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Court reverses election; Pritchard CAA winner

by Art Eisenstadt
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The Student Supreme Court voted Friday to nullify a March 6 run-off election for Carolina Athletic Association president, and declared candidate Tom Pritchard CAA president-elect on the basis of his plurality in the original campus-wide election.

Acting on a complaint filed by Pritchard on March 18, the court decided by a vote of 4-0 that a run-off was not in order for the position, even though none of the four candidates in the February 27 general election received a majority of the votes.

Although Pritchard was the leading vote-getter in the original election, he lost to Rob Friedman in the run-off, 1,455 to 905.

Citing Section 13-C of the campus election laws, Pritchard contended that a plurality

was sufficient to elect a CAA president.

Section 13-C reads in part, "Should no candidate for a seat in Campus Governing Council, student body president, chairman of the Residence Housing Association or editor of *The Daily Tar Heel* receive at least a majority of the votes cast in that race, a run-off election shall be held to determine the winner." The section makes no reference to any other post with regard to a run-off, nor does it specifically state that a plurality is sufficient to win in any other race.

Friedman, who intervened in the suit to join Atty. Gen. Reid James and Elections Board Chairman Bill Daughtridge as co-defendants, claimed that Section 13-C was not exclusive and said, "If this were the case, the section would have read 'these four offices (president, DTH editor, RHA president and CGC representatives) and no

others require run-offs."

The defense claimed that CAA president is the only campus-wide position not mentioned in the clause, and that it should come under the same ruling as the others.

In rendering the court's decision, Chief Justice David Crump said that the court's precedent is not to read any more into documents than what is succinctly written and stated within them.

"Friedman may be more deserving to be certified as winner of the election due to the fact that the run-off was held, but the court contends that the run-off was illegal," Crump said.

The question of a run-off for CAA president had not arisen before since the post had always had a two-candidate field. Thus, there had also been a majority winner in the elections. Daughtridge consulted with

James before announcing that the run-off was to be held, basing his decision on Section 7-A of the election laws.

Section 7-A reads in part, "It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee of the Elections Board . . . to conduct such special elections as may be necessary to fill vacancies in office."

Crump agreed that Section 13-C should be clarified, calling it "a deficiency in the legislation," but suggested that the proper course to follow was to have the law changed through the CGC. "It would be wise for the legislature to adjust this rule," he said.

Crump added, "Student Government at this school is legislatively oriented," and it was not the court's responsibility to decide on the validity of the election laws.

Friedman responded, "We don't need a Supreme Court if we can sit there and read the paper."

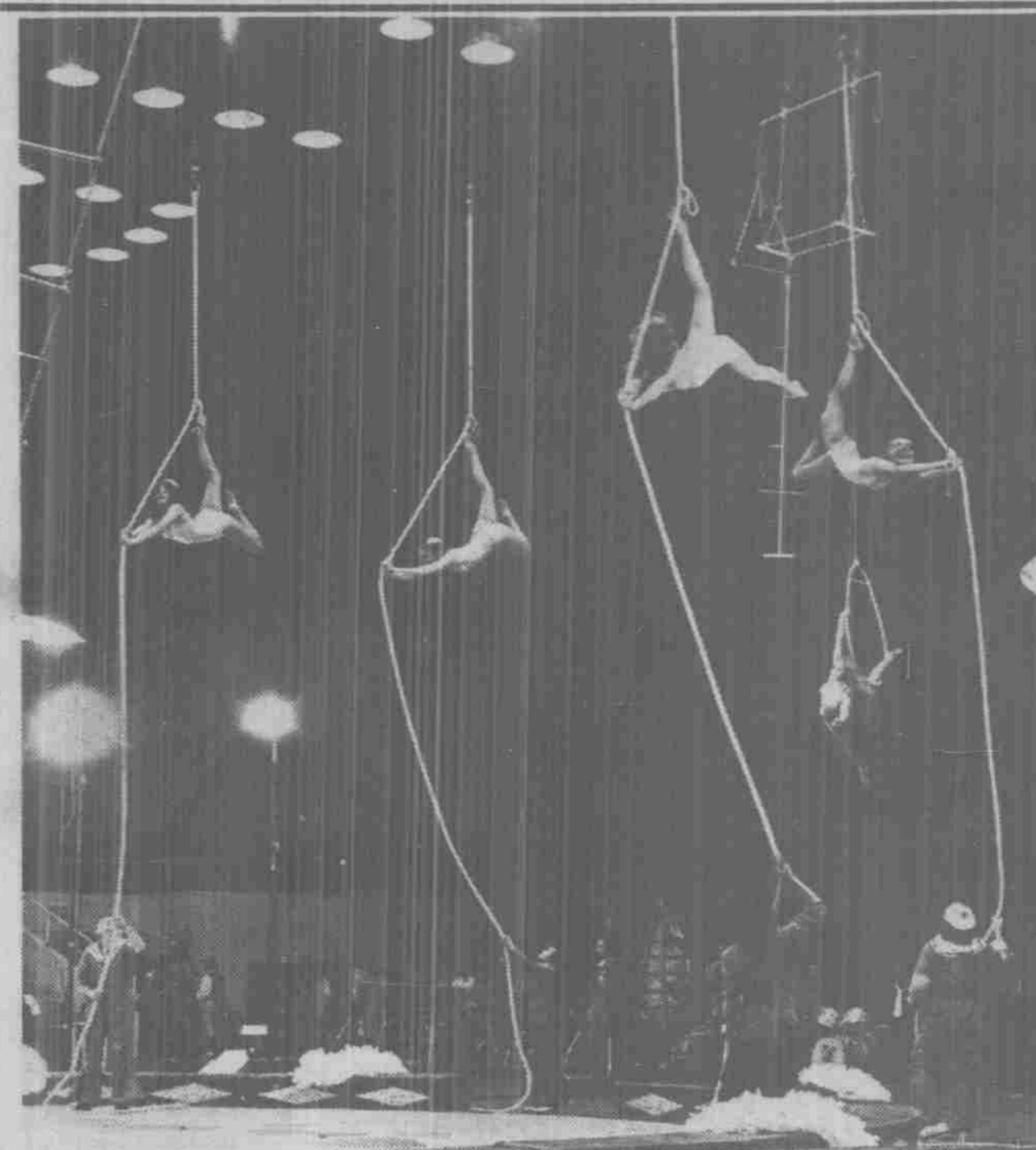
Contacted after the decision, Friedman said that he was disgusted with the election and court processes, and said, "The Supreme Court is a functionless body."

Justice Darrell Hancock said, "I don't see what else we could have done. The second election was clearly illegal." He added that *Robert's Rules of Order*, a guide to parliamentary procedure, states that a plurality is sufficient to decide an election except where a majority is distinctly specified.

Pritchard said, "Legally, this was the only decision the court could make." He agreed that section 13-C is weak, and said it was one of the reasons he filed a complaint.

He said after the hearing, "Either change the legislation or give broader powers to the election board."

"I won the general election," Pritchard said. "You know as well as I do that elections at Carolina don't mean that much anyway, as far as the percentage of students who vote is concerned." Less than 3,000 votes were cast in either the general or the run-off elections.



Staff photo by Tom Randolph

Hanneford Circus acrobats perform Friday

Mebane criticizes panel

BSM head blasts Hunt

by Jane Plotkin
Staff Writer

Willie Mebane, president of the UNC Black Student Movement, Thursday accused Douglass Hunt, Affirmative Action officer, and others associated with the Affirmative Action Plan of being unresponsive to the needs of black students.

His remarks came during the question and answer session following a panel discussion of the plan sponsored by University Women for Affirmative Action and the American Association of University Professors.

The Affirmative Action Plan is a University response to an HEW requirement

for equal employment opportunities for minorities.

Immediately after the panel's program, Mebane stood, and pointing at the group, addressed the audience. "Look at the members of the panel. They are all white and almost all men," Mebane said. "The black people of UNC are tired of white people trying to do for us."

The panel included James Gaskin, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences; Donald Matthews, equal employment officer in the History Department; Catherine Bailey, member of the Faculty Council's Committee on the Role and Status of Women and John Dixon, chairman of the Faculty Council's Committee on the Recruitment of Black Faculty.

"The Affirmative Action officers are all white, and mostly white men," Mebane said. "White people can't deal with the real meaning of Affirmative Action."

Matthews tried to agree with Mebane's basic premise that the University has only acted under government pressure.

"And they only did that because they were afraid black students were going to burn down the entire University," Mebane said.

As Dixon, Matthews and Mebane argued the point, a chorus of shouts erupted from members of the audience calling for them all to be quiet, until Paula Goldsmit, panel moderator, was able to convince Mebane to give up the floor.

Behind the scenes at Hanneford show

by Gary Dorsey
Staff Writer

"The circus is coming to town," the headlines declare and the word spreads.

And the press releases run on and on: "The Hannefords have been performing for audiences for more than 350 years, their lineage rooting to 1621 with a rural England road show known as Wombwell's Menagerie. They have appeared with every major international circus, at the World's Fair and in Royal Command Performances."

But the secrets uncovered by a "stage-door Johnny" release an air of long-passed elephant gases into the arena with the Hanneford's traveling spectacular. These secrets probably went unseen by the Chapel Hill audience Friday night and were hidden from the eyes and ears of many a young viewing child.—And for good reason.

The Carmichael floor was strewn with ropes and wires, lights and bars, cages and painted plywood stands, forming arenas for the three-ring circus. To the crew and performers they are the knots that hold the circus together.

The performers worked on their ropes, checking their tautness, tightly sewing rungs on their rope ladders with white cord.

"I can't manage them when there're so many people around." The lions were grumbling and pacing their cages nervously. The old cross-eyed woman pressed her face

against the bars. "Oh, my babies, they do love my babies, don't they, yes, yes, they love my babies." This is Peggy Smith, a 60-year-old lion trainer from California.

"I just joined with the Hannefords this season, me and my husband Hugo. Hugo is a juggler, clown, magician and helps with the lions like me." Smith's accent was sunny Californian.

"The Hanneford circus is about 75 years old," she said, contradicting the press releases.

"We're all on one-day stands and overnight jumps. We got five semi's and each act has its own camper and trailer.

"We've got it set up so that, as soon as one act is over, the crew hauls it out to the trucks so we can get away within 45 minutes after the show is over.

"I'm not sure where we're going tomorrow. I can't tell you on the spur of the moment where we're going tomorrow or where we were yesterday." She turned back to her lions which were rattling the cages. The show would soon be starting.

It was these things that the audience didn't see Friday night when the goddess hung from the trapeze and the animals danced and the band played.

They didn't hear the lovely Tajana curse at her juggle cats during her act.

"Get on that platform, you goddamn cat. Sit, will you get up there?"

Nor did they see the clown, dressed as Charlie Chaplin, when he lifted his leg and made a farting noise at me as he went out to enter the center ring.

It didn't matter. The crowd loved it all and the children were feeling the tug of full stomachs and heavy eyelids when the show finished.

The Hannefords had pulled it off and within 45 minutes of the closing act the circus was packed up and rolling northward to the next town.

Medical future in N.C. discussed

by Art Eisenstadt
and Jim Buie
Staff Writers

The future of medicine in North Carolina was discussed in a symposium held Saturday by Whitehead Medical Society.

N.C. Republican Congressman James Broyhill said that long range governmental planning and development should overshadow national health care legislation in Congress this year.

The Tenth District congressman declared that "the issue this year should not be national health care, more doctors, etc.—if we really want to improve delivery and to maintain the advantages of the present system, we must first have a policy for future health care development."

Broyhill said he is sponsoring the "National Health Policy and Health Development Act" to establish a National Council of Health Policy. The Congressman emphasized that Congress and the executive shared equally in the control of the council.

The bill would also establish state regulatory commissions to prevent inflation

"from eating up the funds," encourage regional planning and management of federal grant and aid programs, revise the Hill-Burton Hospital Act and Basic Medical Act.

Citing a need not only for more physicians, but also for good,

Registration here today for May primary races

Election registrars will be at Woollen Gym today and Wednesday for the only two days of voter registration on campus before the May 7 primary.

Voter signups at Woollen Gym are from 1 to 9 p.m. today. The registrars will also accept address changes from persons who are already registered in Orange County but have moved out of their precinct to another address in the county.

Registrars will also handle party transfers from voters who wish to change or declare

comprehensive medical care in North Carolina's rural areas, Dr. Glenn Wilson, Associate Dean of Community Health Services at UNC, said that the Area Health Education Centers (AHEC) program is the most efficient way of reaching these goals.

"Our rural areas do not look any worse

political parties for the May 7 primary. Only Democrats can vote in the Democratic primary, and only Republicans in the Republican primary.

Persons registering should bring identification with them. Voters who are already registered in Orange County and who have not moved do not have to register.

New voters who are already registered in another county will be given cards to cancel their prior registration. Registration deadline is April 8.

than those in other states, we just have more of them," said Wilson. While the ratio of doctors to population is 1:200 in the Piedmont areas of the state, the ratio in the rural areas is 1:1100.

"We cannot simply produce more physicians and expect them to work in smaller areas," said Wilson, attacking a common argument of supporters of a new medical school at East Carolina University. Money, poorer school systems, and fewer cultural opportunities are partly responsible for this effect, Wilson noted, but he said that professional isolation is a major factor.

In the AHEC program, where third and fourth-year medical students complete part of their training in hospitals in larger and smaller cities around the state, new techniques, ideas, and personnel have tended to spill over into small hospitals in surrounding counties.

He termed AHEC "an effort to train people in regional areas so that they will stay there," while remaining a voluntary system. He disagreed with a system such as in Mexico, where doctors are required to practice for two years in rural areas before receiving their M.D. degrees.

Faculty delays reform issue

by Bill Welch
Staff Writer

The Faculty Council Friday approved with little debate the annual report and resolutions of the council's standing Committee on the Status of Minority and Disadvantaged, but postponed its scheduled action on the proposed Judicial Reform plan.

The council scheduled a special meeting for Friday to consider the Judicial Reform document.

The six approved resolutions are the reports of the special task forces of the committee. The task forces made specific recommendations in the report, but the resolutions ask only that the Faculty Council give consideration to the proposals.

In its report, the committee said the University is moving forward in dealing with the problems of minority students, but said "the committee also firmly believes that the changes made to date are negligible when compared with the amount of progress that is still needed.

"Little or no thought to date has been given to the needs of black students once admitted," the report said.

The resolutions approved by the council deal with a women's studies curriculum, handicapped students, minority graduate recruitment, financial aid for minority students, race relations and academic counseling needs of minority students.

Each resolution was considered and voted on individually.

The resolution on minority graduate student recruitment urged the council give special consideration to seven specific recommendations made in the report by the minority recruitment task force. The task force also said the Graduate School should be restructured to attract and train more minority students.

The report urged the Graduate School to establish positions for full-time admission officers to recruit minority students, and recommended one officer be established for each of the four existing divisions—humanities, philosophy, political and social sciences; mathematics and sciences, and the

professional schools.

An amendment was added to the resolution ordering the Graduate School to report back to the Faculty Council next fall on its compliance.

Blyden Jackson, associate dean of the Graduate School, said he thought the school is currently doing much to attract minority students.

"The Graduate School is deeply concerned with attracting minorities. We are doing it, but we don't publicize it," said Jackson, who is himself black.

"We don't feel any guilt," he added. Another of the adopted resolutions urged the Faculty Council to appoint a committee to investigate the establishment of a curriculum of women's studies.

Committee member Lawrence Slikin said UNC-Greensboro appointed a similar committee last year, and now has a women's curriculum.

The report also urges department chairmen to encourage interested faculty to teach women's courses on an interim basis next year.

The resolution dealing with handicapped students was passed without discussion. It urges special consideration be given by the council to several recommendations, including the hiring of a full-time employee in the Office of Student Affairs to be responsible for the needs of handicapped students.

In a resolution on financial aide, the committee urged a black be named associate director of financial aid. It also recommended efforts be made to develop additional funds for aid to minority graduate and professional students.

A fifth resolution recommends the dean of student affairs establish a permanent committee on race relations.

A final resolution urges the University vigorously pursue the development of academic and counseling programs that adequately meet the needs of UNC's black students.

Presenting the committee's report was its chairman, Prof. David Kleinbaum. The committee vice chairman, Prof. James Brewer, died during spring break.



TODAY—Huston Smith, author of *Great Religions of the World and The Religions of Man* will discuss Buddhism, Hinduism and Confucianism and their effect on the modern world in his lecture, *East Asian Religion in World Perspective*; 3 p.m. in Murphey Hall.
Charles Stevens, Columbia Law School professor, will speak on *Japanese Law and Modern Society*; 4 p.m. in the Law School.
Carolyn Kizer, UNC poet-in-residence, and Po Fei Huang, director of East Asian Language and Literature at Yale University, will read and chant Chinese poems and translations; 7 p.m. in 101 Greenlaw.
Frances Fitzgerald, author of *Fire in the Lake*, will speak on *The People of Southeast Asia: The Forgotten Element*; 8 p.m. in Memorial Hall.