

The Daily Tar Heel

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Harry Bryan, Editor

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Student can fill vacancy on board

With the appointment of Chapel Hill Alderman James Wallace to the N.C. Board of Air and Water Resources, the town board must elect someone to fill the vacancy until November of 1973.

And in making its decision, the board should strongly consider appointing a student to complete Wallace's term.

At present, it appears the leading contenders for the seat are Jim Barnett, a vice president with the Chapel Hill branch of North Carolina National Bank, and Gerry Cohen, a UNC graduate student in political science who expects to enter law school here in September.

Cohen has been very much involved with the UNC Student Legislature and other committees in the University, and at the same time, he has done a great amount of work in the Chapel Hill community.

Way to go, Mr. Agnew

Spiro Agnew broke precedent Saturday in the Bob Hope Desert Golf Classic. The vice president played 18 holes of golf without injuring anyone on the course.

It was a vast improvement over last year when, in the same tournament, Agnew hit two tee shots into the gallery, hitting three spectators, and two years ago when an Agnew iron hit Doug Sanders in the head and drew blood.

It just goes to show that you can teach an old dog new tricks, or at least help him do it better. Now if someone would just sit down with him and show him something about helping run the country. . . .

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78 Years of Editorial Freedom

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15-member board would end legislative joke

The Student Government reorganization plan which will be voted on by the student body on February 29 is a proposal well worth supporting.

The plan offers several fundamental changes from the current Student Government (SG) structure. Instead of the present cumbersome 55 member Student Legislature, which over-represents on-campus undergraduate males, there will be a transition to a 15-member Campus Governing Council, with the President of the Student Body as a 16th member.

The Council is large enough to give adequate representation to all UNC students, and provides for one representative from each high rise dorm. Additionally, several seats will be proportionally reserved for graduate

students, who will probably choose their four representatives on a departmental basis.

The present system, which creates a little federal system, pitting the President against the SL, will be changed to an integrated system, where the president sits as a member of the Council, but with a veto.

The veto, however, can be overridden by a majority of the Council members, instead of the current two-thirds override vote required in SL. This will give the President power to delay unwise legislation, while allowing the Council, with the President, to work its will.

Up until this year, the SL grossly under-represented women and black students. The reorganization amendment has a provision which goes into operation

Letters to the editor

Town caught up in traffic jam

To the editor:
The University administration leaves little basis for a belief in human rationality. If a University cannot see the disastrous outcome of making more room for automobiles, what chance do other communities have?

A university community should be anxious to lead the way to establishing a rational compromise between cars and people. Isn't Chapel Hill's traffic congestion bad enough without being flooded with greatly increased numbers of cars going in and out of multi-level garages?

There are plenty of models of traffic chaos for us to learn from in more "advanced" cities. Must Chapel Hill stumble blindly into the same crisis situation?

A truly rational administration would develop alternatives to the automobile, such as public transportation, which would make Chapel Hill a more humane place to live and breathe in.

Kenneth Knight
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Candidate partly misquoted

To the editor:
I wish to publicly correct a misquotation attributed to me in the February 7, Daily Tar Heel, regarding the representation of graduate students in the student government.

While I was accurately quoted as advocating one-third graduate representation in any campus governmental structure if they represent one-third of the student body, I did not include in such governmental agencies the proposed 15-man legislature. This exclusion was deliberate, for the simple reason that I am violently opposed to any proposal which would centralize the collective voice of students in an elite group of student administrators.

I believe that the interests of graduate students could better be served by a more adequate and just graduate apportionment at the district level. It is a strong belief with me that more of the students should make more of the decisions, not fewer of the students making all of the decisions.

We would like publicly to ask all those who have or will have "Lewis is for Me" stickers to refrain from sticking them on the walls of the Student Union, any inaccessible places in public buildings, on any vegetation, etc. Courtesy and

discretion should be used in every case. Enthusiasm is fine, but in its place.
Thank you.

Dan Lewis
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PIRG petition circulated again

To the editor:

Last Thursday, the Student Legislature refused to call a referendum on the formation of NC-PIRG as requested by 6200 students on the UNC campus, because the petition did not comply with certain election laws. We now wish to inform the students about that action and the steps it forces us to take. Our purpose for the petition was to determine student support of the group and to provide tangible evidence for a future presentation to the Board of Governors.

Since the legislature has power to call a referendum on their own, we felt that the expression of 6200 students desiring a vote in addition to approval per se, would move the legislature to use their ability, rather than requiring 1900 students to sign an almost identical proposal. Indeed we feel that, given the fact that a majority of UNC students have rarely if ever voted in a referendum, a petition signed by an absolute majority of students is a clearer and more decisive indication of student support.

Our petition has now been invalidated by the Student Legislature as a means to call a referendum. Had we complied with the election laws it would have asked students to call for a referendum rather than demonstrate direct support for the formation of NC-PIRG.

The purpose of the election laws is to guarantee that the students understand the proposal; however, the opponents of the bill in Student Legislature did not question the clarity of the PIRG petition, but they did question the assumption that students read the petition. We believe that students do read what they sign and therefore have demanded a referendum. Only 1900 students were necessary to call a referendum. Thus the purpose behind the election laws was fulfilled.

The only reason that we want a referendum at all is to follow the means established for getting a proposal to the Board of Governors. It will thus serve as the mechanism to get the PIRG proposal reviewed. Once before the Board, the petition signed by a majority of students

will be the main statement of student support.

The legislature wanted to impose a different method of funding. Such a voluntary check-off was considered back in November. The assessment of an additional student fee was chosen as the means after all angles were considered. Practically speaking, according to our sources, it would cost approximately \$10,000 a year to implement a checkoff system, whereas mandatory funding with refund provision would cost only \$300 per year. If a majority of the students wanted to impose a fee on the minority, it is their right to do so as long as there is protection for the minority. That protection exists in the refund procedure. It is difficult to imagine the Student Legislature offering protection to their constituents.

One point they made is that NC-PIRG should be more precise as to how the group will be set up. We have been reluctant to act on specifics because the ad hoc committee has not wanted to tie down future elected officers. PIRG is all the students; it is not the planning committee that exists presently. We will now establish procedural steps for electing representatives to the local board and steps to outline the methods of funding the projects and refunding to the students.

Therefore, once we have attained our main goal of getting 50% of the students to sign the petition expressing direct support for the group, we will circulate a new petition for a referendum (only to obtain 1900 names) which will give provisions as to just how the referendum already signed by 6200 students is to be concretely implemented.

Bob Beason
Coordinator NC-PIRG

Send greetings to our oil 'pals'

To the editor:

To all you people who are gung-ho against pollution and wish to do something for the cause: here's your chance. Many of you may have received, in the mail, a "Special Introductory Offer" from your "pals" at American Oil Co. Also included was business reply envelope, postage paid, for you to send in your green. My suggestion: enclose a note of your disapproval of car and oil pollution (specifically American) something like: "I don't like your

billboards" or "I don't dig breathing exhaust."

Of course, don't sign your name but do let them know how much you appreciate their offer. Next step: get rid of your car, boycott G.M.

Sam Baxter
953 James

True picture must be shown

To the editor:

As a member of the North Carolina Veterans for Peace I would like to thank Roger Stanley Stasiak for his letter (N.C. Vets give biased evidence) to the Tar Heel and to invite him to join our organization. If we have, through inadvertence, given the impression that we only wanted to collect and show scenes of misery from Vietnam, this was simply a mistake and fellow-Vet Stasiak is quite correct to call us out. Our concern is just as great as his that the American people get the complete picture of what their government is doing in their name in Indochina.

If Mr. Stasiak does indeed have 600 slides which show "slums, defoliation, culture, and combat" along with real or apparent acts of American compassion in the midst of all this, we can only wish that every person in this country could have the opportunity and would take the time to see them. Our single request is that one or more members of our organization be present to help explain to the audience what it is that they are seeing.

If present, we would stress, as Mr. Stasiak does, that American medical and dental teams have been "working on their own time" when they worked in Vietnamese villages and that it is not American policy to provide medical care to hundreds of thousands of civilian victims of our bombing, strafing and napalming - while at the same time American wounded have received the most intensive medical care in the history of war.

We would like for people to see scenes of Americans controlling plague outbreaks in Vietnam population resettlement camps, but we would also like for them to know who put a substantial proportion of the Vietnamese population in those camps, forcing them to live in conditions where the plague, though likely, is one of the smaller worries.

As for the spraying of malathion to control malaria mosquitoes, apart from ecological considerations, we would like to remind the American people that one reason mosquitoes are, and will continue to be, a problem in Vietnam is that the little pools which form at the bottom of our bomb craters are perfect breeding grounds for them, and these craters are now literally everywhere in that once-beautiful country.

We welcome Mr. Stasiak to our organization because we have a common enemy in this country and at this University, that is, those who "just don't want to hear about these things anymore," and with their taxes and their silence, permit "these things" to continue.

Gary D. Martin
N.C. Veterans for Peace

Letters to the editor

The Daily Tar Heel accepts letters to the editor, provided they are typed on a 60-space line and limited to a maximum of 300 words. All letters must be signed and the address and phone number of the writer must be included.

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women, can be detected in early stages by the Papanicolaou (Pap) smear test. Cancer is most readily curable in its early stages and women need to have a Pap test at least once a year.

The Pap test can be done in a doctor's office or a clinic, where a sample of vaginal fluid is taken, and later examined under a microscope. The test not only detects early cancers, but precancerous conditions as well.

Treatment varies for each individual patient and usually included surgery or radiation. Study at the University of Southern California Women's Hospital has shown that the earliest forms of cervical cancer, dysplasia and carcinoma in situ, can be treated effectively on an outpatient basis by cryosurgery, the application of intense cold.

Question: My problem is one which I'm sure concerns a number of people in Chapel Hill. The question: What are the consequences of anal intercourse? Could this cause a colitis from the constant irritation to the lower bowel? Is diarrhea common afterward? Can one contract anal gonorrhea? Is urinary tract infection a danger to the active participant? Signed, Male.

Dear Male: The most common injury from such intercourse is a split or crack in the anal canal. Occasionally the injury

may result in an abscess or anal fissure. Other damages can occur such as cystitis and there may be aggravation of previously existing conditions such as hemorrhoids.

To the best of our knowledge colitis (inflammation of the lower bowel) is not a result. Diarrhea is a possibility but as a general rule no. Yes, one can contract anal gonorrhea. In fact, in the last five years there have been a large number of reported cases of gonorrhea in the rectum. And yes urinary infection is a danger.

Question: I have read recently in "Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Sex," by David Ruben, M.D. on page 84 on the topic of circumcision that "... least common, and most terrifying, cancer of the penis occurs only among uncircumcised men. The treatment of penile cancer is amputation of the penis." I have not been circumcised. I am aware that being uncircumcised requires extra hygienic steps to prevent infection, but after reading this I got a little worried. Please answer the following question:

(1) What are the chances for an uncircumcised man of getting penile cancer? (2) What steps can he take to prevent it? (3) Are there known cures:

medicines or surgery? (4) If the chances for an uncircumcised male to get penile cancer is high, is circumcision recommended?

Put my mind at ease. Thank you. - Signed, Slightly worried, curious, bothered and I'll never take 'em for granted.

Dear Slightly worried: The incidence of cancer of the penis is lower in men who are circumcised than those who are uncircumcised. Hygiene is very important in prevention and to the best of our knowledge surgery is the only cure.

Circumcision is a personal decision.

Question: Is douching necessary? - Signed, Coed.

Dear Coed: The cleansing of a healthy vagina is not necessary since the vagina is a self-cleansing anatomic structure. As a rule vaginal douching is not recommended by physicians. We do not advocate the use of the new feminine hygienic sprays and deodorants as they may be potentially harmful.

(Questions should be addressed to Lana Starnes and Dr. Takey Crist, in care of The Daily Tar Heel, Student Union, Chapel Hill, N.C. 27514)

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proposal is filled with numerous errors in logic and legality.

More importantly, Lewis proposes a Greek Assembly, wherein IFC and PanHel, meeting together, could forever be appropriated \$5.00 a year for each active fraternity or sorority member.

Lewis forgets, however, to tell anyone where the \$12,000 per year is going to come from. When I asked him at a Rules Committee meeting he said he "had written down the names" of the organizations to be cut, but "had forgotten them."

Before jumping on the Lewis Plan bandwagon, Greeks should take a serious look at the proposal, and the motives for its being offered.

The SG Reorganization Plan, formulated by a committee of 16 which

worked for four months to write the proposal, should be approved, but it will take a two-thirds vote of the Student Body. The Lewis plan, if it appears on the ballot, should be defeated.

DEADLINE for voter registration is April 6. Those who want to have an effect on politics here in Orange County or at home should get themselves registered.

HERE in Orange, two seats on the County Commission, two in the State Legislature and two in the State Senate will be voted on, in addition to Howard Lee's race for Congress.

REGISTRATION at the Municipal Building is Tuesdays 9 to 5, Thursdays 9 to 9, and Saturdays 9 to 1. The lines will get long as April approaches, so do it now.