

Station owners set times for gas sales

by David Ennis
Staff Writer

About half of Chapel Hill's service station owners reached an agreement with town officials Tuesday night on a plan to alleviate problems caused by the gas shortage.

Beginning today, all stations participating in the agreement will begin pumping gas to the general public at 8 a.m. and pump half of the daily allotment. The stations will open their pumps again at 4 p.m. to pump the other half of the allotments.

No gas will be pumped between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. except when needed for mechanical repairs.

The plan will be given a two-week trial. Another meeting will be held Feb. 22 to evaluate the success of the system.

The 14 service station owners present at

Tuesday's meeting said they would contact the other station owners. They voiced confidence that the other Chapel Hill stations would comply.

The decision came in a meeting closed to every one except town officials, station owners and the press.

The station owners declined to meet in the Police Department Courtroom, as scheduled, when they discovered approximately 20 local citizens planned to attend.

The meeting was then moved to the Orange Savings and Loan building.

Citizens waited in the courtroom where Mayor Howard N. Lee later returned to report the decision of the station owners.

Town Manager Chester V. Kendzior said the meeting was not intended to be a public meeting.

"They (the station owners) didn't want to

come and be complained about," he said. "They were here to discuss and work on the problem."

Lee termed the meeting difficult, but said the station owners were very cooperative.

He said, "We've made a small step forward." The recommendation to coordinate pumping hours was one of three proposals made by Lee designed to solve the traffic problems caused by long lines of cars waiting at gas stations.

He suggested a maximum purchase limit of five dollars and a minimum limit of two dollars for all gas sales. Lee said this measure would cut down on congestion at the pumps caused by panic buying.

Kendzior supported this recommendation, citing the "full tank syndrome" as a major factor contributing to the traffic problem.

People who used to drive around with a half tank of gas now feel the need to maintain a full

tank, causing extra trips to the service station, he said.

The station owners, however, rejected the minimum purchase proposal because they felt it would be virtually impossible to determine whether each gas tank would hold the two-dollar limit.

Lee also said the town would erect and enforce no trespassing signs to prevent cars from lining up at stations before the gas pumps are open.

The station owners rejected a proposal, by Chapel Hill Fire Chief Everett Lloyd to adopt a license plate plan similar to the one in use in Oregon.

People with license plates ending in odd numbers would be able to purchase gas only on odd-numbered days. Even-numbered plates would allow purchasing of gas on even days.

Lee said this measure would be hard to enforce

because it would be purely voluntary on the part of the buyer.

The station owners discussed the practice of selling only to preferred customers.

"A service station can't operate on the revenue brought in by gasoline sales alone," said one station owner. "I will not sell my whole allotment to the general public."

The final agreement, however, provided that no sales be made on a preferred customer basis.

Jesse Page, one of the citizens who waited for Lee's report, questioned whether the preferred customer selling will end, noting that regular customers could be serviced between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

"A regular customer cannot come in between 10 and 4 just for gas," Lee responded. "I don't think the dealers were playing games with us," he said.

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Statewide referendum proposed on ECU medical school issue

by Janet Langston
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A bill to hold a statewide referendum on the East Carolina University medical school has been revived from a N.C. General Assembly committee.

The bill calls for a public referendum to vote \$50 million in bonds for capital construction at ECU. The bill was introduced in 1973 by Rep. Larry Eagles (D-Edgemont) and has been held in the

Finance Committee since then, Eagles said. University President William C. Friday said Wednesday he doubts the board will favor the public referendum idea to finance medical school expansion at ECU.

Friday said the board met informally Monday night to hear a review of the recent Thursday night closed sessions designed to carve a compromise between university officials and state legislators on the ECU issue. Board chairman William A. Dees Jr. also presented the referendum proposal to

the 18 members, Friday said. Only three members indicated serious interest in the proposal, Friday said, and he believes that if a motion is proposed to support the idea that the board will not approve it.

Dees could not be reached for comment.

Eagles said his bill re-emerged because "there is a stalemate between the board of Governors and the General Assembly." The issues should "be decided by letting the people decide," he added. "I don't know any

better way."

Eagles was reported to have strong Democratic support in the House. The decision to present the referendum was considered in an informal meeting in the office of House Speaker Jim Ramsey Monday night.

Eagles said the other funds requested by the Board of Governors for health education would not be affected by the ECU referendum. He said the referendum as proposed by him would deal only with the ECU medical school. Any other money requested by the Board would be handled through regular legislative channels, Eagles said.

Friday said he would not know how the university's budget request would be affected until he sees the exact wording of Eagles' bill. The Board of Governors submitted one budget request for its needs, and funds for medical education will have to be distinguished from ECU recommendations. Several other bills have already been introduced into the legislature, and all reflect the different opinions on ECU's fate.

A bill supported by Rep. J.P. Huskins (D-Iredell) calls for growth in the current one-year program at East Carolina, and recommends the addition of a second year curriculum by 1976.

A compromise bill, introduced by Sen. Ralph Scott (D-Alamance) and Rep. Carl Stewart (D-Gaston) directs the board to present plans to the 1975 General Assembly to expand ECU's class size and curriculum as soon as possible. All nine of the board's proposed Area Health Education Centers (AHEC) would be developed, according to the compromise proposal.

Another plan may be presented to the Finance Committee by Rep. Herbert Hyde (D-Buncombe) today which would call for referendums to finance both the ECU expansion and the AHEC development. Hyde refused to comment, however when asked about the plan.

Weather

TODAY: Cool and occasional rain. The high is expected in the mid to upper 50's. The low is expected in the mid 40's. The chance of precipitation is 70 per cent. Outlook: Continued rain and colder.



A lonely day in the Pit

Staff photo by Tom Randolph

'Dictatorial tactics' charged

by David Klingler
Staff Writer

The undergraduate representative to the Craig Graduate Center Executive Council has accused council president John Sawyer of "dictatorial tactics" in his relationship with the undergraduate residents of the south campus dorm.

Lloyd Scher, a junior and the only undergraduate representative on the 15-member council, criticized Sawyer and alleged that attempts by undergraduates to organize and present grievances to the graduate officers had been seriously undermined.

Controversy between the two factions arose last week after Sawyer circulated a petition asking residents if they wanted Craig to be returned to its former status as an exclusively graduate student dormitory. Overcrowding in University housing prompted University officials to assign approximately 75 undergraduates to the high-rise complex.

Scher said Sawyer considered the poll an informal questionnaire rather than a petition, but, Scher said, "Call it what you want, questionnaire or petition, it's still based on the same premise that

discriminates against undergraduates."

Scher also criticized Sawyer for removing several signs promoting an undergraduate meeting which he planned for tonight at 9 p.m. Although Scher had obtained permission of several Craig resident advisors to post the signs, he said Sawyer based his action on the fact "I did not clear the signs with him."

Sawyer was unavailable for comment on Scher's charges Wednesday afternoon.

Yesterday Scher was making plans to present his objections to the executive council at their weekly meeting last night. Scher said he would propose election of new officers of the executive council with all residents of the dorm having voting privileges.

"There are some graduate students who refuse to listen to us. We are human beings, we live in Craig and we are entitled to just as many rights as the graduate students. They have got to realize that the undergraduate segment at Craig deserves equal rights," said Scher.

Tonight's meeting will include discussion of housing information, financial aide, intramural sports at Craig and equal rights for all students at the dormitory. Scher urged all residents of Craig and any other interested students to attend the meeting, to be held in the first floor lounge.



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Betsey Jones

board's request in case of future errors. Jones is a junior history and political science major from Ossining, N.Y. She is a member of the RHA Budgetary Advisory and Housing Alternatives committees.

Jones announces for RHA president

Betsey Jones announced her candidacy for president of the Residence Hall Association (RHA) Wednesday.

She said she plans to emphasize an increase in lifestyle options of dorm residents in her campaign.

Jones said she would put more emphasis on making dorm residents' desires known to the Housing office and the Chancellor's office. As evidence of such desires, she cited an RHA survey that indicated 72 per cent of residence hall students want to live in some sort of co-ed housing.

Jones said she was not advocating an end to all-male and all-female dorms. She said they should remain available for students who choose the option of segregated living.

Jones believes visitation and security policies should better reflect student concerns. Most male students want open visitation, she said, largely because they feel

limited visitation is unnecessary and unenforceable.

Most female students feel the campus police system of admitting women after hours is too inconvenient, she said. Women would prefer dorm key distribution, as is done in some sorority houses, or the use of night attendants, as on South Campus, she remarked.

Jones said another campaign issue will concern residence budgeting. Funds mismanagement is one of the reasons causing the Housing Department's proposed third room rent increase in three years she added.

Jones plans to look further into a \$17,000 mistake in social funds allocations attributed to the University. She criticized the policy of keeping social fund accounts closed, and said the Residence Hall Governing Board should be able to view the accounts upon the

Phillips, Warren declare as presidential candidates

Gary Phillips, sophomore, announced his candidacy for student body president Wednesday.

The English and International Studies major said he was running because "most people involved in Student Government consider it a perpetuation of their political egos. I'm thinking of completely redirecting Student Government."

Phillips, president of the Carolina Union, said he believes Student Government exists for two primary purposes: to provide direct services for students and to involve students in all decision-making processes which affect them. His platform, he said reflects these purposes.

"I favor a complete examination of student housing policy and the new student housing contract," Phillips said. "There are several controversial points in that contract."

Phillips also said he intends to end overcrowding in the dorms as much as possible and to expand coed living.

In the area of academic reform, Phillips said he will seek course credit for outside work, will attempt to extend the pass-fail option further into the semester and will support the four-course semester load.

"I would also like to see implementation of a course-teacher evaluation," he said. "My staff has already done the work on this; all that is needed is official credence."

Phillips said he plans to reinstate the student locator service and to expand the service to two or three phones manned 24 hours per day, with an information referral service.

"I also favor termination of the Sevomation contract when it comes up next year," he said, "specifically with regard to the Union Snack Bar."

Phillips said he would also like to see "increased contact with the cities of Chapel Hill and Carrboro. He added, "If students can develop good relations with them, it would serve as a lever when dealing with the administration and would help students with consumer dealings in these towns.



Staff photo by Alan E. Goss

Gary Phillips

Lew Warren, a junior business administration major, entered the student body presidential race Wednesday.

Warren said he has gained insight into the functioning and administration of the executive branch of Student Government by serving as Student Transportation commissioner and as head of student voter registration for the November elections in Chapel Hill and Carrboro.

"I have a working understanding of many of the programs initiated this past year and an informed basis upon which these can be expanded," Warren said.

He also noted that his access to the executive branch has given him a first-hand view of the mistakes made by the present administration.

"Too often the executive office was denied vital student input and the manpower needed to conduct programs because of the small staff," the Greensboro native said.

To correct this error, Warren said he would expand the size of his staff and include a woman, a black, a member of the Greeks

and a graduate student.

Warren accused the University of "blatant neglect" of the parking problem, noting that the development of a mass transit system will offer a partial solution.

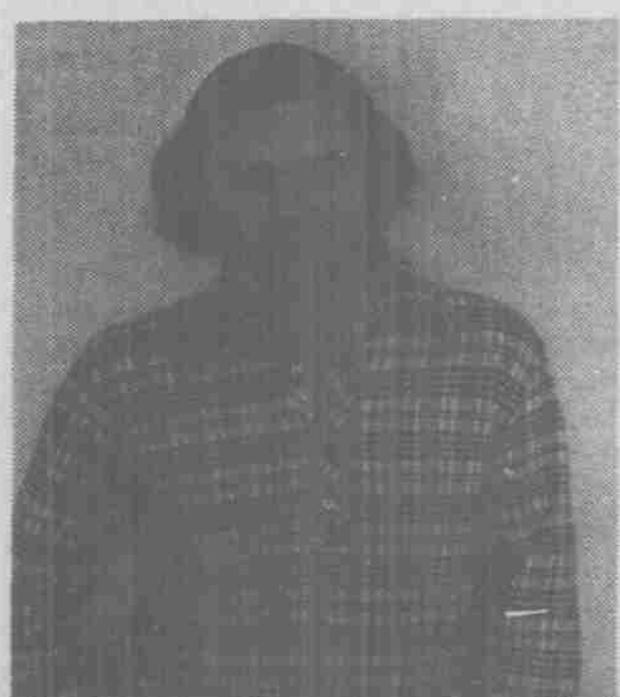
He said parking spaces should not be beyond the economical grasp of students and should not go only to faculty members.

Warren also said he would work for reinstatement of the Student Locator Service.

He suggested the implementation of a brief student directory published in the fall semester by the Student Government. This would relieve the overburdened locator service, he said.

Warren voiced his support of second floor Winston residents and called the administration's decision "yet another example of the University's callous lack of consideration for student input in the decision-making process."

Other programs which Warren said he would support as president are Student Consumer Action Union, student legal aid, judicial reform and academic reform.



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Lew Warren