

RCF poll shows

Students favor new calendar

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The results of random surveys evaluating the academic calendar were revealed to the members of the Residence College Federation (RCF) at their meeting Wednesday night.

About 200 students were asked which of three proposed calendar changes they preferred and how they liked pre-Christmas exams.

The majority of students, according to

residence college governors, liked exams before Christmas, but favored a five-day break some time during the semester, preferably in October.

Several students suggested a shorter orientation period to provide the extra break later in the semester.

Another popular complaint, the governors said, was there wasn't enough time between the end of exams and the Christmas break.

"We had people here up until Dec. 23. That's just not enough time to enjoy the

Christmas spirit," Scott Residence College Governor Allen Reep said.

RCF Chairman Steve Saunders will present a statement of the findings to University Provost J.C. Morrow, who is head of the Faculty Council Calendar Committee.

The governors also discussed the proper procedure for changes in the distribution of residence college social fees. Apparently there are no procedural guidelines in the RCF constitution as to how these changes should be made,

Saunders said. As it stands now, the administration decides the validity of any student referendum requesting a fee change.

Saunders said, "I don't feel this should be up to the administration. It is a student fee, voted by students, used by students and should be changed by students."

He reported that at a Monday meeting with five RCF representatives, Dean of Men Fred Schroeder and Residence Life Director Robert Kepner, it was discovered Kepner decides the validity, and also sets guidelines for the referendums. RCF members agreed to propose that the guidelines be decided by students.

The fee change in question is the \$5 social fee collected from each student. In the past \$2 has gone to the residence college, \$2.50 to the individual houses and 50 cents toward intramural sports. Women students pay \$3 to their houses, instead of paying the 50 cents to intramural sports.

The problem occurs when a dorm wants to make any changes in this distribution.

The RCF also agreed to allow two representatives of the insurance companies that solicit on campus to speak at their meeting next week. This is in answer to a motion introduced by Jim Wellons, governor of Morehead College, that insurance salesmen should be prohibited from soliciting students by telephone.

Board to discuss
New Hope Dam

The Chapel Hill Board of Aldermen will hold a special meeting at 4 p.m. today to decide whether to enter a suit opposing construction of the New Hope Dam.

Durham City Council has already voted to become a party in the suit against the Army Corps of Engineers, which is building the dam. The council said the cost of purifying the water that would end up in the New Hope Reservoir should be charged to the project instead of the towns above the dam.

In Chapel Hill, more than 200 people attended a public hearing Monday night about the \$53 million project. Mayor Howard Lee said the purpose of the debate was "to let the Board of Aldermen know how the citizens feel about the dam." A stand-up vote at the end of the meeting showed 3-1 opposition to the project.

UNC law Prof. Thomas Schoenbaum and several other speakers urged the town to join the suit against the Army Corps of Engineers. Schoenbaum said the Corps had broken federal law by failing to file an Environmental Impact Statement as required by the Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

"I'm against anyone breaking the law," Schoenbaum said. "Especially an agency of the federal government."

A second hearing on the injunction to halt dam construction will be held at 9:30 a.m. Monday in U.S. Middle District Court in Greensboro. Judge Edwin L. Stanley, who presided over the first

hearing, died in December before handing down a ruling.

Judge Eugene Gordon has been appointed to take over the case.

Thirteen cities and counties on the lower Cape Fear River have intervened in the case as friends of the court on behalf of the Corps of Engineers. The League of Women Voters have intervened on behalf of the environmentalists opposed to the dam.

The league was one of many groups that read statements criticizing the New Hope project at the public meeting Monday night. UNC, Durham and Raleigh ECOS groups contested the corps analysis of the costs and benefits of the completed dam and reservoir. They argued that the waters in New Hope Lake would be choked with nutrients and unfit for recreation.

City planning experts suggested that costs for municipal sewer treatment to remove nutrients and insure water quality should be counted in the Corps' estimate of cost. Others pointed out that the Corps cost estimate had already undergone a 108 percent increase since 1963.

Earl Provancha, representing the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce, read one of the few statements favoring the dam. He said the project would be a recreational asset to the community and would increase the land values. His statement was met by hisses from the audience.

Third suspect arrested
for fatal school stabbing

HILLSBOROUGH—A third suspect has been taken into custody after the fatal stabbing of an Orange High School student Tuesday, according to Orange County Sheriff C.D. Knight.

The two suspects previously under arrest were Alvin Parker, 21, and Richard Crocker. Warrants have also been issued for Archie Parker, Joe Clark and Alfonso Clark. All are from the Hillsborough area.

Knight said Thursday "another boy has been picked up, but we didn't pick him up." He said he could not identify which

suspect was arrested or who made the arrest.

Meanwhile, school officials announced that schools in Orange County would remain closed until Monday, when security guards will be placed on duty at the schools to keep order and to keep away outsiders.

Contacted at his home Thursday afternoon, Orange County School Superintendent Fred Claytor would not comment except to say the incident was a "senseless, useless tragedy."

Donnie Riddle, 18, a white student, was stabbed to death Tuesday afternoon when he went to the aid of a black assistant principal who was trying to evict several black non-students from the school's campus.

Another student, Bill Goodwin, 17, was stabbed and hospitalized.

School officials said the incident had nothing to do with race, but the presence of outsiders on the campus who tried to get on school buses taking students home from school.

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