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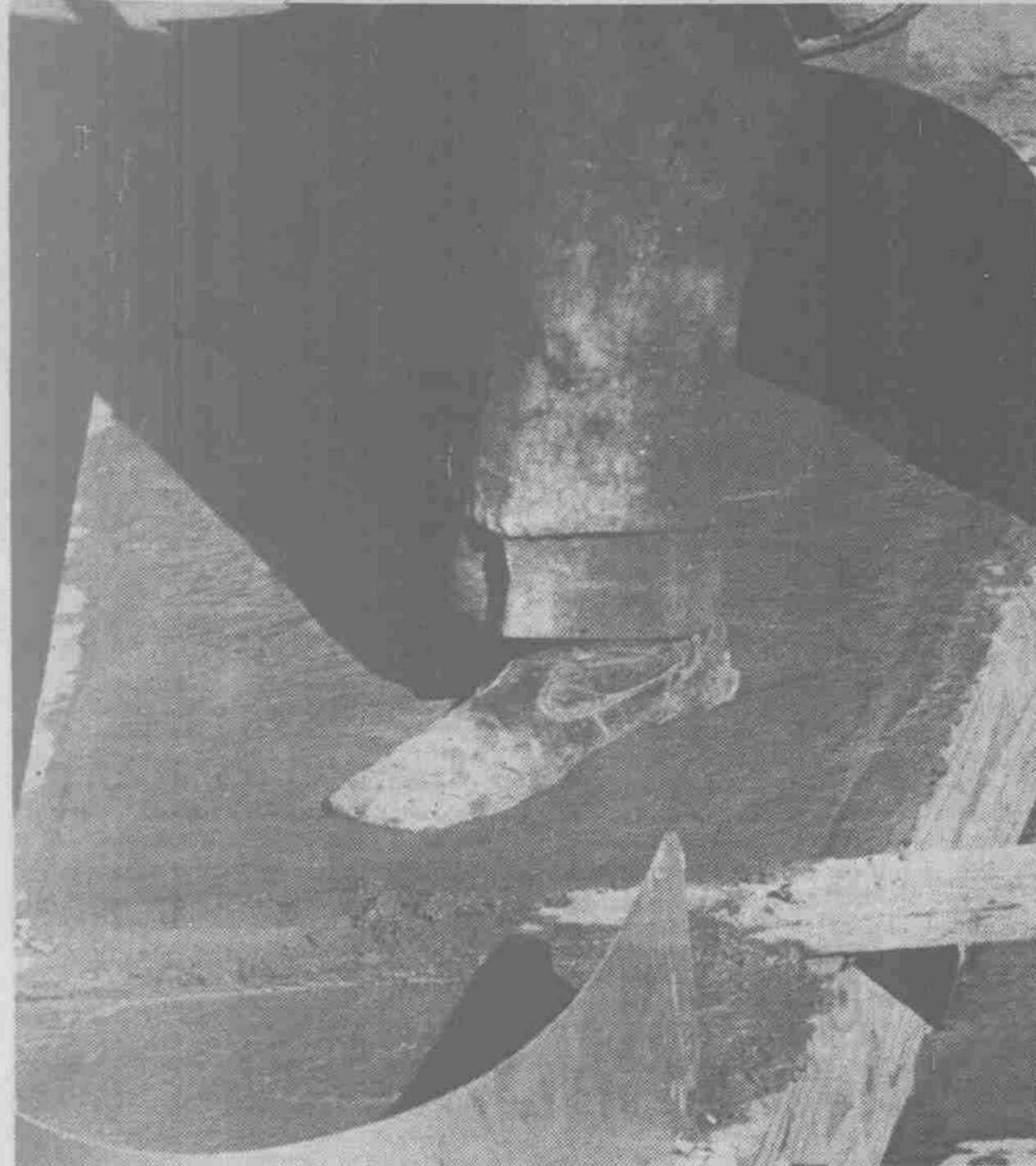
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We've all heard of the proverbial footprint in the sand, but this person seems to have found that the lasting way to make a mark is to stick his foot in fresh concrete. Good luck getting it off!

(Staff photo by Bill Wrenn)

Housing fund probe cites bad judgment, indiscretions

by David Klinger
Staff Writer

Chapel Hill Mayor Howard Lee said Wednesday an investigation into alleged misuse of public funds in the Housing Authority has revealed "bad judgment" and several indiscretions on the part of some employees.

Summarizing the month-long investigation into the operation and funding of the department, Lee said, "We have had what I consider a bad experience. It wasn't a scandal, but it had the potential of

developing into one. However this has been a good learning experience for the Housing Authority itself."

Foremost in the list of allegations brought to Lee's attention in January by an ad hoc advisory committee of the Housing Authority was the charge that a member of the staff had attempted to coerce a building contractor into giving him \$150.

Lee characterized the employee's action as "bad judgment bordering on a very questionable type of activity."

"He did not know at that time that his request had some legal implications," said

Lee. "I'm asking that the employee's name be withheld from the press with the assurance that he has been reprimanded and an official notice placed in his personnel file."

In a letter to Lee and an accompanying 11-page report submitted by the Housing Authority Board of Commissioners, chairman Michael A. Stegman addressed six procedural problems which Lee had suggested were worthy of "immediate attention, investigation and necessary and appropriate corrective action."

Although the Housing Authority has been operating within the limits of its approved budget of \$250 per month for telephone and telegraph service, the inquiry revealed that some staff members have been using the service for personal long distance telephone calls.

Stegman assured Lee that the majority of unauthorized long distance calls have been paid for by the responsible employees and that steps have been taken to prevent such misuse.

Problems involving the Authority's bookkeeping and check writing procedures were blamed by the commissioners on the inexperience of a new employee within the department and the decentralized nature of its accounting procedure. Currently the bookkeeping for the Public Housing Program is being performed by a private accounting firm, while the authority retains control over bookkeeping for the Urban Renewal Program.

In response to past difficulties, the commissioners have urged that the budget "be made a part of the town's financial program to be handled in the same manner as budgets for all other departments."

Investigation into use of public funds for employees traveling on official business has prompted the following changes: the maximum amount of money per diem was reduced from \$40 to \$35; whenever two



Mayor Howard Lee

employees of the same sex are traveling together, out-of-town lodging shall be shared if possible; when more than one employee is traveling by car to the same destination, arrangements shall be made for them to travel together if possible.

Other areas covered by Lee's inquiry include a review of the personnel budget and a preparation of accurate job descriptions, proposed disbursement of loan monies under the Housing Trust Fund and acquisition of new building space for the Authority.

"The questions have been answered to my satisfaction and I have been assured that restitution has been made and hopefully this situation will not occur again," said Lee.

Letchworth quits elections position

Richard Letchworth resigned as chairman of the Elections Board Wednesday after three weeks in office, citing increasing academic demands as the reason for his decision.

Letchworth said factors involved in his decision included a heavy academic load, illness in his family and the

extreme demands of the office.

Letchworth's resignation came on the final filing date for the Feb. 27 campus elections. Executive Secretary Lisa Whisenant said she handled the last minute rush of filing petitions turned in to Suite C along with Tom Manning, who said he was acting Elections Board Chairman. Manning said Student Body President Ford Runge asked him to take the post.

However, Runge said late Wednesday that he and Manning had reconsidered and that Manning would not assume the post.

Manning, who said he was handling verification of filing petitions, said the final list of candidates whose names will be printed on ballots will not be available until the petitions are verified.

on Thursday and Friday.

Letchworth did not respond to a note Gaskill left concerning his complaint, Gaskill said.

Lindsey Wrenn, Granville elections board chairman, said the elections board "categorically denies that any irregularity had any significant effect on the outcome of the election."

He admitted, however, that irregularities did occur.

"Nobody who was a candidate tended polls or was an active member of the election board," he said, answering one of Gaskill's charges.

Gaskill said Juliann Nelson, a candidate for Granville East president, was in charge of setting up the polls. Karen McDonald, candidate for secretary, was also an elections board member, he said.

Wrenn said 18 of the 20 ballots from which Gaskill's name was omitted were removed the night before the election. Only one was given out and used, he said.

Wrenn said 1,179 of the 1,180 ballots printed were confiscated by Student Supreme Court Justice Darrell Hancock Sunday night and impounded.

The electioneering near the polls was halted when the candidates were informed that it was illegal, Wrenn said. Gaskill was one of the electioneering candidates, he added.



El Libre

Granville elections

Court stops dorm run-off

by David Ennis
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Complaints alleging irregularities in the Feb. 5 Granville Residence College elections have resulted in the confiscation of the ballots and a Student Supreme Court injunction preventing any run-offs.

Alvia Gaskill, candidate for Granville governor, sought and obtained the injunction late Sunday night, preventing the run-off election scheduled for Monday.

In a formal complaint filed with the Residence Hall Association (RHA), Gaskill lists the following irregularities:

- His name was left off some of the ballots.
- Electioneering took place at the polling places.
- A candidate's nickname appeared on the ballot as a persuasive device.
- Members of the Granville Residence College Elections Board were candidates in the election.

Weather

TODAY: cloudy and mild. The high is expected in the low 60's. The low is expected in the upper 30's. The chance of precipitation is 20 percent. Outlook: continued mild.

El Libre announces for SG presidency

A Marxist student calling himself "El Libre" announced Wednesday his candidacy for student body president.

Running for office under an assumed name is unprecedented at UNC; however, there is no rule which specifically prohibits it, former elections board chairman Richard Letchworth said. The general elections law requires only that the candidate be a "duly registered fee-paying student of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill."

El Libre said, "The time has come to kick the ass of the ruling class and return the University to the people." The greatest issue of the campaign, he said, is "the enslavement of the student proletariat by the whips and chains of the fascist bourgeois administration," and said the only answer is revolution.

"Political power grows from the barrel of a gun," he said, "so I will recruit, train and equip a Student Government 'Peoples Army' (SGPA) with which to fight the oppression of the bourgeoisie."

If elected, El Libre said he will expropriate all-faculty restrooms, nationalize the Student Stores, give weekly Tequila parties in the pit and blow up Hanes Hall.

El Libre said he will abolish all organized classes at UNC, because, he said, "the class struggle is the root of the exploitation of the student."

El Libre said he would organize the Student Union at a grassroots level. With this political force, he said he plans to call

- Run-offs would have been held too soon after the election.
- The election was held without a set of written, formal election laws.

"I'm not trying to prove that any of this was done with malicious intent, but that it was done sloppily," Gaskill said. "I would accept any definitive decision by the RHA that would clear up the difficulty surrounding Granville elections," he added.

RHA Chairman Janet Stephens said she will call for a meeting of the RHA Tribunal at Monday's meeting of the RHA Governing Board.

The Tribunal is the arbiter of any executive or legislative dispute or question of law under the Residence Hall Constitution, Stephens said.

She said the basic question for the Tribunal to decide would be whether the Campus Elections Laws take precedence over the Granville Election Laws.

Stephens said Gaskill would probably lose, no matter which way the decision went. If the Tribunal ruled that Campus Elections Laws took precedence, Gaskill's complaint was not filed in time to meet the 96-hour deadline for complaints, she said.

"From what I understand, this guy's in a lose or lose situation," Stephens said.

Although Gaskill filed no formal complaint before the deadline, he said he tried to contact Richard Letchworth, ex-chairman of the Campus Board of Elections,

general strikes designed to raise the minimum grade from "F" to "B", reduce the work week from 15 hours to 6 hours, nationalize service stations, socialize examinations and promote streaking.

El Libre says he cannot reveal his real name, nor his whereabouts, because "there are capitalists, fascist politicians, seeking to eliminate me."

El Libre, who calls himself a pacifist, said there will be no violence in his campaign, but, "power is lying naked in the streets of Chapel Hill. If necessary, we will use it!"

When asked if the fact that he now has a small amount of support disturbs him, he said, "No, it takes only a spark to start a brushfire."

Festival schedule

Thursday
Women artists and writers discuss their experiences and the creative process. 2 p.m., room 202-204 Student Union.
The Communal Living Experience—Twin Oaks. Longstanding commune based on ideas of B.F. Skinner. 4 p.m. 202-204 Student Union.
Lesbian Feminism. Charlotte Bunch. 7 p.m. 217 Student Union.
Shay—8 p.m. at Playmakers Theatre.
Male/female roles—discussion groups. 8 p.m. Union.
Cleo from 5 to 7 and Women and Children at Large—8 p.m. Great Hall of the Union. Free.

McIntyre to run for president



Michael McIntyre

Michael McIntyre, a junior history major from Charlotte, announced Wednesday his candidacy for student body president.

"My main objective as president will be to make the office a more personal one where any student can turn when there are problems," McIntyre said.

He said his first step will be to have his phone number printed on campaign posters so that people can call him during the campaign. "In the past students felt that they couldn't turn to Student Government, and they've become cynical," he said.

"Academic revision will be another major section of my plans," McIntyre said.

Specifically, he proposes a revision of the examination structure and a regular academic advising service. "Academics are often what concern students the most," he said. "Academic advising has been very impersonal in the past. Students need a place where they can give their academic gripes and receive advice."

McIntyre said "it is important, however that students know that when I speak of revision, I realize the limitations on what I can achieve."

"I qualify my promises. Students have heard so many campaign promises in the past that they don't want to listen any longer," he said.

McIntyre said students should realize what Student Government has accomplished in the past and should vote. "Every vote is important, and one vote can work toward a good goal," he said.

McIntyre said he will conduct a personal campaign with posters, room-by-room campaigning and a brochure to help students meet him.

"A personal style will start in the campaign and continue in the office," McIntyre said. "Hopefully, students will call me during the campaign so that I can learn their concerns and make an effort to act on them."

First woman's scholarship

Tennis has its rewards

by Susan Shackelford
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She seems to be the type of girl a guy would like to take home to meet the folks—a very nice girl, modest and not too assertive.

Lounging comfortably before an afternoon tennis match, Casey Timberlake sketched in some background color to offset her unique image. She is N.C.'s first female holder of an athletic scholarship.

"I wasn't serious about tennis until about three years ago," the blonde performer said. "When I'd make a mistake, I'd say 'Boy, was that pitiful' and pretty soon I was playing like that."

"My tennis teacher told me that I was wasting my time and money. She lectured me. She said that I might as well quit taking lessons if I didn't change my outlook," the Lexington native said. Wearing a T-shirt with the slogan, "You've come a long way baby," which seemed to reflect her own career, she said.

Today the 17-year-old ranks as the number one tennis player in the state, capturing both the girls' and women's titles last summer. Timberlake, in a very serious tone, emphasized the aspect of mental attitude. "It's the whole game," she said.

"It's really hard to keep trying so hard when you're losing. When you're cold it takes about twice as much concentration. And, if you're playing your game and still losing, you have to change," she added.

With the well-known "Battle of the Sexes," more people are aware of women in tennis, Timberlake said. Specifically, she sees Billie Jean King as the major influence.

"A lot of people see her as an abrupt loudmouth," Timberlake said in her soft spoken manner. "I think that's how she is because she wants to make her point clear. She's felt the discrimination personally."

"Before," Timberlake said, "men got all the big money, even if the spectators came to see the women. King organized a circuit that gives equal prizes for women. She's done a lot to promote women's tennis."

"I also think she's trying to spread the game to all levels of society and not just the upper class. I know she's using it," she said.

Timberlake said she does not think the King-Bobby Riggs match proved much.

"I wasn't impressed," she said, "but I did think King could beat Riggs all along. It was more like a circus than a tennis match. Rosie Casals, one of the television commentators, was really obnoxious."

Faced with a money lure similar to the King-Riggs match, Timberlake answered that her participation would depend on the circumstances. "I wouldn't play if it had all that publicity. I'm too susceptible to pressure," she said.

Timberlake said her best tennis was in the Four Roses Tournament against Janet Young from Australia, Evonne Goolagong's doubles partner.

"The tournament people called me when someone had dropped out of the tournament," she recalled. "They asked me if I wanted to play, and I figured that I didn't have anything to lose."

Nervousness wasn't a problem, Timberlake said, because the possibility of winning was so remote.

"When I beat her 6-3, 7-5, I don't think she could believe it," Timberlake said.

In tennis competition, Timberlake said playing against males is an asset, noting that UNC great Laura DuPont, now on the pro circuit, practiced with the men's team at Carolina.

However, Timberlake said many of the guys she knows get mad when she beats them in tennis. "I can't stand boys that have that idea of superiority," she said.

The main thing that helps males, Timberlake added, is their physical strength.

Conditioning occupies an important slot in the scholarship winner's activities, with a three-to four-mile run about every day.

Some people think I'm crazy because I run every day," she said. "I think they just feel bad because they're not doing it, and they just don't expect it of girls."