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Student government and merchant representatives sign agreement offering discounts. Standing are (l-r) Matt Ziff of SG, Luther Penny of the Pants Rack, Ford Runge of SG, Jorgen

Petersen of Danwich and Steve Jones of SG. Seated is Pauline Kopec of the Country Craft Shop.

(Staff photo by Gary Loblalco)

SG, 13 merchants offer 10% discount

by Greg Turosak
Staff Writer

Starting today, any UNC student will be able to get a 10 per cent discount on prices at 13 area establishments simply by showing a valid UNC student I.D. card.

This discount period will last from September 3 through September 24.

The reduction in prices was announced formally at a press conference held in Student Body President Ford Runge's office last Friday afternoon. The conference was also attended by some of the merchants participating in the trial reduction.

All of the merchants signed the agreement a day or two before the news conference.

Most of the establishments participating in the reduction, are located either in downtown Chapel Hill or at Eastgate Shopping Center. The businesses include:

One Hour Martinizing, Endicott Johnson, The Pants Rack, Country Craft Shop, Danwich, The African Batik, A & S Bicycle Sales and Service, Eastgate Hardware, Inc., Sharyn Lynn, The Pro Shop, Eckerd Drug Store, Woods 5 & 10, and Cheese, Etc.

One of the three co-owners of Springfield Record Company had also signed an

agreement in the absence of the other two co-owners. After the other two co-owners returned, Springfield, which already offers substantial reductions from the list price of records, decided not to take part in the 10 per cent reduction arranged by Student Government.

The price reduction idea was initiated by Student Government, whose representatives originally contacted 20 stores about the reduction.

As a part of the contract, Student Government agrees "to encourage through standard advertising techniques . . . the patronage" of the 13 establishments who signed the contract.

This advertising includes use of the public media as well as the production and distribution of posters and leaflets.

According to Runge, the program can demonstrate "that students can effect local price levels through cooperative agreement with area merchants."

"I think it's a good first step," he said. "It's an attempt on our part to get out and deal with the merchants."

'Trilogy' author Tolkien, 81, dies

J.R.R. Tolkien, author of the famed Ring trilogy and "The Hobbit," died Sunday in Bournemouth, England. He was 81.

The former Oxford University professor, who retired from teaching in 1959, became ill while visiting friends and was rushed to a nursing home where he died a short time later.

Tolkien's stories about the imaginary world of Middle Earth inhabited by

Hobbits, trolls, walking trees and other fantasy creatures, inspired an international student cult in the 1960s.

"The Lord of the Rings" was a runaway bestseller on college campuses. Students sported buttons reading "Come to Middle Earth," "Go, Go Gandalf" and "Frodo Lives." Frodo is the Hobbit hero of the trilogy and Gandalf is the mysterious gray wizard who guides him through perilous adventures.

Tolkien wrote his first book, "The Hobbit" in 1939 for his own children. It is the story of Bilbo Baggins, a simple Hobbit, who comes to possess a magic ring that gives its wearer power over every living creature.

"The Lord of the Rings" appeared 14 years after the publication of "The Hobbit." A monumental work, the books pick up the story of the ring which has now passed into the hands of Bilbo's nephew, Frodo. Upon learning of the ring's power Frodo departs on an adventure-packed journey into "the land of Mordor where the Shadows lie."

Tolkien quickly achieved international fame after "The Lord of the Rings" was published. The books were translated into numerous languages and sales soared into the millions. British publishers reported last year that sales were still running at 100,000 annually.

Tolkien, who taught English language and literature, lived in semi-seclusion in the later years of his life. In addition to the Hobbit books, he also wrote short stories and poetry. It was rumored that he was working on another novel at the time of his death.

— Nancy Pate

Man booked in hotel fire

by United Press International

Copenhagen — A 34-year-old Dane was arrested Sunday on charges of setting a fire at a downtown hotel that killed 35 persons, almost half of them American tourists.

A police spokesman said the man was seized early Sunday on arson charges. His name and the details surrounding the charges were not immediately given.

The blaze, which erupted at about 2:30 a.m. Saturday at the Hafnia hotel, apparently started on a main staircase between the second and third floors. It destroyed the six-story, 19th century hotel, described by the Copenhagen fire chief as a "fire trap."

Police said 52 persons were known to have survived the fire, 17 of them hospitalized for treatment of burns, smoke poisoning or injuries received leaping from windows in panic. All but five of the injured have been released.

Only one person was still missing, but was believed to have survived.

The dead included 15 Americans, including a family of four.



Geronimo!

Carrboro mayor seeks re-election in November race

Mayor Robert J. Wells Jr. formally announced Friday he would seek re-election in November as mayor of Carrboro.

Wells said he felt he had reached many of the goals he had set for himself during his last two years as mayor.

"Community attitudes have changed — the people of the community have been drawn closer together," Wells said.

Wells emphasized, however, that two more years are needed to see present and future goals he and the Board of Aldermen have in mind accomplished.

"Because of this, I have made myself available for the position of mayor in the upcoming municipal elections," Wells said.

No one else had formally announced plans to seek the office of mayor, according to Wells. He added, "A lot of people were waiting for me to decide what I was going to

do."

Filing for municipal office begins at noon on Sept. 14.

Wells cited many accomplishments in Carrboro during the last two years.

He said the town had been able to obtain \$850,000 in funding for major water and sewer improvement programs. "Just recently we simultaneously began phase one and two of a sewer system project which will eventually tie our sewer system into Chapel Hill's," Wells said.

Wells noted the addition of a dispatcher in the Carrboro Police Department during his term as mayor and the use of two men, around-the-clock patrols.

"We also didn't have the 50-member South Orange Rescue Squad based here in Carrboro. The squad has proved to be an asset to Carrboro and all of Orange County and is currently raising money to build a new, modern squad building here," Wells said.

Wells said Carrboro has recently begun a major effort to improve the condition of its streets and has a major street reconstruction project planned for the coming fiscal year.

"It has taken two years to lay the present groundwork and it will take two more years to execute what we have started," Wells said. "I haven't seen all the visible results I would have liked," he said, "but you've got to realize we only have a fixed number of dollars."

Weather

TODAY: Hot and humid through tonight with the expected high in the low 90's and the low tonight expected in the upper 60's. Ten per cent chance of precipitation. Outlook: hottish.

Man appointed anyway

Sex bias charged

by Bill Welch
Staff Writer

Campus Governing Council (CGC) member Amelia Bellows charged Student Body President Ford Runge and the CGC Appointments Committee with practices of discrimination against women in last Thursday's council meeting.

The council also authorized a campus referendum to decide the future of the proposed student FM stereo radio station. The referendum is scheduled for September 19.

Bellows, who is chairperson of the Association of Women Students (AWS), voiced objections to what she called a lack of women appointed to responsible positions in Student Government after Tom Goss was confirmed as the new Elections Board Chairman.

Bellows, who cast the only vote against Goss' appointment, said she has repeatedly urged Runge to appoint more women, but that he has not done so.

Contacted after the meeting, Bellows said she had spoken to Runge three times last spring about the lack of women in his administration.

She said she was now opposing Goss' appointment because, "I see this as the only alternative open to me. I have no objection to Tom personally," Bellows said.

"It's just his sex."

Bellows charged in a letter to Runge Thursday that the only women he has appointed were appointed as secretaries.

Runge was not available later for comment, but said at the meeting he felt the charge was an insult to the women that work in his office.

The Goss appointment was approved unanimously by the CGC appointments committee, of which Bellows is a member, shortly before the meeting. Bellows missed the committee meeting, but said she had been assured by the other two members of that committee, Robert Hackney and Ernie Patterson, that they would oppose the appointment for the same reason.

If they had voted against confirmation in the committee meeting, the appointment would have failed and never reached the entire council. Neither Hackney nor Patterson were available for comment.

In other action, the CGC decided on the wording of the FM radio station proposal in the upcoming referendum. The approval of the proposed FM station will not increase student fees, but will authorize the council to release funds for the project.

The CGC also returned to the Finance Committee a bill that would allow Student Government to spend \$8,575 to buy 100 electric pocket calculators.



Pass a smoke, Joe

Ah, yes . . . What better way to spend a hot summer night at Carolina than playing poker with a bunch of dorm rats? Well,

we can think of a few activities that could be more fun, but these cats seem to be doing all right.

(Staff photo by Gary Loblalco)