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Southern Bell must bid on UNC telephone utility

by Janet Langston
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The State Utilities Commission has issued an order requiring Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Co. to file a "good faith bid" in the sale of the University's telephone utility.

No action has yet been taken by Southern Bell in response to the Nov. 28 order. The deadline for utilities bids, however, is not until March 1, 1974.

The Commission requested the order "in the public interest" to free Southern Bell from any legal restraints or policies to which

it may believe itself bound.

The Commission said Southern Bell may believe that to bid on UNC's telephone utility would be in violation of the Sherman Anti-Trust Act or a 1913 agreement made by its parent company, American Telephone and Telegraph Co. (A & T) with the Independent Telephone Companies which promised that it would not actively seek to acquire a competing telephone system, or purchase or consolidate with other connecting telephone systems.

The order stated that if Southern Bell did not place a "good faith competitive bid" on UNC's utilities, it would be against the better

interests of the state, the University, the utilities employees and the public being served by this utility.

Southern Bell is the largest telephone company in North Carolina, said the order, making "reasonable" the Commission's request to require a bid in the public interest. Commission members believe that if Southern were to place a successful bid, telephone rates would not be increased significantly.

Southern Bell is not required to respond in writing to the order if it chooses to bid. The Attorney General's staff had suggested a written statement to the Commission by Southern Bell within 20 days after receipt of

the order to outline any reason why it could not comply with the order.

Southern Bell officials could not be reached for comment.

The University's toll facilities and services are provided by Southern Bell, the order continued. UNC, as the largest single customer of the telephone service, wants assurance of "future continued adequate and reliable" service. A bid by Southern Bell would provide this option.

The Study Commission also states that if Southern Bell did not bid, other telephone bids and projected rates might not be as reasonable, the result being "adverse to the public interest."

Asks full-time replacement

Council requests Hunt's resignation

by Bill Welch
Staff Writer

The Campus Governing Council Tuesday adopted by consent a resolution calling for the resignation and replacement of Affirmative Action Officer Douglass Hunt. In its last meeting of the semester, the council also approved grants totaling \$5,500 for the Carolina Symposium and the Women's Festival, but did not consider either the proposed fund freeze for campus radio station WCAR or the judicial reform package recently approved by Chancellor N. Ferebee Taylor.

Hunt, whose resignation has been called for by the Association of Women Students, newspaper SHE, serves both as vice-chancellor for administration and as affirmative action officer.

The resolution asks the chancellor to "consider allowing Douglass Hunt to return full-time to his original vice-chancellor position, and thence to appoint a full-time Affirmative Action Officer."

The officer's duties are to oversee all aspects of the Affirmative Action Plan. The plan was developed to implement non-discriminatory practices in University employment.

Council member Bill Snodgrass said he could see the logic in having the vice-chancellor serve as the action officer, but said Hunt "should be with one or the other—

not both."

Contacted Wednesday, Hunt had no comment on the council's action.

CGC member Amelia Bellows noted that other N.C. universities have a full-time affirmative action officer and said the resolution doesn't bar Hunt from serving as a full-time officer.

Councilman Robert Hackney said, "We are hoping Mr. Hunt will perform more adequately in his regular job than he has as affirmative action officer."

In other action, the council delayed until next year consideration of the proposed Judicial Reform, despite the urgings of Student Government President Ford Runge that a special session be convened Friday to act on the document.

Calling swift action on the reforms "the most important request I have made of this

council," Runge said, "In its present form, this is the best document at which we can arrive."

Snodgrass, however, raised several objections to the plan. He said the document contains "illegal sanctions" for possession and sale of drugs and should have a "Student's Bill of Rights" section.

He also said that under the proposed reform, anyone can see a student's records unless the student requests that his records not be shown. Snodgrass asked, "Why shouldn't it be the other way around?"

Action on the reform, which also has to be approved by the student body and Faculty Council before becoming law, was postponed when councilman Larry Miesner said, "Since it took five years to get this document, it would be a travesty to railroad it through in two days."

The council approved additional appropriations of \$2,000 to the Carolina Symposium and \$3,500 to the Association of Women Students for the Women's Festival. Both events are scheduled for next semester.

Snodgrass, finance committee chairman, said the money would be taken from a reserve account in the SG budget, leaving between \$300 to \$700 in that account.

A resolution approved earlier this week by the council's Appointments Committee to freeze WCAR was withdrawn before the council met.

Appointments chairman Robert Hackney said the move was withdrawn after Finance Committee members objected. They said the committee should consider the resolution.

The freeze was intended to make WCAR accountable to the committee.



Staff photo by Bill Wrenn

Ralph the chimp gets the pre-exam munchies

Minority needs aired

by Greg Turosak
Staff Writer

The Chancellor's Committee on the Status of the Minorities and the Disadvantaged heard five guest speakers recommend what they felt the University must do to improve the academic environment of minority students.

Associate Dean of Student Affairs Harold Wallace characterized the mood of all the speakers by commenting the University must accept the idea of "the duality of adjustments."

Wallace said what he meant was the University must provide programs that meet the special needs of minority students, rather than to have all programs expecting minority students to make most of the adjustment.

Wallace said a pre-college institute should be established for minority students. This would be a five-to-eight-week program in the summer before the freshman year,

expanding the regular orientation period. Bently Renwick, assistant dean of Academic Affairs, noted a need for full-time black counselors.

He also said that department chairmen should be put under greater pressure to hire black faculty, and that programs developed to improve education for minorities be of lasting substantive value rather than pacifiers.

Assistant Dean of Students Eliot Stephenson presented data showing the average grade point average for last year's black freshmen as 2.020, compared to the overall freshman class average of 2.593.

Black Student Movement chairman Willie Mebane said all decisions concerning blacks on this campus should be made after consulting the BSM.

Mebane also released some preliminary results of a survey the BSM is conducting of black students, showing dissatisfaction with the academic situation at UNC, listing irrelevancy and boredom as two main academic problems.

Ron McLean of the School of Public Health black student organization said there has been no or only token response to minority demands. He said that courses here are racially, socially and culturally biased.

The minorities committee hopes to use the recommendations of the speakers when writing up its annual report to the Faculty Council. The report is due Feb. 15.

Weather

TODAY: Partly cloudy and colder. The high is expected in the mid 50's. The low tonight is expected in the mid 30's. There is near zero per cent chance of precipitation. Outlook: clear and cold.

Housing discrimination

Bias plagues singles

by Marty Shore
and Tom Randolph
Staff Writers

First in a two part series

"If I have to settle a disagreement between two tenants where one is married and the other is single, the married tenant is right. The same goes with boys and girls. The girl is always right. It's like a totem pole. Boys are on the bottom. If there's trouble, I can just kick them out."

The totem pole image — picturing the married couple with children at the top — was used by John Cates of Chapel Hill Realty Company recently in explaining his housing policies to several UNC students studying housing discrimination.

"It's not that I'm discriminating against girls and boys," he said. "It's just a protective instinct. The undergraduate is much more versatile than a baby or a mother. The idea here is to take up the challenge."

Cates is one among many landlords in Chapel Hill who discriminate in their housing policies on the basis of sex, educational or marital status.

I.C. Croft, manager of Glen Lennox Apartments, is another example. Glen Lennox is open only to married couples and a few single tenants who are not allowed to have roommates.

"I prefer married students," Croft told

the students making the housing study. "The trouble with single students (living in an apartment together) is they aren't dependable. They're moving in and out all the time. So pretty soon you have a lease down there but no students."

Thus, some students judged as dependable by their peers find they are barred from certain apartment complexes and rented homes.

Sharon Snider, campus YWCA president, had trouble convincing landlords to rent a house to her and three other women.

"Some people who own little houses on Davie Circle said they would rent to undergraduate men, but not to women. They were afraid we couldn't take care of ourselves," she said. "One man said he didn't want girls calling him all the time to come fix things."

Another campus leader, former student body president Richard Epps, says he and his administrative aide, Allen Mask, were discriminated against while looking for an apartment last spring.

"We knew of openings at two different apartment complexes, but the owners would not rent to us. They said their policy was to rent to married couples and graduate students."

Thirteen of 39 apartment complexes listed in a guide to apartment living in Chapel Hill, published by the Student Consumer Action

Union, have policies which discriminate against both male and female undergraduates, as well as married and unmarried persons.

No complaints of discrimination have been filed however with either the UNC Housing Office or the town's Human Relations Commission.

"That doesn't mean anything though," said UNC's Director of Housing, James P. Condie. "I've only been here since August, and we aren't responsible for off-campus living."

Discrimination in housing on the basis of sex, or educational or marital status is legal in Chapel Hill. The town's housing code prohibits only discrimination on the basis of religion, race, color or national origin.

An extension of the housing code to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex was discussed at the June meeting of the HRC. This is being investigated now, said UNC law student Gerry Cohen, a commission member.

"We should give this a little discussion," said Rev. Charles Helton, chairman of the HRC. "And the newly established town charter commission would provide the golden opportunity for all forms of housing discrimination to be viewed and aired."

Tomorrow: Should Chapel Hill pass a law to protect all persons against arbitrary housing discrimination.

Taylor disputes choices

by Bill Welch
Staff Writer

Chancellor N. Ferebee Taylor has requested in a letter to Student Body President Ford Runge that white males and Health Affairs students be included among the nominations for student positions on the Affirmative Action Advisory Committee.

Eight students were nominated by Runge for the four open positions last week but no white males or health students were included.

Runge said Wednesday members of a special Student Government committee making those nominations plan to comply.

In a letter to Runge dated Dec. 3, Taylor said, "I was disappointed to find that the panel of students supplied by you is neither numerous nor representative," and specified two deficiencies in the nominations.

Taylor said he objected because the panel of students named contains no white males and only one student from the department of Health Affairs.

Taylor requested that more nominations be given to him by Friday, and Anne Slifkin, a member of the committee that chose the original nominees, said her committee will do so.

"Our main objective is to get students on the committee. That's why we are complying with his request," Slifkin said. "We picked the eight most qualified students, and that wasn't

satisfactory to the Chancellor," she said.

The eight students were selected by the committee after interviews were held with applicants. Four more names will be selected from those who were interviewed, Slifkin said.

The additional nominees "will be chosen with an eye to the deficiencies cited by the Chancellor," Runge said.

Of the eight students originally nominated, five were black and three were white. Five were female and three were male, and the list was evenly divided between undergraduate and graduate students.

None of those named were white males, however.

Bill Snodgrass, another member of the selection committee, said the committee had anticipated no objection from the Chancellor over the nominations.

"We went through the interview process and selected the best representation of people," Snodgrass said.

Slifkin added that she felt the original nominees were the "most committed to Affirmative Action," and said she hoped that Taylor would select the four that were recommended by the committee as their first choice.

The nominees ultimately selected by Taylor will serve as student representation on the Affirmative Action Advisory Committee, and will increase the committee in size from 18 to 22 members.

The committee assists the Affirmative Action Officer Douglass Hunt in implementing non-discriminatory practices in University employment.



Before the holiday season gets under way, students have more important things on their minds. Sheryl Martin, like her 19,000 companions, is in the midst of the pre-exam rush. The

ralling of the Union patio forms an appropriate cage for an unpleasant task. (Staff photo by Bill Wrenn)