

# Stallings, Epps back counseling team

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Joe Stallings, student body president, and Richard Epps, president-elect, jointly criticized the Office of the Dean of Student Affairs Tuesday for not consulting with students on decisions to end the funding of residence college counseling teams.

Both agreed on the need for continuing the counseling program.

The Office of Student Affairs funded counseling teams in Morehead and Morrison Residence Colleges this year with \$15,000. James Residence College

too... in the program with a counselor from the Morrison team.

The office announced last week the program could not be funded next year because of the unavailability of funds.

"One of our primary concerns is that the Office of Student Affairs never confronted us with the idea of cutting off funds for the program," Epps said. "The decision was done arbitrarily without finding out our ideas, the whys or looking into any other channels. The funds were arbitrarily cut off without our input."

"It is ridiculous that the process of decision-making went so far before any of the proper groups were conferred,"

Stallings said.

The counseling team, officers and residents of the residence colleges involved, Student Government officials, the Residence College Federation, and "apparently even some people in the Office of Student Affairs" were not notified until after the decision was made, according to Stallings.

"The counseling team should never have become a hot issue," Stallings said. "But because the decision was apparently made by one or two individuals, everyone concerned is upset because they did not know the reasons for the cut-off, given the great need for counseling."

"This type of process is exactly why students look upon the Office of the Dean of Student Affairs as a roadblock rather than an avenue for carrying out student ideas," Stallings said. "Students should have an input into every program in that office because it directly affects our lives."

He said the administrative board of the office, which includes administration members and the student body president, met once during former student body president Tom Bello's term and not once during Stallings' term.

Stallings, Epps, Steve Saunders, chairman of the RCF; Robert Wilson,

student presidential assistant to Residence Life, and two of the counselors met with Chancellor N. Ferebee Taylor Friday to discuss the decision-making process.

"The Chancellor was receptive to our ideas and concerned and cooperative on the matter," Epps said.

Several campus groups have endorsed the counseling program and called for its reinstatement since the decision was made. These include the RCF, Morehead Residence College Senate, the James Residence College Executive Board and the administrative board of the Student Health Service.

James Residence College circulated a petition "which a vast majority of the students signed," according to Stallings. Morehead Residence College is presently circulating a petition.

The Committee on University Residence Life (CURL) will meet Thursday to reconsider funding of the program.

"I am glad CURL will re-evaluate the decision," said Stallings. "The real need is expansion of the funds to include other residence colleges."

"The teams are an asset to the dorms and are very much needed," Epps said.

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## Phone rate increase faces legal questions

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A long distance telephone rate increase put into effect by the Chapel Hill Telephone Company may have run afoul of state law and federal government regulations.

The rate increase, which became effective Dec. 13, 1971, concerns intra-state long distance calls and was reflected on Chapel Hill residents' recent phone bill.

The rate increase may not be in accordance with a state law which apparently requires the UNC Board of Trustees to approve all telephone rate increases. It also may be illegal according to federal regulations which require the Price Commission to approve all rate increases by utilities.

The increase came about due to a N.C. Utilities Commission decision to approve

a rate increase for Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company in June, 1971. Southern Bell was granted a 5.4 percent increase at that time.

In October, the Utilities Commission granted a similar rate increase to all other regulated telephone companies, dependent on approval by the Price Commission.

The Price Commission approved the rate increase in December, and shortly thereafter the rate increases took effect.

However, North Carolina state law exempts the Chapel Hill Telephone Company from regulation by the Utilities Commission, giving that regulation instead to the Board of Trustees.

But the phone company, whose toll charges are processed by Southern Bell, increased its rates to continue the policy of coordinated book-keeping with Southern Bell.

John Temple, assistant vice chancellor for business at UNC, said Tuesday the

University had raised telephone rates on long distance calls in accordance with Utilities Commission decisions for the past 10 years.

"Our rates on long distance calls are the same as every other telephone company in North Carolina," Temple said. "We've always kept our rates in accordance with Utilities Commission decisions. Only our local rate changes have been approved by the trustees."

But the telephone company policy apparently does not comply with the law that exempts it from regulation by the Utilities Commission. That law (GS 116-41.2(3)) says the Board of Trustees shall "establish, set, revise, charge, and collect such service charges . . . as will provide sufficient revenues . . ."

The law defines service charges as "rates, fees, rentals, or other charges for . . . the right to use . . . any service . . . of the University Enterprises."

The law defines University Enterprises

as "the telephone, electric, and water systems."

Temple refused comment on whether or not the telephone company violated state law. He did say, however, the University would "study the situation."

But the issue is further complicated by the fact that the University did not apply for Price Commission approval of its rate increase.

The Price Commission had approved rate increases for the utilities regulated by the N.C. Utilities Commission, but this does not include the University telephone system.

Carroll Cooper, of the Economic Stabilization unit of the Internal Revenue Service in Greensboro, said Tuesday he was checking with officials in Washington to determine whether the University is in violation of federal regulations.

"If the law requires submission, the University would have to apply to the Price Commission for an ex post facto exemption," Cooper said.

Cooper said if the University applied to the Price Commission for approval, the federal agency would have three choices: approve the rate increase without making it retroactive; approve the rate increase making it retroactive; or not approve the increase at all.

If the University does not apply for approval by the Price Commission, or if the commission does not approve the increases retroactively, customers would be eligible for refund of the money paid over the amount of the old rates.

If the refunds are not made within 90 days, persons have a right under the Economic Stabilization Act of 1971 to sue for triple damages.

Cooper stressed, however, that it is possible the University did not have to file for approval from the Price Commission.

Sample rates include an increase from 35 to 40 cents for daytime calls to Raleigh, 60 to 70 cents for a daytime call to Charlotte and a hike from 45 to 50 cents for daytime calls to Greensboro.

The increase did not affect direct dial station-to-station calls made during the evening. Additionally, calls made between 7 and 8 a.m. Monday through Friday are cheaper under the new rates.

## SG will sponsor

## Scholarship to continue

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Student Body President Joe Stallings announced yesterday that the Frank Porter Graham Conscience Loan and Scholarship, set up for the UNC students with suspended scholarships, will continue on a permanent basis.

"The scholarship was essentially set up when the Morehead Foundation suspended Frank Alexander's scholarship in December," Stallings said.

"I and others were amazed that a person who acted his own conscience penalized monetarily. The scholarship is set up for anyone. I persist in my belief that it should exist and plan to inform

the Student Activities Fund Office that we want to continue it."

The Student Government (SG) set up the scholarship with funds given by individuals and an anonymous contribution from a foundation.

Alexander's funds were suspended after he was charged with violating a Pitt County parade ordinance, and on the grounds that he did not meet the minimum standards required of Morehead scholars.

Stallings said enough money has been promised to pay for the education of one person for four years and others are being contacted to raise more money.

"When the money was received about a month ago, there was a question as to

whether the scholarship should be established in the Student Government or Student Aid Office," he continued.

"It seemed unclear that the Student Aid Committee would approve the establishment of the scholarship. It was much less trouble to set it up in the Student Government."

The student body president, chairman of the finance committee and the student body treasurer will act as administrators of the scholarship. Anyone wishing to apply for the scholarship should do so through one of the members of this board.

Stallings added that no Student Government funds "were or will be used for the scholarship."

## Epps to take oath today

Richard Epps will be sworn in as president of the student body at UNC today at 3 p.m. in 202-204 Student Union.

Acting Chief Justice of the Student Supreme Court David Crump will administer the oath of office to Epps.

Epps will present a short inauguration speech immediately after the oath.

A press conference with a question and answer session will follow the ceremony.

Epps, elected February 29, has extended invitations to administration and faculty members and the student body to attend the ceremony.



Mayor Howard Lee kicks off a new city-sponsored newspaper recycling project, scooping the first papers out of a bin placed at the Glenn Lennox Fire Station. Anyone can drop

off untied newspapers for recycling at this spot or at Krogers at any time. (Staff photo by Leslie Todd)



Overlooking such possibilities as coin or matchbook collecting, some UNC instructors have constructed several towers of styrofoam cups, in their Phillips Hall office. The collection includes many autographed editions and a number of hand-colored models. (Staff photo by Leslie Todd)

## Morehead to vote on new constitution

Residents of Morehead Residence College will vote today on a new constitution which would decentralize the college.

Jim Wellons, governor of the college, said a majority vote will be needed to pass the new constitution, which would convert Morehead from a residence college into a confederation of dormitories.

Wellons said the most important provision of the new constitution would allow for any of the dorms (Aycok, Graham, Lewis, Everett, Stacy and Cobb) to leave the confederation at any time without an entire new constitution having to be approved.

None of the other residence colleges on campus have this provision, according to Wellons.

The new constitution allocates 50 cents of each resident's fees to the college instead of the current \$2 per resident. The \$1.50 would be allocated to the individual dorm in which the resident lives.

The Morehead Senate would also be abolished in favor of a governing council. The council would be composed of the four college officers, the president, vice president and six at-large representatives of Cobb, the only women's dorm in the college.

Wellons said Cobb was being provided the six at-large representatives to insure equal representation; the women's dorm has 390 residents while each of the men's dorms has only 100 residents apiece.

Other changes which the new constitution would provide include

having only one lieutenant governor, who would be in charge of both social and academic affairs, instead of the current two lieutenant governors, who handle the affairs separately.

Wellons said the constitution would allow any dorm which did not wish to remain in the college the chance to get out with a majority vote of the residents living in the dorm.

"This new constitution will give the dorms autonomy while retaining the benefits of centralized government," Wellons said Tuesday. "The centralized government is necessary to continue political unity in things such as working with the Office of Residence Life, the Physical Plant and the Residence College Federation."

"It also has several social factors, such as allowing the officers of the various dorms to know their counterparts in other dorms, making social contact much easier."

"Another major benefit is this confederation, while giving the individual dorms autonomy, allows us as a college to retain control of the Morehead Cellar."

## Weather

TODAY: windy with increasing cloudiness; highs in the low 60s, lows in the 50s; 20 percent chance of precipitation.