surrounding it, Lester said, will keep Chapel Hill, Durham and Raleigh from growing together.

Ernest Carl, a UNC zoology professor, charged the Army Corps Engineers is "simply a construction outfit, with the ability to justify whatever project they want, regardless of its consequences."

The corps has not analyzed any aspect of this dam except the construction end, he said. Carl also said agencies who are supposed to be looking after the state's ecology are ineffective. He named six top officials of the N.C. Department of Water and Air Resources who are retired colonels in the Army Corps of Engineers.

D.L. Coburn, chief of water quality for the Department of Water and Air Resources, immediately disclaimed any attachment with the Army Corps.

He said there were no real experts in the area of ecology, but his department would do the best it could to insure New Hope Lake would be safe and usable.

"People aren't concerned with the nutrients in the water," Coburn said. "They ask us where can they fish and swim. I'd just have to tell them to wait until after the lake is made and it stabilizes, then we'll figure it all out."

Thomas Schoenbaum of the UNC law school said he thought the Army Corps is breaking a federal law, and he was against

anyone, especially a federal agency, doing that.

He pointed out the corps did not file an Environmental Impact Statement, required by the Environmental Policy Act of 1969, until 11 months after they started work. Schoenbaum is presently involved in a suit to stop the dam construction until an adequate statement is filed.

"Requiring a statement is not just nit-picking," Schoenbaum said. "It's meant to inform the President, Congress and the people."

He asked the aldermen to have the town of Chapel Hill intervene as a friend of the court against the corps.

Watson Morris, office manager for the UNC chapter of ECOS, read a statement from Raleigh, Durham and Chapel Hill ECOS groups urging construction of the dam to be stopped immediately until a court decision has been reached.

Work on the project has continued during the court battle. The dam is now 30 percent complete.

The ECOS statement said 90 percent of the nutrients now in the river would have to be removed to keep the water pure in a reservoir. It quoted an ecologist who studied the project as saying, "If one were to try to design a plan to supply the worst quality water possible, one would

come very close to designing the New Hope Dam."

Jane Sharp of the N.C. League of Women Voters and two professors from the UNC City and Regional Planning Department also protested the ecological effects of the dam.

Three members of the audience had more personal reasons for opposing the dam. Their homes will be covered with water if the dam is built.

Paul Farrington, one of the residents of the lake site, said he had only been paid half the value of his land.

"People are losing land that's been in families for a long time," he said. "Some of these people have put their life into it."

A representative of the Chapel Hill-Carboro Chamber of Commerce read a statement supporting the dam. He said the chamber had studied the project and found it to be a good thing for the community.

The statement cited greater recreational facilities and increased land values as possible benefits.

Dr. Jim Brown also thought the lake could be a good recreational site. He said other reservoirs in North Carolina had not become fouled by nutrients, because the phosphorus-absorbing qualities of N.C. clay help keep the water clean.