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## SG made progress on students' rights

by Jim Roberts  
Staff Writer

Despite a lawsuit which consumed much of its time, Student Government has accomplished many of its fall semester goals, including the beginning of judicial reform and the formulation of a Student Bill of Rights.

The suit, filed against Student Government officers, University officials, and the Black Student Movement (BSM), charged that the funding of the BSM violated the Fourteenth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

The BSM is funded out of the Student Activity fees paid by all students. The suit alleges that these funds are used for the sole benefit of blacks.

Student Body President Marcus Williams said, "We gave the lawsuit top priority because when you question the funding function of Student Government, you question the only concrete working force we have. The lawsuit consequently drained much of our time, taking it away from other things."

A major theme followed by Student Government

during the fall semester was that of students' rights. The BSM lawsuit, the McIver dorm search and last year's rejection of room-by-room coed living in Winston dorm led many to question exactly what were students' rights.

The Individual Rights Colloquium was held in November and a bill of rights was drawn up in response to the issue of students' rights.

The Student Bill of Rights is an addition to the Instrument of Judicial Governance, implemented Oct. 8, 1974. The bill of rights protects the student's right to classroom and campus expression as well as protecting the confidentiality of student records.

Campus Government Council (CGC), the Faculty Council and the Chancellor must approve the bill of rights as an amendment to the Instrument of Judicial Governance.

Students will have a chance to read the proposed bill of rights before it goes to CGC during an open house to be held by Student Government from 1 to 5 p.m., Jan. 14-16, in Suite C of the Student Union.

The Instrument of Judicial Reform represented a

major revision of the student judicial system. It contained a definitive listing of Honor Code offenses and penalties and also revamped the entire court system.

Students appearing before the courts are the only persons who can accurately assess the merits of judicial reform, Williams said. "Until you're the person going before the Undergraduate Court, you do not know how valuable the instrument is."

### News Analysis

Student apathy has hurt the implementation of judicial reform as it has many other Student Government programs. During the Oct. 2 general election for the 42 Undergraduate Court positions only 18 persons were elected. The remaining 24 were appointed by Williams.

Fewer than 1,200 students, or about seven per cent of the student body, voted in the Oct. 2 election.

The Rides Coordination Office, a recent innovation of Student Government, depends solely on the cooperation of students to submit information concerning transportation. This office has not been able to operate at its capacity because of student apathy.

Success has evaded Student Government in its attempt to influence the progress of Affirmative Action, the plan designed to increase the proportion of blacks and females within the University faculty and staff.

Throughout the fall semester Student Government has attempted without success to get more students on Affirmative Action committees. Four of the 22 members of the Affirmative Action Advisory Committee are students.

Student Government also drew up a petition with 400 names to make the position of Affirmative Action Officer a full time job. The position is currently held by Douglas Hunt who is also vice-chancellor for administration.

Williams said his office will continue to press for the

improvement of the Affirmative Action process. "I haven't given up. In times of economic crisis, the character of the University will show itself. In times of layoffs we'll see who goes first."

Lack of student interest has also shown itself in CGC. By the beginning of October seven CGC members has resigned and many others were not attending CGC meetings or committee meetings. Progress was marred in the first few meetings because committees had not prepared bills for the floor.

Williams said he is disappointed with many of his student appointees. "It seems that many appointees conveniently have conflicts during scheduled meetings."

Apathy among CGC members disappoints but does not discourage Williams. "In retrospect to the old Student Legislature, I have to be satisfied with the functioning of CGC."

"The people who criticized CGC the most were the ones that did the least work. They were the ones who seldom came to meetings and when they came they were ill prepared."

## CP&L granted rate hike

The State Utilities Commission granted Carolina Power and Light (CP&L) a 21 per cent rate hike Monday, but the increase will reward low-use customers.

The order, similar to an earlier one for Duke Power Co., will be worth \$51.6 million to CP&L. The restructured utility rate will place a greater burden on high-use customers, such as industrial users.

The order, which will go into immediate effect, will return rates for customers using less than 750 kilowatt hours per month to pre-October levels, when CP&L first introduced the hike.

Those using more than 750 kilowatt hours monthly will receive bills at the current level, or with increases.

The commission's order stated, "We seek not to guarantee CP&L or its stockholders any rate of return, but rather to offer to CP&L's management a rate structure and level within which, with prudent management, CP&L may earn the reasonable return herein found necessary."

The order also noted that high-use customers are responsible for the pressures on CP&L for increased revenues, and suggested that the government initiate a program similar to food stamps, giving discounts or credit on utility service for low-income, low-use families.

The lengthy order also indicated that the five-member panel had broken with a tradition of granting hikes on an across-the-board basis, and that it may order future restructuring.

Hugh Wells, a dissenting commissioner in Monday's vote, said the increase was \$22 million too high, and declared CP&L the "winner of a fifty-two million dollar prize" and the public the loser by a "technical knockout."

State Attorney General Rufus Edmisten, opposed to the rate hike, called the decision another in a "long line of decisions which upset the people of North Carolina." He added, "We're going to be in there questioning all of these rate increase requests. I haven't seen one yet that couldn't be questioned in some manner."



Young Tadga Honigmann enjoys splashing in a puddle on the planetarium sundial after Monday's rains.

## Income tax cut now likely; auto prices may soon drop

by Richard Hughes  
UPI Business Writer

An income tax cut to put more money into the pockets of consumers and a reduction in car prices gained ground Tuesday in government and private industry proposals to fight recession.

Administration sources said President Ford has decided on a tax cut to spur consumer spending and only the size of the cut still was under debate. Ford plans to present new measures to counter recession later this month.

Meanwhile in Detroit, Chrysler Corp. prepared to announce the first large scale price cut to unload a backlog of thousands of

unsold 1975 cars and trucks. Chrysler has enough cars on storage lots to last 135 days. Chrysler planned to announce the cuts in the form of rebates of \$200 to \$400 on selected models weekly.

The price reduction would be the first substantial one in the auto industry since it went into a sharp decline that resulted in the worst nonstrike year since 1959.

Despite a sales decline of 23 per cent in 1974, the "Big Four" maintained a lack of consumer confidence was to blame and refused substantial cuts in prices of 1975 cars, introduced at prices averaging \$1,000 higher than 13 months earlier.

Ford Motor Co. did, however, trim the

cost of a subcompact Pinto by an average \$150, and General Motors cut \$13 when the interlocking seat belt system was removed.

Chrysler declined to call its sales promotion a price reduction. "It's not a price cut in the ordinary sense," a spokesman said. "Sticker prices will remain the same."

Elsewhere, negotiators for 60,000 petroleum refinery workers said a nationwide walkout scheduled for midnight Tuesday could be averted if only one major oil company made a "meaningful offer."

Industry leaders warned that a nationwide OCAW strike against refineries would cut production by 30 to 40 per cent and lead to spot gasoline shortages.

## Task force sails toward Vietnam

by Kate Webb  
United Press International

SUBIC BAY, Philippines — A U.S. Navy task force led by the nuclear carrier USS Enterprise sailed from the Philippines Tuesday after the Communists inflicted a major defeat on South Vietnamese forces. President Ford met in Washington with his top national security advisers.

Ford's press secretary, Ron Nessen, and the Pentagon flatly denied the naval task force was heading for South Vietnam.

The President is concerned and is watching the situation closely but will abide by laws passed by Congress 18 months ago barring U.S. military activity over Indochina, Nessen said.

Ford put off for several hours a meeting with his chief economic advisers to confer with Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger and deputy national security affairs adviser Brent Scowcroft.

The Pentagon said the Enterprise and five escort vessels, including the nuclear-powered guided missile cruiser Long Beach, were steaming southwest from the Philippines and their movement "is not in any way connected with anything going on in Indochina."

The Navy said the Enterprise had been in Subic Bay since New Year's Eve and was scheduled to sail later this week. But a Pentagon spokesman, William Beecher, said the sailing date was moved forward "at least a couple of weeks ago" and some crewmen who had been on vacation leave in the United States were ordered back to Subic Bay early.

Beecher described the course of the task force — including the Enterprise, the Long Beach, two conventionally powered destroyers, a support ship and an oiler — as "in a generally southwesterly direction."

But he refused to indicate exactly where the six ships were headed.

"As a normal procedure we do not discuss operational movements," Beecher said. "It's a longstanding practice not to say where ships are going until they get there."

He did confirm, however, that the task force sailed from Subic Bay about 7 p.m. EST Monday.

The diplomatic sources in the Far East said the task force was to join nine smaller

warships near the South Vietnamese coast by 8 a.m. Wednesday (7 p.m. EST Tuesday).

A second U.S. Navy task force led by the carrier Coral Sea was also reported operating in the South China Sea, but it was not known how close it was to Vietnam waters.

The Viet Cong's Gial Phong Press Agency said today in a broadcast monitored in Saigon that the Coral Sea force was conducting operations off the South Vietnamese coast but it did not say where and did not say any U.S. planes were flying over Vietnam.

Beecher described the sailing of the task group only as an operational mission, but added, "I wouldn't categorize it as being out of the ordinary."

## University assessed for taxes

The first property tax levied on the University in more than a century may be taken to the courts by the administration, officials indicated earlier this week.

But University tax specialists say the town and county have a good chance of collecting on at least some of the millions of dollars worth of property assessed last week.

The assessment of properties not used specifically for educational purposes marks the first time government agencies have taxed the University property since Reconstruction. The turnaround comes from a state statute revision of the 1973 General Assembly which appears to have nullified the University's constitutional exemption.

According to the revision, properties not "used wholly and exclusively for public purposes" are subject to taxation. Such properties include Horace Williams Airport, the Carolina Inn, the old Chapel Hill Country Club and certain parking lots, office buildings and vacant lots.

Taxable properties within city limits were valued at \$3.9 million and those within the county at \$5.35 million. At current tax rates, the University might have to pay approximately \$45,000 in county taxes and roughly \$36,000 for Chapel Hill's assessment.

In addition to the properties already assessed, a second list was sent to the University, which includes the University-owned water, telephone and electric utilities. The county reportedly has not had a chance to appraise those properties yet.

Claiborne S. Jones, vice-chancellor for business and finance, said he will consult with other University officials before taking any action. But he said decisions on the matter must go through the state attorney general since the title to all University property is in the name of the state.

The town has scheduled a hearing for Feb. 18 and the county has set a hearing for March 3 for the University to answer.

Joseph S. Ferrell, professor at the Institute of Government, said this week that some of the properties assessed are likely to be ruled taxable. He was quoted as saying he does not expect the county to collect on all the properties assessed, though. The county assessed everything for which an argument could be made, he said.

Jones, who said in November he considered the matter a "dead issue" when he had not heard from the county tax supervisor in several months, said last week he thinks the issue will set a precedent for all state universities when it is decided.



Ford Runge

by Ben Kittner  
Staff Writer

James H.S. Cooper, co-editor of the *Daily Tar Heel*, and Carlisle Ford Runge, a 1974 UNC graduate and former student body president, were notified Dec. 21 of their selections as 1974 Rhodes Scholars.

They will begin their studies in October at Oxford University in England.

Cooper and Runge are among 32 scholars selected from the United States. At Oxford they will join students from 17 other countries.

Cooper, son of Mrs. Prentice Cooper and the late Gov. Cooper of Shelbyville, Tenn., is a Morehead Scholar and a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Chi Psi fraternity. He plans a career in law and politics after completing his undergraduate degree in history and economics. Cooper will study philosophy, politics and economics at Oxford.

Runge, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carlisle P. Runge of Middleton, Wis., majored in American Studies at UNC. He is currently enrolled as a special student at the Duke University Institute of Policy Sciences, studying microeconomics, quantitative analysis and decision-making.

Runge was UNC student body president in 1973-74 and, in

that capacity, was the first student to sit on the UNC Board of Trustees as an official voting member. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Order of the Old Well, Order of the Grail and Order of the Golden Fleece.

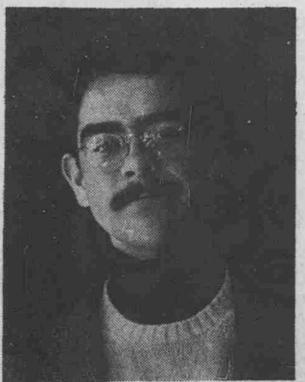
He will also study philosophy, politics and economics at Oxford with special emphasis on world economic, food and energy problems.

Both students plan public service careers. The 32 scholars selected in the U.S. came from 23 schools. Only five schools had multiple winners. Harvard University had four scholars, Yale and Princeton had three each, Stanford and UNC had two each. It was only the second time UNC had two scholars chosen.

The scholarship was created in 1902 by Cecil Rhodes, a British philanthropist. Each recipient is awarded an annual stipend of \$4,700, which is renewable for a third year after the two-year program.

Cooper remarked that his selection was "the best Christmas present ever."

Cooper said the reaction of his friends to the award "has been the best part of the scholarship. People have been very kind." He said whatever ribbing he has taken has been worth it. "It's better than a funeral or wedding because I'm still alive and still single."



James Cooper