

# Friday to investigate WCU muddle

by William March  
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Faculty and student protests, at Western Carolina University, against the administration of Chancellor Jack K. Carlton, have drawn the attention of Consolidated University President William Friday's office.

The problems at Cullowhee, N.C., began with a student protest against the 1973-74 academic calendar proposed by Carlton and continued with a faculty protest against his announced proposals concerning faculty tenure.

Two assistants to Friday, Arnold K. King and Richard H. Robinson, Jr., were in Cullowhee Thursday.

Two-thirds of the tenured faculty members of WCU have signed a petition stating that, as a result of breakdowns in faculty-Chancellor communication and arbitrary action by the Chancellor, they no longer had confidence in his administration.

Gerald Eller, dean of WCU's College of Arts and Sciences, said that the petition's 66 signatures "represent the best people of this University, and not a bunch of troublemakers."

The petition charges infringements upon academic freedom and refusal to go through proper channels in changing University policy.

Aubrey Drewry, dean of the WCU School of Education, and Eller submitted

their resignations effective June 30.

Eller said only that "an investigation of the situation by the Board of Trustees of WCU is expected."

Drewry said that he resigned at the request of the Chancellor.

Professor Ronald Nelson, president of the WCU chapter of the American Association of University Professors, was quoted by the school's student newspaper, saying Carlton's actions led to a breakdown in faculty and student morale.

Dwight Nelson, WCU student body president, said that "it should now be clear that the difficulties at WCU are not the fault of the faculty and student body."

Carlton earlier announced a one-year moratorium on the granting of tenure to faculty members, pending the completion of an academic evaluation of the WCU faculty, including a program of student evaluation of professors.

"My administration has worked for the re-establishment of student evaluation, but we never suggested that it should be the basis for determining tenure," said Nelson.

"Carlton's announcement implied that not only tenure, but possibly also promotion and pay raises, would be based on student evaluation."

A copy of the faculty's petition has been sent to Friday's office.

The faculty members sent a copy of

the petition to Carlton transmitting of the Board recommendation that it and hear evidence from such as it may wish to invite, at an early date.

The petition states that the faculty members signing it "are convinced that Dr. Carlton's philosophies of administration are incompatible with the traditions and welfare of this University."

The signers say they "have noted with concern the deterioration of morale and efficiency" on the campus.

Administration spokesman Douglas Reed refused any further comment Thursday.

ent march on the Chancellor's Monday climaxed weeks of student body's dissatisfaction from different incidents than those caused the faculty's dissatisfaction, as same basic reasons are involved," Nelson stated.

The academic calendar proposed by Carlton had already been rejected by the Student Senate and the Faculty Senate of WCU for the current academic year. "The calendar adds three weeks of classes and shortens Christmas and summer vacations."

The Chairman of WCU's Board of Trustees, Jack Abbott of Canton, N.C., has made no promise of an investigation.

The Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Consolidated University, William Dees, said Wednesday that he had been aware of the situation at WCU for several days.

"If the problems can't be worked out by the local Board of Trustees and the administration, then I think one side or the other would bring the matter to the governing board," said Dees.

A move to fire Carlton would have to be initiated by the local Board of Trustees. Such a suggestion would have to be submitted to Friday, who would make recommendations on the matter to the Board of Governors.

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### Nixon's budget proposals jeopardize student loans

by William March  
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President Nixon's Budget proposals for changing the programs of federal aid to students have left the UNC Financial Aid Office in the dark about what aid they can offer students for next year, said William H. Geer, Director of Student Aid.

"There are three major federal programs for aid to college students: the National Direct Student Loan Fund, Educational Opportunity Grants (EOG), and the College Work-Study program," said Geer. "Nixon proposes eliminating the first two, and cutting appropriations

for the third by \$20 million."

Under the new proposals, Geer continued, the loan fund would be replaced by a program to offer federal guarantees for bank loans at much higher interest than the NDSL loans.

EOG would be replaced by a Basic Opportunity Grant (BOG) program, which would offer up to \$1400 per year in grants to any post-secondary student whose parents cannot afford college costs.

"The problem is timing," said Geer. "We will not know until Congress makes its appropriations for the new programs, or decides to retain the old programs,

how much aid we will be able to offer incoming freshmen or returning students on financial aid."

"Until then, we will not even know how to tell students to apply for the BOG grants, or how their need will be determined."

Nixon's budget proposes \$622 million for the Basic Opportunity Grants. According to Geer, even if Congress allocates this much, no one knows if it will fill the need. "Need estimates are as high as one billion," he said.

Congressional decisions on the proposed aid cuts are not expected before late summer.

The current NDSL loans, which used to be known as National Defense Loans, have been used by students since 1959.

The three per cent interest on the loans does not begin to accrue until the student graduates. Until last July, when the program was changed from National Defense Loans to National Direct Loans, the loan principal was reduced by 10 per cent a year for every year that the borrower taught in an accredited institution, up to 50 per cent.

"The teaching provision would be eliminated from the new program, and the interest rate would go to seven and one-half per cent," said Geer. "The federal government would guarantee repayment of the loan if the student defaulted, and would pay the bank an interest subsidy, to bring the rate collected by the bank to nine per cent."

"We could continue to make NDSL loans from the money we collect in repayment of past loans. But no new money would come into the program."

Geer said that UNC students received about \$1,005,027 in NDSL loans last year.

"In the future, if the program is cancelled, the amount we expect to collect and re-lend will rise to about half of that, about \$500,000. We have been getting about \$700,000 per year in new money, and collecting and re-lending about \$300,000."

Geer said that he had had no trouble getting the NDSL loans repaid. "About 99.98 per cent of our loans are repaid, and the late repayment is only about one and a half percent. We try to be understanding about repayment problems, and not to hassle people when they're in trouble."

"Some institutions handle loans through business offices, and I think this contributes to repayment problems. Business offices aren't as considerate."

The Alabama Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators met Wednesday with the Alabama congressional delegation, and asked for a one-year hold-off on any changes that would be made in the federal student aid programs, to allow schools time to adjust to proposed changes.

"If you're on financial aid, you'd better write your congressman. Right now, we have nothing but proposals to offer you," said Geer.

### Weather

TODAY: Cloudy, 60 per cent chance of rain. High in the low to mid 60s. Fair Saturday.

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### Ex-purchaser blasts Aldermen

by Bonnie Weyher  
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Former Town Manager Robert Peck, fired by the Board of Aldermen Jan. 17, was defended by Mrs. Charlie Turner, town purchasing agent, who resigned Monday morning.

Turner said she resigned "to draw taxpayers' attention to what is going on in the Municipal Building."

"The Town Administration is spending money before it is appropriated," Turner said. "Among other reasons, Peck was fired for trying to put a lid on spending taxpayers' money."

Turner's resignation was to become effective February 28 so that she could

train a new person for the job.

She said, however, that Interim Town Manager Mary Levine asked her to leave immediately. Levine denied this, saying that both she and Turner had decided that it would be the best way.

Turner said that it would be very difficult for someone new to take over without any knowledge of the functioning of the administration.

Turner charged Mary Levine with running Chapel Hill like a "Fifth Avenue consultant firm. I admired her, as well as Mayor Lee, at first, but soon I found out that they were both all talk and no action," she said.

She also criticized the way the town administration fired Peck. She said that

no reason for the action was ever given even though she specifically asked Mayor Lee for an explanation.

Levine, along with the Mayor's former assistant, Andy Little, and Alderman Joe Nassif, conspired to get rid of Peck, Turner said. "They thought he was too conservative, but actually they forced him to be conservative through their own wasteful expenditures."

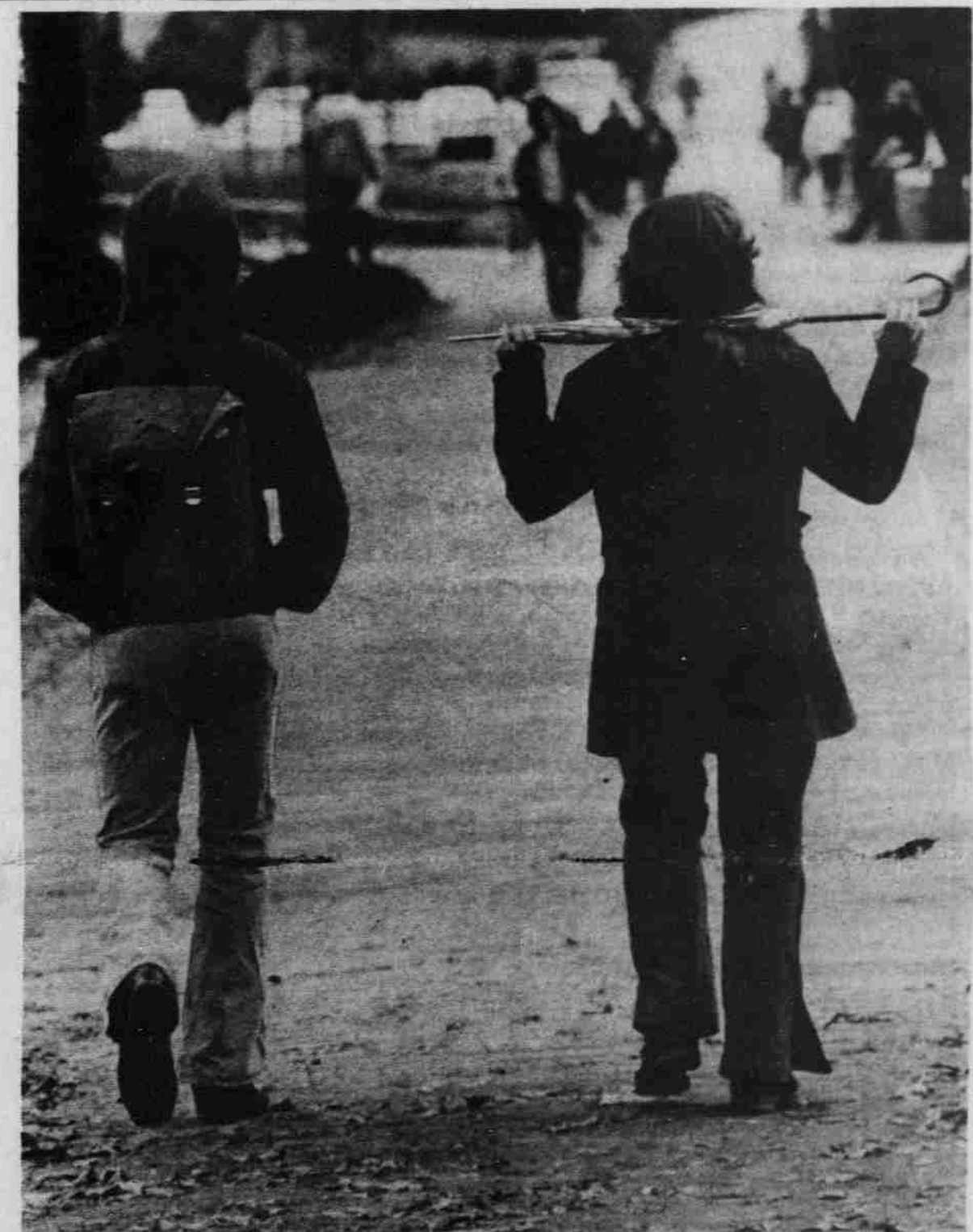
Turner cited the hiring of Social Services Director Jeanne Jones as an example of the administration's excessive spending.

She said that she believed planning and finance to be more important to Chapel Hill's development than social services.

"We all know that, per capita, our town has quite adequate social services available to all citizens," she said. "The stated purpose of the social services director is to coordinate all the social programs in order to make them more effective. This is not the town's responsibility, I feel, but rather a function of the county."

Peck, she said, is hardworking and a man of his word. "They wanted to make him into a political animal—a public relations man in effect. He could never be that."

Turner became the town's purchasing agent in 1969 and was responsible for writing specifications and getting bids for Chapel Hill's equipment and supplies.



Strolling

Some days you can just amble down those spacious walks and not have to fight the crowds or drizzle. It's good to be able to use those cumbersome umbrellas for something more capricious than shedding rain. (Photo by Tom Lassiter)

### Viral pneumonia kills grad student

by Jean Swallow  
Feature Writer

He was somewhat of a loner, a little bit private some said. And he died alone last Friday, surrounded by all the sophisticated medical equipment provided by a modern American hospital.

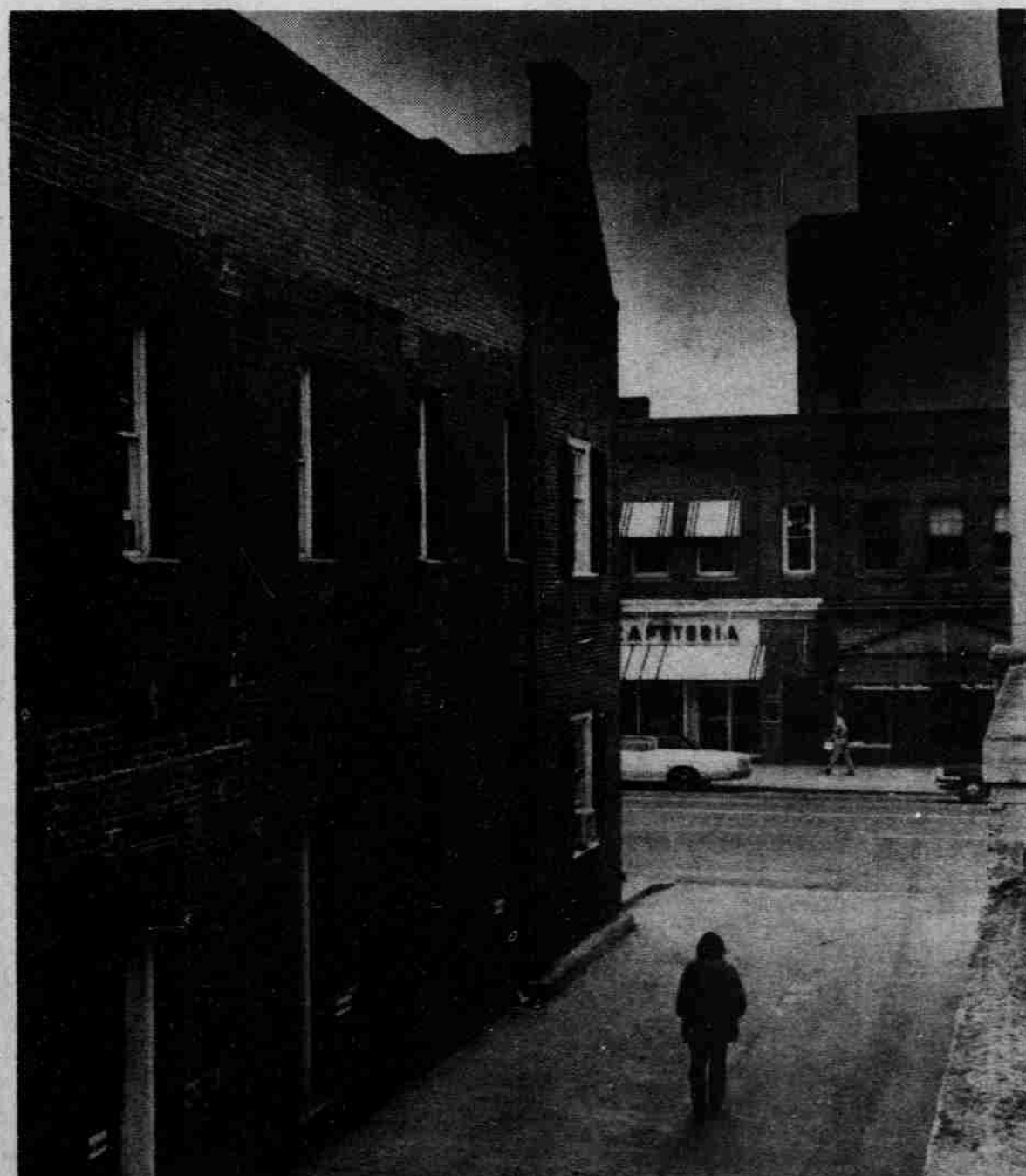
Alexis Cespedes Munzo, 35, a graduate student in comparative literature from Costa Rica, died in the North Carolina Memorial Hospital early last Friday morning of viral pneumonia, apparently a complication from the flu.

He did not feel well when he went to a movie the previous weekend and asked a

friend to drive him home. Sunday noon the same friend, Daniel Zalacain, who would later deliver his eulogy, drove him to the Infirmary. Munzo received the basic "flu packet" the Infirmary has been dispensing due to the rash of flu patients.

But the medicine didn't help Munzo and later that night, upon the urging of his landlady, Mrs. Ruth Ward, he went back to the Infirmary. Since he was living alone and really didn't have anyone to look after him, he spent the night there. The nurse on duty, Mrs. Carroll, called a resident at N.C. Memorial Hospital who

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Morning walk

Early morning can be a lonely time, even in downtown Chapel Hill. Perhaps this fellow was on his way to pick up some quick breakfast before heading to his eight o'clock class. Even so, nothing can help those early classes.

(Staff photo by Johnny Lindahl)