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Legislature to consider campaign spending limits

by William March
Staff Writer

In preparation for tonight's Student Legislature (SL) meeting, the Rules Committee Wednesday reported without prejudice the campaign spending limit bill.

The Finance committee, meeting for the first time under its new chairman Gary Rendsburg, tabled the Residence Unit Grant and Loan Fund bill and two bills to provide Student Government check-cashing and small loan service for students, sponsored by Student Body President Richard Epps.

The campaign spending bill, authored by Rep. Dave Gephart and others, would set spending ceilings on campaigns for student body offices. Presidential campaigns would be limited to \$175, and groups campaigning for referendums would be limited to \$200. A fine amounting to 50 per cent of the excess money spent would be charged to violating candidates, who would not be

allowed to take office until the fine was paid in the Student Government (SG) general surplus.

A motion by committee member Rusty Davis to increase the ceiling on campuswide campaigns, providing, for example, a \$500 limit for presidential campaigns, was defeated in the committee on a tie vote. The total limit for any group of candidates running together is \$200.

"UNC is the only campus in North Carolina where anyone spends more than \$100 on student campaigns," commented Gephart. "To raise the limits would have made the bill a farce, when most candidates are spending less than \$200."

Also defeated was a move to nullify the bill in the case of a DTH endorsement of a candidate immediately prior to the election.

The Residence Unit Grant and Loan Fund bill, an attempt to allow residence houses to borrow or be granted Student Government funds for buying furniture

and making physical improvements, was tabled in the Finance committee as difficulties in the wording of the complex document dragged into lengthy controversy.

Two separate versions of this bill have been offered for consideration. The committee considered the format of the bill written by Steve Saunders, Residence College Federation chairman, working in amendments from a bill written by Rep. Richard Robertson which has been before the committee since last spring.

If passed, the bill will allow residence units to borrow SG funds on terms determined in the financial committee and to receive grants on a maximum per capita basis. The bill was tabled until such time as its provisions and wording can be clarified. At issue, among other things, is the question of whether the residence unit or Student Government will own appliances bought under the terms of the loan.

Also tabled during the meeting were two bills sponsored by the Epps

administration, the Student Government Instant Loan Fund bill and a bill providing weekend check-cashing services for UNC students.

Introducing the two bills, Student Body Vice President Fred Davenport said, "It's time the Student Government started providing some real services to the students on this campus. This is the platform we were elected on, and that's what we took our jobs for. These bills might be a lot of work to implement, but I think we need to take on that responsibility."

The Instant Loan Fund bill would provide for immediate cash loans on request of SG funds to students, in amounts of \$15 or less. The loans, to be repaid within ten days, would be subject to collection through the civil courts if defaulted.

Members of the committee found objections to the bill because of accounting procedures and appearances in court which SG officials would need to undertake, and the possibility of large loss of SG funds. The only strong objections to eventual passage of the experimental program, however, came from Robertson.

The bill was tabled for two weeks on a suggestion by Rep. Dick Baker that Davenport investigate the possibility that the University administration could "be talked into running such a service, or could take part in the enforcement side of our program by withholding grades or providing other sanctions against defaulters." The administration already has a loan service for students, but any loan requires at least three days to be approved.

Also tabled was a companion bill sponsored by Epps to provide weekend check-cashing service, with a \$25 maximum per student per weekend. Both services could be used by any registered student. The bill was tabled until Davenport could provide evidence concerning the amount of money the service might be expected to lose on bad checks.



On a clear day . . .

Professor George Houston doesn't like studying inside anymore than students do. So he takes advantage of the few days of Indian summer that are left by reading Latin classics outside. (Staff photo by Scott Stewart)

RCF asks student input

Rent increases proposed

by Amy O'Neal
Staff Writer

A proposal by the Department of Residence Life to increase room rent for the second time in two years has moved the Residence College Federation (RCF) to ask for student input into the formation of the residence hall budget.

The policy asks first that students be involved not only in the determination of rent levels and the funding of major programs, but also in the annual planning and the overall regular management of the budget.

The second part of the policy asks for an evaluation of residence hall budgets and the recommended evaluation of the Physical Plant.

"We have input in virtually every other area of the University," Steve Saunders, RCF chairman, said. "What we are trying for here is a committee of a few students to meet with John Temple, assistant to the chancellor on Budgetary Affairs, every other week to know where the budget stands and to voice opinions on the policies being considered."

Director of Residence Life Robert Kepner tentatively responded to the proposal. "I feel it's an entirely valid viewpoint that students should be meaningfully involved in residence hall matters," he said. "Secondly, I think there is meaningful involvement in the residence life decision-making process, as evidenced by a CURL (Committee on University Residential Living) student subcommittee that has been set up to advise on the budget."

Issuance of the policy statement hinged on three major issues.

First, RCF feels students should have been involved in the early stages of the room rate analysis and that stronger efforts should be made to increase efficiency and decrease financial waste in residence halls.

Second, a decision was made because of pressing budgetary concerns to stop funding of the residential counseling program last year, without asking student opinion. Student opinion eventually led to reversal of the decision.

Third, a resolution was passed by RCF last spring calling for an investigation of the operations of the Physical Plant in

University residence halls. The resolution was similar to the one passed by Student Legislature last week. No action has been taken to initiate such an investigation.

The RCF request to be included in the decision-making process is part of a long history of student demands for input. Basically, most of the demands centered on the principle that students should help decide those matters that will affect them most.

A recent effect of this demand was the restructuring of the Division of Student Affairs to include student channels of communication.

Physical Plant faulted

by Jill Williams
Staff Writer

Residents of Craige dormitory are up in arms against the University Physical Plant.

Concerned students have drawn up a petition of grievances and plan to send it to Physical Plant Director Walter Hamilton, UNC President William Friday, Gov. Bob Scott, the State Board of Health and state senators.

The students believe all South Campus residents have similar complaints and they are circulating the petition in Morrison, Ehringhaus and Hinton James. More than half of the Craige residents have signed the petition and the organizers expect the other dorms to comply.

Similar petitions are being circulated

in North Campus dormitories.

Several complaints are listed in the petition:

- the bureaucratic and inefficient structure of Physical Plant, which wastes money, time and resources;
- infestation of dormitories with insects, including ants, roaches and fruitflies;
- infestation of dormitories with mice (and reported cases of rats being sighted);
- the delay of routine changing of light bulbs for up to two weeks for attention by an electrician when this might more quickly and inexpensively be done by the custodial staff (which itself is inadequate);
- inadequate garbage collection, which normally causes a 72 hour pile-up on weekends (a 96 hour pile-up over Labor Day);



Student demonstrates how to fend off attacker

(Staff photo by Scott Stewart)

Deadline Sunday for SG petitions

Petitions for student offices to be filled in the fall elections are due by midnight Sunday.

According to student election law, each prospective candidate must present a petition in order for his name to appear on the November ballot.

According to Leo Gordon, chairman of the Elections Board, the offices to be filled include all vacant Student Legislature (SL) and Men's and Women's Honor Court seats, as well as the freshman class officers.

Vacancies for SL include the following: MEN'S DISTRICT I (including all students living off-campus, outside of the Chapel Hill city limits) 3 vacant seats; MD II (Granville Towers) three seats; MD III (including all off-campus students living south of Franklin Street but within the Chapel Hill city limits) five seats; MD IV (off-campus students living north of Franklin Street within Chapel Hill city limits) two seats; MD V (Old East and Old West) one seat; MD VI (Ruffin, Grimes, Manly, Mangum and Winston) two seats; MD VII (Alexander, Graham, Aycock, Everett, Lewis and Stacy) one seat; MD VIII (Teague and Avery) one seat; MD IX (Morrison) one seat; MD X (Craige) two seats; MD XI (Ehringhaus) one seat; and MD XII (James) one seat.

WOMEN'S DISTRICT I (all off-campus) one seat; WD II (Alderman, McIver and Kenan) one seat; WD IV

(James and Morrison) two seats; WD VI (Connor and Joyner) one seat; WD VII (Granville Towers) one seat; and WD VIII (Craige) one seat.

HONOR COURT vacancies include a seat in each men's district. Women's districts having vacancies include: WD I, one seat; WD III (Parker, Spencer and Whitehead) one seat; WD IV, one seat; WD V (Cobb) one seat; WD VI, one seat; and WD VII, two seats.

In addition, there are two seats from WD VII which are now vacant. Anyone wishing to fill these seats until the November election should seek an appointment from Freda Cobb, chairman of the Women's Honor Court.

In order to get on the ballot for Honor Court, a candidate must also be interviewed by Cobb of the Women's Court or chairman Doug Reynolds of the Men's Honor Court.

Weather

TODAY: Variable cloudiness, chance of showers and thundershowers; high in the upper 60s, low in the 50s; probability of precipitation 40 per cent today, 60 per cent tonight.

'Just hit 'em and run' Coeds learn art of defense

by Harriet Sugar
Feature Writer

"The first lesson in self-defense is not to be there. The second is to run. Then if you can't do that, just hit them and run," asserts Steve Campbell, teacher of the University's first course in women's self-defense.

Approximately 30 determined freshman coeds ranging from a petite 5 foot brunette to a tall 5'8" blonde file into the wrestling room at Woollen Gym every Monday and Wednesday from 7 to 9 p.m. Their goal — to learn how to "hit them and run."

Beginning with warm-up exercises (perhaps a few rotations of the neck or twists of the body), these able-bodied broads advance to learning some basic self-defense moves. These include two judo kicks ("You know where to kick them," claims Steve) and three variations of the elbow-clobber.

The course is basically designed as a combination of judo, karate and falling and throwing techniques. Much class time, however, is spent discussing various and sundry other items, all supposedly pertaining to the skill of self-defense.

"What should you do if a guy has got you on the ground, attempting to rape you?" "What is the best position to get in if you feel the elevator brakes giving way?"

Failing to know a definite reply to the second question,

Steve offered a clever response for the first: "Play along with him for a while, then when the appropriate time comes, bite his tongue and scratch out his eyeballs."

Steve also has numerous other pranks to make any would-be molester beware: "If a man knocks at your door and asks to come in, say you've got to ask your husband, who is in the back room sleeping. Even if you don't have a husband, this should work," he said.

The intentions of the majority of the students in the class are expectable. Scared to wander around campus after dark, they now feel a need for more security.

Most girls do not yet feel fully capable of defending themselves if confronted with the necessity. But, as usual, there are always dissenters. One coed, claiming she can probably handle any harrasser, said working out with two karate students has improved her skill tremendously.

As a first grade black belt in judo and a second grade black belt in karate, Steve modestly admits he has never actually been involved in a fight. "I've just had to ward off a couple of attackers," he declared.

Perhaps with practice these amateurs will effectively master the art of self-defense.

And instead of some poor girl running to the police saying, "I've been molested!" we'll see a succession of battered and bruised men crawling to the hospital saying, "I've been attacked!"