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Dean's recollections don't jive with tapes

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WASHINGTON—John W. Dean III Wednesday questioned the accuracy of several tapes of crucial meetings he held with President Richard M. Nixon in the spring of 1973. Judge John J. Sirica decided to let the Watergate cover-up jury decide who is right—Dean or the White House.

Sirica also suggested that Nixon might be called as a witness of the court if neither the defense nor the prosecution could vouch for

the accuracy of the former president's testimony. Both sides have subpoenaed him.

Dean said under cross-examination in the trial of five former Nixon associates that the tapes of at least three of his meetings with Nixon—Feb. 27, 28 and March 13—did not square with his recollections.

The former White House counsel did not say the tapes were changed. But he indicated his recollections—as he expressed them in the summer of 1973 to the Senate Watergate committee—were correct and thus could not vouch for the accuracy of those particular

tapes.

Instead of saying that some parts were missing from the tapes, he merely said that some matters were not covered in the tapes in the precise language he remembered.

Dean remembered the following items as being present in the tapes:

- He was told to report directly to Nixon on all Watergate matters.

- Nixon told him Watergate was consuming too much of the time of White House aides H.R. Haldeman and John D. Ehrlichman, whom the president described as principals in the matter.

- Nixon said that Watergate committee member Sen. Edward J. Gurney, R-Fla., would be friendly to the White House.

"On that particular tape I could not say that that is the way I recall the totality of the conversation," Dean said.

The prosecution said it had decided not to submit those tapes into evidence because they differed with Dean's recollections.

But Sirica, presiding over the Watergate cover-up trial where Dean was in his sixth day on the stand, immediately directed that the questioned tapes be played so the jury could decide if Dean has been telling the truth about his Nixon meetings.

"Now listen," Sirica said, slapping the bench with his hand as defense lawyer John J. Wilson objected. "Just a minute. You just stop talking until I get through."

"You are not going to argue to this jury that this man Dean went up to the Senate committee... and gave false information when you will not let the tape be played. I think those tapes ought to be played in order to get all the facts before the jury and let them decide."

The argument erupted with the jury out of the courtroom as Wilson, attorney for cover-up defendant H.R. Haldeman, sought to establish that Dean's testimony last year before the Senate Watergate committee—in which he linked Nixon to the cover-up plot—differed sharply from the White House tapes.

Meanwhile, Sirica indicated that Nixon might be called as a "court witness"—a procedure whereby someone testifies neither for the prosecution nor for the defense and under which both sides may cross-examine.

Earlier, Wilson led Dean through his use—without getting permission from anyone—of \$4,850 in cash from a White House fund to pay for his honeymoon and other personal expenses.

NCSU fraternities don't fear Title IX

by Greg Nye
Staff Writer

North Carolina State University has defended its traditional fraternity system as being separate but equal in its reply to the Department of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW) concerning Title IX.

This is in contrast to UNC's recent opinion in which it told HEW that its Greeks were in violation of Title IX.

State considers fraternities to be outside the regulations of Title IX because they provide "separate but comparable facilities," NCSU Vice Chancellor in charge of Student Affairs Banks Tally Jr. said in a letter to HEW.

State "wholeheartedly endorses the intent and thrust of Title IX—to provide equal opportunity, facilities and programs to all students regardless of sex," Tally said. However, he does not believe the intent of Title IX was to disrupt the Greek system.

But UNC, in its response to HEW several weeks ago, said it believes their traditional system of separate fraternities and sororities may violate Title IX.

The hesitancy of UNC to endorse the Greek system, according to highly placed source, is its fear of another law suit like the one in which it is presently involved concerning the Black Student Movement (BSM).

UNC is being sued for supporting BSM, which is charged with membership

discrimination. UNC does not want to be sued for supporting fraternities if they discriminate on the basis of sex so they are refusing support in the Title IX dispute.

Fraternities at State are taking Title IX calmly. "There's not really a tense situation here," Clyde Humphrey, president of State's Pi Kappa Phi fraternity said Tuesday.

"There's no real letter-writing campaign to Congress—we're just sitting back and waiting to see how they enforce it."

Fraternities at UNC, perhaps because of the more conservative interpretation of Title IX by the administration, are taking Title IX as more of a threat. Joe Husted, president of the Inter-Fraternity Council, said Tuesday.

"Almost every sorority and fraternity on campus is writing letters to Congress, and keeping in touch with their national organizations about the situation," Husted said.

Talley was to be commended for his response to HEW, Husted said. "State is taking a rational veto of an irrational document."

Title IX is a section of the 1972 higher education amendments passed by Congress. HEW, which is administering Title IX, has published a report interpreting the law. Universities had until Oct. 15 to make suggestions and comments on the report. HEW will review these suggestions and decide sometime in January how they wish to change their interpretation. This interpretation must be approved by Congress.

PIRG referendum not postponed

by Art Eisenstadt
Staff Writer

A delay of the North Carolina Public Interest Research Group (PIRG) referendum, which would have destroyed any chance of PIRG's coming to UNC by next fall, was defeated by the Campus Governing Council (CGC) Tuesday.

As a result of the vote, students will vote on the referendum as scheduled Nov. 6.

If the referendum passes in November, the UNC Board of Governors will be able to consider approval of the organization by December, according to CGC representative Dan Besse who introduced the original PIRG bill two weeks ago.

It will be the third attempt to start a PIRG chapter at UNC since 1972.

If the election had been delayed until spring, final board approval would probably not have been possible until April, Besse said.

A statewide nonprofit organization, PIRG would absorb and possibly strengthen Student Consumer Action Union (SCAU) programs. Establishment of the group at UNC will require an increase in student fees, and PIRG funds will be sent directly to state headquarters in Durham rather than being channeled through CGC.

Although he has not publicly issued any statement against PIRG, Student Body President Marcus Williams is apparently concerned that as much as \$60,000 of student fees could be controlled by an off-campus organization.

"I do not think that we should somewhat hoodwink the students of this University," Williams said Tuesday.

Williams was the author of the bill to delay the PIRG referendum.

During the committee hearings, Williams said he feared the PIRG referendum could set a precedent by which any outside organization could "collect 1,000 signatures on a petition and demand a referendum raising student fees."

In his bill, Williams also said "there will be insufficient educational campaigns due to the occurrences of the week of November 3-9, 1974."

Williams expressed concern that the national elections and the Student Government-sponsored Individual Rights Colloquium would compete too heavily with the students' attention, saying that "students will be voting in a vacuum."

Following the meeting, Williams said, "If the facts aren't adequately presented, I'll issue a personal statement before the election. Not all of it will be pro-PIRG."

However, Besse said, "The efforts by PIRG have already started on this bill," and cited planned open houses, media coverage, and door-to-door campaigns concerning PIRG.

SCAU chairman Janie Clark believes that, although PIRG funding will not go through CGC, students will directly control those funds' use.

attorney.

Both Clark and Brown agreed that many PIRG projects will deal with state government; thus, all participating schools would be affected.

"The basic reality is that there are a lot of things the public does not like, but doesn't have the time or the money to fight," Clark said.

The PIRG state board will vote on which statewide projects to support. However, any individual school can elect not to participate in a given project.

In addition, 10 per cent of a school's contributions to PIRG will automatically be returned to the school for local projects. An individual chapter could requisition the state board for additional funds if needed.

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"The control is directly in the students' hands," Clark said. "As a student paying fees, I would much rather pay them directly to an organization than have them appropriated."

Duke University, Wake Forest University, St. Andrew's College, and Davidson College already have PIRG chapters. Each member school sends a number of delegates proportional to its enrollment to a state board.

Because of UNC's size, it will be represented by more delegates than other member schools, and will have considerable control over PIRG projects, according to Peter Brown, who will soon become PIRG's

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Thompson unprepared for speech

Leaves audience to entertain themselves

by Harriet Sugar
Features Editor

For the past three years now, Dr. Hunter Thompson has breast-fed *Rolling Stone* aficionados with his prodigious doses of Gonzo delight.

Last night he strutted onto Duke's Page Auditorium to prove to his starving fans that they were little more than mere suckers.

Having subjected the audience to a 45-minute delay during which they entertained themselves by sailing paper airplanes, Thompson walked onstage in his typical euphoric inebriation totally unprepared with any type of speech. And after 40 minutes of his intimidating garble, Thompson was escorted to his exit.

"What the hell are you doing here?" he mumbled to a group of admirers after his spectacle as if to say he was leading everyone on.

"On the other hand, why am I here?"



Staff photo by Pete Ray

Night falls over the crowded midway at the state fairgrounds in Raleigh. For story, please turn to page 4.

Stamps not fully utilized

Some college students eligible

by Sandra Millers
Staff Writer

The food stamp program is available to more Orange County residents, particularly college students, than it now serves.

"You'd be surprised at the people who are eligible but just don't know it," Priscilla Byrd of the Chapel Hill Department of Human Services said Wednesday.

Byrd said she could not estimate the number of students currently buying food stamps, but she said that number is increasing.

"This year I've had more calls from students than before," she said.

Across the nation, only 14 million or 33 per cent of an estimated 43 million people eligible for food stamps are actually getting them. And under

applicants of their chances for eligibility.

Applicants must present complete financial information, including tuition receipts; rent, phone, utilities and child care bills, and medical and insurance



present regulations, college students are included on the list of those eligible for the program.

Students living away from home and enrolled in school or a training program at least half time may apply for food stamps regardless of family income, Byrd said.

In addition, students are not subject to the work registration requirement of the program which requires able-bodied, unemployed family members between the ages of 18 and 65 to register for work and accept suitable job offers. The clause also exempts mothers with small children.

In Orange County, the food stamp program is administered by the social services department in Hillsborough. The application procedure begins with a call to the Hillsborough office to request an appointment.

Appointments can also be made through the Chapel Hill Department of Human Services.

"Our function is to help people feel more comfortable about applying, to give them an idea of what food stamps are and to tell them how to get them," Byrd said.

Byrd counsels applicants prior to the official appointment, working up food stamp budgets and advising the

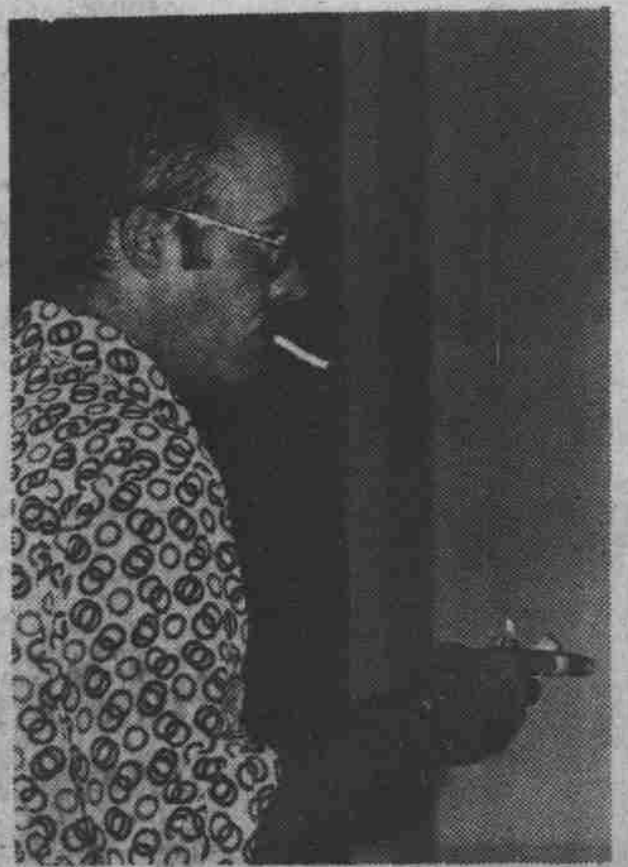
expense records. In addition, they must bring bank statements and check stubs from any job income. All these figures are tabulated to determine the applicant's net income at the end of each month.

Under present regulations, Byrd said, a single person can declare a maximum monthly net income of \$194 and still be eligible for food stamps. Students living with one or more roommates must present joint financial information.

Byrd said she does not foresee future cut-backs on the program, but expects the income limits to rise even higher as the cost-of-living continues to go up. "The amount of food stamps you can get has gone up even in the last six months," she said.

If the regulations do change, the value of food stamps will increase while their price remains the same, which means stamps now sold for \$18 will be worth more at the store than their current value of \$46.

Any individual interested in applying for food stamps should contact Byrd at the human services department, 307 Columbia Street (942-3186), or call the social services department in Hillsborough (942-7200) to schedule an appointment.



Hunter Thompson

Sitting yoga style amid a clan of some 100 persons (mostly students), Thompson intermittently toked on a pipe of hashish (during the talk, Thompson said he had given up drugs). To many, he seemed a sort of leftover '60s counterculture hero who never actually dropped out—a sage who could level with these latent activists on "relevant" subjects and hopefully guide them back into the movement they had been abandoned by.

"Yes, it's like we're all here following Jesus around," remarked one astute participant.

"Yes, that's heavy, I guess," Thompson chuckled.

"Hunter, I'm serious Hunter," a young female voice yearned. "Can you tell us, I mean I'm serious man, can you tell us how we as students in this microcosm of Duke University can do anything about where we're at?"

"He (Griffiths—or to Thompson, the little man in the tweed suit) just shook my hand and smiled a lot—smiled a lot—and looked at me with this lustful look in his eye."

(Emphasis on lustful.)

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