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SCAU opens phone lines for consumer problems

by Greg Turosak
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Listen here . . .
... You got a problem?
I mean a real consumer problem?
Say, for instance, your landlord is keeping your security deposit, or you just found out you have been overcharged for automobile work, or you're getting the run-around about a refund.
What could you do about these things until now? ... Give up maybe? Mumble to yourself "What a rip-off!" and walk right into the next problem?

There's a better way to go about solving these problems now than just resigning yourself to fate after little or no effort.

The Student Consumer Action Union (SCAU) has opened its telephone lines at 933-5201 to help students when they have a valid consumer complaint.

SCAU is the organization on which Ford Runge based his platform for student body president about a month ago.

Well, they finally got an operating budget approved by Student Government late last week so that now full operation

is possible.

SCAU does not deal just with complaints. If you don't have a problem yet, but you think you soon might and you need some good advice or information, SCAU's willing to help out.

"The basic philosophy," says SCAU Chairman Ted Claghorn, "is that the student population is two times the number of town residents and make up at least 40 to 50 percent of the buying power. But they're being used and exploited because they're uneducated generally about consumerism."

SCAU has organized itself to deal with

four major areas, according to Claghorn. These include landlord problems and tenant rights, food quality, merchandise pricing and consumer fraud. Appropriate standing committees have been set up to deal with these areas.

The strategy of these committees will be: (1) to research and collect information on the issues; (2) to disperse the information through pamphlets and the hot-line and (3) to organize active pressure groups.

The Student Consumer Housing Committee, chaired by DeWitt McCarley, is the first of the committees to plan a

pamphlet. The pamphlet will concern tenants' rights and will be distributed free the third or fourth week in April.

According to McCarley, "The pamphlet is not just a 'how to get your landlord' type of thing, but it also says 'how to be a good tenant.'"

The Housing Committee is also concerned with organizing students into a lobbying force for the Uniform Landlord and Tenant Law, which currently is on the books only in Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and California.

The purpose of such a law would be to provide for rent strikes or rent

withholding and for safeguards on rent deposits. The committee would also like to work on a uniform student lease for Chapel Hill.

Then there is the Food Quality Committee, headed by Matt Ziff. According to Claghorn, this committee will be taking constant surveys of restaurants, determining who has specials, when and where the people go, how to beat the crowds and the prices.

A pamphlet is also planned by this committee, but probably won't be ready

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University seeks electric rate hike

by Don Morris
Staff Writer

A 10.5 percent increase in electric rates charged to UNC students and to Chapel Hill and Carrboro residents is expected soon.

The University may increase rates to offset a 20.16 percent hike in wholesale utility rates by Duke Power Co., the University's supplier. Duke Power's new rates will go into effect on April 25.

Joseph C. Eagles, Jr., UNC vice-chancellor for business affairs, made

a written request for a 10.5 percent increase to the State Utilities Commission on March 30.

The University rates increase will have to be approved by the commission and the UNC Board of Trustees before it goes into effect.

John Temple, assistant vice-chancellor for business affairs at UNC, told the DTH that the issue will come up before the trustees in this month's meeting. "We are assuming at the time that we'll get approval," Temple said.

If the request is not approved, Temple

said, a new proposal will be made.

The hike by Duke Power would cost the University \$549,012 per year if no action were taken to offset the increase.

The raise in electric rates was a factor in the decision to increase room rent for 1973-74 by 10 percent, Donald A. Boulton, dean of student affairs, told the DTH.

The hiked utility rates affected the new room rent "but not as much as I had anticipated it would," Boulton said.

The increase by Duke Power was to have gone into effect on March 25, but the Federal Power Commission changed the date to April 25.

Customers of the University-owned utility system will be billed at the end of May.

Grey Culbreth, director of utilities at UNC, said that the average customer now pays \$1.78 per kilowatt hour. Under the new rates, the customer would pay \$1.96 per kilowatt hour.

According to Jim Hansen, district Duke Power office supervisor, the company was forced to increase its rates to meet the steeper price of coal, higher interest rates and the cost of environmental protection operations.

Hansen said that Duke Power is allocating \$70 million for electric precipitators to eliminate the smoke from coal-burning generators.

He told the DTH he did not know if the environmental protection measures are required by federal law.

The University is now trying to sell its telephone, electricity and water utilities. Because of this, the proposed increase is crucial to its system, states the University's application to the State Utilities Commission.

Temple said that the application is now being mailed to the trustees.

Today's weather

Cloudy today with a sixty percent chance of precipitation. The high is expected in the 60's and the low tonight is expected in the mid 40's.



Durham singer Ira Evans . . .

... one of The Four Fellows, a rhythm and blues singing group from the Bull City, in performance in the Great Hall Tuesday night as part of the Black Arts Festival. (Staff photo by George Brown)

Charity sale set Thursday

by Melinda Hickman
Staff Writer

Round two of this year's APO Campus Chest will take place at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Great Hall with the APO auction.

Last year's event brought in approximately \$2,500, and APO officials expect an even greater amount this year. Auction co-chairman James Boyles noted, "We don't have as many items, but we have better quality."

Many of the items will be similar to those sold in years before. There will be dinners, theatre passes, gift certificates, and car items (oil, lube jobs, car mats, etc.). Household articles and accessories will be auctioned, including ash trays, mugs, glasses, a fondue set, book ends, a toaster oven, clocks and plants.

Celebrity items for which bidders will compete include a White House print autographed by the President and Mrs. Nixon, an autographed picture of Sen. Edward Kennedy, Jesse Helms' datebook, Spiro Agnew's pen, and autographed books by George McGovern, Hubert Humphrey, Barry Goldwater and William F. Buckley.

Paul Lynde has donated an autographed television script; Monte Hall, a tie and pen; Art Buchwald, a signed editorial; and Ann Landers, a pencil "with teethmarks."

Items from local celebrities will be auctioned as well. Three autographed basketballs and one football will be sold, along with one of Coach Dean Smith's custom-made jackets, a Chinese worker's cap from William Geer and a bow-tie from Rabbit Giles.

Some of the premier items to be auctioned include a Panasonic amplifier with speakers, AM-FM radio, an eight-track tape deck, a ten-speed bicycle and expense-paid weekend vacations to Beech Mountain and the beach.

New health clinics improve Infirmary

by David Ennis
Staff Writer

Do you complain about the health services at UNC?

Efforts to make the Student Health Service more responsive to student needs resulted in the addition of three new clinics this year.

According to Dr. James A. Taylor, director of the Student Health Service, the new appointment clinic, gynecology clinic and emergency dental care clinic are the results of "ongoing efforts to serve the students in the most efficient, rapid way possible."

"The appointment clinic is set up so that a doctor can be in the appointment system for part of each day," said Taylor. "This eliminates long waits by students and provides a vehicle for setting up return check-ups," he continued.

The gynecology clinic is designed to handle complicated gynecologic problems and to fit intra-uterine devices or diaphragms. For a woman to receive an appointment in this clinic, her problem must first be evaluated by a regular health service physician. The service operates from 3 to 5 p.m. every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

The emergency dental care clinic is also operated on a referral basis through the Student Health Service. "It is designed to take care of acute or emergency type dental problems," according to Dr. Donald E. Harris, health educator of the Student Health Service. "It will provide whatever is needed immediately to relieve pain or prevent the progression of a problem," he added.

All of the new clinics are designed to eliminate long waits for medical attention at the health service, Dr. Taylor said. Inadequate space for infirmary facilities has been one cause for these waiting periods, Taylor claimed.

"I'm not so naive to think that a new building would solve all of the problems of the Student Health Service," Taylor said. "But I'm confident that adequate space would make us a giant step forward in that direction."

"A perfect illustration of our space problem is one of our doctor's offices that is a converted coat closet," said Taylor.

The regular walk-in clinic has been supplemented by a rapid-treatment clinic, for minor illnesses or injuries that require ten minutes or less to evaluate and treat.

"Our receptionists with some experience can tell whether you should be in rapid treatment or the walk-in clinic," said Taylor. "The average time for complete treatment in the rapid treatment clinic is 20 minutes," he added.

Other clinics and services provided by the Student Health Service include the Mental Health section, the Sports Medicine program and in-patient services.

A variety of special services are also provided including allergy injections, marriage license blood tests, loan of equipment for rehabilitation, and completion of medical forms.

Cost of professional services, most laboratory and X-ray services, certain drugs, and use of the in-patient facilities are all covered in the \$30.00 per semester health fee each student pays.

Regular office hours at the Student Health Service are from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and from 9 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturday. Registered Nurses are on duty at the Infirmary 24 hours a day and a physician is on call.

The Student Health Service publishes a free pamphlet of policies and information, which provides more detailed information. It is available at the Union Information Desk or the Student Health Service.

House passes property bill

Cities may annex isolated lands

by Jody Meacham
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North Carolina cities may soon be able to annex noncontiguous property under a bill passed Tuesday by the N.C. House of Representatives.

Noncontiguous property is land which does not border on the existing corporate limits. Under the proposed law, cities could annex isolated areas such as shopping centers without taking in low tax revenue-producing rural land between the city and the annexed area.

The bill will apparently replace a similar bill proposed by Durham County

representatives which would have allowed only Durham to use noncontiguous annexation.

The bill which the House passed would allow cities to annex isolated land if the land is within three miles of the city.

The annexing city would have to provide all services to the annexed area that it provides to the original incorporated area.

The Durham annexation bill was part of a package of 32 proposals introduced at the request of the Durham City Council by Durham County Reps. H.M. Michaux, Jr., George Miller, Jr., and Willis Witchard. The package was hurriedly

introduced March 21, the deadline for local bill introductions.

Due to the rush, said Michaux, the bills were not studied carefully.

One of the bills would allow Durham to acquire property both within and outside the boundaries of the county. Another would permit the city to use certain "quick take" condemnation procedures.

The quick take provision is currently available only to the State Highway Commission to obtain rights of way for public roads. Durham, at one time, was allowed by law to also use the quick take procedure but the privilege was repealed

by the 1971 General Assembly.

Rep. Michaux said that he was aware of the implications of the bills, and that he intended to keep them in the House Local Government Committee until they could be adequately studied.

North Carolina law now states that municipalities may only annex land contiguous to the corporate limits of the annexing city. The Durham bill would have exempted that city.

However, with the passage of the statewide bill proposed by Rep. Samuel Johnson, D-Wake County, Michaux indicated that the Durham annexation bill would be dropped.

I-Week: a taste of the world

by Lu Stanton
Feature Writer

Want to get some of that international flavor right here in Chapel Hill, taste unadulterated Chinese food, or see a hot game of cricket?

International Week (I-Week), April 8-15, offers an opportunity to learn about other nations without being forced

to sit through a class in Dey Hall.

I-Week, sponsored by the International Student Center (ISC), is jam-packed with events - dinners, a speaker, a children's tea, a debate and a grand finale dance.

"We would like everyone to come along and have fun together," Richard Wilmot-Smith, chairman of ISC, told the DTH.

Peter Strafford, New York correspondent for "The Times," a famous London newspaper, kicks off the week at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 8, in Howell Hall. The well-travelled journalist, sponsored by the ISC and Sigma Delta Chi journalism fraternity, plans to speak on European and American relations.

If you are tired of eating dry hamburgers or tasteless spaghetti every night, I-Week offers an interesting change of pace.

Monday night there will be an Italian dinner at Battle House; Tuesday night, a French dinner at the Community Church; and Friday night, a German dinner at the Newman Center.

All the dinners start at 7 p.m. and will cost \$2.

Tickets are available at the Student Union and the ISC office in Carr Dorm.

Tentatively, volleyball games will be played on Monday, soccer on Tuesday, badminton on Wednesday and basketball on Friday. Ping pong matches will go on every day. Exact times and places are not yet definite.

The crowning glory for the sports events will be a cricket match at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 14, on Ehringhaus Field, when students from Britain, India and Pakistan battle it out. It should prove to be an interesting game.

If speakers, suppers and sports aren't

down your alley, I-Week has still more activities to get students involved.

Wednesday afternoon from 3:30 to 5:00 there will be a children's tea in Melver lobby or, if weather permits, Melver lawn.

The tea is for international wives and children, faculty children and anyone who wants to join in. The afternoon will be filled with balloons, suckers, cookies, kiddie games and fun.

Wednesday is also Dress Day. International students will be wearing their national dress.

And Wednesday night there will be a parliamentary debate at 7:30 p.m. in Gerrard Hall sponsored by the ISC and the Debate Team. The topic for the debate is "Resolved: the control of Israel should be returned to the Palestinians." Heckling and speeches from the audience are encouraged.

The closing I-Week activity will be a dance, with refreshments and possibly beer at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 14, in rooms 202-204 of the Union. Admission will be 75 cents at the door.

"We want people to enjoy themselves," said I-Week Chairman Anthony Steward. "I-Week is just a fun thing," he said, "but the serious side is that it is international." He explained that the ISC wants the campus to become aware of its existence and get involved.