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Epps asks referendum on SG reorganization

by Mike Fogler
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A plan for Student Government reform, the Epps Plan, has been proposed for an October 17 referendum.

The main feature of the constitutional amendment is reducing the current 55-member Student Legislature (SL) to a 20-member Campus Governing Council.

A similar plan was defeated last February by 54 votes — less than one percentage point from the two-thirds approval needed to put the plan into operation.

There are many advantages to the

20-member council as it is set up in the proposed constitutional amendment, according to Student Body Vice President Fred Davenport.

First, the council will be small enough act without using strict parliamentary procedure, Davenport said. This should cut a lot of "red tape" in Student Government actions.

By reducing the number of members from 55 to 20, larger districts will have to be drawn up. This will reduce the chance of students running unopposed and force the candidates to campaign for their positions, Davenport added.

Last spring, 28 of the 55 members of

Student Legislature were elected with no opposition. These people form a majority of SL.

Another feature of the Epps Plan is a provision that when seats become vacant, they would be filled by students who would run in special elections. Vacancies are now filled by appointees of the president.

The Campus Governing Council would elect its own chairman, thus eliminating the current campuswide elected position of vice president. Consequently, if the Epps Plan is approved, Davenport would become the last elected vice president of UNC.

In addition, the student body president would become an ex-officio member (non-voting) of the council.

Student Body President Richard Epps explained that this provision was incorporated into the plan to allow the president to participate with the council. Epps maintains this would "close the communication gap" between the president and his governmental body.

Graduate and professional students would be given proportional representation on the council and the executive committees. Graduate members would be elected from districts separated from undergraduate districts.

The Epps Plan also strives "to ensure there shall be protective representation of minority races and both sexes on the council." At all times there would be at least two council members of a minority race(s), two male and two female members.

The president would have the power to appoint members to the council to ensure that minority representation stays intact.

Currently, SL forms the budget in the spring for the following year. Under the Epps Plan, the budget would be made by the new council at the beginning of each year.

If the plan is approved, it goes into effect next spring. The campus elections February 6 would choose the members of the first Campus Governing Council. These members would take office February 19.

The entire constitutional amendment, if approved, will be "put on trial" for two years. At the end of 2 years, the amendment will automatically be put up for referendum and a two-thirds majority vote of the student body could return Student Government to its present system of a 55-member Student Legislature.

Concerning the amendment, Epps said: "I hope I will be the last student body president to work under a system as cumbersome as we now have. I feel this plan will facilitate more substantive material and will make Student Government a much more viable and workable organization."

Board of Governors

Report due on utilities

by Lynn Lloyd
Staff Writer

A committee appointed by the UNC Board of Governors to study the recommendation that water, telephone and electrical utilities presently owned and operated by the University be sold will make its report to the Board on Friday.

The State Utilities Study Commission recommended the sale of the utilities in a report completed this summer, which was approved by the UNC Board of Trustees on August 14.

Joe Eagles, UNC-CH vice chancellor of finance, said the committee appointed by the Board of Governors "has met with the UNC-CH administration and the subcommittee appointed by the trustees in the past couple of weeks."

"Utilities personnel were represented at both of the meetings and were heard," Eagles said. "We can understand their concern and are aware of their future in possible negotiations."

If the committee's report is adopted by the Board of Governors, negotiations for the sale of the utilities will begin according to what is recommended, Eagles said.

"When the report is worked up, it is supposed to be brought to the 'executive committee' which no longer exists," he continued. "Instead, it will go to the governor and elected officials who must approve the sale of all state properties."

"The study procedure is not too rough. The time consuming part will be the negotiations," he said.

If the Board of Governors does approve the report, the study commission will begin to take bids for the sale. University Lake will be retained with provisions to sell

the water for local use. The filtration plant and water distribution systems will be sold to Chapel Hill or "an authority."

Eagles said the water situation will take longer to settle because Chapel Hill will need to float a bond issue for a new lake if they buy the facilities.

The telephone and electric utilities will be sold to a private company, probably quickly "because some people are ready to buy now. We will get this worked out before selling the water system."

Employees have been concerned with

their protection in the negotiations. Eagles said one-fifth to one-fourth of the employees will probably be retained by the University. "We know we are dealing with people's livelihood. The regular procedure for selling won't work because of this."

Workers may either be employed by the buying companies, other state agencies or at other locations in the University. Those leaving state employment will be reimbursed for payments to the state retirement plan and for accrued annual leave.

MacNelly returns

A now-famous Daily Tar Heel alumnus returns to the DTH editorial page today, presenting cartoons with a point of view quite different from the ordinary.

The cartoonist is Jeff MacNelly, a 24-year-old artist and UNC-Chapel Hill alumnus, who has already distinguished himself by winning the Pulitzer prize for editorial cartooning.

What makes him so exceptional and so different from other well-known cartoonists is his philosophy about the mood he tries to create in his readers through his cartoons. Whereas many of today's cartoonists are on the vicious and cynical side, often creating a depressing view of the world, MacNelly's style of poking fun is light in tone.

"These days there are an awful lot of reasons for readers to be full of gloom and doom," he says. "Editorial cartoons should not contribute to that mood. In a desert nearly devoid of humor, editorial cartoons should be oases where the reader can pause and get a few laughs."

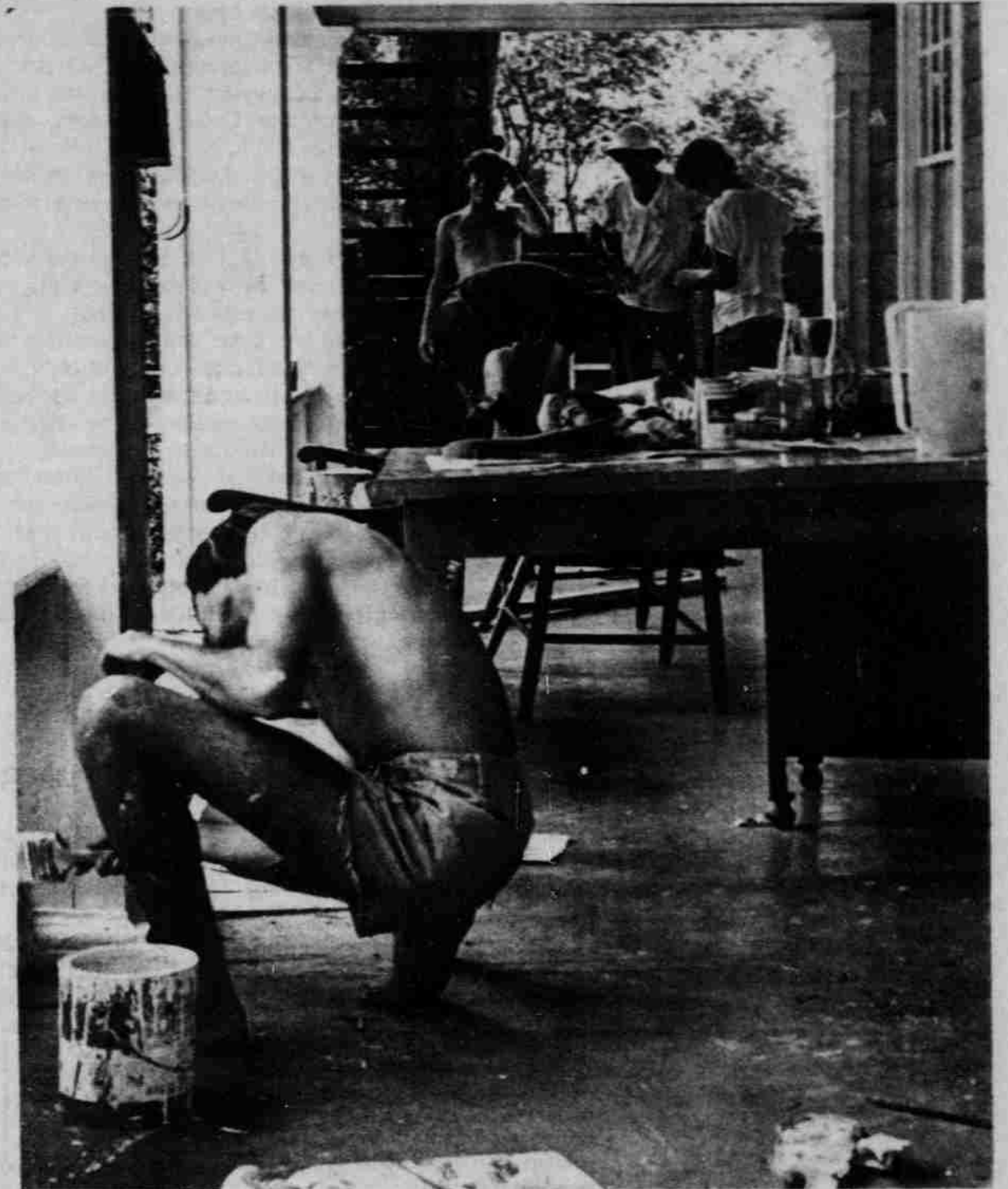
"I try to make my point through humor," he says. "I believe this is the most effective way to reach my reader — while I'm entertaining him."

MacNelly started his cartoon career with the DTH sports and editorial departments in the late 60's, and it was here at Chapel Hill that he formulated views about the fallacies of taking life too seriously.

"I was at school throughout most of the student strikes and protests and it seemed all this activity was not only polarizing the campus but was also closing the minds of most of the participants," he says.

"Most of the activists were, to me, a humorless, one-sided bunch," he adds. And that is what MacNelly is trying to avoid.

MacNelly is a native of Cedarhurst, New York, and attended high school at Phillips Academy in Andover, Massachusetts. He presently lives with his wife Rita in Richmond, Virginia, where he works for the Richmond News Leader.



Paint job

Every few years the fraternity houses in Chapel Hill receive a brightening coat of paint. This year the brothers of Lambda Chi Alpha have been refurbishing the outside of their house on Franklin Street. (Staff Photo by Tom Norby)

Counseling service reports 1,091 cases

by David Eskridge
Staff Writer

The UNC Human Sexuality Information and Counseling Service has reported they handled more than 1,000 cases during their first year of operation.

The annual report compiled by the service committee listed 1,091 cases received during the 1971-1972 school year.

During the 21 weeks of its service, the committee reported an average of 52 cases a week. The slowest week was the first with only 12 cases, and the busiest week was the second week after spring vacation with 92 cases, the same week a feature story about the service appeared in the DTH, the report said.

In the first four weeks of operation, the service averaged 7 cases a day. During the last four weeks, it was averaging 14.5 cases a day, a 100 percent increase.

The vast majority of cases were handled by phone (76 percent). Only one-fourth of the cases were handled in person.

The breakdown in sex of the counselees reveal that the service was used by about the same number of males and females. Fifty-three percent or 572 of the counselees were females, while 508 males, or 47 percent, were counselees.

Contraceptive information and referral was the most common type of case which was dealt with by the service.

Other common cases (in their order) were: pregnancy information and referral, abortion referral (more than half of those counselees were male), physiology and sexual variations, research and interpersonal relations.

Other less-common cases dealt with homosexuality, venereal disease and other infections and diseases, abortion information (without referral), sexual inadequacies and marital problems.

The report noted that of more than 800 phone calls received, only eight of them were "pranks." In handling these, the counselors were asked never to consider any call a prank but to wait patiently in case the caller wished to discuss a problem.

Weather

TODAY: Variable cloudiness, turning cool; chance of showers or thundershowers today and tonight; high in the 70's, low in the 60's; probability of precipitation 30 percent today and tonight.

Mayor Howard Lee

Man of contradictory images

by Jean Swallow
Feature Writer

Howard Lee, mayor of Chapel Hill, spoke Saturday at an Orange County kickoff rally for George McGovern at the University Methodist Church with a gospel style nearly reminiscent of Wilbur Hobby.

Standing tall, easily, with the grace of a man who knows what he will say and how he will say it, Lee went through the typical anti-Nixon rhetoric, smiling but once, all the while projecting an image of both a politician and a sincere man.

Howard Lee is a man of contradictory images.

A legend as the first black mayor of a predominantly white southern town since reconstruction, he is still, to many blacks, an "Uncle Tom," a cop-out black politico who has done little for them since he was elected mayor in the 60's.

He is the mayor of a town supported by a university and that university is supported in part by the state taxes of the townspeople.

He is a black who believes in "manipulation through the system," perhaps an anachronism in his time as well as a legend.

And yet, he is all of this, each image is a true one, and as with most men it takes a little time and a lot of talk to pull out a composite picture of Howard N. Lee.

Lee spoke at length Saturday, with an honest impression coming across strongly, though in the somewhat dapper and dandyish style of campaigning, the hand shaking and the favor asking never really ceasing.

Getting to Howard Lee is not difficult. What is difficult is keeping him alone, away from the crowd to have him answer questions.

But when Lee did answer the questions, he did it

without dodging or fielding any of them off into another easier subject.

Lee is a blunt man and comes straight to the point although with so many contradictions, the answers sometimes had to be explained twice to an uncompromising questioner.

Whatever his public thinks about him, Lee is strong about his own self image.

"I am a tool," says Lee, "and I will maneuver within the system as long as I can, with whatever it takes."

Personality

He does not consider himself an Uncle Tom, finds the term rather confining and explains that Uncle Tom was the original manipulator of the system, but for his own gain.

Howard Lee is confined neither to his own gain nor just for the black gain although he "will make sure the door that has finally opened will remain open."

Lee is committed to the people who elected him, not racial or socio-economic groups. He finds his role as mayor and his role as a campaign speaker across the state to be "a leader who will try to help people relate to other humans."

Lee is also committed to a "new crop of people," the young, white and black, who can find on a grass roots level that slowly, but surely, there is a way to change.

In the conclusion to his speech, Lee mentioned a quote from Fredrick Douglas, a black activist, saying, "There is no progress without struggle."

Howard Lee believes in progress, and the struggle that is necessary for that change.

Within his role as the mayor of a university town, Lee has strictly divided his allegiance between the town and campus. In relation to the current problems of trash

removal, utilities service and a public transit unit, Lee feels these are all problems of the town, not the University, and it should be in the town's jurisdiction. He has applied much pressure to make these changes a part of the town.

In terms of Lee's allegiance to the University's black students, he would only say that "as a leader, it is my responsibility to point up flaws when they exist." And to Lee, there are not enough opportunities for the blacks on campus, nor are there enough blacks enrolled here.

And yet, "these are two autonomous bodies, both owned by the state and owing allegiance to it, but not to each other."

Howard Lee's allegiance is to the individual and to the men, who, like McGovern, "are frail and human, with hearts and minds, not perfect, but bold enough to correct mistakes when they make them."

These are the men Lee will be speaking for across the state in the next few months before November — Skipper Bowles and George McGovern.

These are the men who he believes will change the system but within that system.

And for Howard Lee after November? "Sure, it's frustrating, but I've got to keep trying. Wait for a while, but keep moving in and around the state. There is no black problem, or any other separate body's problem . . . It is all society's problem. And all the individuals must realize that before there can be change."

There will be change for Howard Lee. In his gospel rhetoric of speech, he stresses a "new determination." Lee has that kind of determination and that drive and maybe for once on a political level a forthrightness and an honesty.

And although there are the tell-tale strains of the political life he leads around his eyes, Howard Lee will look you in the eyes.



Mayor Lee addressing crowd