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National budget controversy stymies Student Aid funding

by Linda Livengood
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At present there is no significant appropriation of funds for student financial assistance for this summer and for the coming academic year.

The Nixon Administration proposals for financial assistance would provide \$622 million for the new Basic Opportunity Grants (BOG) for 1973-74. \$250 million has been proposed for the College Work-Study Program (CWSP). These combined programs would

apparently make more money available to assist needy students than is presently appropriated.

"The problems with these proposals result from the President's budget, Congressional controversy and delay," stated William M. Geer, director of student aid.

"According to the Education Amendments of 1972, the BOG program has pre-conditions for funding. The existing federal programs must be funded at \$130.1 million for Supplementary Educational Opportunity Grants (SEOG), \$237.4 million for College Work-Study

jobs (CWSP) and \$286 million for National Direct Student Loans (NDSL) for the academic year 1973-74," stated Geer.

The President's budget eliminated the SEOG and the NDSL programs for next year. The only programs included in the budget are the CWSP and the BOG program.

According to Geer, "by definition BOG meets only one-half or less of the educational cost of a poverty-stricken student. The BOG funds are not sufficient for any student. The only other program currently considered is the

inadequate CWSP appropriation."

The only option a needy student has is to borrow money from the Federally Insured Student Loan (FISL) program. This is a bank loan repaid at seven and one-half percent rate of interest. The NDSL are repaid at a three percent interest rate.

Money loaned on the NDSL program is repaid to the University and loaned to other needy students. FISL money is repaid to the bank making the loan.

In 1972 the subsidy cost the government \$196 million. The cost was \$245 million in 1973. The President recommended \$310 million for the 1974 fiscal year.

"This will increase uncontrollably if this program continues and expands to match the BOG program," stated Geer.

Geer recommended that the programs presently funded by the federal government be continued at this year's levels. This would fund the NDSL program at \$286 million, CWSP at \$270 million and SEOG at \$210 million.

"We went to Washington to urge that

some kind of appropriations be made as soon as possible. At the present we have no way of making financial awards because we don't know how much money we will have," stated Geer.

Geer recommended that the BOG program be implemented during the 1974-75 fiscal year. Geer recommended the postponement because the "exact amount of a BOG for any student can't be determined until Congress appropriates and the student applications are printed, distributed nationally, returned by individual students and processed nationally. With no experience to go on, it seems unlikely that all of this can be done even by late summer."

Even if and when all of these uncertainties are settled, almost every student eligible for BOG must have other funds.

The BOG program allows a maximum of \$1,400 to be awarded to a needy student. This is tempered by the stipulation that it only pay half the amount of a year's costs. The total cost for an academic year at UNC is \$2,100.



William Geer

This would make UNC students eligible for \$1,050 when the funds are disbursed.

According to Geer, the cost of providing each needy student with the amount to which he is entitled would be \$1.2 billion. The Nixon proposal for the BOG program is \$622 million or approximately half of what is needed. This would reduce the amount given to individual UNC students to \$575. Of the possible \$1,400 available under the BOG law only \$575 will actually be made available to individual UNC students if and when the funds are disbursed.

Henderson goes co-ed for the fall

by Carol Wilson
Staff Writer

All three dorms constituting Henderson Residence College (HRC) will be coed next fall, presenting a variety of living alternatives to HRC residents.

Specific plans for converting the dorms were adopted Tuesday night at a meeting between Robert Kepner, director of Residence Life, and the Henderson Living-Learning Steering Committee.

Full implementation of the plans will depend on the responses of Connor, Winston and Alexander residents on their room preference sheets to be distributed today. Each dorm member will be asked where he would most like to live next year, given the present plan. Kepner said that Henderson students must show a willingness to change rooms within the residence college as well as interest in all four forms of coed living offered.

The arrangement which will go up for approval is as follows:

Winston: first floor - all male
second floor - room-by-room coed
third floor - all male
fourth floor - half male, half female
Connor: first floor - all male
second, third and fourth floors - all female
Alexander: section by section coed
five sections male, four female

This specific plan was first brought up at Tuesday night's meeting by Richard Stevens, assistant residence director of Henderson. Stevens told the DTH it was agreed upon because it "met the needs of the most students while displacing the fewest number."

Input from the students themselves was an important part of the final decision. A survey taken Sunday night of all Henderson residents who plan to return next year measured the relative popularity of the different forms of coeducation as well as each student's willingness to change rooms or dorms in order to achieve any coed arrangement.

The survey showed that a majority of the students living in each dorm wanted coeducation in some form. It also indicated the break-down floor-by-floor of which type - section by section, floor-by-floor, or room-by-room - the present residents most prefer. The final plan was set up to best accommodate each individual floor.

Sign-up for any of the three dorms in the living-learning center will be open to Henderson residents first. "For the purpose of sign-up," Stevens said, "we will consider all of Henderson as one unit - that is to switch rooms within the college won't require drawing a lottery number." Once Henderson residents have been accommodated, other students may sign up through the campus-wide lottery.



So who needs a small package?

STOP

A sign that he loves her

Phylis Howard and Ken Bagan met under a stop sign.

It was the stop sign outside Chase Cafeteria, to be exact, and they were conducting a psychology experiment researching the tendency of some people to run stop signs. They've been dating ever since.

Just over a month ago, Ken, now a senior, realized that Phylis's birthday was coming up on March 1st, and he decided that he would like to give her the stop sign.

He wrote a number of letters to a number of people with no response. He even considered digging it up himself.

Finally, though, he wrote to Governor Jim Holshouser, to see if he could help. And what should arrive, postmarked March 1st, (Phylis's birthday) but a letter from Governor Jim saying he'd passed the matter into the hands of Bruce Lentz, secretary of transportation.

Lentz put Henry Clegg, assistant administrator of the Highway Department, onto the case, and Clegg dispatched a Mr. Rollins, Seventh District engineering supervisor, to Chapel Hill.

And so it was that, yesterday morning, a solemn group gathered round the Chase Cafeteria stop sign.

"Mr. Bagan, is this the sign?" "Yes, Mr. Rollins, it is." "Dig it up, boys."

So Phylis got her stop sign, and all Ken had to do was donate \$10 to the Highway Department.

Campus referendum April 18

CGC sets constitutional changes

by Bill Welch
Staff Writer

Five amendments to the Student Constitution, including one which would make it easier to recall elected officers, were approved by the Campus Governing Council (CGC) Tuesday night.

The council set April 18 as the date for a campus-wide special election to vote on the approved amendments.

Action was postponed on another amendment that would make the presidency of the Carolina Union an elected office.

If the recall procedure amendment is approved in the referendum, the number

of signatures needed on a petition to recall CGC members and the student body president will be set at 15 percent of the qualified voters.

Another constitutional amendment that received approval allows the Graduate and Professional Student Federation (GPSF) to appoint judges for the graduate student courts. The student body president currently has the power to appoint the judges.

An amendment to set the Carolina Union's portion of individual student fees at one-third for both graduate and undergraduate students instead of a specified amount also was approved and will be voted on in the April referendum.

The amendment requiring the president of the Union to be elected was introduced "to make the Union more responsive to the students," council member Jim Becker said.

A constitutional amendment is not specifically required to make such a change in the office, Becker said, but added that the change is so important an amendment is needed.

Union President Gary Phillips spoke against the amendment at the meeting. "I don't think this will open up the Union, but will make it more inefficient. I would hate to see it dissolve into a political office," he said.

The council will consider the amendment again at its next meeting.

In other action, the CGC passed a bill to move the poll in the Naval ROTC building to Whitehead Dormitory for all campus elections. The site is for off-campus and Whitehead residents.

The council also passed a bill establishing an additional category for social expenses in the 1972-73 budgets for graduate and professional departments and schools.

The nominations of Reid James for attorney general and Steve Jones for student treasurer were confirmed by the council at the meeting without debate.

Cameron West offered top Illinois school post

by William March
Staff Writer

Dr. Cameron P. West, UNC's vice president for planning and a central figure in the reorganization of North Carolina higher education, has been offered the post of executive director of the Board of Higher Education in Illinois.

West told the DTH he has not yet decided whether to take the job, but he has expressed interest, according to Don Prince, chairman of the Illinois board. West and his wife will go to Illinois this weekend to discuss the offer.

"It's an exciting possibility," West said. "The state of Illinois has one of the most outstanding higher education systems in the country. Their annual budget is three-quarters of a billion dollars and they have long been a leader in higher education."

West also said the post "holds a tremendous potential for leadership."

Unofficial comments from UNC officials indicate a strong possibility that West will take the job in Illinois.

West indicated that his decision would come after he consulted with officials in Illinois this weekend.

He said that the salary in the new position would be higher than the \$38,500 per year he earns in his present post, but would not specify the offer he was made. The previous holder of the Illinois post, James Holderman, received \$43,000.

During the controversial General Assembly session on the restructuring of higher education, West was the chief advisor to Gov. Robert Scott, and a chief spokesman for unification of North Carolina higher education into the present University system.

"More than any other individual, he impressed upon me the need for some action to be taken," Scott said of West. UNC President William Friday, as a representative of the UNC Board of Trustees, was a spokesman for retaining the system as it was.

Scott's allies in the controversy succeeded in including in the

restructuring proposal the post of senior vice president of UNC. This post has never been filled. According to unofficial comments made at the time, the post was designed for West.

West, a native of eastern North Carolina and a former professor and academic dean at Pfeiffer College, began urging Scott to push for a strong system to control the growth of higher education soon after Scott's inauguration in 1969. West was at that time director of the N.C. Board of Higher Education, which was merged with the Board of Governors of UNC after restructuring.

"I regret the possibility of losing West because of his keen interest and great knowledge of higher education in North Carolina," said Scott. "But this offer recognizes the broad abilities and contributions he could make. He's well known as an expert all over the country."

Prince announced in a meeting of the Illinois board Tuesday that West was his choice. At that meeting, the board voted to offer West the job. Prince was head of a search committee to choose a successor

for Holderman.

"He is my choice because of his ability to run an efficient administration, and his ability to communicate with a wide constituency of students, faculty and citizens," Prince said.

The Illinois board coordinates the activities of four multicampus systems and the state's system of junior colleges. The Illinois higher education system spends about three times as much money as the N.C. system.

The executive director is the chief administrator for the board and generally has wide influence on the state's colleges and universities. Holderman, appointed to the post by former Illinois Governor Richard Ogilvie, was considered one of the most powerful men in Illinois higher education.

West has been offered the post effective May 1.

While West headed the state board here, it was active in attempts to raise teachers' salaries, upgrade libraries and increase expenditures for predominantly black campuses.



Mayor Lee kicks off APO Mile of Pennies

Chapel Hill's mayor launches another of Alpha Phi Omega's Campus Chest charity events. This drive will be held downtown April 7. With Mayor Lee are (from left) project co-chairmen Hamp Howell and Rick Leinwand and ZBT sweetheart Virginia Stewart. (Photo by Richard Berkowitz)