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Classes moved outdoors Tuesday as temperatures soared into the 70's once again. You never know what to expect next from the weatherman around here, and Chapel Hillians take

advantage of every chance to get some sunshine. (Staff photo by Bill Wrenn)

Committee passes judicial reform bill

by Henry Farber
Staff Writer

The original judicial reform bill was approved Monday night by the Judicial Committee of the Campus Governing Council (CGC) without the changes suggested by CGC member Bill Snodgrass.

CGC will consider the reform in a meeting Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

The committee rejected a student bill of rights and "almost 100 specific changes" included in an alternate judicial reform document submitted by Snodgrass.

However, Snodgrass said he would renew his fight to change the original bill when it goes before CGC.

Student Body President Ford Runge encouraged passage of the original bill and said he feared that any changes in the document as approved by Chancellor N. Ferebee Taylor might cause the administration to veto it.

Admitting that the bill is not ideal as far as student interests are concerned, Runge said, "I think this document has tremendous ad-

vantages over the present system, and if it is bounced, the students are going to lose out in a big way."

Runge listed several reforms made by the bill that he believes advance student rights:

- An illegal drug section that would place drug offenses under the jurisdiction of student courts. Under the present judicial system, drug offenders go before the five-member Judicial Board, comprised of no more than two students.

- A minority court system designed to improve the opportunity members of minority races have to receive fair and just trials.

- Elimination of the automatic F for undergraduates for honor code violations and elimination of expulsion for grad students convicted of academic violations.

- A student appellate court for the three lower student courts. Now students must appeal to a board of three faculty members.

The illegal drug section, which Runge predicted to be the most controversial issue in the document when it faces a student referendum, was the section the committee was most hesitant to allow to remain in the

bill.

CGC law student representative and Judicial Committee member Dennis Horn, said, "It's wrong for the University to try a student for a drug offense when he's already been tried in the courts," as the bill allows. "Practically, it's right to pass it," Horn said, referring to the possibility that the administration could bounce the bill if any changes were made. "But morally I can't vote for it," he added.

Runge, who said he favored deletion of the drug section last week, said at the meeting it should be left as written. "The administration set up the drug policy and they're as concerned now as much as they ever were," he said.

"There is continuing pressure from the people of this state and they're not going to budge," Runge said. "The tradition started four or five years ago when people started turning on," he said.

Runge explained that the reform bill at least transfers authority in drug cases to student courts. "Any movement in that direction is an improvement," he said.

Transit commission established

Carrboro to rule on referendum

by Janet Langston
Staff Writer

A public transportation commission will rule within 30 days whether to hold a third mass transit referendum in Carrboro. The commission was established by the Carrboro Board of Aldermen on Monday night.

The commission, originally proposed by Alderman Fred Chamblee, will "study and

recommend possible plans for improving and upgrading transportation within the Town of Carrboro."

Transportation, as defined by Chamblee, includes roads, sidewalks and a public bus system.

The group was approved in a 4-2 vote, with Board members Mary Riggsbee and John Boone in opposition.

Beswick said he hoped the commission

would study the minimum level of service for Carrboro and the cost of such a service.

He noted that Chapel Hill will submit a supplemental federal grant application to expand its proposed system. If Carrboro does not include itself in Chapel Hill's application, Beswick believes Carrboro may lose priority for federal funds.

He added that as demand and prices for

buses increase, Carrboro may not be able to afford a bus system when it finally decides it wants one.

Alderman Mary Riggsbee said the matter, in her mind, had been settled when a public transit system was defeated in two previous referendums. She believes any action to consider a bus system should be stifled.

Six citizens were nominated by the Aldermen for the commission. Mayor Robert J. Wells appointed a bus supporter, Harriet Imrey, as chairman.

Three town government officials will serve on the commission. Riggsbee, who has consistently opposed any referendums or tax increases for public mass transportation, was elected to represent the aldermen on the commission. She defeated Braxton Foushee, a bus advocate.

Chamblee remarked that the last time public transportation was studied, "we were in too much of a hurry." He added that to look strictly at buses was not the way to approach public transportation for Carrboro. In other business, Beswick's motion to drop the 1973 ordinance banning garbage cans from curbs after 6 p.m. on the day of collection was defeated 3 to 4. In presenting the motion, Beswick said there is "no way to legislate civic pride."

Ward said Beswick's action would be an insult to the police department and it would not become an elected official to violate a previously approved ordinance without adequate study.

3 students lobby for N.C. tenant bill

by David Ennis
Staff Writer

Three UNC students representing the Chapel Hill Student Consumer Action Union (SCAU) attended a N.C. House subcommittee hearing Tuesday night in Raleigh to lobby for passage of a strengthened bill concerning landlord and tenant relations.

Kathy Moore, sophomore history major, presented a statement prepared by the SCAU committee on landlord tenant relations urging the passage of House Bill 673, noting that it is "stronger" than the so-called "Landlord Bill", H.B. 596.

The statement which Moore delivered to the House subcommittee lists three basic strengths of the Tenant Bill: the establishment of habitability standards, rules governing landlords' use of security deposits and rent abatement measures.

According to Janie Clark, project co-chairman, the habitability clause would allow the tenant to enforce a housing code, since there is no state-wide minimum housing code in North Carolina.

The clause concerning security deposits

would set up interest accounts in which the deposit would earn interest for the tenant as it would in a bank, Clark said.

She suggested that the bill could be strengthened if it provided for punitive damages against the landlord for withholding deposits for poor excuses.

The Tenant Bill also allows a court to rule that a landlord is charging outrageous rent for a structure, Clark said.

"This clause is weak," Clark said, "because it does not provide for retroactive rent abatement." This would allow the tenant to regain the rent money overcharged, should the court decide that the rent was too high.

The SCAU statement said that H.B. 673 is actually a compromise of a Uniform Landlord Tenant Act passed by the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws. The Tenant Bill excludes many provisions of the original act, according to the statement.

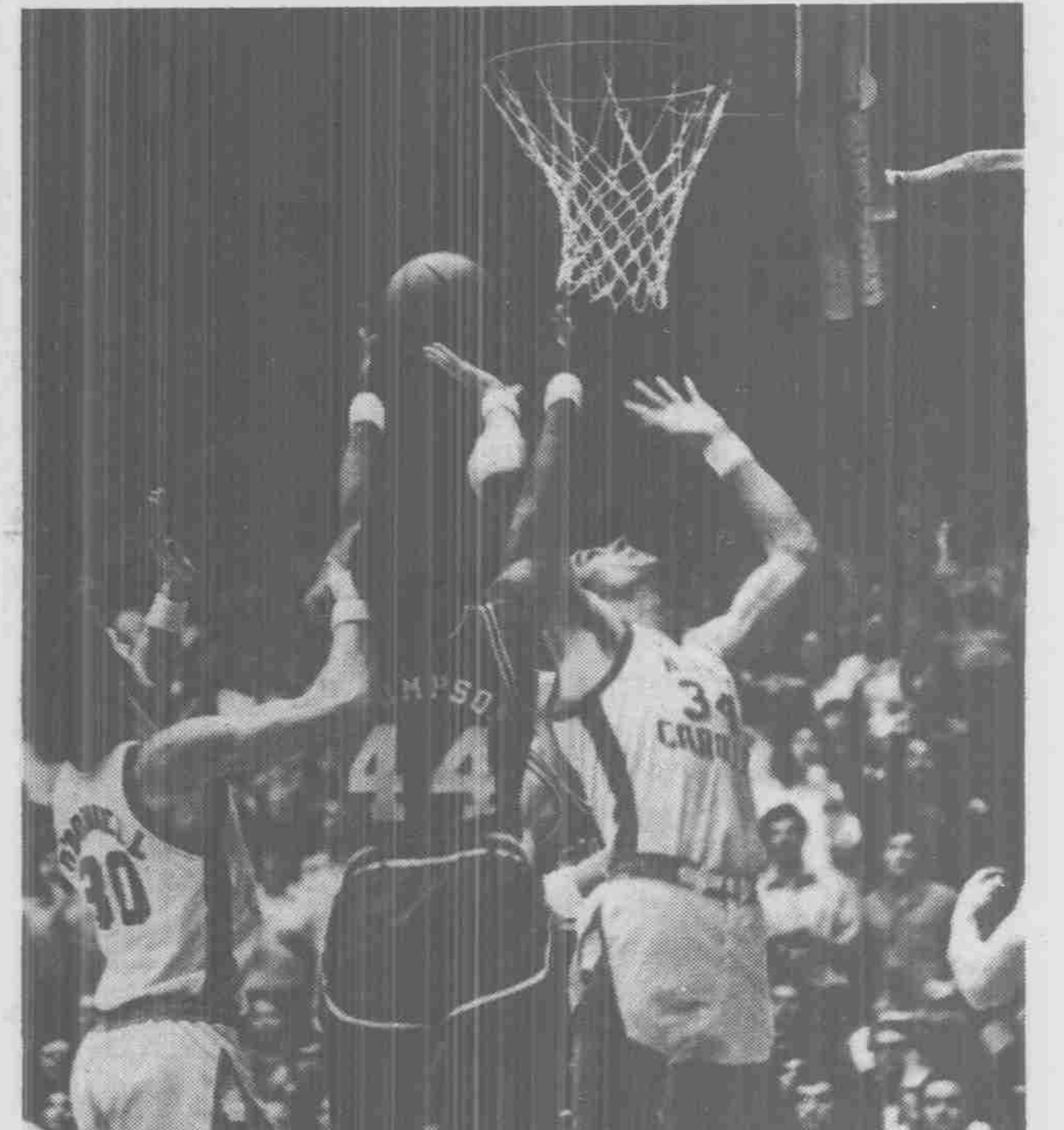
Clark also said that there was a good chance that the bill could be strengthened, noting the support of the N.C. Consumer's Council, Charlotte Legal Aid, and various tenant organizations across the state.

The Landlord Bill was drawn up by a lawyer representing the N.C. Realtors Association. Clark said that the rationale for leaving checks on landlords out of H.B. 596 was that it would be detrimental to the landlords and they would lose money.

The hearing was held in the Raleigh City Council Chambers. It was sponsored by the Raleigh League of Women Voters and the Raleigh Community Relations Council.



Truckin' down Franklin Street in the warm sunshine . . . It's just one of the ways to enjoy a day like Tuesday.



State wins, 83-80; details in Thursday's DTH

Merchants react to SCAU

by Gall Bronson
Staff Writer

Area merchants participating in the Student Consumer Action Union 10 per cent discount program reported mixed student response when contacted Wednesday.

Twenty-four stores are participating in the program, which continues through Jan. 28. Of the nine participating stores contacted Wednesday, only one expressed an unfavorable opinion.

"It hasn't been that big of a deal," said Terry Moore, manager of One Hour Martinizing. "It's just causing confusion and hassle."

Moore said he doubted he would par-

ticipate in the program again.

African Batik manager Robena Egemoney said student response had not been fantastic, but they would continue to participate in the program as long as it is only once a semester.

"I like the idea of the discount," said Bob Christian, manager of Burgner Music. "We wanted to do it for publicity and also to give students a break."

Sales clerk Ted Bartlett of Jolie's Boutique said many of their customers didn't know about the discount.

"I think it's a good program for Chapel Hill," he said.

Elliott Brummitt, manager of Sutton's

Drugs, said student response had been fairly good.

He said if he participated again, he would not be able to give a discount on everything as he is now.

"I just don't make enough on cigarettes and candy to give a discount," he said.

Mrs. Nelle Neal, owner of Neal's Potpourri, said they have had some response from the program.

"The response has been better this week than last," said Shelton Henderson, manager of Shrunken Head.

Both Eastgate Hardware and Country Craft Shop said a number of students had asked for the discount.

Weather

TODAY: Fair and clear, with continued spring-like temperatures. The high today is expected in the low 70's and the low should be in the 40's.

HEW charged with calling secret meeting

by Bill Welch,
Ken Allen
and Janet Langston

University officials said Tuesday an order for secret meetings Monday between student leaders and Health, Education and Welfare (HEW) officials came from the HEW office in Washington, D.C.

John Sanders, vice president of planning in the UNC system, said Tuesday that Burton Taylor, of the Civil Rights and Higher Education Division of HEW, had requested no newspaper publicity be connected with HEW's fact-finding trip to North Carolina.

Seven HEW officials are visiting six campuses of the University system to discuss desegregation. They met separately with

University officials and student leaders of the Chapel Hill campus on Monday.

Chancellor N. Ferebee Taylor, who arranged the meetings, said Tuesday he gave no advance publicity of the meetings because a letter dated Jan. 11 from Sanders requested that HEW officials meet with "faculty and students who wish to talk with them (but no newspaper publicity is desired)."

Sanders said he made that stipulation on the basis of a phone conversation between Burton Taylor, University President William Friday, and himself.

Lilly Robbins, one of HEW officials who met Monday with University officials and student leaders, said Tuesday she knew of no request

from her department that the meetings be held in secret.

Robbins also said, however, such an order could have come from HEW's Washington office without her knowledge.

Robbins refused to tell what was said in the meeting because the officials were on what she termed a fact-finding mission.

She said a final report will be made to the HEW Department of Civil Rights and Higher Education and will be used in consideration of UNC's desegregation report to be filed Feb. 8.

Robbins denied deliberately excluding reporters from the meetings, saying, "I suppose we could have had a reporter at the meeting." But Robbins said no reporters would be allowed to

attend any future meetings with students or University officials.

She said a possible reason for preventing publicity of the meetings was the informal nature of the meetings.

Sam Solomon, another HEW official, said however, "In this type of meeting, a good public awareness would be useful."

"I have no idea why there was no publicity. Of course, we do not take it upon ourselves to wage a public relations campaign every time we go on campus," Solomon said.

He said they wanted to meet with other interested students on this campus and added that their intent can "best be facilitated by open meetings."

The HEW officials met with Amelia Bellows, head of the Association of Women Students; Evelyn Dove, student body secretary; Willie Mebane, chairman of the Black Student Movement; Ford Runge, president of the student body; Bill Snodgrass, former president of the Graduate and Professional Students Association; and Janet Stephens, head of the Residence Hall Association.

Runge refused to discuss the meeting because of its confidentiality. Bellows said she did not contribute much to the meeting and would not speak for the others.

HEW officials visited N.C. State University on Tuesday. Robbins said members of the team will split up today, with some returning to Chapel Hill and others going to State.