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Richard Ben-Veniste leaves U.S. District Court after his opening argument.

## Nixon involvement cited as cover-up trial opens

by Wesley G. Pippert  
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WASHINGTON — The prosecution opened its Watergate cover-up case Monday by charging that the President himself was involved in the conspiracy and that Richard M. Nixon's best friend provided \$50,000 to be paid to the original Watergate burglars.

Assistant Watergate Prosecutor Richard Ben-Veniste, in an opening statement to the jury, said he would prove the cover-up was a conspiracy among "the most powerful men in the government of the United States . . . even the President himself."

Five of Nixon's former aides are on trial in connection with an alleged effort to cover up the link between the 1972 Watergate burglary and Nixon's re-election campaign.

Ben-Veniste told the jury that Nixon's friend Charles G. "Bebe" Rebozo provided \$50,000 in available campaign funds a month before the 1972 election—half of which went to the burglars arrested for breaking into Democratic National Headquarters at the Watergate complex, and half to a gubernatorial candidate.

The opening prosecution statement consumed the 10th day of the trial. Defense lawyers will make opening statements Tuesday, and the prosecution then will call its first witness, former White House Counsel John W. Dean III, Nixon's chief accuser.

In the first of his statement, Ben-Veniste said the defendants and unindicted co-conspirators sought to make the break-in at the Democratic national offices June 17, 1972, look like the work of a "bunch of nuts."

Nonetheless, he said, they destroyed files of Operation Gemstone, under which the bugging allegedly was carried out, and paid out more than \$400,000 in hush money.

"This is the question, ladies and gentlemen, we ask you to keep in mind, why were these payments made?" Ben-Veniste told the jury of eight blacks and four whites—nine of them women.

On trial for conspiracy are H.R. Haldeman and John D. Ehrlichman,

formerly Nixon's Nos. 1 and 2 aides; former Attorney General John N. Mitchell and his former assistant Robert C. Mardian, who left the Justice Department to go to the Committee to Re-Elect the President; and Kenneth W. Parkinson, who was a re-election committee lawyer.

Mitchell, Haldeman and Ehrlichman also are charged with lying.

In his opening argument, Ben-Veniste told the jury:

"We will prove to you in the course of this trial that attempts of legitimate law enforcement agencies of the United States to ascertain the facts . . . were met by an effort

to cover up the facts and obstruct the investigations by the most powerful men in the government of the United States in a conspiracy that involved the participation of even the President himself."

Nixon, named by the Watergate grand jury as a co-conspirator in the Watergate cover-up and subpoenaed by both sides to be a witness in the trial, was not present due to his doctors' plea he is too ill from phlebitis to make the trip from California.

But the former president's name came up repeatedly as Ben-Veniste gave a chronological account of the alleged planning, break-in and cover-up.

Ben-Veniste said the break-in was discovered when a security guard found a piece of tape over the lock of a door at the Watergate complex.

"Another variety of tape will figure more importantly," Ben-Veniste said in a reference to the 60 hours of White House taped conversations the prosecution has subpoenaed.

He told the jurors some of the language was "coarse and vulgar" but asked them not to be distracted by it or to hold it against the speakers, because he said such language is used "by men even in high office in their private conversations."

## Condominiums debated

by Helen Ross  
Staff Writer

Arguments for and against the condominium development proposed for the area south of Morgan Creek were heard by the Chapel Hill Board of Aldermen last night during a special public hearing.

Kurt Jenne, town director of urban development, outlined the planning department's three major areas of consideration in dealing with the effect the condominium proposal will have on natural features and land use, traffic circulation and utilities.

Jenne said the UNC Utilities Division found an "insufficient water supply to support domestic and fire protection needs."

The 2 or 3 bedroom condominiums, to be developed by Comprehensive Ventures, Inc. of Hilton Head, S.C., will sell for between \$70,000 and \$120,000. They will be in a cluster arrangement consisting of 12 to 15 buildings grouped around a swimming pool.

The 150 acres upon which the condominiums will be built is next to the Laurel Hill subdivision. The development will be surrounded to the south and east by private and University lands. Hunt Arboretum and Morgan Creek form its boundaries to the west and north.

William L. Hunt, owner of the property where the condominiums will be built, said that he is "confident that this development represents the highest and best use of this land." He said he searched for a developer who would preserve the beauty of the trees and build fewer dwellings (225) than the 326 existing in the zoning ordinance.

A representative of Creative Ventures, Inc., William Greer, said the firm will strive to construct dwellings that will compliment, not harm the natural beauty of the area.

Greer said his company would spend \$4 million to develop the first 60 units, not including the cost of the land and were thus going out on a "financial limb."

William Horn, a traffic consultant with Kimley-Horn Associates, studied the implications the increased traffic from the condominiums would have on the roads on

the area. He said that as the roads exist now the increased traffic load would be too much for the streets to handle safely but added he thought improvements could be made.

At press time the aldermen had not taken any action on the condominium proposal but they are expected to refer it to the planning board.

## Trustees approve academic revisions

by Don Baer  
Staff Writer

A number of academic changes and curricular additions are included in the University's five-year planning report approved by the UNC Board of Trustees Thursday.

Some of the programs mentioned in the plan are in discussion stages while others have been authorized by the board of governors. The entire proposal will be submitted to University President William Friday today, along with the plans for the 15 other affiliated campuses.

Undergraduate majors in administration of justice and problems of the communication media are under consideration.

The administration of justice program involves a rearrangement of existing resources in the departments of philosophy, political science, psychology and sociology. The major would lead to a bachelor of

science degree.

The communications degree is being considered because of interest in mass communications problems on the part of non-professionally oriented students now majoring in journalism and radio, television and motion pictures. This program would allow these curricula to concentrate more on the professional aspects of the communications field.

The school of social work is considering a bachelor of social work degree in conjunction with the allied health sciences department.

The school is also studying a department of state services to coordinate and expand services rendered by the school throughout the state. The department would bring together the continuing educational opportunities for the school and be a means for distributing new findings to state social work agencies.

Recently shifted from the school of business administration to the college of arts and sciences, the economics department is planning an institute of research for its faculty and advanced students.

The school of business administration is studying a program in international business to widen economic concerns of North Carolina.

The Area Health Education Centers will be used extensively by the schools of public health, nursing and medicine to train their students and professionals throughout the state.

A junior year in Germany program is being planned in conjunction with Davidson College.

The possibility of majors in actuarial sciences, Judaic studies, Portuguese, humanities and applied mathematics is being studied.

## CGA rules tabled

### Committee votes 1-1

by Art Eisenstadt  
Staff Writer

The Campus Governing Council (CGC) Rules committee voted to table the proposed bylaws of the Carolina Gay Alliance (CGA) Monday.

Committee member Dixon Brown cast the dissenting vote in a 1-1 tally. He cited technical objections to the constitution as the reason for his vote.

Committee chairman Ben Steelman voted to approve the bylaws.

A third member of the committee was absent Monday and two remaining seats of the five-man body are vacant.

"It sounds to me like they threw that constitution together haphazardly," Brown said after the meeting. He added he felt any technical objections to the bylaws should be cleared up before the CGA goes before the CGC Finance Committee to have its budget approved.

Campus organizations must have their bylaws approved by CGC before they can receive student government funds.

CGA treasurer Mark Horn said the bylaws were written by three members of the now-defunct Gay Awareness Rap Group for the purpose of forming a recognized gay people's organization on campus.

The bylaws state "Membership and full participation in the group is open to all interested persons regardless of age, sex, race, national origin, creed or sexual preference."

They establish a management board, which would act as an executive committee for the organization. The bylaws also provide for three standing committees and "any other group or committee as shall be deemed necessary by the management board and the general membership."

Membership on the management board and all other committees is open to all interested persons in the organization, and there is no restriction on their numerical

membership.

Brown said he felt the committee structure is too loose, and argued that the group's membership should be restricted to the University's faculty and students.

"People who are not paying student fees could benefit from this organization," Brown said. He recommended CGA amend the membership clause to make it more restrictive.

Horn said, "I oppose such a thing. If that is the only way we can get student funding, I'll go along with it."

"As far as I'm concerned," he added, "we are performing a public service."

Steelman noted that some student organizational bylaws only restrict membership to the University community without defining the clause further.

Donald A. Boulton, dean of student affairs, said, "As far as we're concerned, we state they must be open to people of all races and that they must have an openness clause (in the bylaws)."

He added all organizational officers must be registered students, and said the CGA bylaws "met the requirements we had set down."

Boulton's office must approve the bylaws of all student organizations. Boulton said the CGA charter was approved last month.

The CGA bylaws require the chairman, secretary and treasurer must be registered students at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Horn said he will bring the complaints before the general membership of the CGA at its next weekly meeting in time for next Tuesday's full CGC meeting. The CGA bylaws require that amendments be approved at two successive CGA meetings, and Horn said he will convene a special meeting to meet this requirement.

Steelman announced the rules committee would meet next Monday to discuss the bylaws as amended.

## Wanted

The 'DTH' features staff is looking for two experienced, hard-working critics. Anyone interested in doing music or television reviews should contact Harriet Sugar or Sid Smith between 2 and 4 p.m. today through Friday.

## Financial aid—uphill battle

by Alan Murray  
Staff Writer

This is the second in a series of articles examining the effect of the financial crunch on students and University life.

Frank Greene, a UNC sophomore, works 25 hours a week at P.J.'s restaurant. Most of his free time is spent studying.

"My parents don't really have enough money to send me here, yet I don't qualify for financial help," Greene said. "I think I'm too middle-class."

William Geer, director of financial aid at the University, firmly believes that the student aid office has and will continue to meet the financial needs of all Chapel Hill students. As inflation bears down on middle-income families, however, many students and their parents are finding that their definition of need differs from that of the student aid office.

Today the demand for financial aid seems

greater than ever before. Funds available to the financial aid office are beginning to lag behind this demand.

"Funds for students have increased," Geer said, "but the inflation is beginning to outrun the cost."

State and University resources for financial aid have not significantly increased for several years, and Geer sees no indication that they will. Student Store earnings, which account for most of the aid office's non-federal funds, dropped more than 10 per cent during the 1973-74 school year. State appropriations, intake from state escheats

and annual alumni givings have remained fairly constant.

If the demand is to be met, federal money, which already supplies two-thirds of the office's total resources, must increase.

Despite the Nixon administration's recommendations for cutbacks in educational spending, Congress has continued to appropriate and gradually increase student aid funds, often over the veto of the former president. Federal aid for UNC-Chapel Hill during fiscal year 1972

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## UNC students not alone in dorm rent increase

by Vernon Loeb  
Staff Writer

UNC students will not be the only ones affected by increasing dormitory rents next year, according to a survey of 13 state schools. Ten of the 13 schools polled said housing cost increases for the 1975-76 academic year were possible, if not probable.

Officials at North Carolina State University and UNC-Wilmington said increasing dorm costs were imminent, as did UNC housing representatives. Only representatives from Fayetteville State, North Carolina A&T State and UNC-Charlotte said there would be no increases next year.

As well as increasing dorm rates next year, nine of the 13 universities also raised

dormitory rates this year, as did UNC. This year's statewide increase was roughly \$15 per semester for a double room.

Housing officials contacted at other schools could not say how much next year's rates would increase because they say inflationary studies have not yet been started. UNC's study concerning dorm rate increases will not be concluded until January. However, one source in the housing office said next year's increases could be as high as 12 per cent.

"At the present time we are not planning to raise dorm rates," Leon Fartin, director of accounting at UNC-Greensboro said, "but the study hasn't begun yet which might tell us we have to raise rates."

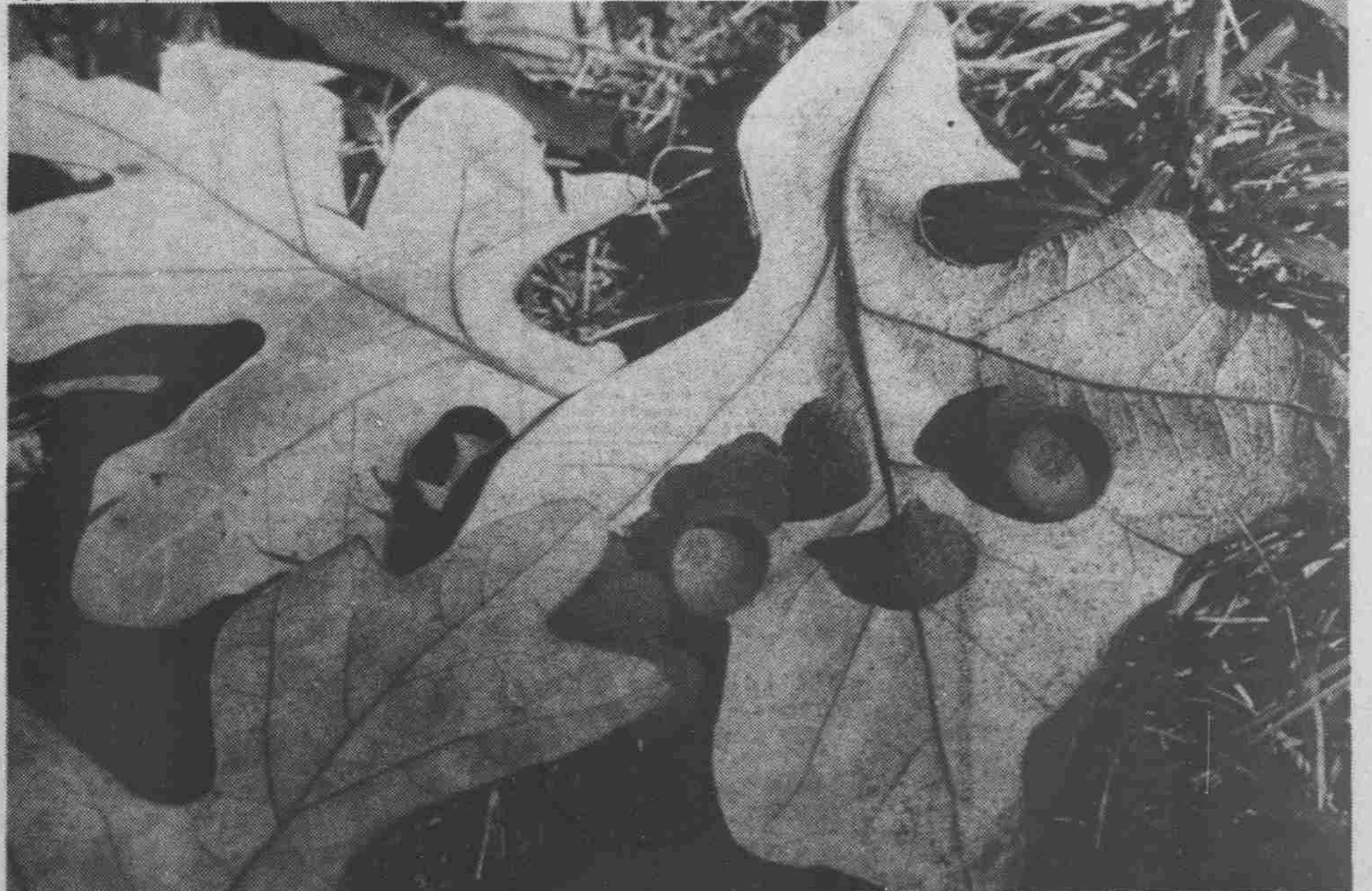
Although the surveyed schools are part of

the consolidated university system, their housing cost studies are not interrelated.

UNC's South Campus coed rate of \$206 per semester is roughly the average rate charged by other state universities. The men's rate of \$196 and the women's rate of \$247 are respectively on the low and high sides of the statewide median for comparable rooms with the same janitorial service.

The state's lowest rates of \$160 were reported by North Carolina A&T State, North Carolina State and Pembroke State, while Western Carolina, North Carolina Central and Fayetteville State reported rents above \$240 per semester.

Of the 13 schools polled, only UNC had differing rates for men, women and co-ed residence halls.



Staff photo by Bill Wrenn

The inevitable arrival of autumn in Chapel Hill last week was marked by falling leaves and acorns