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No illegal activities, says Agnew

Former Vice President Spiro T. Agnew "flatly and categorically" denied any illegal actions on his part in a nationally televised speech Monday night.

"My plea of nolo contendere to income tax invasion does not represent a confession of guilt for any other purpose," he said.

Agnew accused the news media of infringing on his personal rights by "publishing every leaflet they could get their hands on" about his court case.

He also said that the media had taken the accusations and testimonies of "criminals and crooks" and published them as truth against him.

"Those accusations have been published as fact and they have not been proven yet," Agnew said he resigned as vice president last Wednesday in the public interest.

He said it would be selfish for him to put the public and his family through the anguish of a drawn-out court case involving the vice president of the country in such a critical time.

Agnew also said that the decision to resign was his alone to make. He paid tribute to President Nixon for his compassion to him in the matter.

He urged support for Gerald Ford, the vice president-designate and said Nixon made a wise nomination of a man who was clearly qualified for the office.

Agnew concluded that he could only see that good could come out of recent events since "America thrives on adversity."



The Student Stores turned their attention to culture last week as a slew of artistic reprints went on sale in the Pit. Students turned away from the more flamboyant posters inside the store to find some aesthetic stuff for their dorm room walls. (Staff photo by Tom Randolph)

Women have difficulty

Marriage hurts credit

by Gall Bronson
Staff Writer

It is extremely difficult for a married woman in Durham or Raleigh to establish her own credit record, according to information collected by the Durham chapter of the National Organization for Women (NOW).

According to the report, women need their own credit because "having a good line of credit in advance of disruptions of family life may make it possible for women to provide not only for herself but for her children and, in the case of illness, for her husband as well."

When a woman in Durham or Raleigh marries, the credit record she established as a single woman is merged with that of her husband.

If she is widowed, separated or divorced,

Room rent due today at Bynum

Today is the last day for students presently living in dorms and planning to stay in the same room to pay the required \$25 room deposit to the University Cashier in Bynum Hall, to obtain a housing card. The cashier's office is open from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The card should be presented to the person in charge of room sign-up for the area.

she must apply for credit as a new applicant, although she may have in fact managed and contributed her earnings to the family credit account for years.

The consensus of opinion among Durham merchants and at local credit bureaus is that a married woman is not responsible for her own debts and therefore cannot be granted credit even if she is gainfully employed and has good references.

In the Raleigh Credit Bureau separate files may be kept for married women and their husbands, but married women may have to pay a fee. However, there is no assurance that the files will remain separate.

Penney's, a department store in Raleigh, will give separate credit to a married woman but is reluctant to do so if she is of child-bearing age.

NOW found that only Sears will issue a credit card to a married woman in her name based on her credit references and earnings. Under certain circumstances, Sears will also issue a credit card to an unemployed married woman in her own name.

NOW found some sex-related differences in the policies of the various lending institutions in Durham.

It was found that institutional policies differed with respect to loans to separated couples, in sources of income of the wife, in the weight of the wife's income and in the type of information required from applicants.

One bank that considered the wife's income in making loans required her to sign a statement which says: "This is to certify that I am not pregnant and do not plan to become pregnant in the near future. If I

should become pregnant, I will return to work."

Another woman reported that she and her husband applied for a loan while her husband attended school. Their income consisted of her salary and her husband's savings account.

When their application was considered, she asked the bank representative why he had not included her salary as part of the application. He replied, "Women's salaries don't count." When she asked the reason for this, he said, "They just don't count."

In response to their findings, NOW advocates that "creditors should adopt standard minimal requirements as to employment, residence at a current address, income, and age and that these requirements be disclosed to an applicant on request and applied uniformly regardless of the applicant's sex or marital status."

"In an age when 44 per cent of all women are gainfully employed, it is unreasonable to deny separate credit records to the great number of them who are married."

Weather

TODAY: Sunny and mild. The high is expected in the upper 70's and the low tonight is expected in the low to mid 50's. There is near zero per cent chance of precipitation. Outlook: clear, mild and dry.

7 hours of pass-fail favored by students

by Greg Turosak
Staff Writer

Students favor a maximum of seven pass-fail hours per semester instead of four hours by a margin of 77 per cent to 16 per cent according to a recent survey conducted by Student Government (SG).

The results of the survey were presented to the Faculty Council Monday by Richard Letchworth, an executive assistant to the student body president. The Faculty Council will meet Oct. 19 to consider the four-hour per semester pass-fail limitation it recommended last spring.

The survey, in the form of a 13-point questionnaire, was the same survey

distributed last spring by SG. This time, over 2,100 students were polled, whereas last spring's effort obtained results from only about 800 students.

Letchworth said the increased number of respondents to this survey, with results similar to last spring's, makes this survey have even greater importance.

"I think we're on pretty solid ground now when we say 'This is what the students think,'" said Letchworth.

Thirty-five per cent of those participating in the survey were freshmen; 32 per cent were sophomores; 19 per cent were juniors; and 15 per cent were seniors. Students taking the questionnaire reported having previously taken 436 courses pass-fail and were

presently taking 367 courses pass-fail.

When asked whether the pass-fail system would be abolished, students responded 4 per cent yes, 92 per cent no. Twelve per cent of students felt the maximum pass-fail hours should be limited to four per semester, while 81 per cent said they did not.

Thirty-seven per cent of students polled were in favor of no limit being placed on the number of hours or courses a student takes during his four years at the University, while 59 per cent were against unlimited pass-fail hours.

Students favored by 79 per cent to 16 per cent extending the pass-fail system to include summer school courses. However, students were in favor of excluding courses in the student's major department from the pass-fail option by 62 per cent to 33 per cent.

Those polled responded by 72 per cent to 20 per cent that pass-fail policies and procedures were not clearly defined and well publicized. Students agreed by 85 per cent to 8 per cent that the sign-up period for pass-fail courses should be extended from the present two weeks to four weeks.

The survey also showed students favored by 67 per cent to 25 per cent exempting next year's juniors and seniors from limits on the number of pass-fail courses that can be taken each semester.

Eighty per cent of students said most of their peers choose to take pass-fail courses in order to make the semester course load more manageable.

However, when students were asked whether most of their peers took pass-fail courses in order to explore unfamiliar subjects, they responded affirmatively by a smaller margin, 42 per cent to 32 per cent.

Student opinion was split almost evenly on issues involving pass-fail and quality point averages (QPA).

Students favored by 49 per cent to 43 per cent not computing a failing grade in a pass-fail course into the QPA; they felt by a 49 per cent to 42 per cent margin that the pass-fail option should be available only to those students with a 2.0 QPA or better.

Locator service ends operations

Beginning today, the Carolina Union will no longer provide student phone numbers and addresses at the information desk. The action follows a Sept. 26 decision made by the Union Board of Directors to end the service.

Union Director Howard Henry said the locator cards and a computer print-out listing students' phone numbers and addresses will be available for general use in the lobby.

Assistant Union Director Jon Thomas is advising desk employees to refer calls to the Chapel Hill Telephone Company, University Records or to the Office of Residence Life.

Robert Cornwall, assistant director of Records and Registration, foresees difficulty if a number of calls are referred to his office. "If calls are infrequent, we're willing, but we're not staffed to give out phone

numbers," he said.

Sandy Ward, assistant director of Residence Life, expressed surprise that calls would be referred to that office. "We expect to feel the pinch," she commented. She said their policy is not to release addresses and phone numbers and added that most of Residence Life staff members do not have ready access to that information.

"The service was in no terms a good service," Henry commented. He acknowledged that the service had deteriorated as the Union "refused to put more into it."

The Union Board of Directors unanimously voted last month to put into effect an earlier decision to dissolve the service. At that time, Henry said the board's decision was the result of an attempt to stretch each student's \$3 programming fee, which finances all Union programming.



Mike Frazier and Mary Baumann yuk it up with a friend. (Staff photo by Tom Randolph)

Affirmative Action

MIT plan approved, but UNC still waiting

by Janet Langston
Staff Writer

Although the UNC Affirmative Action plan has encountered difficulties in approval this is not unusual, said Douglass Hunt, UNC's Affirmative Action officer.

Hunt has heard that the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) affirmative action plan is finally acceptable to Health, Education and Welfare officials.

Although details are still sketchy, Hunt learned in a telephone interview that MIT affirmative action officers believe their plan is to be approved by HEW.

The MIT plan is the first and only plan Hunt knows to be approved in the United States. He learned that several other institutions had acceptable plans, but when guidelines were updated, these plans had to be rewritten.

Hunt said he contacted HEW's Washington office in September to determine if any plans are currently acceptable. No one there knew, but

suggested the Atlanta office might know of an approved plan.

Hunt received no definite answer from the Atlanta representatives, either.

MIT's plan was approved under the old order.

News Analysis

and was successfully rewritten for the new specifications. Officials are to send Hunt an outline of their plan to help in drafting UNC's revised plan.

UNC's first Affirmative Action plan, submitted July 1, was unacceptable to HEW. Chancellor N. Ferebee Taylor received a letter from HEW Sept. 27, indicating individual deficiencies in UNC's plan.

HEW representatives came to Chapel Hill in September to discuss individual plan deficiencies with University and UNC officials.

A recent report issued by the American

Council on Education rated UNC "average" in the national percentage of females and blacks on higher education faculties.

The report, according to a *New York Times* article, revealed a slow, but upward, trend on campuses to hire more females and blacks. The figures were based on the 1972-73 school year.

UNC female percentages were 16.31 per cent July 1, 1973; the national average of universities is 16.5 per cent. The UNC black faculty average as stated in the Affirmative Action plan in July, 1973, was 0.87 per cent; the national average in the report was 0.9 per cent.

Although UNC responded enthusiastically to achieve the national standards, difficulties have cropped up.

Students have objected that no provision was made for student input or representation on the Affirmative Action Advisory Committee. No official decision has been made yet, but several committee members reported a favorable attitude towards students at the committee's last meeting.

Another problem is that universities have traditionally been separatist, with all-male or all-black campuses. In demanding racially and sexually unbiased employment practices from a university, HEW is already wary of a college's actions.

HEW admits UNC's intentions are in "good faith," but still requires documentation of all data to prove it. UNC is to formulate rules for promoting and maintaining equal employment on its campus. If HEW believes they have not met these standards, said Hunt, UNC must have proof available to explain its failure.

Richard H. Robinson Jr., the University system's representative for Affirmative Action, thinks the University community does not fully understand the principles of Affirmative Action.

The plans are not given a "final seal of approval," he said, but rather are "involving, continuing documents." They are based on current national goals and will require continuous supervision and revision as these goals move upward.

If and when the UNC plan is approved, HEW representatives will make periodic checks on UNC's progress in implementing the proposals of the plan. The plan will be used as approved for three years, with continual revision to meet changing needs.

The goals will be re-established each three years. As one goal is met, standards will be raised, and contractor requirements will also be increased.

The existing University methods of hiring will also create problems in administering the plan. Hiring a faculty member can be a two-year process, said Hunt.

To suddenly impose the plan and scrap the present candidate for not meeting all HEW standards would be unfair to faculty members and the candidate, he said.

Availability is another problem at UNC. Most faculty members are recruited from an international market, the plan stated. It added that most figures are only from the U.S., making the task more difficult.