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Alderman Sid Rancer

Rancer blasts Aldermen; criticizes town government

by David Klinger
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Charging that a lack of information about town functions has prevented him from being "a real participant in the decision-making, except to rubber stamp pieces of paper," Chapel Hill Alderman Sid Rancer strongly criticized local municipal government.

In an address to the Chapel Hill Board of Realtors Tuesday, the freshman alderman said he felt alienated from the decision-making process during his three months of service on the board.

"Accordingly, I announce my role as dissenter on the Board of Aldermen. I may be outvoted, but I can assure you that in the next year and eight months, I will be speaking my mind," Rancer said.

In a telephone interview Wednesday Rancer said he plans to take a more aggressive stance on matters before the board in the future.

In his speech Rancer specifically

attacked the "strong mayor" concept of municipal government where the power of elected aldermen is subordinated to the power of a mayor.

"What we must realize is that we do not truly have the traditional city manager form of government in Chapel Hill," Rancer said. "We have a strong mayor form of government with the political winds blowing to the extent that the city manager does not have the freedom of action permitted in the normal city manager government."

Rancer added that "I'm not dealing in personalities," although he said he is unsure whether the situation he has described would change under new municipal leadership.

Chapel Hill Mayor Howard Lee had not read the text of Rancer's speech as of presstime Wednesday afternoon and was unavailable for comment.

Rancer also singled out the Board of Aldermen, criticizing them for acting on public issues without sufficient information and allowing the town

administrative staff to conduct most of the investigative legwork on local problems.

"I have respect for the city manager. However, when he presents a recommendation . . . to the board, I want to know that an alderman has been working with that specific department and has helped form recommendations," he said.

Rancer stated that he has not been called upon by the administrative staff to offer his expertise in the field of public works and scrap metal recycling. He is president of the Sid Rancer Iron and Steel Company in Durham.

A study that Rancer made of the office space needs in the Chapel Hill Police Department building entitled "Space a Vanishing Commodity" has been similarly overlooked according to the alderman.

The report which, Rancer said, had the support of Police Chief William Blake, reviewed the cramped office quarters in which the police operate.

"I was congratulated for my diligence by the mayor and was told a police work session would be arranged to look into the matter. The session has not been held. I got the brush-off," Rancer said.

Rancer has also alleged that he has encountered inaction when special committee appointments are made by Lee. "When appointments are made on aldermanic committees, I am overlooked. I did not know, three months ago, that I was to become an island," he stated.

The only other freshman representative on the Chapel Hill board, Alderman Gerry Cohen disputed Rancer's characterization of local government as being under the influence of a strong mayor to the detriment of the other branches of government.

"I'm also certain, as far as I know, that he has been consulted on matters as much as any of the other aldermen, said Cohen.

The four other aldermen could not be reached Wednesday for comment on Rancer's speech.

Regarding his future role on the Board of Aldermen, Rancer said he will begin his own investigations of city functions in addition to his adopted role of "lone dissenter" on the board.

"I have no idea what response I'll get to my statement. Now I have made this fuss and have set myself off as an island, a loner, a minority, a dissenter. Perhaps I should not leave the feeling that all I do is say no," Rancer said.

"I have been seeking facts, aggressively, and have generally been trying to be my own man because I want the projects we as aldermen support to have a positive effect on this town," Rancer said. "In other words, I want them to work!"

Succumbs to cancer

Huntley dies in Montana

by United Press International

BIG SKY, Montana—Chet Huntley whose "Good night, David; Good night, Chet" exchange with his colleague, David Brinkley, became a trademark of the nightly NBC television news for more than a decade, died Wednesday. He was 62.

Huntley, who retired in 1970 at the pinnacle of his career as one of the nation's best-known television newsmen, died at his home in Big Sky two months after undergoing surgery for abdominal cancer.

Huntley and Brinkley, then a young NBC Washington correspondent, formed what became television's most famous co-anchor news team in 1956. For 14 years their familiar signoff was heard and seen by more than 20 million viewers.

Huntley, a newspaper reporter before he came a broadcast journalist, worked for CBS, ABC and NBC during a 31-year radio and television career.

In 1970, at the age of 58, he gave up his \$300,000-a-year job and returned to the rugged mountains of his native Montana to

organize a planned \$15 million resort development at Big Sky, 40 miles south of Bozeman.

"The noise... the clamoring for attention... the divisions in our society," he said when he retired. "When you deliver it night after night you start feeling almost responsible for it. I'm not running away from things, I'm running away to think."

On the night of July 31, 1970, Huntley bade Brinkley good night for the last time amid tributes from his colleagues and an accolade from his chief competitor, Walter Cronkite, who said on his CBS show that evening, "A giant leaves the stage."

After his retirement from broadcasting, Huntley often was mentioned as a candidate for political office and was the subject of a much-discussed White House letter in 1972 naming him as a potential candidate for the U.S. Senate.

But he always maintained he had no interest in politics.

Huntley was born in Cardwell, Mont., Dec. 10, 1911, the son of a railroad man who took his family to such colorful western

towns as Willow Creek, Logan, Big Timber, Morris, Whitehall and Bozeman.

He attended Montana State College in Bozeman, the Cornish School of Art in Seattle and the University of Washington in Seattle, where he received his B.A. degree in 1934.

He began his career a year before his graduation as a reporter for the *Seattle Star* and shortly afterward turned to reporting the news on the newspaper's radio station.

He also worked for stations in Spokane, Wash., Portland, Ore. and Los Angeles before joining CBS in Los Angeles in 1939. In 1951, he shifted to ABC and five years later joined NBC in New York.

Within a year he was teamed with Brinkley and the rest was broadcast history.

In 1967, Huntley and Brinkley were awarded the National Association of Broadcasters' Distinguished Service Award, the first double recipients of the honor. Huntley also won the Peabody Award four times and the Overseas Press Club award twice.

Huntley is survived by his mother, Mrs. Percy A. Tatham Huntley of Billings, Mont.; his widow Tipton, a former weather broadcaster on WRC-TV in Washington; two daughters by his first wife, Ingrid. The daughters are Mrs. Sharon Huntley Arensmeier of Fort Collins, Colo., and Leanne Huntley Khajazi of San Francisco. He is also survived by three sisters, Mrs. Dean Turner of Billings, Mrs. Howard Shutes of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Mrs. James Cummins of Rapid City, S.D.; and four grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held Sunday at Big Sky and on Tuesday at the NBC Studios in New York.

Jazz festival begins

The fourth annual North Carolina Collegiate Jazz Festival will be held in the Great Hall of the Carolina Union, Saturday, March 23, and Sunday, March 24, from 1 to 4 p.m.

On Saturday, combos from East Carolina University, Pembroke University, N.C. State University and UNC will perform.

On Sunday, Duke University, A&T University, Campbell College, Shaw University, Elon College and UNC will be featured.

The concerts are sponsored by the UNC Department of Music and the Carolina Union Music Committee.

They are open to the public free of charge.

BSM memorial services honor Dr. Brewer

by Gary Dorsey
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They called him a great man, a champion of the black cause.

The Black Student Movement held a memorial service Wednesday afternoon for Dr. James H. Brewer, the black UNC history professor and director of the Afro-American Studies program who died of a heart attack over spring break.

Willie Mebane, BSM chairman, presided over the service and Chaplain Preston Jones of the UNC Black Campus Ministry started the service with a prayer.

"Lord thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations... Grant us the peace and grant us the wisdom..."

Harold Wallace, dean of Student Affairs and associate dean of special programs, called Brewer a "multi-dimensional man."

Wallace said Brewer's books, *The Confederate Negro* and *The Black Experience in Education*, would be a guide for future scholars.

"Those young people will find guidance and direction from Dr. Brewer to carry through with the black purpose," Wallace said.

Wallace said the Afro-American studies program Brewer directed is valid. "He wanted people to know that."

Phillip Geddie of the BSM said the memorial service held a dual purpose.

"We're here to celebrate his life," Geddie said. "And we're here to come to grips with what we've lost. We've got a gigantic bill to fill."

Brewer was one of the nation's leading scholars in black

history, winning the Mayflower Cup awarded by the N.C. Literary Society for his contributions to black history.

At the time of his death Brewer was working on a new book, *The Black Ethos*. Brewer helped write a report about what could be done to improve the conditions of minority and disadvantaged students at UNC.

Geddie said Brewer was working to build up the Afro-American Studies program. He was working to make it into a full-fledged department.

"The program was designed to make us, the black-American people at UNC, more aware of ourselves," Geddie said. "Make us aware of where we are so we can move forward."

"He'd bring them to us," Geddie said. "He worked with jive niggers and racist administrators. He worked and struggled for the black community at UNC. He was a black star in a white sea. He was a warrior. He was a lover. A lover of black people."

"We gotta move like Doc moved. We've gotta push to make sure the courses submitted by Doc Brewer will pass. We've got to insure that we continue Doc Brewer's recruitment."

Willie Mebane said certain white people were accessories to Brewer's death.

"White administrators, white legislators, white faculty members, I see as accessories to the death of Dr. Brewer," he said.

"He'd often tell his Afro-Am class a story," Mebane said, "that when he came up to the man and the man would tell him to move on he'd stand up real straight and tell him, 'I was born to die.'"

"Doc gave his life for his brother. But if we must weep, let it be for those of us who remain."

SYMPOSIUM

TODAY—Gary Snyder will read his poetry and prose beginning at 8 p.m. in Memorial Hall. In addition to a poet and writer, Snyder is a laborer, translator and ecologist. Snyder claims to be an original beatnik and has been hailed as the next major American poet. He is the hero of Jack Kerouac's book *The Dharma Burns*.

Di-Phi Society to sponsor program on future of Student Government

A comprehensive look at the future Student Government from the standpoints of University administrators and current and former SG members will be the topic of a series of lectures next week sponsored by the Dialectic and Philanthropic Societies, Di-Phi.

The program will begin at 8 p.m., Tuesday, in the Di-Phi Society Chambers, on the third floor of New West Hall. The public is invited to attend.

Six speakers will present a 10 to 15 minute address on the topic "The Future of Student Government at UNC." Speakers will

include Vice Chancellor Douglass Hunt; Donald A. Boulton, dean of Student Affairs; Ford Runge, outgoing SG president; Marcus Williams, SG president-elect; Juli Tenney, outgoing Campus Governing Council speaker; and George Blackburn, a law student and Di-Phi member.

After each speech, if time permits, the audience will have the opportunity to ask questions.

The program will be the first of what Di-Phi President Pro-Tem Foster Ockerman hopes will become an annual event.

"We hope to continue with lectures on the different aspects of the University," Ockerman said. "Next year, for instance, we could bring in Greeks, Pan-Hellenic council members and administrators for a program dealing with fraternities and sororities. Another possible topic would be academic reform."

Most students recognize the Dialectic and

Philanthropic Society as the name printed on the date due card pockets in library books. Di-Phi is the oldest organization on campus, having been founded, along with UNC itself, in 1795. It existed as two separate groups, though, prior to the late 1800's.

"We have a range of purposes for our organization," Ockerman said. "Basically, our purpose is to provide, and perform the functions of a literary society, although we've been called everything from an anachronism to a drinking society."

The society meets weekly in its New West chambers and frequently sponsors debates on a variety of topics. Last fall it brought in Dr. Christopher Armitage of the English Department and Dr. Jacques Hardre, chairman of the Romance Languages Department, to resolve whether English or French civilization had contributed more toward the development of modern Europe.



Students and other friends of Dr. James H. Brewer at memorial services Wednesday