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Report reveals discontent among minority students

by Greg Turosak
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A final report on UNC minority students, released this week to the public, states that many black and other minority students are not satisfied with their overall experience at UNC.

The findings of the report are the result of a questionnaire administered to over 600 minority students, mostly black, and 200 white students last spring by Dr. David Kleinbaum on behalf of the Chancellor's Committee on the Status of the Minorities and the Disadvantaged.

Fifty-one per cent of minority students returned the questionnaire, as did 65 per cent of white students.

According to Leonard Lee, a black

undergraduate member of the committee, representatives of all black organizations on campus will meet this afternoon at 4 p.m. in the Upendo Lounge, the new Black Student Movement gathering place in Chase Cafeteria, for an advisory meeting on the report.

"There are two purposes for this meeting," Lee said. "One is to comment on the results of the study, and the other is to make recommendations of our own."

Whatever recommendations are derived from this meeting will be presented by Lee to the committee as a whole Monday afternoon, at which time the committee meets to decide what further recommendations should be added to those already in the report.

The committee will then appear before the Faculty Council in early March at its monthly meeting to discuss final results and recommendations.

Copies of the minority report have been in the possession of Chancellor N. Ferebee Taylor, Donald Boulton, dean of Student Affairs, and James Gaskin, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, since last semester.

The minority committee, which has been a standing committee for five years, makes yearly recommendations to the Faculty Council, but this is the first year that any extensive data has been compiled to back up recommendations.

The report bases its finding that minorities are not satisfied with their overall experience on the fact that a

larger percentage of blacks than whites, 30 per cent to 9 per cent, said that if they had it to do over again they would not have come to UNC. When asked whether the University is trying to improve their status, 23 per cent of minority students answered "not at all" and 54 per cent answered "a little."

"The chief source of discontent concerns social life," according to the report. Sixty-eight per cent of minority students as compared to 39 per cent of white students say they are not satisfied with the social opportunities provided by UNC.

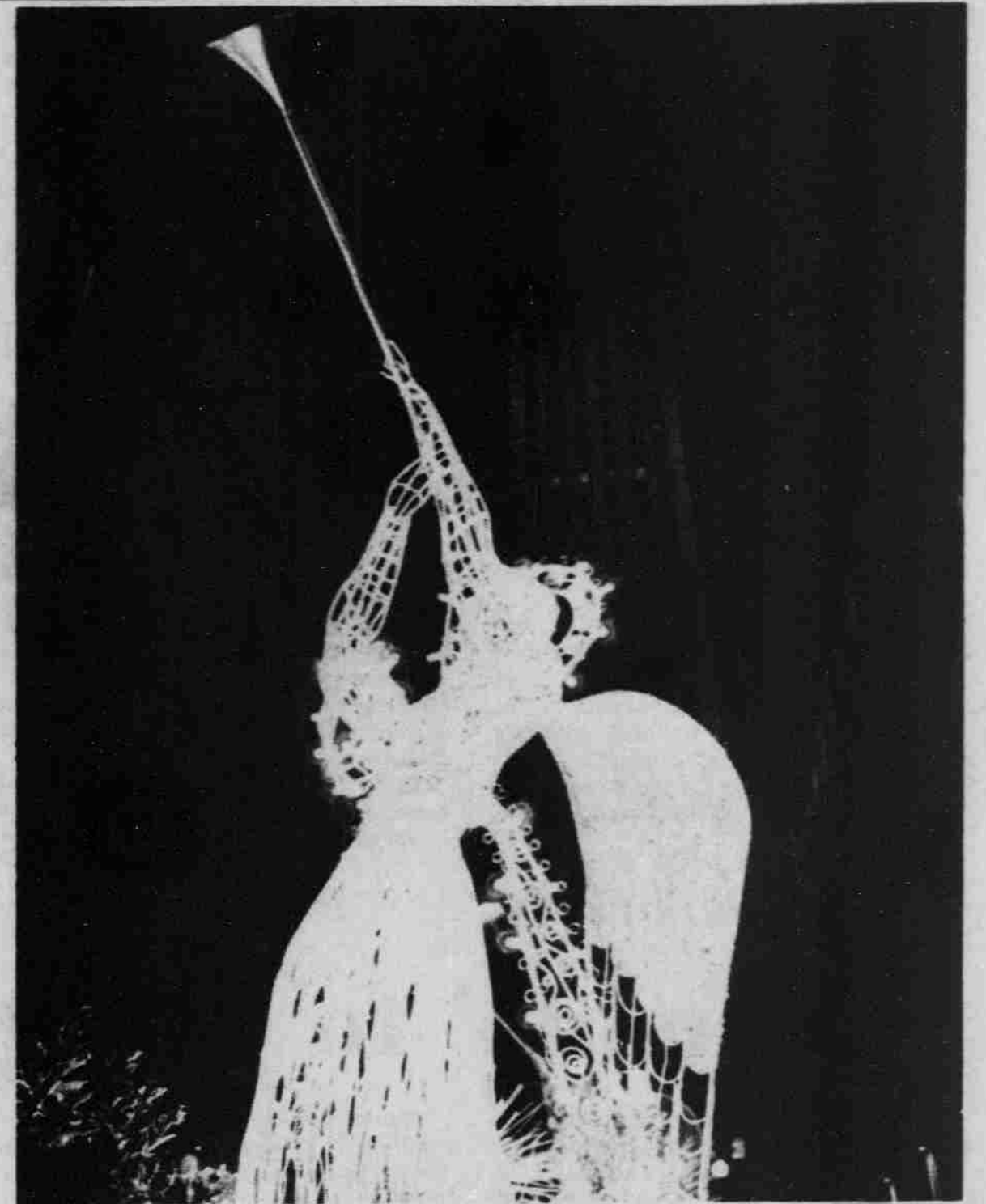
Other areas where the report indicates minority students are dissatisfied:

➤ 53 per cent of minority students, compared to 10 per cent of whites, agreed strongly that "not enough courses focus entirely on black (and other minority) subject areas."

➤ 57 per cent of minority students, compared to 13 per cent of whites, agreed strongly that there is not enough reference to black (and other minority) experience in standard courses.

➤ 90 per cent of minority students, compared to 24 per cent of whites, agreed strongly there are not enough minority faculty.

➤ 53 per cent of minority students found a little adverse discrimination from their instructors; 6 per cent found a lot; 5 per cent found discrimination in their favor.



Redemption at hand?

New York City is an angel. Or is it only Rockefeller Center? Whichever it is that combination was found in the dark, in the cold, this Christmas.

(Staff photo by George Brown)

Nuclear plant opposed

ECOS vs. the atom

by David Klinger
Staff Writer

ECOS, the regional environmental organization headquartered in Chapel Hill, is taking Central Carolina Power and Light Company to task over the company's planned construction of a nuclear power generation station in Wake County near Bonsal.

Slated to be formally released on Saturday, "A Statement Concerning the Carolina Power and Light Company's Proposed Nuclear Power Plant in Wake County" has been prepared by the ECOS staff under the supervision of Executive Director Watson Morris.

The report launches a series of 10 specific objections to construction and

operation of nuclear power plants. "ECOS, Inc. opposes further construction and any operation of nuclear power plants in North Carolina. We also favor an end to growth of electric power generation in North Carolina, regardless of the method of generation..." the report states.

Among the alternatives to present electric power generation in the United States, ECOS has suggested the following changes:

➤ A national moratorium on construction and operation of nuclear power plants until environmental and safety problems are resolved;

➤ Formulation of a national energy policy oriented toward conserving scarce supplies rather than meeting infinitely

increasing demand;

➤ A goal of zero growth for electric power production in North Carolina;

➤ No funds for advertising which is aimed at increasing consumption;

➤ Investigation of the feasibility of cutting off large industrial users of power during peak demand periods;

➤ Major institutional changes within the power companies themselves which can greatly reduce the need for more electricity.

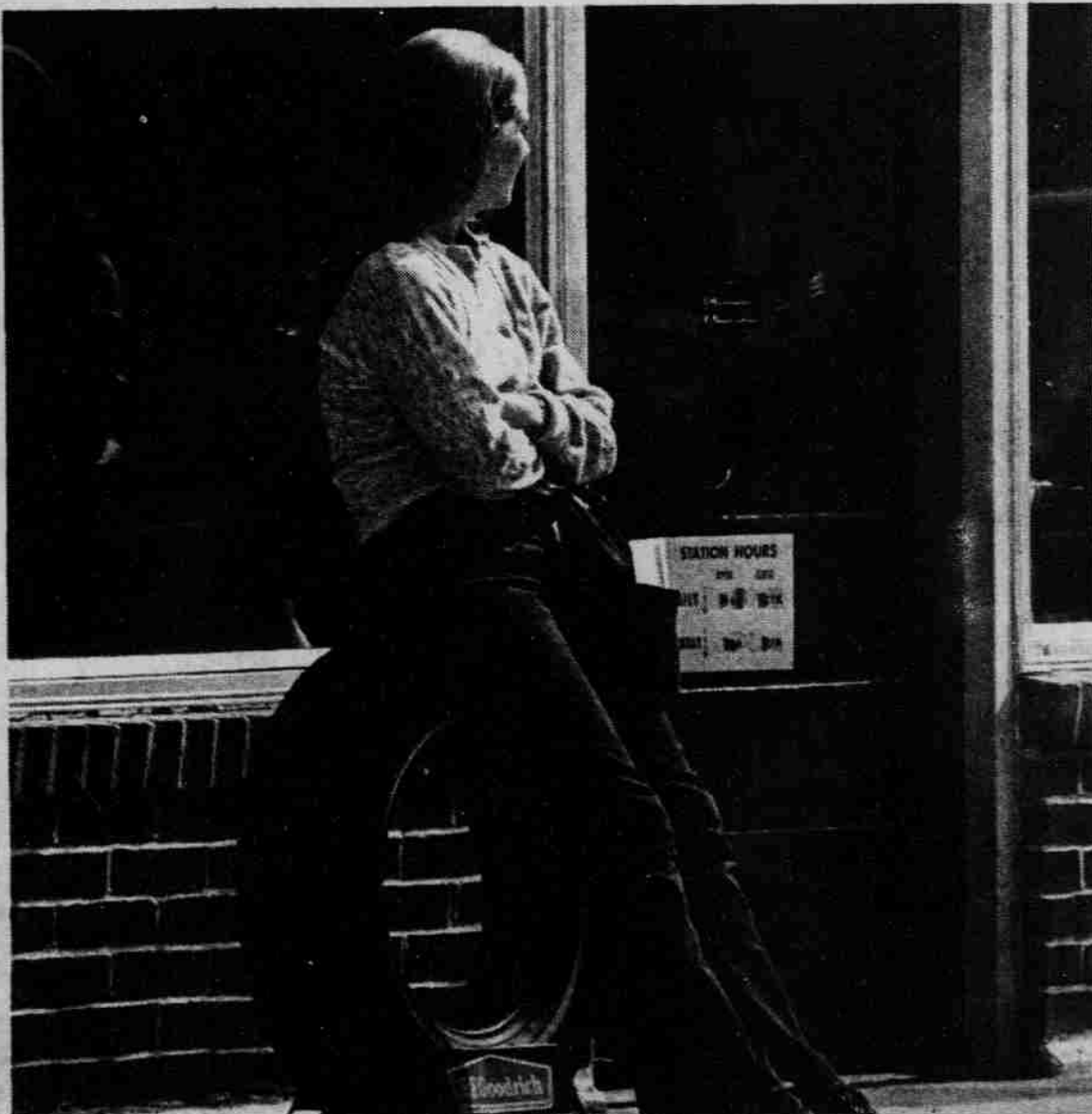
"From now on," Morris concluded, "the whole perspective for viewing the energy crisis will be different. We'll see much more emphasis on conserving energy than in the past."

Among the most serious charges ECOS makes against the present level of nuclear power technology are unresolved problems of radioactive waste disposal and the routine emission of radioactivity to air and water during the course of normal plant operations.

ECOS believes that current emission standards as set by the Atomic Energy Commission are inadequate to cope with the proposed number of nuclear power reactors to be built in the United States by the year 2000. The group believes from 900 to 1,000 nuclear power plants may be in operation by the turn of the century.

"We believe... that prudent public health policy indicates that a goal of zero discharge of radiation from nuclear power plants and nuclear fuel reprocessing facilities should be sought," the report concludes.

Copies of the ECOS report have been sent to all members of the North Carolina General Assembly, Governor Holshouser and other state officials, members of the Utilities Commission, and a number of regional mayors and planning commissions in the hope that state and local government can be brought into the decision-making process.



If you're not interested in the events going on inside a gas station, you may as well find a seat outside. This person seems to have found one good for about 50,000 miles. (Staff photo by Tom Lassiter)

Weather

TODAY: Partly cloudy and colder, high in the low 40s. Fair tonight, low in the teens. Near zero per cent chance of rain through Saturday.

Mead explores society

Noted anthropologist speaks here tonight

by Marcia Decker
Staff Writer

Margaret Mead, ethnologist, anthropologist and author, will speak at 8 tonight in Memorial Hall.

An authority on family life and adolescence in primitive cultures ("Coming of Age in Samoa," "Growing Up in New Guinea"), Margaret Mead is equally respected for her studies and writings on social conditions and change in contemporary western society. While her topics range from hunger, poverty, and population control to sexual mores to primitive art, Mead's special field is the study of family relations in different levels of human society.

Her views and criticisms of marriage, family, sex and other sacred institutions

in American society are highly controversial. A proponent of "two-step" marriage and population control, she is critical of the emphasis on marriage as "an end rather than a part of life," and especially the pressure on young people to marry early.

"The desire to wait before marriage is not at present fashionable... partly because in this country we've built this tremendous opposition to the intellectual by our high school system," Mead points out. "Intellectual life demands some kind of postponement of the early domesticity. Early domesticity has always been characteristic of most savages, of most peasants and of the urban poor."

"If we just retire into a kind of fur-lined domesticity, in which everybody in the country is concerned only with his

own little family and his own little house, I think it is going to curtail seriously the contributions that we can make as a nation to the development of civilization on this planet."

A change in outlook is needed, Mead feels, that regards people—men and women—as individuals. "When we stopped short of treating women as people, after providing them with all the paraphernalia of education and rights, we set up a condition whereby men also became less than full human beings and more narrowly domestic."

Lessening of the social pressure to be married and raise a family, and providing equitable opportunities for utilizing the talents of all people, are two of the means Mead sees to counteract this trend toward unproductive domesticity.

Open meetings voted

by Jody Meacham
Staff Writer

Orange County Representative Patricia Stanford Hunt led a successful effort in the North Carolina House Wednesday to prohibit secret meetings of that body.

"It was an amendment to the House Rules Committee report," Hunt said, "which provides that under no circumstances may the House or any of its committees or subcommittees meet in

executive session."

The House approved Rep. Hunt's amendment and then approved the Rules Committee report as a whole.

She said, however, that there is still some confusion as to how the adoption of the House rules would really affect closed meetings.

"There is a general statute which allows either house of the General Assembly to meet in secret," she said. "I am not sure whether my rules

amendment will solve this problem. However, if the House of Representatives met in secret, it would mean that they were meeting contrary to the rules they had adopted."

The present law provides that the General Assembly, as well as other legislative bodies in North Carolina such as county and city commissions and school boards, may meet in secret under certain conditions.

The body must give a specific, public reason for holding the closed meeting, and may vote to close the meeting during any regular or special meeting when a quorum is present.

Meetings may, under the present law, be closed while considering acquisition or lease of property, personnel matters or any prosecution, defense or judicial action which directly affects the governing body.

The law also says: "Any committee or subcommittee of the General Assembly has the inherent right to hold an executive session when it determines that it is absolutely necessary... to prevent personal embarrassment or when it is in the best interest of the state."

Hunt said that she intended to introduce a formal bill next week to repeal the portion of the present closed meetings law which applies to the General Assembly.

The effect of such a law, if passed, would be to include the Senate with the House in the prohibition of closed meetings. The Senate is presently not bound by any such law or rule.

Fire up the stills, ABC supply short

Planning a BYOB party this weekend? Better buy your bottle early in the day because the liquor supply is running short in Orange County, as well as all over the state.

The State ABC Board has decided not to renew its contract to store and distribute liquor with the Central Warehouse Co., Inc. in Raleigh.

To tighten control over liquor removal and distribution, the ABC Board is setting up its own Research Triangle Park warehouse.

W.D. Parker, president of Central Warehouse, has agreed to ship liquor until

April 1 if the distillers will pay the freight. Deliveries have been down recently, Parker said, because some of his truck drivers have quit their jobs.

"With five different ABC stores in Orange County to supply, we are already running out of assorted popular brands," Denton Efland, Orange County ABC Board supervisor, said.

"We've been told by the state that the problem may last for six weeks, no longer. We have been advised to order straight from the distillers and we have already done so," Parker said.



Cowboys and Indians, Davy Crockett and Buffalo Bill. There aren't many buffalo around anymore and very few

Indians. Nevertheless, five little pieces of plastic and a child's mind can only mean fiery visions.

(Staff photo by George Brown)