

Morehead discrimination: opposition rises

by Bunky Flagler
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Second in a three-part series.

Chapel Hill High School senior Ann Hollander, 17, is president of the National Honor Society, co-president of the American Field Service, and No. 1 on the women's inter-scholastic tennis team. Ann is ranked seventh in a senior class of 320.

She is Chapel Hill High School's most outstanding senior, William Strickland, principal said Tuesday. For that reason, he and faculty committee nominated her for an undergraduate Morehead Award.

She has demonstrated "moral force of character and capacity to lead, scholastic ability and physical vigor as shown by participation in competitive sports"—the qualities Morehead himself laid down in 1945 in the trust indenture.

"It was in the spirit of the statement of rules of eligibility that we made our nomination," Strickland said. "We have nominated a female who we feel to be eminently qualified in every respect."

"The interviewers are going to have a very hard time turning her down," he said. "She's just built wrong, that's all."

"I think it's neither fair nor up to the times. My position and the position of the administration of Chapel Hill High School is that we ought not to cooperate with sexual discrimination," Strickland said.

"We ought to present a nomination that is an appointment of the best-qualified person, regardless of sex," he said. "This we have done this year for the first time in the history of the school and possibly in the history of the foundation."

Strickland said he and his guidance counselors could find nothing in the 1973 Award nomination form that stipulates males only. Sometime in 1970 or '71, Strickland said, the word "male" was dropped from the application form.

In the 1969 Morehead program booklet, it was clear in writing that only males were eligible for the undergraduate award.

The foundation has nothing to do with the nomination of candidates; only principals and headmasters have that power, according to the booklet.

"No one from the Morehead Foundation or the trustees would dare tell a committee to nominate somebody or not to," Lee Roy Armstrong, former executive director of the foundation, said recently.

Chapel Hill High School administrators, nevertheless, said they received a call from "someone in the Morehead Foundation" Tuesday morning. "The question was raised as to whether or not we solicited this female's application," Strickland said. "That question puzzled us."

"But they amplified it by asking if we at Chapel Hill High School were trying to stir up some trouble," he said.

Mebane Pritchett, executive director of the Morehead Foundation, said no one in the foundation office made such a call. George Coxhead, chairman of the Orange County selection committee, also denied knowledge of the incident.

"It's disturbing to get the kind of call we got today, singing her out simply because she's a female," said Strickland. "Her case is not being judged on her qualifications but rather being pre-judged on the basis of sex."

A statement made recently by Hugh G. Chatham, chairman of the board of trustees of the Morehead Foundation also disturbed Strickland.

"If I could get an honest-injun pledge written in blood that a girl would not get married and have children, but be a politician or a leader, then we'll have girls in the program," Chatham said.

"It flies in the face of the evidence we see all around us," Strickland said. "There are plenty of leaders who are also competent wives and mothers."

"Could you get the same honest-injun pledge from a man?" asked Mrs. Miriam Slifkin, president of the local National Organization of Women (NOW). "He has nothing to substantiate that women will not become future leaders if given the opportunity."

"Women assume just as many leadership positions on this campus as men," said Amelia Bellows, president of the Association of Women Students.

"Look at the leaders," she said, citing Janet Stephens head of Residence Hall Association (RHA), Juli Tenney, speaker of Campus Governing Council (CGC) and vice president of the student body and Susan Miller, editor of the Daily Tar Heel. "He's ignoring the reality of the situation. The facts belie his statements."

At least three male educators in the state agree. Richard M. Jewell, principal of Broughton High School of Raleigh said "I feel strongly that there are girls just as capable and worthy as boys." He said he would like to nominate females.

In Winston-Salem, the Forsyth County selection

committee and Bo Bishop's assistant executive director of the foundation told James K. Wilhelm, vice principal of R.J. Reynolds High School, that "we would be wasting our time to nominate a woman."

"But our top seniors out of a class of 961, the largest senior class in North Carolina, are females," Wilhelm said. He too would have nominated female candidates if it weren't for the foundation's sexual discrimination.

Central Selection Committee member Vermont Royster, Kenan professor of journalism and public affairs, said: "Since I've been teaching at the university, some of my very best students have been women. I would be very happy to consider women in the Morehead competition."

But no female Morehead undergraduate award nominee will make it very far in 1973. George Coxhead, who has received all Orange County nomination forms said last night he does not plan to interview Chapel Hill's Ann Hollander along with the other nominees.

And what will the foundation do about it? "I don't know," Coxhead said. "I'm not sure."

Tomorrow: the legal implications.



Jim Price collects signatures at rally

Staff photo by Martha Shewas

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700 attend rally calling for impeachment of Nixon

by Ellen Wiener
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A rally supporting the impeachment of President Nixon and highlighted by the appearance of Wilbur Hobby, state AFL-CIO president, drew over 700 people to the Pit at noon Wednesday.

Hobby was joined at the rally by Dr. Daniel Pollitt, a UNC law professor; Gerry Cohen, a law student and candidate for alderman; Student Body President Ford Runge and Paul Price, a rally organizer.

Hobby, a candidate in last year's state Democratic gubernatorial primary, called for the impeachment of Nixon and spoke on

Nixon's conduct in office.

"In 1968 Richard Milhous Nixon was elected on a platform of law and order. Since then, he has made it perfectly clear that the law and order means 'my law and order.'"

"He has subverted the rule of law to that of executive privilege and national interest," Hobby said.

He drew applause and laughter with his list of "It was not Agnew..." followed by a list of Nixon's unpopular actions.

Hobby also urged Nixon "to follow the honorable example of Spiro Agnew so the United States can resume its role as a Democratic republic." If Nixon refuses to do so, Hobby insists that impeachment

procedures be brought.

Speaking on the actual procedures of impeachment, Pollitt, a professor of constitutional law, emphasized the ignorance of the American people on the topic. He said, "They consider it a dirty word."

He pointed out that many Americans do not realize the number of times that impeachment proceedings have been started, listing 10 instances. In 1971 Gerald Ford, vice president-designate, tried to have Supreme Court Justice William Douglas impeached for what he considered unethical actions.

A candidate for Chapel Hill alderman, Cohen also called for impeachment, saying: "Nixon has assumed executive privilege as the privilege of the executive... And as Nixon took the Watergate hearings out of the Senate into the courts, so should the American people—since he failed to follow the courts—return their judgment of Nixon to Congress."

Runge and Price, both students, asked for student support of the movement. Runge urged students to petition, telegram,

telephone or lobby in Washington to show their support.

A committee was formed to sponsor motorcades to Washington Monday and Thursday to urge impeachment proceedings against Nixon.

After the rally, Hobby said the response was about what he expected. "It is the same all over the country. People realize a need for the impeachment," he said.

He was accompanied by five representatives of the strikers at Brookside Mine in Kentucky. The men distributed literature for their cause and supported the drive for impeachment.

"I think Nixon should be impeached," said Curtis Hall, a miner, "and I think most of the miners agree with me."

Hundreds of students turned out at Duke University. President Nixon's law school alma mater, for a rally demanding Nixon's ouster.

Chancellor John Blackburn, at a gathering of Duke students, called for the opening of the Watergate of Government. "The President may go down in the floodtide of justice, but the Presidency will rise to the top," Blackburn said.

Are you listening, Orson Welles?

by Stella Shelton
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People who have been covering under their beds for the past few weeks can come out now—and be reasonably assured they will not be randomly carted back to Mars in quietly flying "bright red objects" or flying Vs by weird creatures wearing brogans. "Most of the things people see are things that are already there," commented Morris Davis, Morehead professor of astronomy.

Davis thinks that most UFO's would, in fact be IFO's (Identified Flying Objects) if more were known about what people had actually seen.

He cited some examples: A very bright light in the west after sunset might be mistaken for a UFO. It is Venus. A similar bright light in the south is Jupiter. Mars is a brilliant eastern light. (None of the "UFO's pose any immediate threat to the safety of the world.)

Another example pointed out by Davis concerns a cloud near the horizon having a hole in it. A planet may be visible through the hole. That occurrence can look deceptively like a flying saucer.

"The imagination plays tricks on you," Davis said. Other atmospheric conditions may cause a UFO report. Once in a blue moon, people may sight a blue moon.

In this case, said Davis, certain atmospheric conditions are the culprit, making the moon appear blue.

Another case of mistaken identity happens when some of the airborne "junk" that earthlings have shot into space is sighted.

Davis said that numerous pieces of rockets and other artificial satellites (such as Skylab) are often visible and thought to be UFO's.

"People are suggestible so they notice things that are there," Davis commented. He believes this factor coupled with like descriptions of sightings to a number of people is the explanation for a majority of UFO reports.

What about the unidentifiable Unidentified Flying Objects? Davis said that only a small percentage of the objects can't be positively identified. His view is that true UFO's should be left in a category open for discussion and investigation.

When people jump to conclusions about UFO's being spaceships from other worlds, they raise more hard-to-answer questions, Davis said.

"Scientists reserve a spot in their minds for the objects and hope some answers will show up," he continued.

Davis said the UFO's are one more question for science to answer. He further described the UFO problem as a "commentary on human psychology."

Orson Welles, are you listening?

Impeachment bus goes to D.C.

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The Impeach Nixon drive will sponsor buses to Washington D.C. Monday, Oct. 29, and Thursday, Nov. 7.

According to Helen Ross, the group's publicity director, students can sign up for the buses at the Impeach Nixon table in front of Lenoir Hall beginning today.

Buses will leave early Monday and Thursday mornings and return the same day. The round trip cost will be \$12.

"We already have appointments with four N.C. Congressmen—Rep. Wilmer Mizell, R-Fifth district; Rep. Ike Andrews, D-fourth district; Rep. Earl Ruth, R-eight district and James G. Martin, R-ninth district. We hope to get appointments with several other state congressmen," Ross said.

"Student Body President Ford Runge is going to contact campus leaders to try and get them to coordinate similar rallies like the one held here Wednesday," Ross said.

The Impeach Nixon drive plans 2 campus-wide saturation campaigns. "We will go

from dorm to dorm and ask for people to sign impeachment telegrams and make donations," Ross said.

Paul Price, a spokesman for the group, said, "This is one of the few times in recent history when public opinion can be translated into action."

Price said that more than 2,000 signatures had been collected for an impeachment telegram in less than eight hours Wednesday. The impeachment drive also collected \$50 for telegrams in less than two hours.

Strike, increase worry Duke

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Third in a series

Duke Power Company has two problems on its hands—a strike in Kentucky and a controversial rate increase proposal in North Carolina.

In Harlan County, Kentucky, striking coal miners have been away from work for three months in an attempt to negotiate a UMW contract with Eastover Mining Company. Eastover, a subsidiary of Duke Power Company, runs the Brookside mine which the strikers have been picketing.

The miners are not striking because of the proposed rate increase. However, they are picketing outside North Carolina Utilities Commission in Raleigh this week.

The picketing serves to dramatize the miners' grievances, and questions Duke's desire to increase rates without meeting the miners' demands. Duke claims the strike has nothing to do with the

rate increase and is a separate problem. They cite increasing costs of constructing new generators, such as an 886,000-kilowatt nuclear power plant, as one of the main reasons.

The declining rate of return for their stockholders is another reason Duke gives. Duke reportedly made \$90 million in profits last year.

If granted the interim increase, Duke intends to ask for an additional 5 per cent increase, bringing the total increase to 17 per cent, or an additional \$60 million for Duke power.

Under their present regulations set by the utilities commission, Duke Power can adjust their prices upward with the rising costs of fuel. The price of coal is not a factor either in Duke's present requests for a rate increase, or in Eastover's negotiations with the Brookside miners.

In addition to this year's request, Duke says they will need further increases of 5% per year through 1977 due to their rising costs.

One Duke Power official commented that Duke would probably level off its rate by 1977, by which time the country should have changed its energy habits and

should be practicing energy conservation. Although Duke Power owns the Eastover Company, they have removed themselves for the most part from the strike controversy, and are letting Eastover officials do their own negotiations, they say.

"Duke power, although the owner, is not involved," said a Duke spokesman.

While Duke says they are not involved in the negotiations, they have taken a stand from which they are not yielding.

The Duke spokesman said that while Eastover was willing to accept the pay increase provisions of the UMW contract, they are not ready to accept a UMW safety committee which would have the power to shut down the mines when it deemed an "imminent danger" to the miners was present.

The spokesman said present inspection by federal, state, and Eastover officials is adequate.

Unlike Duke Power's spokesmen, Eastover president Norman Yarborough has refused to comment on the negotiations and has instructed his personnel to act likewise. Under questioning by the DTH in a telephone interview, Yarborough hung up.

Tomorrow: the miners' side

Rancer predicts he'll win position

by Ken Allen
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There are five people running for four seats on the Chapel Hill Board of Aldermen. Obviously, one person isn't going to make it.

Sid Rancer doesn't plan on being that one. He's made a success of everything he goes into and he doesn't think his foray into politics will be any different.

In his 36 years in this area, the Brooklyn native has built up a successful junk business (Sid Rancer Iron and Steel Co.), become a widely acclaimed metal sculptor (with showrooms in the Hickory and High Point furniture markets) and has made somewhat of a reputation as an actor. One of his parts was that of Tevya in "Fiddler on the Roof" on a dinner theater circuit.

After 21 years of Chapel Hill living, Rancer has decided it is time he did something for the community and he's willing to sacrifice time from his other interests to devote to the Board of Aldermen.

"I wouldn't like to see Chapel Hill deteriorate," Rancer said. "I liked it when it was a college town. We're growing too fast."

Rancer emphasized, however, that

growth is good and necessary.

"I don't want to hold it back. But Chapel Hill need not branch out like an octopus and become so damn unwieldy."

He sees the proposed bus system as a good move toward orderly growth.

Rancer does not think much of a possible move toward a ward system in Chapel Hill because it would tend to divide the community rather than bring it together.

"A ward system would make for local power groups," Rancer said. "If a ward system were created, students would have less say than they have now. Under the present system, if there are four good students running from the University, they can all be elected whereas, under the ward system, the University would be limited, maybe to one seat."

But Rancer's big interest is in recycling.

As a junk dealer, Rancer says, "I am, after all, in the oldest recycling business in the world—next to nature," Rancer said, concerning his profession as a scrap metal dealer.

"We're fast depleting the world's limited supply of metals. Already, the United States has to import most of the metals we use. And we're taking these things made of metal, using them, then putting them in dumps and burying them while we recycle glass, for God's sake. The whole world is just full of sand."

Inefficiency has haunted the glass, paper and aluminum recycling efforts while other metals such as copper and tin, have been ignored, according to Rancer.

"The city needs to become involved in a real recycling of waste that pays for itself. There's a market for everything."

Weather

TODAY: Generally clear and sunny with some early morning ground fog. The high is expected in the low to mid 70s. The low is expected in the low to mid 40s tonight. There is near zero per cent chance of precipitation.
Outlook: Clear and cool.