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Committee approves tax break

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WASHINGTON — The House Ways and Means Committee, bypassing President Ford's tax proposals, Monday approved a \$8.4-billion tax cut for low and moderate income persons and gave strong indications it would approve an additional cut of \$6.9 billion or more.

The Committee's proposal would establish what amounts to a negative income tax for the poor.

The additional cut would come in the form of a one-time rebate to taxpayers in middle and low income brackets.

Ford requested a simple \$12-billion rebate for individuals, both rich and poor, but the committee voted 20-15 to limit the rebate to individuals making less than \$30,000 to \$40,000.

A decision will come Tuesday or Thursday on an exact figure. The committee also apparently will hold the rebate to \$300 or \$400 as opposed to Ford's \$1,000.

The \$8.4-billion cut approved Monday includes for the first time what amounts to a negative income tax for the poor, a refundable credit of 5 per cent of earned income, up to \$200, phasing out as income rises from \$4,000 to \$6,000.

Thus, a person earning \$4,000 but paying no tax because of deductions and exemptions would nonetheless receive \$200 from the government.

In addition, the bill increases the minimum standard deduction, granting a tax cut to anyone who takes the standard deduction rather than itemized deductions.

The bill was approved by the committee 21-14 after the committee turned back a series of weakening amendments, substitutes and delaying tactics.

The final vote broke down along strict party lines with all Republicans present voting against it, joined by only two Democrats, Joel Waggoner of Louisiana and Omar Burleson of Texas.

Women still on probation

Betty Westmoreland, president of the North Carolina Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (NCAIAW), announced Monday that its ethics committee has decided to uphold its earlier ruling that the UNC women's basketball team is on probation this season.

"In April of 1974," the statement read, "a written complaint was registered with the NCAIAW charging the women's basketball team at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with violation of the rules for the starting dates of practice. On May 10, 1974, the NCAIAW Ethics Committee heard the case and placed the women's basketball team on probation for the 1974-75 season. A schedule of games may be played this season, but the team cannot participate in the NCAIAW state tournament."

Details in Wednesday's *DTH*.



The setting sun throws its long rays across campus in the last hour of a cool winter afternoon

Staff photo by Martha Stevens

Committee lists reforms

Proposals will go before CGC

by Art Eisenstadt
Staff Writer

The Special Committee on Campus Governing Council (CGC) Reforms has virtually completed its job by endorsing five recommendations that will hopefully make CGC more representative.

Rep. Mark Dearmon, chairman of the committee, said all that remains to be done is to complete a report summarizing the committee's suggestions in addition to the various other recommendations it has heard over the past month.

Dearmon said the report would probably be presented before the entire CGC tonight. The five proposals are mainly ideas by the committee members, but at least two are suggestions brought up by non-CGC

members during the two public hearings the committee held in January.

If approved by CGC, the proposals would require changes in the CGC by-laws and Student Government election laws.

The suggestions include:

- Realigning of graduate districts to combine departments of similar disciplines. This may involve establishing multi-member districts of up to three representatives;
- Realigning of off-campus undergraduate districts. One suggestion would be to create specialized districts for fraternities, sororities, apartment dwellers and Carrboro residents;
- Conducting a general student survey as part of an overall redistricting plan;
- Requiring on-campus and graduate members to post reports of each meeting in

their districts, and studying methods by which off-campus members can better inform their constituents. CGC would budget funds for this purpose next year.

The committee also brought up the idea of advertising in the *Daily Tar Heel* a list of bills passed and voting records.

• Consolidating the Judiciary Committee, which rarely meets, into the Rules Committee, and absorbing the Appointments Committee into a new Administration Committee. This committee would also gather information and hear reports from the various organizations funded by Student Government.

"We've come up with a lot of good ideas," Dearmon said. "I'm glad we got as much student input as we did."

Student Body President Marcus Williams said he thought the committee's recommendations will be beneficial, but added he was disappointed the committee did not include his own recommendation to directly elect a student body Vice President.

Currently, the CGC speaker has that title, but is chosen from within CGC. The committee debated whether the post should still include the speaker's job and finally rejected the idea, feeling it would place too much strength in the executive branch of SG.

Dearmon said he thinks CGC will approve legislation based on the recommendations by the end of the current session in March.

"As much time as we've spent on this, I think it will all pass, except that the vice presidential idea may come up again," he said.

Deficit budget stirs Congress

United Press International

WASHINGTON—President Ford sent Congress Monday a \$349 billion budget of "honest self-denial" which calls for the biggest deficit in peacetime history and predicts rising unemployment and inflation in 1975 and 1976.

The forecasts were the bleakest the administration has issued.

In Congress, budget action ran along two contradictory tracks. There was dismay over the size of the deficit, and anguish over Ford's proposals to reduce scheduled increase in health, veterans, education, welfare, food and other human needs programs. The 10 per cent jump in the defense budget, to \$94 billion, also came under fire.

"My God," said Rep. Sam Gibbon, D-Fla., when he heard about Ford's economic predictions. "It must mean he is going to be a two-year president."

If the predictions hold fast, Ford would have to run for the presidency in 1976 with nearly 7.5 million persons out of work.

Ford forecast greater economic stagnation this year than last, with national output dipping by 3.3 per cent when increases due to inflation are left out. Last year's drop in the gross national product was 2.2 per cent.

The budget calls for a \$51.9 billion deficit and outlays of \$349.4 billion in fiscal 1976, which starts next July.

Rep. George Mahon, D-Tex., the tall, stooped-shouldered chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, said in a House speech that the size of the budget was "breathtaking."

"It's proposed deficits and the increase in the debt will frighten thoughtful Americans and arouse concern in the international financial field," he said.

Like many other Democrats, Mahon predicted Congress would not go along with

"a large majority" of the reductions in social spending Ford proposed.

Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey, D-Minn., chairman of Congress's Joint Economic Committee, objected that Ford's budget would mean "higher unemployment, continued double-digit inflation and deeper recession."

"Any proposal to restore the health of our economy by cutting back on food stamps and social security in the midst of the worst recession since the 1930s is unacceptable, unfair and will not be approved by Congress," Humphrey said.

Rep. Morris K. Udall, D-Ariz., a candidate for the 1976 Democratic presidential nomination, said the budget was "a bloated, saddening document replete with monumentally misplaced priorities reflecting a sorry insensitivity to the needy; the elderly, the disadvantaged."

Reps. Al Ullman, D-Ore., and Herman T. Schneebeli, R-Pa., the senior members of the house Ways and Means Committee, predicted \$5 billion or more would be cut from the Pentagon's proposed \$96 billion.

Republicans were less eager to comment. Sen. Peter V. Domenici, R-N.M., said the \$52 billion projected deficit was realistic. "I don't see any great latitude in this budget," he said.

Sen. Jacob K. Javits, R-N.Y., called Ford's unemployment estimate "honest but gloomy" but said he found it "nearly unbelievable" that Ford budgeted an increase of only \$1.3 billion for public service jobs.

Sen. William Proxmire, D-Wis., called the budget "a doctrine of despair," saying it provides for "a high and sustained level of unemployment for years to come."

House Democratic Leader, Thomas O. O'Neill Jr., Mass., said the budget "reflects the same misguided priorities that lead his economic advisers to worry most about the economic health of the wealthy."

Flu cases increase, doctors see epidemic

by Ben Kittner
Staff Writer

Don't let the changing weather fool you. Flu is in the air, and some area doctors foresee an epidemic.

At the Orange County Health Department, at least 50 per cent of the staff has caught the flu. Dr. O. David Garvin, director, said that cases have increased since the first of the year approaching an epidemic.

Lochlin Lockward, director of general services at North Carolina Memorial Hospital (NCMH) said the incidence of influenza in Orange County is high and on the increase.

NCMH has imposed temporary visitation restrictions due to the recent outbreak. Dr. John G. Craddock, director of the

Employees' Health Service at the hospital, expressed concern over the rising number of hospital employees who have been treated for flu. "And even worse, the number of unreported cases among hospital employees."

Dr. James H. McCutchan of the Student Health Service blames the sudden wave of flu on students returning to school from winter vacations in "Georgia, Florida, South Carolina and Disney World, where this particular strain has been found since December in a great number of cases."

The infirmary handles between 250 and 300 patients per day. Dr. McCutchan estimates that 50 of those patients have been treated for flu each day in the past few days, with 5 to 10 patients daily being admitted to the hospital with flu complications.

Three more announce for campus-wide offices

Warnock joins editor's race; Knight, Dugan try for president

Elliott Warnock, a two-year sports editor of the *Daily Tar Heel* (*DTH*), announced his candidacy for *DTH* editor Monday.

"I think the *Tar Heel* has become a charnel house," Warnock said. "It's a place where the ancient bones of archaic press mentality have been stored and reproduced as if they were modern innovations."

Warnock announced an eight-point program to put in effect if elected, and said it is similar to the way he ran the paper over the summer. The program includes:

- Distributing papers at all major campus bus stops;
- Condensing world and national news into first-page summaries in order to keep students informed while increasing coverage of events directly affecting the student body;

• Creating an editorial board to improve the editorial page and supervise the production of the paper;

- Moving quickly and completely towards financial independence for the paper;
- Working closely with the Media Board to coordinate all financial matters concerning the paper;
- Reorganizing the staff to increase efficiency and provide coverage for late-breaking news;

• In recognition of the national bicentennial, informing students on a regular basis of the Carolina tradition and history;

• Broadening the scope and coverage of entertainment events in the Chapel Hill area. Warnock also said he will increase the use of investigative reporting of campus, city and state affairs.



Elliott Warnock

"Investigative reporting has become almost nonexistent on the *DTH*," Warnock said. "It has been replaced by meaningless features."

"I can't understand why a paper with great potential lying within the staff cannot report on the important issues of the time," he said.

A junior journalism major and native of Chapel Hill, Warnock has worked in nearly every phase of the *DTH* operation since joining the staff as a high school junior, and served as editor of the summer semi-weekly *Tar Heel*.

Joe Knight, a junior economics and political science major from Winston-Salem, announced his candidacy for Student Body President Monday, pledging "To make Student Government a useful tool for all students."

"Marcus Williams has done a hell-of-a-good job, but I think improvements can be made — especially in the area of communication," Knight said.

"The word platform sounds too political. I have only two promises which I am sure I will fulfill — to do my damndest and to change the name on the Student Government stationery from Marcus Williams to Joe Knight."

Knight thinks Student Government should embark on a program of "peoplization" — to expose different campus cultures so we can learn what each other is doing.

Knight wants to establish a student caucus, in which representatives of every campus organization would meet with Student Government twice a month to discuss goals and accomplishments.

He also said the major purpose of Student Government should be "to provide services to all students — to help them get practical experience in preparation for the outside world."

"Student Government should function as an information disseminator, with community-based programs such as prison reform," Knight said.

Knight said experience is not the most



Joe Knight

important qualification for the office, although he has been on the student Attorney General's staff, a Campus Governing Council representative, and a member of the Black Student Movement.

Student Government must sell itself to the students, Knight said. "If students want to party, student government should help them party."

Knight attributes present apathy about Student Government to ignorance. "Prejudice and apathy both stem from ignorance," he said.

Tim Dugan, a junior business major from Potomac, Md., has resigned as Student Government Treasurer to run for Student Body President.

"Students on campus are called apathetic. They are apathetic depending on what subject you're talking about. They are not apathetic about their academics, the room they live in, the (Chapel Hill)-Carrboro bus system, etc. These are the important services Student Government should help promote and provide."

Dugan proposed that Student Government aid the Carolina Course Review and create a "Faculty-Student Social Commission" and a "University Speech Committee."

Dugan has been a member of the Honor Court and the Summer Governing Council, and chaired the Summer Publications Board.

Dugan described the "University Speech Committee" as a means to extend the expertise of many UNC professors to larger audience. "Certainly one does not have to be a political science major to appreciate an analysis of the current Middle East crisis; nor does one have to be an economics major to benefit from a critique on President Ford's economic policy."

Student membership on the Faculty Council would be an early goal in his administration, Dugan said. "If membership proves impossible, we must increase, nevertheless, our inroads into this body, thereby becoming not only respected advisers but also effective lobbyists."

Housing problems that Dugan said he would work on include the housing shortage and transportation problems faced by



Tim Dugan

students. "Some form of housing must be provided for international students whether it be the reservation of rooms in a specified dorm or the reformation of one dorm into an international student dorm. It is also inevitable that more dorm space for women will have to be provided."

"We should make sure that the rights of those presently living in the dorms to be reorganized are respected, which means that they should be given preference in choosing other dorms to live in."

Dugan proposed that campus security should include the distribution of pocket alarms to women, and the use of "lock cards" for dorm entrance after closing hours.