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ECU expansion vetoed by med school report

by Janet Langston
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A controversial report addressing itself to the North Carolina and East Carolina University med school question was released a day earlier than planned to stem speculation from leaks to the press.

The report said that an expanded program at ECU is not the best alternative now to improve North Carolina's medical care potential for the future. The consultants agree that a wider distribution of more doctors is only one answer to a more rounded and effective health program in North Carolina.

ECU Chancellor Leo Jenkins, undergoing

treatment for high blood pressure at Pitt Memorial Hospital, indicated the battle would be taken to the people.

"The people of the State of North Carolina are going to decide this issue, not me or anyone else," he said.

Jenkins and Robert L. Jones of Raleigh, new chairman of the ECU Board of Trustees, both said that they would wait until the next trustees meeting to decide what to do.

It is expected that Gov. James Holshouser, Jr. will support any action the Board of Governors decides to take, according to a legislative mandate the board received from the N.C. General Assembly in 1971.

The Board of Governors requested in April 1972 that a five-member team of

national consultants study the medical care outlook in North Carolina, with an eye towards the feasibility of an additional medical school within the University of North Carolina and, specifically, to investigate Greenville as a possible site of such a school.

The Board sought advice on the best course to take in recommending improvements to the N.C. General Assembly through the consultants' study.

In the report released yesterday, the physicians listed 11 specific recommendations to the Board. Some of the major recommendations include:

- to continue and expand the planned Area Health Education Center (AHEC) idea already underway in the UNC School of

Medicine, to be joined by the Bowman-Gray School of Medicine and the Duke University School of Medicine;

- to assign complete control to the UNC-CH School of Medicine for all medical programs conducted by the University of North Carolina;

- to avoid committing any "state resources for the establishment of a new four-year medical school within the University of North Carolina."

- to place in UNC-CH's medical school the "direct administration and operating responsibility for upgrading and maintaining the existing one-year program at ECU with firm authority over admission and promotion of students, selection and appointment of faculty, redesign of curriculum and budgeting for operations as well as capital expenditures."

- to maintain the present first-year medical school class size of 20 at ECU.

- to allocate state funds to the Duke University School of Medicine and the Bowman-Gray School of Medicine for each N.C. student enrolled there to enable residents to attend a top quality institution at UNC medical school rates.

- to initiate a program to recruit minority students in North Carolina for medical careers and to provide needy residents with financial aid to attend either in-state or out-of-state medical schools.

- to cooperate between UNC and the Department of Human Resources to step up recruitment of young physicians who complete training in nearby out-of-state areas.

- to modify present citizenship requirements for medical graduates which would "involve no change in requirements for professional qualifications and would surely increase the immigration of such physicians in the state."

- to create the position of vice-president for health affairs to oversee and coordinate all aspects of the system-wide medical programs; and

- to have direct access to the proper authorities to cut red tape in administering the health affairs programs.

Three other recommendations suggested that the Incentive Loan Program be transferred from the N.C. Medical Care Commission to the University of North Carolina, that a continuing census of all medical students in North Carolina be established and that training other health professionals in regular academic programs and AHEC be supported, as well as an accelerated development of a network of community primary care clinics be set up throughout North Carolina.



A lot of "oohs" and "aahs" were heard around the Student Union building this week as the 1973 Yackety Yacks were distributed. Kay Wheeler was one of the many students who had hoped to find a little green inside the yearbook. (Staff photo by Alan E. Geer)

Observatory starts operation this year

by Ted Mellink
Special to the DTH

A million billion miles—that is the distance at which UNC astronomers are able to see a star as bright as our sun using the reflecting telescope in the new Morehead Observatory.

The observatory, built by the Morehead Foundation, will officially open sometime this year. According to Mebane M. Pritchett, director of the Morehead Foundation, the late John Motley Morehead originally wanted to build an observatory instead of a planetarium, but decided that a planetarium would benefit more people.

Then in the late 1960's as more money became available to the Foundation and a need for more space in the planetarium building was felt, the Foundation decided to build an additional wing and perch an observatory on it, in keeping with Morehead's long-time desire.

Construction began on Sept. 7, 1970. The observatory dome, 30 feet in diameter and plated with 3/16-inch copper to match its counterpart over the planetarium, was lifted by a crane to the top of the building, 80 feet above the sundial, in June of last year. In

March, the telescope arrived and was installed.

The telescope is a Boller and Chivens Cassegrain reflector. Its 24-inch diameter mirror gathers about 10,000 times more light than a human eye. The instrument weighs about 3 tons and comes with an impressive assortment of options, such as a spectrocomparator, used in comparing the components of light from different stars. The price is approximately \$110,000.

It is hoped that with the new facilities, success will continue in the UNC observatory tradition. The University first turned its attention to the celestial sphere 150 years ago. President Joseph Caldwell traveled to Europe and bought UNC its first astronomical instruments in 1824. He brought back a refracting telescope that was then considered a powerful instrument.

A wood and stone observatory was built in 1830-31. The site of its construction is now the cemetery across from Carmichael Auditorium. The building was one story, about 25 by 45 feet in size.

Dr. John H. Baumert, newly appointed Morehead Observatory Fellow, will coordinate the observatory programs and the Department of Physics and Astronomy will use the rooms on the top floor of the building.

Union head bill rejected

Voters pass FM station

by Bill Welch
Staff Writer

Voters in Wednesday's campus referendum approved the establishment of a student-run FM radio station by almost a 3-1 margin, but a proposed constitutional change that would have made the President of the Carolina Union an elected official was rejected.

Voters approved six other constitutional amendments and elected three students to seats on the Campus Governing Council (CGC). No winners were selected in three other CGC races, as a run-off election is scheduled for Sept. 26.

Eighteen seats on the Honor Court were also filled in the election, while four seats remain vacant.

Voter turnout in the election was expectedly light. Only 2,129 ballots were

cast, and, in one CGC district, only six votes were cast.

The resolution to establish an FM broadcasting station was passed by a vote of 1,356 to 498. Its passage means that \$35,000 in Student Government funds for the construction of the station will be released.

The constitutional amendment to make the President of the Union subject to popular election was defeated by a vote of 1,043 to 793. It was the only really controversial issue on the ballot and there was organized opposition to the measure.

In the CGC races, Marilyn Harrington was declared the winner in Graduate District II. Harrington received 23 votes and there were four write-ins.

Dennis Horn was the winner in Graduate District V with 62 votes. Stephen Foreman received 39 votes and there were four write-ins.

Cox, Administration continue discussions

United Press International

WASHINGTON—Working right up to a court-imposed deadline, the White House and Special Prosecutor Archibald Cox tried today to find a compromise to their dispute over President Nixon's Watergate tapes.

A few hours before lawyers for the two sides were to go before a federal appeals court to report on their efforts, a source close to the situation said "We're still working on it."

It was learned a third meeting to try to resolve the dilemma was held Wednesday.

Cox insists that a federal grand jury considering further Watergate indictments must hear the tape recordings of nine presidential conversations about the scandal before taking action.

Nixon contends that surrendering the tapes would violate essential confidentiality in the Oval Office and destroy the presidency.

Indications were the two sides were still far apart, although administration sources indicated that the President was willing to compromise by offering Cox edited transcripts of the tapes, deleted of material that he feels must remain secret in the public interest.

Cox met with representatives of the President for the third time this week on Wednesday and the White House said the suggestion by the appeals court that Cox be permitted to hear the Watergate tapes still was being assessed.

Public beer is O.K.

Littering still illegal

by Nancy Pate
Staff Writer

At last. For the edification of all students who like to drink and window-shop at the same time, it is now legal to walk down Franklin Street and drink a beer. At least for now.

District Court Judge Harry Horton ruled in a recent case that a person cannot be arrested for drinking beer in public. This may all change next week, however, as the case is being appealed to a higher court.

In the meantime, Chapel Hill policemen have been instructed not to interfere with persons drinking beer downtown. That is unless you throw your empty Red, White and Blue can on the street, in which case you'll be picked up for littering. And unless they think you're drunk, in which case you can be arrested for public intoxication. And, of course, all this applies only to beer, because it's still illegal to drink wine or liquor in public.

Much of the confusion concerning the consumption of alcoholic beverages in public arises from a court ruling made last spring. Another district judge said a person could not be arrested for possession of beer in public. He commented later to the press that this didn't mean the consumption of the beer in question was legal. This left everyone to assume that you could have an open beer can in public but you couldn't drink from it.

According to the State Alcoholic Beverage Control Board in Raleigh, this interpretation is the correct one. A spokesman for the board said there is still a great deal of confusion in the area. "The general consensus of the ABC Board is, however, that it is still illegal to consume beer in public," he said.

Because of the apparent contradiction between ABC regulations and court rulings, a commission in the state legislature is in the process of rewriting a number of the regulations.

What does the University have to say about alcohol? The catalog states: "The University will establish no policy or regulation that sanctions either the use of alcoholic beverages or any action which contravenes State or Federal law regarding their purchase or consumption." It goes on to imply that students over 21 can possess liquor and those over 18, beer. The catalog hastens to add that the use of alcohol is not encouraged.

And this brings us back to the point that there is still a lot of confusion about drinking beer in public.

It is still illegal to drink alcoholic beverages at football games. And please no open beer cans in cars, and above all, no liquor bottles with broken seals.

But you can walk down Franklin Street and drink a beer. This week, anyway.



One of the more interesting aspects of a Chapel Hill Street fair is the craftsmanship. Since the University refuses to conduct basket-weaving classes, townspeople can go to

Franklin Street on a "fair day" to get the work of talented hands.

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