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RHA seeks role in decision-making

by Stella Morgan
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A proposal which would establish a decision-making board of directors for residence life was presented Thursday to the Office of Student Affairs by the Residence Hall Association (RHA).

The proposed board would be comprised equally of representatives from RHA and the Office of Residence Life (ORL). Both bodies are to be given one vote each on the new board.

A statement released to the DTH Thursday by RHA Chairperson Janet Stephens outlined the proposal as it was presented to Donald A. Boulton, dean of student affairs.

The proposal was drafted in a series of meetings by RHA during this past week. Stephens said the decision on the proposed board is expected from Boulton by April 7.

RHA will meet again April 8 to "take definitive action on his (Boulton's) decision."

The proposed board is to "be set up to be a determinative board for decisions in residence hall affairs," the RHA statement said.

The proposal came out of a special

session Thursday afternoon at which a controversial clause calling for an RHA supported boycott of room rent for Spring semester 1974 was stricken from the final draft of the proposal.

RHA had previously approved the boycott if the proposed board of directors was not approved by the administration.

The boycott proposal, made during a Wednesday meeting, was the result of heated discussion following a motion to reconsider the recent administration decision concerning a 10 percent dorm rent increase for 1973-74.

RHA had expressed opposition to this administration decision to raise room rent while they applauded administration efforts to make the rent hike more equitable to students.

RHA board member Doug Hussey stated during Wednesday's meeting that he felt students are disillusioned about not being involved in the decision on room rent increase.

"Something has to be done to show the administration we aren't turning our backs. We have to think about the students we're representing," he explained.

The Wednesday proposal was made

with the stipulation that it could be changed until 5 p.m. Thursday. It was decided during the special quorum session Thursday to omit the section of the proposal calling for the boycott.

According to Janet Stephens, RHA chairperson, all members of the board were satisfied with the final decision on the proposal.

In other business, the board agreed to be in charge of distribution of parking stickers on campus next semester. The Parking and Transportation Committee will decide on the number of stickers to be allotted to the RHA board.

Other action of the board included presentation of the Roger A. Davis Award to Mike O'Neal, chairman of Men's Residence Council (MRC) and a member of the board. The award is given in recognition of outstanding service in residence life.

In accepting the award, O'Neal said, "Residence hall work is rewarding and well worth the time."

Stephens also announced to board members that the Village Advocate will no longer be delivered door to door on campus. She expressed her hope that the controversy concerning its delivery has been cleared.



Bar-Kays coming for Black Arts Festival

The Bar-Kays ('Soul Finger') will perform at 8 p.m. Saturday, April 7 in Memorial Hall. The appearance is part of the Black Arts festival. Admission is \$2 and tickets may be purchased at the Union Information Desk.

Programs combined

Education changes set

by Mary Newsom
Staff Writer

A graduate with a liberal arts degree can no longer acquire teaching certification by completing the special-student or fifth-year student programs at UNC.

Both programs, designed to let a student fulfill the student teaching and education course requirements to receive a type "A" teaching certificate, have been discontinued. The graduate program leading to a Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) degree has been revised and now includes aspects of the old fifth-year program.

The special-student program involved from one to three semesters in which a liberal arts graduate took the education courses he needed and did his student teaching to receive certification.

The fifth-year program was a 15-month post graduate program in which the student took the equivalent of the required education courses in the summer and then worked for a year as a part-time teaching intern.

According to Driek Zirinsky, assistant director of the fifth year program, the new program combines the old fifth-year program with the MAT program. The student's experience in education and teaching is taken into account and the length of the program now depends on the individual. This new program leads to the MAT degree.

"We want people dedicated to teaching," Zirinsky said, adding that the old fifth-year program took very few students directly out of college.

In the new program, students no longer work for half a day all year. After meeting the requirements for a type "A"

certificate—basically several education courses and student teaching—the students work with other student teachers, help with curricula and take an active part in schools and teaching, Zirinsky said.

She said about 30 students were now enrolled in the half-day teaching program because only 30 positions could be found for them.

Both Zirinsky and Associate Dean Roy Harkin, director of student teaching, said that any student with a liberal arts degree who wanted to teach could apply to other colleges in the state to receive the necessary certification, if he did not want

to enroll in the MAT program and had not majored in education as an undergraduate.

Harkin emphasized that the School of Education was attempting to keep its doors open. He said the major reason for eliminating the two programs was the limited capacity of the school's programs, adding that there was also less demand in the field.

He said the graduate program had been revised at the same time the special student and fifth-year student status had been abolished.

Harkin's advice to any student wishing to teach was to major in education.

Partisan clash snags tax relief bill in Assembly

by Jody Meacham
Staff Writer

Republicans and Democrats clashed Thursday in the North Carolina General Assembly over how to grant tax relief and run the Highway Commission.

Gov. Holshouser's plan to repeal the crown tax on soft drinks was attacked by Democrats in both houses. Sen. Herman Moore of Mecklenburg County introduced a bill to cut the sales tax on certain foods from three to two percent.

Speaking from the well of the Senate, Moore claimed that the reduction in the food tax would lower the state's revenue by about \$40 million, an amount almost equal to the revenue which Gov. Holshouser said would be lost by repeal of the soft drink tax.

Moore charged the governor with siding with the soft drink companies, saying, "I refuse to speculate as to why the governor has chosen to give tax relief to an industry rather than to the people, and I refuse to comment as to the possible political motives upon which he based his decision."

Rep. Glenn Jernigan, D-Cumberland County, introduced a similar bill in the House a few weeks ago. Speaking to the House Tuesday, Jernigan said that the high price of food necessitated the food tax decrease.

"The reduction of the sales tax on food will come at a time when many families are finding it more difficult each week to provide the basic food necessities," he said.

Both Democratic bills would retain the present three percent tax on food sold by restaurants and on popcorn, soft drinks, candy and dietary supplements.

Immediately after Moore introduced his measure, a line of Democratic senators, including Sen. William Saunders of Orange County, formed to co-sign the bill.

Earlier Tuesday morning, the Democratically controlled House Finance Committee delayed the Republican soft drink tax repeal by sending it to a subcommittee.

Republican Senator Charles Taylor of Transylvania County rose to speak after Moore to charge that the Democrats were using illegal closed sessions of the joint House-Senate Roads Committee to reorganize the State Highway Commission.

Taylor said, "We are abusing the legislative process when we meet in secret rump sessions. Republican members of the Roads Committee had no knowledge of what was going on."

In Wednesday's sessions, Sen. J.J. Harrington and Rep. James Green, both Democrats, read identical statements that said a subcommittee of the Roads Committee had come up with a reorganization bill.

After Taylor's speech, Harrington said that it was not really a subcommittee but a Democratic caucus.

Rep. Green accused Taylor of trying to protect Gov. Holshouser. "He is trying to defend the governor who has said he's going to come up with something (on reorganization), but who hasn't come up with anything."

Democrats in both houses had introduced bills early in the year calling for a study of the Highway Commission in response to Houshouser's campaign promises that he would completely revamp or perhaps abolish the commission.

Commissioners are appointed by the governor and the posts have traditionally been a political reward for campaign supporters. Republicans have charged in the legislature that the Democrats are trying to protect the jobs of commissioners appointed during the term of Democratic Gov. Bob Scott.

Davis: Law school 'an endurance test'

by Jean Swallow
Staff Writer

"I don't think any one person should run anything and the dean runs the law school with an iron hand," Joyce L. Davis, 24, newly elected president of the Student Bar Association, said Thursday.

Davis is a vibrant woman with a lot of hope and anger. "Law school is something you survive," Davis said. "It is an endurance test. The whole process is very dehumanizing. We know we're responsible adults, and we can make responsible decisions about the way the law school is run."

Davis, a Charlotte native, is the first woman ever elected to head the law school's governing body.

One of Davis' largest objections is the token student representation the law school now has. As it stands, the Bar Association makes recommendations for students to be placed on the student-faculty committees, but the dean makes the final choice. She hopes to change this selection process.

Davis wants to provide an atmosphere

more conducive to and for women students, including more women faculty members.

She also plans to work for a third-year practice year. That kind of experience would be more valuable than anything the law students might learn, Davis commented.

"They treat us like children," she said. "And in one of the top professional schools, that's absurd. The law school is going to change. There is a lot more energy around there now that will be mobilized."

She recognizes the bitterness and apparent apathy at the law school. A majority of the law school students voted for Pitt Dickey, who advocated abolition of Student Government, in the campus elections.

Davis feels that the law school has been holding the students back, that the work load has stymied a lot of reform efforts. She said that the pressure of bar exams and recommendations that go with it have threatened many people. "The third-year students have just gotten tired of beating their heads against the wall," Davis said.



Joyce Davis

The grass roots philosophy that Davis advocates seems to clash with the apathy that she sees on campus.

"You can abdicate your responsibilities and let someone else make the decisions that will affect your life if you want," she said. "But one day you get so mad, that you find yourself writing your name on a ballot and then you find yourself elected."

"I don't know if we can accomplish it or not," she said, "but we'll try."

DTH wins top honors

Sigma Delta Chi (SDX), national professional journalism fraternity, has awarded The Daily Tar Heel top honors in its Mark of Excellence contest for Region Two (North Carolina, Maryland and Virginia).

The DTH took first place in the 'Best All-Round Student Newspaper' category and will now enter the national SDX competition in Chicago. Results of the national competition will be announced next fall.

Former DTH Editor Evans Witt won 'Best Editorial Writing' for a collection of

his past editorials, while Tar Heel staffers Peter Barnes and Bunky Flagler took first and third places, respectively, in the 'Best Newswriting Not Under Press of Deadline' category. Former DTH Feature Editor Bruce Mann won second place in the same category.

Former Associate Editor Howie Carr received a first place award for his work in Variations, the DTH monthly magazine, under the category 'Best Non-Fiction Article (Magazine)'. In addition to awards won by Tar Heel staffers, Bill Miller, a student in the UNC school of Journalism, took third place in

the 'Best Newswriting Under Press of Deadline' competition for his work with The Raleigh Times.

In other categories, the University of Maryland was judged to have the best student magazine, while WLUR-FM at Washington and Lee University was cited for best radio reporting by one of its staffers.

All contest entries submitted were judged by the SDX Piedmont professional chapter which includes journalists in the Winston-Salem-Greensboro area. First place winners in all categories will compete in the Chicago national contest.

View good for HEW plan

D.C. trip encourages West

by William March
Staff Writer

Dr. Cameron West, UNC vice president for planning, expressed guarded optimism yesterday concerning the outcome of conversations with officials of the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW) about UNC's desegregation plan.

West, in Washington Tuesday, talked "for three straight hours" with Peter Holmes, acting director of HEW's Office for Civil Rights, and with two of Holmes' assistants.

"We are encouraged that what we are doing is an appropriate answer to the requirements of HEW," he said, but

emphasized that "the HEW people were very careful in their language when they discussed the suitability of the plan."

West said the conversation also included discussions of UNC's progress in desegregation since 1970, when a HEW directive informed UNC President William Friday that a plan for desegregation of the University system would be required. The directive stated that UNC continued to operate a racially dual school system.

"We also discussed the composition of the Board of Governors here," said West. "By law, the board must contain at least one black, one woman and one representative of the minority party in the General Assembly."

After the 1970 directive, a plan for desegregation was drafted. It was never filed, say officials in the General Administration, because restructuring of the University in 1972 made it obsolete, and because of inconsistencies in the policies of HEW. Since the recent ruling by Federal District Court Judge John Pratt that enforcement of the Civil Rights Act was lagging, work on the plan has started again.

"After the 1970 letter came, we developed a plan with the idea of conforming to what HEW was requiring of individual institutions then," West said. "It does not seem to me that those requirements have altered radically. This gives us reason to think we are still on the

right track."

Friday and West have emphasized that desegregation efforts have continued at UNC and that work on the plan in continuing independently without regard to the possibility of HEW appeal of Pratt's decision.

The possibilities for appeal suffered recently when a three-judge appellate panel in Washington refused to grant a stay of judgment in Pratt's ruling, thereby leaving his 120-day deadline for the filing of the plan intact.

This deadline expires on June 16. Target date for filing the plan, said West, is May 15. The plan should be made public, he estimated, early in May.