

Area legislators optimistic about session

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Legislators representing Chapel Hill in the 1973 session of the North Carolina General Assembly express optimism that the Democratic-controlled legislature will work well with the state's first Republican governor in 72 years.

In telephone interviews with the area's two state representatives and two senators, all agreed that the legislature wants to do what is best for North Carolina.

In describing the General Assembly which convened last Wednesday, freshman Sen. A.C. Coleman said, "I

think that on major issues everyone is in agreement."

"For example, Gov. Jim Holshouser wants to reform the State Highway Commission," Coleman said, "and last week there was a resolution introduced by Democrats in both houses of the General Assembly to study the commission."

Later in this session, Coleman plans to introduce a bill to reduce out-of-state tuition at UNC from \$1800 to \$1300. (Out-of-state tuition was increased in a controversial move by the General Assembly in the summer of 1971).

Coleman said the only thing that could change his plans would be information from the Legislative

Research Commission concerning the amount of revenue which might be lost by the reduction in tuition.

The Hillsborough attorney was appointed by Lt. Gov. Jim Hunt to the following Senate committees: Conservation and Development, Correctional Institutions and Law Enforcement, Finance, Judiciary Two, Public Roads, Public Utilities and State Policies.

He is also vice-chairman of the Higher Education Committee. "If a bill is introduced to establish a second-year medical school at East Carolina University," Coleman said, "it would come through the Higher Education Committee."

"I feel that the legislature should abide by the Board of Governors decisions in such matters," Coleman said. (The Board of Governors denied ECU's request for immediate expansion of their one year medical school in a meeting Friday).

Veteran Sen. William P. Saunders, D-Moore, is on the Alcoholic Beverage Control committee. Regarding controversy over the state's having either a local option vote or a state-wide referendum to decide the fate of liquor-by-the-drink, Saunders said, "I have an open mind at the moment."

Saunders said he would favor liquor-by-the-drink in Chapel Hill if the people wanted it.

As a member of the House Health Committee, freshman Rep. "Trish" Stanford Hunt, D-Orange, will be concerned with any bill dealing with abortion.

"I support less stringent abortion laws," Hunt said. "I think the matter of an abortion should be between a woman and her doctor."

A member of the Appropriations Committee, Hunt hopes that salaries can be raised for employes in prisons and in jobs connected with mental health.

She is a member of these additional committees: Appropriation subcommittee on Personnel and Long Range Planning, Mental Health, Higher

Education, State Government, and Correctional Institutions.

Freshman Rep. Edward S. Holmes, D-Chatham, wants a total reorganization of the State Highway Commission. As a member of the House Public Roads Committee, he hopes that politics can be taken out of the state's road-building policies.

"It looks like a good idea to have county commissioners take charge of secondary roads," Holmes said.

His other committee assignments include: Finance, Conservation and Development, Insurance, Corporations, Judiciary Two, and Correctional Institutions.

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Frigid

Winter's cold weather can be miserable if you stay outside too long. If your morning class requires a long walk to campus, you may arrive with purple lips and pale skin. The best way to keep warm is to skip class. (Staff photo by Johnny Lindahl)

Runge in race for top SG post

"Student Government is the worst bargain in town."

With this statement, Ford Runge, organizer and chairman of the Student Consumer Action Union (SCAU) announced his candidacy for student body president.

Organized as a research organization in the fall, SCAU has grown to 50 members and expanded to an organizing body. SCAU is concerned with what it feels are high prices for low quality goods and services in the Chapel Hill area.

With its resources of manpower and money, Runge feels that the student government (SG) is in an excellent position to gather and re-distribute

information pertinent to the student as a consumer, as well as organize students into a consumer body.

Runge emphasized that the SCAU was not an organization formed to further his personal political future. "Win or lose, the Union will stand," he said.

"But," he continued, "everyone complains that Student Government takes our money but gives us nothing in return. I would change that by doing such things as making the Union (SCAU) an arm of Student Government."

"Student Government could then be responsible for printing up pamphlets that explain a student's rights as a tenant, how to make an effective complaint to a landlord, and other issues that concern students as consumers."

Runge, however, feels that the most important job SG could do would be organizing the students into a consumer body.

"The Chapel Hill merchants have a captive consumer audience at this University," Runge explained. He thinks that if the students unite, they can protect themselves from incidents of consumer fraud, and SG is in the best position to carry out this unification.

Runge explained that this issue is different from any other in the young campaign for SG president.

Runge is a junior from Middleton, Wis. majoring in American Studies, working for his Certificate of Honors in Urban and Regional Planning. He is a N.C. Fellow and has worked with Sen. Gaylord Nelson, D-Wis. as liaison between the senator, Jahl and Ralph Nadai's Public Interest Research Group



Ford Runge

Governors veto expansion of ECU Medical School

The UNC Board of Governors has decided against the immediate expansion of the East Carolina University medical program.

The decision, which was reached at the board's Friday session, concurred with the recommendations of a committee specially appointed to study the feasibility of a two-year medical program at ECU.

Currently, ECU operates a one-year medical program in which 20 students are enrolled. Under the present system, the UNC Medical School accepts all students promoted by ECU from its first-year

program. Although the committee report and the board discouraged the immediate expansion of the ECU program into a two-year curriculum, they did not deny the need for another state-supported degree-granting medical school in future years.

The committee recommended instead that a special study commission, composed of experienced and qualified national consultants be appointed to study the feasibility of establishing such an institution.

Reasons for the lack of feasibility of a

two-year medical program at ECU contained in the report cited the disappearance of the two-year autonomous school throughout the nation.

Another reason emphasized the impracticability of relying upon two other state medical education institutions, Bowman Gray and Duke, to accept third-year transfer students from ECU. Both schools reported that they do not currently enroll third-year transfer students.

In the light of such policies, the committee concluded that there "is no

clear pathway to the M.D. degree within the state at the present time for students entering into a two-year program at East Carolina" who might have to transfer out of state to find a place.

The *raison d'être* for an ECU medical school has been, from the beginning, its function as a necessary instrument in meeting the doctor shortages in particular regions in the state, particularly in the East. The committee found that transfers to out-of-state institutions from ECU would tend to diminish the chances of such students returning to North Carolina to practice.

The committee concluded that the problem of health care delivery "is not simply one of producing additional doctors." The primary problem lies also in the distribution of doctors and in getting a sufficient number of these to go into primary care fields (internal medicine, pediatrics, general practice, family medicine and obstetrics-gynecology).

The General Assembly authorized the creation of a two-year school of medicine at ECU as early as 1965. However, ECU officials then were advised to delay establishment of the medical school and institute a program in life sciences and community health.

In 1969, ECU requested a basic medical science curriculum—equivalent to the first two years of medical school, and the General Assembly appropriated funds for its planning and development.

The State Board of Higher Education interceded, recommending that a one-year program be initiated, beginning in 1972 and in cooperation with the UNC Medical School.

Att. Gen. Robert Morgan, chairman of the ECU Board of Trustees, is expected to make a statement Monday concerning the board's decision.

Switchboard in '73

A new face and a new format, but with the same old heart

Switchboard, local problem-solving clearinghouse, starts the new year with a new director, new programs and new furnishings.

At an open house Sunday to show off their freshly-painted yellow, orange and green walls and their custom-designed furnishings, director Vickie Green discussed Switchboard's new programs.

Green takes over the position of director from Meyer Dworsky, who will enter medical school in the fall. Green is a psychology major from Guilford College who has worked with Switchboard since last summer.

"Switchboard is an exciting idea and I'm really pleased with the jobs it already does and the potential it has for new programs," Green said.

"Our purpose is to serve the whole town of Chapel Hill with the funds we receive from Community Chest, the Board of Aldermen and personal

donations," she said. "We get about 700 calls a month on every subject from suicide to bad drug experiences to how long to bake a potato."

The Women's Health and Pregnancy Counseling Service is housed in Switchboard. Questions on pregnancy, abortion referral and other aspects of women's health can be answered on the phone or in person.

Switchboard has five full-time staff members and 5 volunteers to answer calls on the three telephone lines.

According to Green more volunteers are needed. Volunteers should call Switchboard and leave name and phone number in order to be contacted for a new training program to begin the end of this month.

Training consists of 15 hours of talk about how to counsel, and answering the telephone with an experienced Switchboard staffer nearby to evaluate how well the volunteer handles different situations.

Legal counseling for drug offenders, draftees or others with legal problems is an area that will be expanding. Switchboard has a lawyer to whom problems can be referred and an expanded system is being set up.

A parent counseling service is being set up to answer questions about drugs, runaways and simply how to get along

with children. Thirty women have volunteered to counsel.

Crafts will be taught starting this year. Sewing, shoe repair, guitar playing—anything that a teacher can be found for—will be taught to anyone who is interested in coming to learn.

Recently, Switchboard's house was completely redecorated by staff members. Special furniture created by design students at N.C. State University includes brightly colored room partitions, lounging chairs constructed out of cardboard and couches that can be changed into bunk beds.

Weather

TODAY: Partly cloudy today, high in the 30s. Fair tonight, low near 30. Ten per cent chance of precipitation today, near zero per cent chance of precipitation tonight.



Strolling

Two figures in black and the columns of dark tree trunks when the weather's freezing and the landscape dreary, a little skip is all it takes to lift the spirits.

(Staff photo by Johnny Lindahl)

Writers!

The DTH has a number of staff positions open now which need to be filled. If there are any enterprising and creative journalists out there who would be interested in reporting, copy editing, feature writing or being night editor, then they should come by the DTH office in the Union on Wednesday between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. for an interview.

Some form of test will be administered in order to recognize talent. Past experience will be not be the sole determinant for employment. Positions are open to non-journalism majors as well as to those majoring in journalism.

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