

Why should the salad eaters care?

by Jean Swallow
Feature Writer

"People need the help of people" reads the leaflet.

"The boycott is useful to get ordinary people to have a large effect," says Kathleen McGonigle, 26, leader of the Chapel Hill boycott.

Boycott? What boycott? There is, in Chapel Hill, a very active, if small, boycott on lettuce. Organized in June of this year, this small organization has been leafletting restaurants and manning a table outside the undergraduate library.

The boycott, simply a primary one (meaning they only want people to stop eating the lettuce, not boycotting the stores that sell it), is largely misunderstood and unexplained.

The Chapel Hill boycott, part of the national boycott on lettuce, is explained by Kathy, a graduate student in political science, who has instigated the local movement.

"The boycott is part of an effort aimed at getting recognition of the UFWOC (United Farm Workers Organizing Committee) as the representative of the farm workers."

This includes buying only "Aztec," or "United Farm Workers" lettuce, recognizable by an Aztec

Eagle on the cartons that the lettuce is shipped in. However, the only way to tell if it is the "right" lettuce is to check the crates, mostly because the produce managers don't, for the most part, know the difference, and also, because the cartons change every week.

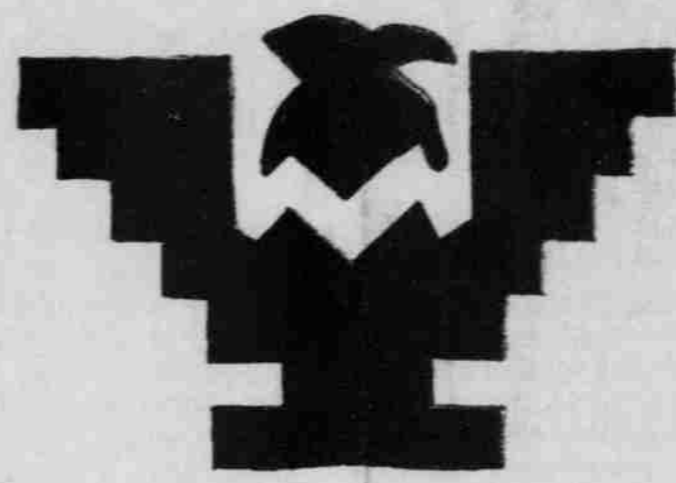
Part of the boycott effort includes checking the stores and restaurants in the surrounding areas for the types of lettuce so the buying public will know whether it is the "right" lettuce.

The right lettuce does not include such items as romaine, escarole, or bibb, the variety lettuces. The lettuce that most of us are familiar with is called iceberg lettuce. This is all lettuce, but there is only one type of iceberg lettuce that is not being boycotted and that is the United Farm Workers lettuce. It does not include the Teamster's lettuce.

And what does this mean for the average lettuce eater?

Well, Kathy answered, "if one person will not eat the lettuce for one year, it will cost the non-union growers approximately \$15 for that year."

And why should the salad eaters care? Again, some interesting statistics. The workers who work for non-unions have an average life expectancy of



49 years as opposed to the national average of 65 years. More than one fourth of the labor force is under 16. There is a death rate three times higher than the national average from influenza and pneumonia. A man's back gives out after six years because of continual stooping. Low wages, long hours, migrant camps and a continual danger from pesticide poisoning — all are part of the slogans on the leaflets. Sounds like something out of Steinbeck's "The Grapes of Wrath."

So to help these workers, the United Farm Workers Union is trying to organize the people so they have some kind of say over their working

conditions. But for the most part, the workers aren't allowed to organize, or strike if they are organized. Hence, the boycott.

There is no price difference between the "right" lettuce and the non-union lettuce. These workers are in California, not in North Carolina. The boycott is being led by a man named Cesar Chavez, a Chicano, who made the cover of Time magazine during the grape pickers' strike (similar to this one), but who is relatively unknown by most lettuce eaters. Many other groups are being "exploited." And besides, what can one person do? What difference will it make, anyway?

"Well," Kathy says, "The fight can definitely be won. Even if it takes five years like the grape strike took."

"This is something the ordinary person can do; bringing economic pressure is some indication that nonviolence and change can work."

"We are the non-political elite, but this is something we can change."

Kathy is outspoken, disillusioned by politics, yet still very active in this sort of social change. She is a dark-haired, average looking grad student, yet with her low pitched voice, she makes a strong point for the boycott and the theory of involvement.

"What I like is the small things. Things the

average person can change. But the point is, when I teach my students, I've got to hold on to something."

Even if Kathy's activism is a bit outdated in this age of apathy and silence, and "lettuce is not exactly the kind of thing that fires the imagination," she still has adequate reasons for her activism.

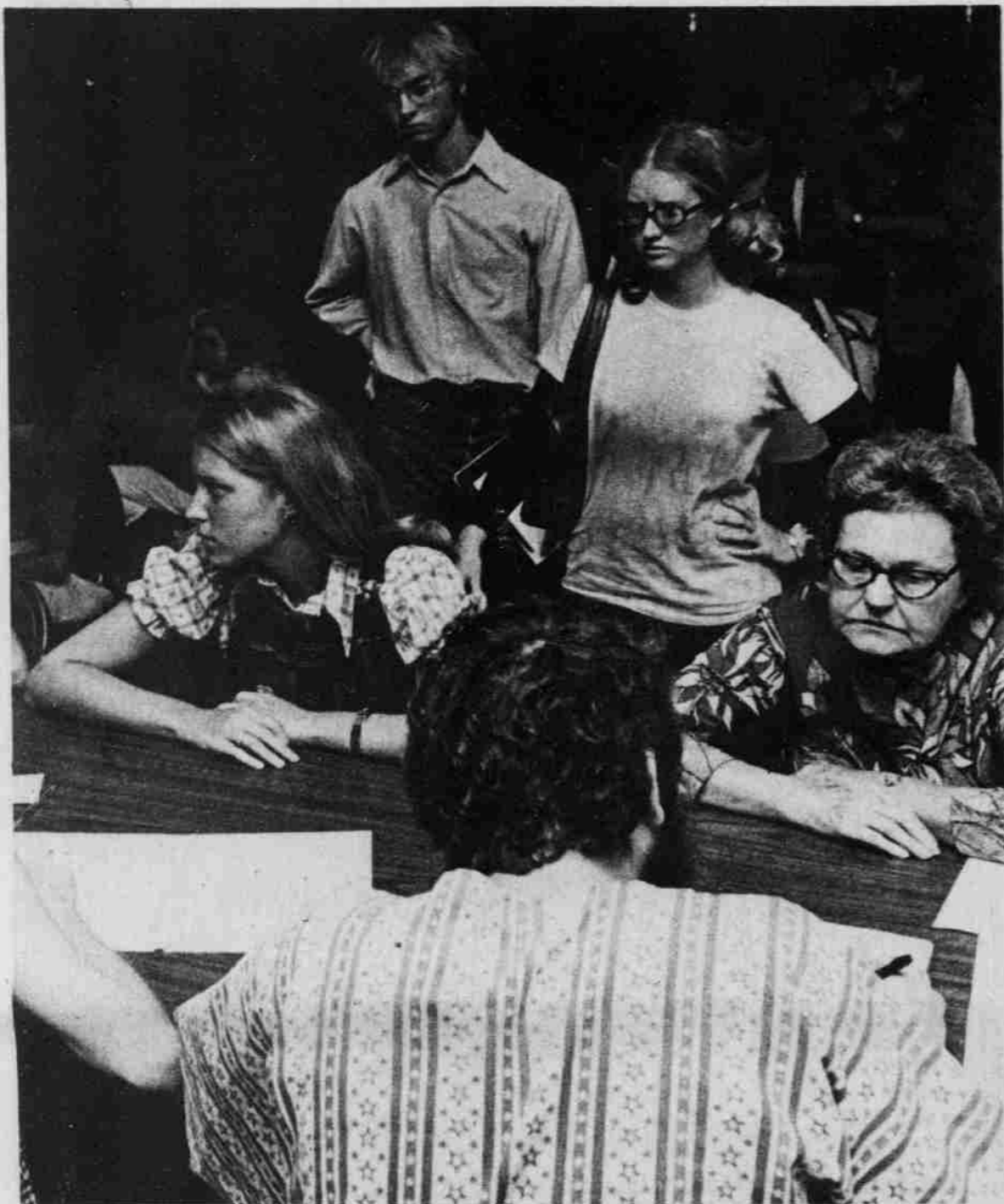
"I'm a part of the system that supports those workers. I feel we must be aware of the pleasant life we live. We eat lettuce, but where does it come from?"

Yet, Kathy's feelings are not all altruistic. "The more aware you are, the fuller your life is." She feels society is in a constant state of change. "This is a continuity of tradition of change, thus making society a better place to live."

"I never thought of myself in terms of an ineffective human being. All people can be effective."

One of the leaflets reads, "Support the people who pick your food in their fight for social justice."

The next time you eat your salad at the Rat, or the Zoom, (who use up to 90 cases of lettuce in a weekend) you might think about the people who picked that lettuce.



Waiting to register in Woollen

Voter registration: a first for Woollen

by James Cuthbertson
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The usual events were occurring Monday on historic Woollen Gymnasium's main floor: basketball, ping pong and gymnastics practice.

But in the lobby at 4 p.m., amidst all the old trophies and memorials of past Carolina triumphs, another unique "first" occurred in old Woollen.

About 21 students and teachers participated in the first campus voter registration by the Orange County Board of Elections since 18 year-olds were allowed to vote. The last registration was in 1969 during the mayoral election. At that time mostly seniors and graduate students could register because of the age limitation of 21 years.

Five registrars were busy registering undergraduates, graduates and professors from 1 until 9 p.m.

Most of those participating were not registering for the first time. The majority were changing their registration to Chapel Hill from other counties and other states as a matter of personal convenience.

Janet Opp of Falls Church, Va., was registering in Chapel Hill because she plans to live here permanently.

"I am registering in Chapel Hill because I won't have time to go home," said Susan McKaughan, 20, of Cherryville.

Many students are following Susan's example. Although excuses from class are permitted on election day, some live too far from Chapel Hill to go home to vote. Cherryville is 200 miles away.

Barbara Becker, a 19-year-old sophomore from Charlotte, explained, "It's a lot easier to vote in Chapel Hill than it is to get an absentee ballot from Charlotte. You have to send three letters. It's just too complicated."

by Cathey Brackett
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UNC-Chapel Hill will present a request for funds totaling more than \$168 million for 1973-75 before the state Advisory Budget Commission at 2 p.m. today in the State House in Raleigh.

Of the total, \$89,359,651 is being asked for the continuing operations of the academic and health affairs divisions, while \$65,567,000 is being sought for capital improvements.

The Chapel Hill campus budget proposals appear in a larger report, requesting \$570.1 million in budget appropriations for the 16 constituent campuses of the University of North Carolina.

This budget, the first to be prepared under the unified state higher education system, was approved by the 28-member Board of Governors at its meeting August 14.

According to UNC President William C. Friday, in the address delivered to the Board of Governors, the budget recommendations "serve to incorporate and stabilize temporarily the current policies and statewide plans governing the role, scope and function of our institutions and constitute a rational basis upon which essential planning and decision-making may proceed."

The budget report is divided into three major sections: base budgets, academic salary increases budget and change budget.

Weather

TODAY: Sunny, fair tonight; high near 80; low in the mid 60's; probability of precipitation 10 percent today, 20 percent tonight.

vote for George McGovern."

PRESIDENT NIXON touched some political bases Monday, meeting with members of his re-election finance committee, inviting in one of his labor supporters and announcing plans for a fund-raising speech in New York Tuesday.

After the President's session with the Finance Committee of the Committee for the Re-Election of the President, the White House announced his arrangement for the mid-afternoon meeting with Thomas W. "Teddy" Gleason, president of the International Longshoremen's Association who announced his backing of Nixon earlier in the day.

Press Secretary Ronald L. Ziegler said the President thanked the finance committee members for "a good job" in raising campaign funds.

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Budget panel to consider UNC-CH requests today

Included in the base budget is the operating budget of the University General Administration, the Educational Television system, matching work-study funds and funds for upgrading developing institutions.

The third budget section is arranged according to schedule of priorities which cover both current operations and capital improvements. Arrangement in priorities insures each of the 16 campuses more equitable treatment in the budget appropriations.

One of the principal requests in the change budget for the Chapel Hill campus involves the restoration of the 13.6 faculty-student ratio of 1970-71. This

proposal, if granted, would call for the hiring of at least 60 new faculty members.

Enrollment change requests for this campus call for a proposed increase in resident tuition rates "to reduce the wide variations in charges at the public institutions and accommodate a modest increase in overall tuition income as a means of offsetting some of the increased costs of instruction due to inflation."

Top priority request in the capital improvements budget is for emergency utilities expenditures of \$326,000.

Emergency repairs to Memorial Hall and to Murphey, Saunders, Bingham,

Alumni and Hill Halls are the second and third priorities.

The largest request in the academic affairs division of priorities is \$8,800,000 for the construction of 400 additional units of married student housing on campus.

The largest health affairs request is for \$12.3 million for a laboratory office building for the faculty of the medical school. Renovation of the power plant and MacNider Hall are the next two priorities.

Also included in the request is \$3,750,000 for the construction of multi-level parking decks in the medical complex vicinity.

Tanaka dines with Chou

PEKING (UPI) — The prime ministers of China and Japan pledged Monday night to establish diplomatic relations between their two governments. They agreed to bury the past and look to the future, bringing an end to three decades of hatred.

Japanese Premier Kakuei Tanaka, who served as a soldier in the Japanese Imperial Army when it began its invasion of China in the 1930s, said he repented Japan's aggression. Chinese Premier: Chou En-lai, in a speech at a banquet, glossed over them.

Although Tanaka called the death and destruction that Japan inflicted on China an "unfortunate and unhappy" episode that calls for deep "reflection," his oblique apology was softer than had been anticipated by some observers in the Chinese capital.

So too was the manner in which Chou passed over what he described as a half century of Japanese militarist aggression. The emphasis, Chou said, should be on the 2,000 years of cultural contacts and friendship between the two countries and on the opportunities that lie ahead for renewed friendship and exchange in every field.

"It is the common desire of the Chinese and Japanese peoples to promote Sino-Japanese friendship and restore diplomatic relations between China and Japan," Chou said. "Now is the time for us to accomplish this task."

Chou spoke at a banquet he hosted for Tanaka Monday evening, seven hours after the Japanese leader arrived for a five-day visit aimed at normalizing relations — the first visit to China by a Japanese government leader since end of

World War II.

After Chou spoke at the banquet, Tanaka offered a toast in which he regretted the past and declared that it was "absolutely necessary" for Tokyo and Peking to establish normal relations.

To do this, the Tanaka government will have to dump the Taiwan government of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek, with which Japan signed peace treaty 20 years ago.

Tanaka made no direct reference to Taiwan but he did make an oblique reference to Japan's ties with the United States and the security treaty that the two countries have.

China and Japan, he said, should respect the friendly relations each has with other nations and not let those relations stand in the way of normalizing Sino-Japanese ties.



Mr. Hackney brought his children uptown so they could enjoy watching the crowds. People are interesting to watch but it is often difficult to tell exactly what a person is doing, especially when he has a camera.

(Staff Photo by Johnny Lindahl)

McGovern in Montana

Big business attacked

United Press International

BILLINGS, Montana — Sen. George McGovern Monday denounced the "sharks" and "hogs" of big business and said they had opened a "revolving door" connecting regulatory agencies to corporate boardrooms.

McGovern said two Nixon appointees to the Federal Power Commission (FPC) were now serving as executives of big oil and coal companies, two others had come to the FPC from top jobs with oil and gas companies, and the assistant interior secretary of water and power, James Smith, had been a lobbyist for private power, big grain and barge shippers.

He said the agency had been "literally loaded" with the friends of industries it is supposed to regulate. "Is it any wonder why the Federal Power Commission has repeatedly handed down rulings favorable

to powerful special interests?" he asked. "I object to this revolving door, double play, game of musical chairs in which members of the regulatory commissions are trading jobs with the people they're supposed to be regulating," McGovern said.

McGovern campaigned in the Northern Rockies and was greeted by the first snowfall of the season. Ice on his campaign plane delayed his departure to the West Coast for an all-day swing through Seattle, Wash., and San Francisco.

McGovern was greeted by several hundred enthusiastic supporters at Seattle-Tacoma Airport, despite arriving more than an hour late because of the delay in leaving Billings.

Among the signs waved at the airport was one reading, "President Nixon has a secret plan to end the war — he's going to