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# PIRG referendum Nov. 6

#### by Art Eleenstadt and John Woestendlek **Staff Writers**

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PIRG is going to get another chance. For the third time in three years, the Campus Governing Council (CGC) has authorized a campus-wide referendum to determine whether to establish a Public Interest Research Group (PIRG) chapter on campus.

The referendum will be held Nov. 6. Members of the Durham chapter of the N.C. PIRC met last night with the Student Consumer Action Union (SCAU) to discuss the future of a possible PIRG-SCAU organization at UNC.

A PIRG-SCAU merger would allow SCAU to continue its work in consumer protection with the benefit of additional funding and state backing, PIRG laywer Peter Brown said.

## Helms gets low rating

#### by John Woestendick Staff Writer

A recent study of the U.S. Senate has shown that Sen. Jesse Helms (R-N.C.) is one of four U.S. Senators whose voting records have been most detrimental to the environment.

The study, conducted by the League of Conservation Voters in cooperation with the Environmental Policy Center in Washington, rated Helms as three on a scale of 100.

Using a cross-section of environmental bills voted on in the 1973-74 Senate session, the league rated Senators according to the percentage of votes cast that were considered beneficial to the environment. Sen. Sam

Ervin (D-N.C.) received a 23 rating. A similar survey in Congress gave Rep. Richardson Preyer, D-District I, a 54 rating, the highest of all North Carolina congressmen. Other state congressmen and their respective ratings were:

Rep. James G. Martin, R-District 9, 32; Rep. Ike F. Andrews, D-District 4, 26; Rep. Roy A. Taylor, D-District 11, 22; Rep. James T. Broyhill, R-District 10, 21; Rep. Wilmer D. Mizell, R-District 5, 19; Rep. Charles Rose, D-District 7, 16; Rep. Walter B. Jones, D-District 1, 16; Rep. David N. Henderson, D-District 3, 15; Rep. L.H. Fountain, D-District 2, 11; and Rep. Earl B. Ruth, D-District 8, 0.

Nationwide results of the survey will be posted in the ECOS office in the Union.



If the PIRG bill passes in November, the organization could receive as much as \$30,000 from student fees. This money will go to the state PIRG board. The local chapter will then have to petition the state board since it needs money for individual projects.

While the last two attempts at establishing a UNC chapter of PIRG have failed, Brown feels it will go through this time. "I think we're on the brink of something very good." Brown said.

PIRG would require \$3 a year per student. the money coming from student activities fees. Added to the current fees level of \$18 yearly, the PIRG increment would raise that total to \$21.

However, a 1957 Student Government statute prohibits student fees from being raised above \$20 per year without a campuswide referendum. Last spring, CGC authorized such a referendum.

But it was never held due to a Student Supreme Court injunction, resulting from a request from CGC Finance Committee Chairman Carl Fox.

The 1957 law would have required that at least half of the students on campus vote in the referendum.

However, elections at UNC rarely draw more than 20 per cent of the electorate. A campus-wide election held earlier this month drew fewer than 1,200 voters out of 19,500. If half the students on campus had voted. about 10,000 votes would have been cast. "They don't even have enough ballots for this kind of vote to be taken." Fox said last

Late in the semester, the CGC Rules Committee amended the 1957 bill which dropped any requirement on the number of students voting but required that the proposal be approved by a two-to-one

Although the amendment was approved by CGC, there was not enough time remaining in the semester for the referendum

A 1971 referendum on PIRG won the students' approval but was vetoed by the

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UNC Board of Trustees when they discovered the 1957 statute. The board was also reluctant to raise fees above \$20, Clark said.

The bill introduced Tuesday night by CGC representative Dan Besse would allow each student to decide whether he wants to allocate money to PIRG, assuming the organization is approved in the referendum.

Each student would pay an additional \$1.50 in activities fees regardless of whether he wanted the money to go to PIRG. If a student indicates he did not want to support the organization, the money would be applied to the CGC general revenues.

If the referendum is approved, the Student Government constitution would be amended so as to free the funds increase from a provision requiring that a minimum of onethird of activities fees be appropriated to the Carolina Union.

Otherwise, fees would have had to be raised an additional \$1.50 per year on top of the PIRG increase.

The trustees would have to approve the organization if the referendum is approved.

The fee increase would not take effect until the fall 1975 semester. For six months after that, the organization will be known as North Carolina PIRG-SCAU.

If, at any time in the future, more than 50 per cent of the student body decided not to allocate their fees to PIRG, another referendum would have to be held on its existence.

If more than 65 per cent of the students refused to support the organization, it would automatically dissolve.

Utilities

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If approved, it will then go to a five-man negotiations board appointed from the study commission at their Sept. 27 meeting. The board will discuss sale terms with the two successful bidders. The results of the negotiations will be submitted to the trustees for approval, then to the Council of State and Gov. James Holshouser.

Employees of the utilities are dismayed over the recommendation. An employee poll conducted earlier this year showed CUC to be the favorite of most of the workers. They believe CUC was never given a fair chance, and possibly stand to lose employee benefits under Duke Power and Southern Bell. Many are seeking new jobs with the University or the state rather than transfer to the two new companies. The Orange County Citizens for Alternative Power (OCCAP), a group concerned with consumer and employee rights, has charged the University with interfering with the study commission. OCCAP also charged two commission members and one trustee with conflict of interest stemming from past connections with Duke Power. The members have angrily denied all such charges.

### Campus Calendar School, today, Office of Career Placem

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#### **Today's Activities**

The Caroline Gay Association will eponeor a celles house, 7:30 p.m. today, 305 E. Rosemary St. Everyone is invited. CGA, P.O. Box 38.

### Soccer parade for the VPI game will leave \$L Anthony Hall behind the Caroline Inn at 3:15 p.m. today. Bring your own beverages. Watch out testolateral

Young Democrais who have names of new club members not yet reported please call Susan Ueher, \$29-7571, today. Anyone interested in attending Vance-Aycock dinner contact Peter Gilmore, \$33-8615.

Attention! All those going to Atlanta for the Georgia Tech-UNC foolball game are requested to meet 12 mid tonight, illed Hetter's in the Allanta Underground.

The YW-YMCA sponsors a potluck dinner discussion group every second Friday. The first dinner this year will be 6 p.m. today. The discussion will focus on parapaychology. All faculty and students are invited. Sign up sheet and information in the Y.

Noted Mormon historian and philosopher Truman G. Madeen will speak on "The Essence of Mormoniam" 7 p.m. today, 130 Sociology-Psychology Building, Duke.

Discuss the Master in Business Administration Program ons representative from the Hervard Bu

Socialist Cubs Today, slides and reliections of a recent visit, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, 202 Union

Blake, Jenne appointed

#### by Helen Ross Staff Writer

Two assistant town manager appointees were approved in an executive session of the Chapel Hill Board of Aldermen Monday night

William D. Blake, Chapel Hill police chief for 16 years and a 33-year veteran of the force, will become assistant town manager for public safety. The new assistant town manager for development and community services will be Kurt Jenne, formerly the town director of urban development.

Commission member Ned Huffman said.

"What I want is for everyone to get off my

back and the backs of all these other fine

"I've worked for two years without pay on

this commission. I'm just weary of these

people who don't know what they're talking

about questioning the integrity of the other

24 fine men who work on this commission."

anti-trust litigation against Southern Bell if

Bell was a successful bidder. OCCAP and

the employees are considering taking the

The other bidders said they would start

men.

The men will assume their new jobs as

soon as successor for their old positions have been chosen, which will be about Dec. 1, town manager Chester Kendzior said.

Pall graduates in the College of Arts and Sciences should be an application for their degrees by loday, 205 South

The UNC Latier-Day Saint Student Association is ponsoring "Do you have to be religious to be good? A formon viewpoint" 9 a.m. Seturday, Faculty Lounge, Day

The Wesley Foundation will have their monthly communion service 11 a.m. Sunday. The Rev. Lucy A. Austin will deliver the sermon. Colles and donuts are evaluable before the service. All are welcome.

Septist Student Union's Sunday night forum will be a time of food and recreation. Supper is at 6 p.m. for \$1.25 followed by a time of fellowship at 7 p.m.

The Research Triangle area Slerra Club will hold a pot luck

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dinner meeting 6 p.m. Sunday, Durham YMCA's Camp

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The new jobs are part of the reorganization of the administrative agencies of town government which has been under consideration by the Aldermen for over a year.

With the addition of new town government departments, the rapid growth of the community, an increasingly complex administration, and more Board of Aldermen requests, the job of town manager has become too large for just one man, Mayor Howard Lee said.

Blake will act as a link between the town, courts and law enforcement agencies, will review grant applications which fall within his jurisdiction and will be the town's representative in law-related matters. He will also head planning efforts for the police department and emergency services.

Jenne's old position of urban development director will be discontinued, and the planning and inspection departments which have been under his guidance since December 1974 will be divided.

In his new position Jenne will oversee the planning, building inspection, human services, recreation, library and transportation departments.

This reorganization will leave the finance director, fire chief, director of public works and assistant to the manager for employee services reporting directly to Kendzior. Lee said Jenne was chosen by virtue of the many administrative duties he has performed organizing the department of urban development.

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issue to the state legislature next session. OCCAP on Tuesday asked the attorney general's office to conduct a full investigation of the matter through its consumer protection division. The request was filed and word is forthcoming.

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