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The bleakness of a recent winter day is intensified by staff photographer Gary Freeze's unusual print

Ford adopts energy plan

Ullman bill cited as compromise

by Richard H. Growald
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WASHINGTON — The White House said Monday that President Ford had accepted a Democratic plan as a basis for a possible compromise on national energy policy.

Press Secretary Ron Nessen said a Democratic plan promoted by Sen. John O. Pastore of Rhode Island and Rep. James C. Wright of Texas had "too much fluff and not enough detail." But he said a plan by Chairman Al Ullman and his House Ways and Means Committee Democrats "accepts the philosophical heart of the President's program."

Did that mean the President, angling for compromise with the Democratic Congress to make America independent of foreign oil by 1985, judged the Ullman plan a basis for discussion when Ullman's committee starts writing the law?

"Yes," Nessen replied. "It is a basis for discussion, but by itself it is not a satisfactory compromise." Nessen told reporters.

Nessen said Ford would announce Tuesday whether he would suspend for 30 or 60 days the second and third \$1 increases on oil import fees. The hikes were going into effect March 1 and April 1, but Ford indicated Friday he might suspend them as a compromise gesture to give Congress more time to enact an energy program.

Nessen said the decision will be sent to

Congress along with Ford's veto of a bill suspending for 90 days his ordered fee increases. Ford ordered the hikes to spur Congress into action on writing an energy program into law.

Earlier, GOP leaders who met with Ford told reporters that Ford would announce his decision on Monday afternoon.

According to Nessen, the Pastore-Wright plan "places an extremely heavy burden on the poor," is "dictatorial," does nothing to stimulate domestic fuel production and would set up a "super rationing board."

He said the Pastore-Wright plan advocates more coal production but without environmental protection, leans too much to voluntary conservation, would spend too

much money and relies on an "utterly unrealistic" prediction of a 10 per cent growth in America's gross national product in the last half of this year.

On the other hand, Nessen said the proposal from Ullman accepts such heart-of-the-matter Ford principles as using price instead of rationing to cut gas consumption and decontrolling oil production. He said the Ullman plan is "closer to the President's and more complete."

Federal Energy Administrator Frank Zarb took a quick first look at Ullman's plan and put it down as offering "only a distant hope," Nessen said. The press secretary said, however, that was only a first-look judgement by Zarb, one of Ford's key energy advisers.

'Room to Live' booklets available today in Carr

Off-campus students interested in living in a dorm next fall can pick up their "Room to Live" booklets at 8 p.m. today in Carr dormitory.

The University Cashier will begin accepting \$50 room deposits and the Department Housing will accept completed contracts from off-campus

students. Granville residents and students moving from one hall to another Wednesday.

Room sign-up has been changed to March 18-23 due to a printing complication in the "Room to Live" booklets. Residence directors will announce the times for each residence area later.

Bryant explains runoff delay

Board wants all elections on same day

by Art Eisenstadt and Jim Roberts
Staff Writers

Elections Board Chairman Rick Bryant said Monday his decision to postpone the campus runoff elections was made so that all races could be held at the same time.

Bryant decided to postpone all runoffs from Wednesday until March 19

at the earliest after Darrell Hancock, chief justice of the Student Supreme Court, issued an injunction Sunday night against holding a run-off in the for student body president.

The postponement affects the runoffs for president, *Daily Tar Heel* editor, 10 CGC seats and two referenda.

Besides the presidential injunction, two Campus Governing Council (CGC) races are being challenged in Supreme Court.

Bryant said he consulted with several members of the Election Board Sunday night after learning of Hancock's decision and found they were generally in favor of holding all runoffs at the same time.

Hancock had authorized Bryant to set a new date for the runoff as soon as all pending hearings are completed.

"I don't see how we can be organized enough to be able to get that many elections together," Bryant said of the original plan to hold runoffs for editor, and CGC Wednesday, and student body president later.

Hancock issued his original injunction after three unsuccessful presidential candidates filed a complaint with the Supreme Court charging first-place candidate Bill Bates with Honor Code and spending violations during his campaign.

"With the questions in the air, I think it was a good idea to postpone the election," Bates said Monday.

Student petition seeks support for FM plans

by Jim Roberts and Art Eisenstadt
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Media Board Chairman Mark Dearmon announced Monday that he will draw up a student petition in favor of the University's cooperation in the establishment of a Student Government-owned FM station. The petition will be sent to Chancellor N. Ferebee Taylor.

Board member Carl Fox, who will assist Dearmon in drawing up the petition, said it is an attempt to get Taylor to accept support of the station for the University.

In an effort to help Student Government get a construction permit for the station, Dean of Student Affairs Donald A. Boulton wrote two letters to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) accepting the University's ultimate responsibility for the station.

When Boulton found that this was not within his authority, he and Taylor retracted the letters of support. Two weeks later Student Government was notified that the FCC had rescinded the station's construction permit, granted January 24.

In retracting their support, University administrators reasoned that if the University assumed ultimate responsibility it would also have to assume ultimate control of the FM station and other student media.

Fox met with Taylor earlier Monday in an attempt to find out exactly why the Chancellor thought it necessary to retract the University's support.

"The Chancellor said it was not to remove the approval, but to clarify that it never existed," Fox said. "What he tried to make as his answer...was that the administration has never attempted to run any kind of student function."

Fox said the petition is not the best way to approach the problem of getting back the construction permit. "It would have been better to do this in the first place instead of now."

He instead suggested to go around the administration by first holding a referendum to raise student fees by approximately \$1 per semester for the operation and maintenance of the FM station.

Student Government is in the process of forming a non-profit corporation to reply for the construction permit. The implied permanence of a corporation would relieve the need of having the University assume responsibility for the station.

WCAR Station Manager Gary

Rendsburg said the station's attorney, John Pettit of Washington D.C., has suggested that the corporation's board of directors include four Chapel Hill residents. "This would give more permanence to the corporation," Rendsburg said.

Rendsburg said that he would sign the petition to Taylor but that "even if 20,000 students signed the petition, I don't know if that would change the Chancellor's mind."

Fox and Rendsburg both fear that the administration would not allow the station's antenna to be placed on top of one of the taller University buildings. "Originally we thought we had the Pre-Clinical Building for the antenna," Rendsburg said. "But lately they (University administrators) have been leaning negatively" toward the idea. "We need a tall building for the antenna and the tallest ones in the area are owned by the University."

The University has not made a final decision about the use of one of the building yet, Rendsburg said. Claiborne S. Jones, vice-chancellor for business and finance, who will decide whether the station can use a building, could not be reached for comment

Monday.

Fox said, "I wouldn't doubt that the administration might ask us to leave the Student Union."

The proposal to raise student fees for the station would cover the extra costs of obtaining an antenna off-campus, Fox said. "This could also cover the cost of housing the station off-campus, should it be necessary. I don't think we're going to get a damned bit of cooperation from the administration."

ERA hearings scheduled today

The first of two public hearings concerning the Equal Rights Amendment will be held at 3 p.m. today in the Public Auditorium of the North Carolina Legislative Building in Raleigh.

Today's hearing is for proponents of the proposed amendment. A second hearing, scheduled for next Tuesday, March 11, will give ERA opponents an opportunity to speak.

The public hearings are one of the final steps before the ERA is presented on the House floor for formal legislative debate. The bill has been tied up in the House Constitutional Amendments committee.

Public health poll says 'ban smoking'

by Ben Kittner
Staff Writer

Over 50 per cent of the students and faculty polled at the School of Public Health have recommended to the dean that a ban be imposed on tobacco smoking in the classrooms of Rosenau Hall.

The results were announced Monday by Myrna Aaveda, president of the School of Public Health Student Union.

Three proposals were listed on the ballot. The idea of a complete smoking ban in the classrooms received 221 votes out of a total of 400. A proposal to leave the smoking question up to each class, with a ban on smoking imposed if anyone in the class objects to smoking, received 94 votes.

Reaffirming and enforcing the present policy of permitting smoking of tobacco products in some classrooms of Rosenau Hall received 85 votes. It specifies that the instructor designate a smoking section apart from the non-smoking section, if approved by the majority of the class.

The issue of smoking in classrooms was discussed at an open forum on Feb. 17. As a result of the meeting, the poll was held to determine the general opinion of the students and faculty.

The results of the poll will be presented to the dean's cabinet which will choose one of the plans at its next meeting, Monday, March 17.

John Sawyer, former president of the School of Public Health Student Union and a CGC representative, said Monday he will bring up the issue of a smoking ban referendum for the entire campus at the new CGC's second meeting.

"I think it is time for the idea to be brought before the campus as a whole," Sawyer said. "The pilot vote has worked well in the School of Public Health."

Starvation

UNC graduate Mary King Rose will present her PBS documentary on world hunger at 7:30 tonight in Howell Hall auditorium. Following the film, Dr. Richard Clinton, assistant professor of political science, and Dr. Howard Schneider of the Institute of Nutrition will provide commentary.

The Starvation fast begins at 6 p.m. Wednesday and ends at 5 p.m. Thursday. Students participating will donate the money they would have spent on food to the Starvation.

Officials seek explanation for well's contamination

The Eubanks Road sludge trench was covered over last week, but the controversy is far from buried.

County health officials discovered recently the well of a nearby resident is contaminated, and the water is unfit for human consumption. Although the landfill was not cited as directly responsible, the resident, Eugene M. Blackwood, has requested an immediate investigation of other area wells and closing of the landfill, if necessary.

A state official admitted recently that water samples from a well on the site of the landfill revealed contamination six months ago.

B.B. Olive, Durham patent attorney, sent letters to state, county, Chapel Hill and Carrboro officials last week suggesting that contamination of Blackwood's well could have resulted from the depth of landfill trenches, dynamiting in the landfill area or the sludge recently poured into a trench illegally dug outside the landfill.

Public Works Director Joe Rose, who last week claimed full responsibility for the sludge trench, said Sunday he had not begun to investigate Blackwood's complaint.

"I don't know what the city will plan to do," Rose said. "I think the state is more involved in this than we are. I think you should talk to the town manager."

But Town Manager Chet Kendzior claimed Sunday he also knew nothing about the problem. "All I've heard is what I've read in the papers. I'll be following it up on Monday." Decisions concerning the landfill are under Rose's authority, Kendzior said.



Staff photo by Alice Doyle

Chapel Hill has a new rule: 'T' before 'e' except after 'y'