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Student Body President Bill Bates held a press conference Wednesday at which he announced a retreat of students, faculty and administration.

In Bill Bates' 'war' a retreat is announced

by Bruce Henderson
Staff Writer

Student Body President Bill Bates softened his "war on bureaucracy" at a Wednesday press conference and announced an October weekend retreat for faculty, students and administrators to solve University problems.

Bates called the University administration a large and unyielding bureaucracy at an Aug. 29 press conference.

The retreat, tentatively scheduled to begin Oct. 25, will involve between 15 and 30 faculty members, administrators and student leaders, Bates said. It will be held off campus, possibly at Camp New Hope.

The conference is the first in a series of proposals to improve the University, Bates said in a prepared statement. He said the conference will attempt to find solutions to issues that come up year after year and are never resolved.

Bates said the retreat may develop into a consortium which will meet on a regular, ongoing basis. The consortium would be "the largest decision-making or recommending power on campus, below the Chancellor," he said.

The weekend conference will focus on looking closely at the University's present position and goals, with the intent of developing a program for guiding the direction that the University is taking, Bates' statement said.

Student conferees will be chosen on an appointment-interview basis, Bates said. Criteria for the jobs include interest and involvement in campus affairs and willingness to work once the conference is

over.

Administration and faculty members will be selected by either Dean of Student Affairs Donald Boulton or Chancellor N. Ferebee Taylor, Bates said.

Pressing problems in the University's operation listed by Bates include student legal aid, academic policy, faculty evaluation procedures and budget decisions, especially those requiring joint funding by Student Government and the University.

Bates said he feels the students are not apathetic but believe their voice makes no difference in decision-making.

"I voice a strong sentiment that it is time that the faculty, students and administrators get together on an ongoing basis, to confront problems affecting the University community before they occur and not after," Bates' statement read.

Although Bates considerably softened his assault on the bureaucracy, he said this does not mean he is shifting his attitudes.

"It's not a shift. It's more of a clarification, I guess, of what I was trying to say two weeks ago," Bates said. "In that, there are unresponsive people in the University. And from some of those people that I have talked to, (I could tell) they have shifted some to the other side and are neutral and are listening."

Bates' statement said a misconception may have arisen from his using the terms "activism" and "war on bureaucracy." He said all his proposals were to "insure the betterment of the University community."

Bates declined to name the three "unresponsive administrators" mentioned at his last press conference because he said discussing personalities causes unneeded criticism.

Legal aid for student body endangered by CGC action

Council defeats bill prohibiting SG lawyer from suing the state

by Vernon Loeb
Staff Writer

Student legal aid ran into a roadblock Tuesday, not from the University administration, but from the student Campus Governing Council (CGC).

The council rejected a bill which would have prohibited a proposed student body attorney from bringing suit against the University or any agency of the state of North Carolina.

Student Body President Bill Bates introduced the bill, rejected by a 10-7 vote, in the hope that it would facilitate approval of the student legal aid concept by N.C. Atty. Gen. Rufus Edmisten.

Bates called CGC's rejection of his bill an irresponsible act, and said it blocked the most efficient way of obtaining a legal aid counselor.

Three previous opinions by the attorney general considered the UNC Student Government an extension of a state agency. Thus, the attorney general himself is technically the student body's counsel.

Bates' proposed restriction on the legal aid attorney's power was necessary before the attorney general's office would consider reversing its previous legal opinions, according to Andrew A. Vanore, senior deputy attorney general.

CGC Rep. Ben Steelman said Tuesday that prohibiting the attorney from suing the University was a severe restriction, but added "some legal aid is better than none."

Steelman intends to lobby for the bill and said it might pass if reintroduced at the next CGC meeting. The timing of the bill's introduction hurt its chance of passage, Steelman said, because CGC representatives were not familiar with the technicalities of the legal aid question.

Billy Richardson, executive assistant to Bates, said Wednesday, "I think those opposed to the bill didn't even know what they were voting against."

He also said that a lobbying effort could increase the bill's chances of

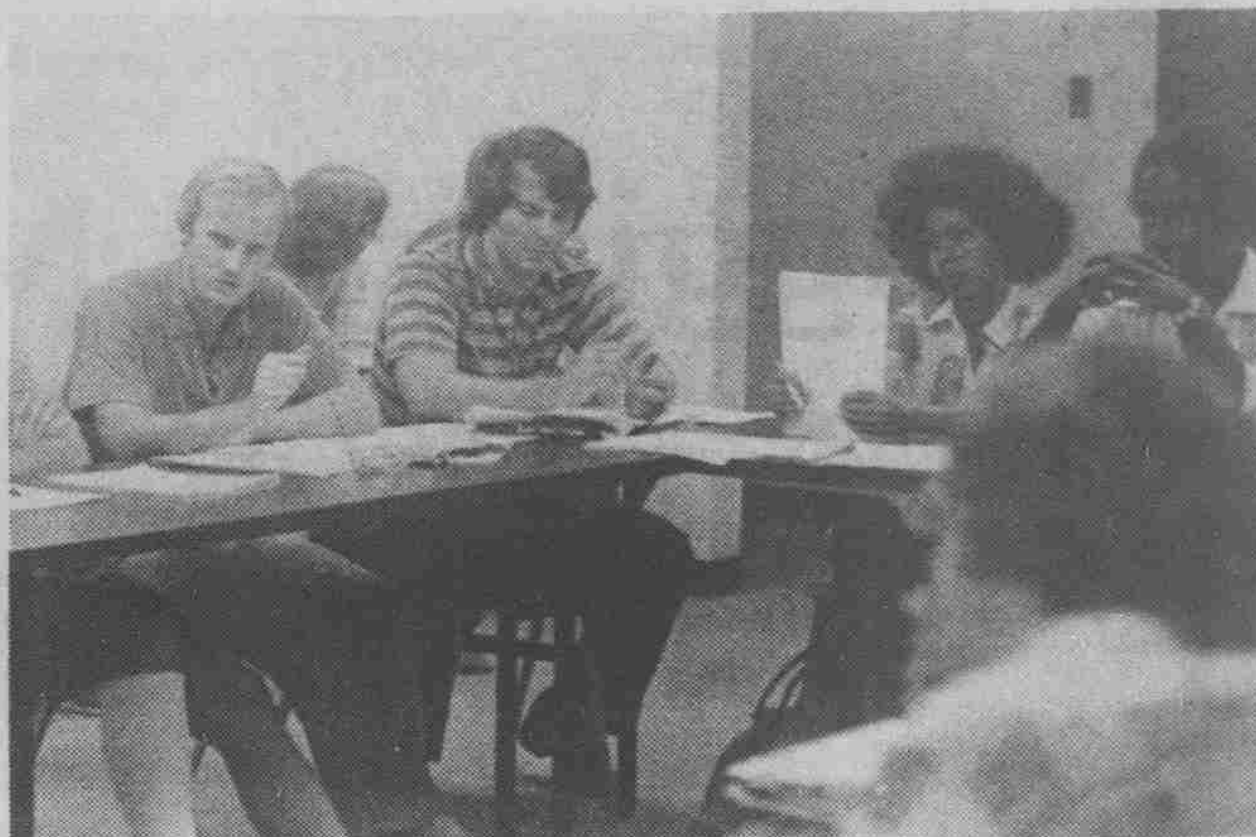
passage if introduced again.

If the bill fails again, Bates said one possible course of action would be to hire the attorney and have him contest the prohibitive legal opinions in court.

Vanore said Wednesday, however, it would not be advisable for Student Government to hire an attorney to dispute the adverse opinions.

In case of a legal suit, Vanore said, the attorney general's office may seek to enjoin Student Government's action.

Vanore called Bates' bill the most preferable way to proceed, saying that if it had passed, he personally felt the possibility of changing his office's legal opinions would have been enhanced.



Last night's three-and-a-half hour CGC meeting was the first of the fall semester.

Media Board rejects CGC bill

by Dan Feserman
and Chris Fuller
Staff Writers

A six-member task force to study the *Daily Tar Heel's* financial situation was established by the Media Board Wednesday despite a Campus Governing Council (CGC) recommendation to accept the Finance Committee's proposed five-member investigative board.

The CGC passed a resolution Tuesday recommending the Media Board accept the Finance Committee plan.

At the Media Board meeting, member Rob Price charged the CGC with trying to usurp the power of the Media Board through its resolution.

CGC members George Bacso and Jay Tannen argued at the CGC meeting in favor of the Media Board's task force for the same reason. Bacso and Tannen maintained that to allow the CGC Finance Committee's task force to replace the Media Board's force would circumvent the purpose of the Media Board.

But Media Board Chairperson Dick Pope defended the Finance Committee's task

force, saying it would provide a more unbiased panel. "I am not saying that the Media Board committee won't be unbiased, but the Finance Committee's proposal would have assured it (wouldn't be)," Pope said.

Another critic of the Media Board committee was CGC member Ben Steelman. "The Media Board is, in fact, the Board of Directors for the *Daily Tar Heel*," he said. He maintained that the Media Board was in part responsible for the financial crisis of the *DTH*.

"Having the Media Board investigate is like having the CIA investigate the CIA," Steelman said.

The differences between the two plans are in the composition of the committee's membership and the confidentiality of the information gathered by it.

Under the CGC resolution, the committee would have included one member of the Finance Committee (Doug Smith), one member of the Media Board and three non-partisan members approved by the finance committee.

The non-partisan members would have

included a non-student from the School of Business or the business community and a non-student from the School of Journalism or a professional journalist.

The Media Board's committee will include at least three members from the Media Board and three non-partisan members approved by the Media Board. The non-partisan members will be selected from the same areas as in the CGC resolution.

The CGC resolution would have provided the task force with complete access to *DTH* records concerning operations and publication. All information gathered is to be confidential, at least until it is reported to the finance committee within 45 days of completion of the investigation.

Under the Media Board's task force plan, the Media Board and the Finance Committee will have access to the *Tar Heel's* records.

Pope said he favors the Finance Committee's access provision because the task force may feel it is under pressure if the Finance Committee and the Media Board have access to the *Tar Heel* information.

Pope said the CGC may still reverse the Media Board's decision.

'Tech' distribution unendorsed

by Jim Roberts
News Editor

A resolution endorsing the distribution of 20,000 issues of the N.C. State *Technician* on the UNC campus Monday was rejected by a 5-4 vote of the NCSU Publications Authority Wednesday. However, the board took no formal action against *Technician* Editor Kevin Fisher, who authorized the distribution.

The proposed resolution followed a complaint made by N.C. State Student Body President Mary Beth Spina that Fisher did not consult with the Pub Authority prior to the distribution.

The *Technician* printed 33,000 copies Monday, with the State campus receiving its normal 13,000. The *Technician* paid for 10,000 of the extra issues while Hinton Press, Inc., printer of the *Technician* and the *Daily Tar Heel*, absorbed the cost of the other 10,000.

Fisher said he authorized the printing and distribution of the newspaper because the *Daily Tar Heel* was unable to publish due to cash flow problems. He said he felt that Mike O'Neal's actions allocating the *DTH* Student Government appropriation on a monthly basis instead of as a lump sum constituted a "threat to freedom of the press for collegiate newspapers."

Following the distribution of the *Technician* here and the circulation of a recall petition against Student Body President Bill Bates, O'Neal gave the *DTH* the remainder of its first semester allocation.

Spina contended that Fisher should have received "some sort of approval from some members of the Pub Authority" before printing the extra copies with student funds.

Fisher, however, listed two reasons he did not consult with the publications board. First, he said, the cost of the extra 10,000 copies, \$400.30, constituted only three-eighths of one per cent of the *Technician's* total operating budget.

Second, he said, his decision to distribute on the UNC campus was made Sunday evening, and he did not think he could contact enough publications board members to hold a meeting.

"I don't think it is correct to say that it is right for the editor to do what he pleases with the money," Fisher said. "But also I do not think it is correct to say that the money is all

students' money." The *Technician* receives \$22,000 of its \$125,000 from student fees.

"The editor has to be able to make quick judgments," he said. "Had it been \$10,000, I would have consulted the board."

Spina also said she was afraid Fisher's actions would set a precedent for later editors wanting to use the *Technician's* funds at their discretion.

She said Fisher could have called a meeting for Monday night and distributed the *Technicians* at UNC on Tuesday.

However, Fisher said the papers were delivered Monday because the *DTH* was

financially unable to publish that day.

He said the only negative response concerning the extra publication had come from the N.C. State student government. "We were overwhelmingly well received by the students here."

In a letter to the editor of the *Technician* published Wednesday, Frank Laney, a NCSU sophomore, said, "... you did a great service to UNC students by giving them insight while their voice was being attacked. To further help them you might consider kidnapping O'Neal and enrolling him in an Economics class."

Cable television for Carrboro?

by Johnny Oliver
Staff Writer

A franchise for cable television in Carrboro was tentatively approved Tuesday night by the Carrboro Board of Aldermen.

In a 5-1 decision, with Alderman Mary Riggsbee casting the only dissenting vote, a contract was approved for the franchise between the town and Alert Cable Television, Inc., of Miami, Fla. Hillsborough is currently served by Alert.

Barring any unforeseen problems, the cable system could be operating by July, 1976, according to James McHugh, regional manager of Alert Cable Television, Inc.

McHugh said Wednesday the cable system would cost subscribers \$15 for installation, and \$6 monthly for service.

The board is currently investigating Alert's financial status and operational success in other communities.

"If the company's references check out," said Alderman Fred Chamblée, "the board could approve the franchise at a second hearing during its Oct. 14 meeting."

State law requires town boards to approve all franchises at two separate meetings or hearings.

Alderman Riggsbee said Wednesday she voted against the franchise because she wanted to research the matter of cable

television further. "I'm not all that opposed to cable TV," Riggsbee said. "I just wanted to get some information from other towns with cable systems."

Chamblée expressed concern over the town's policy for cable television. "The board has not set any policies for cable TV in Carrboro, such as how many cable systems could operate in Carrboro," he said.

In 1973 the Carrboro board adopted an ordinance requiring all utilities to have franchises. "In the wording of the ordinance," Chamblée said, "I think a cable TV system could be interpreted as a utility."

The proposed system will carry six area channels: one Washington, D.C., channel; one Charlotte channel; channels for 24-hour time, news, weather, local government access; and access for educational and public interests.

McHugh said the system's construction would cost \$250,000, which includes payment for the land, tower, studios and the first year's operating costs. McHugh said a site for the cable station had not been selected.

The town of Carrboro would receive three per cent of the system's gross subscriber's revenues annually. The three per cent figure is the rate suggested by the Federal Communications Commission.

Wallace still uncertain Mayoral race loosens up

A News Analysis
by Richard Whittle
Staff Writer

Two weeks ago there were three candidates nearing the starting gate for this year's Chapel Hill mayoral race. Now — odd as it may sound — there are one and a half candidates.

The potential candidates were Gerry Cohen, a current member of the Board of Aldermen; James C. "Jimmy" Wallace, a former board member who teaches at N.C. State; and Joe Nassif, a local architect.

Nassif, who had not made any public statements, ended his informal candidacy last week, citing personal and business reasons.

Cohen is off and running, having formally announced his candidacy at a Sept. 3 press conference.

Wallace, who was named by the *Durham Morning Herald* as a near-certain contestant for the mayor's post, is having his doubts but can't be excluded yet.

"I have it under consideration," Wallace said last Sunday. "I have not decided against it, and I have not decided whether or not to announce."

The 52-year-old N.C. State professor said one important factor in his final decision will be his numerous commitments. Wallace is a member of the N.C. Environmental Management Commission and owner of

both the Continental Travel Agency in Chapel Hill and the Meridian Travel Service, which is based in Raleigh and the Research Triangle Park.

In addition, he is married and the father of five children.

"I have a lot of commitments," he said. "On the other hand there are a lot of positive features (about the possibility of being Chapel Hill's mayor)."

Currently then, Gerry Cohen is unopposed. And while it is possible he will remain so as the Sept. 12-Oct. 3 filing period for municipal elections passes by, it is extremely unlikely that he will be the sole candidate on the Nov. 4 ballot.

The guarantee that Cohen will have competition, though it may be late to materialize, comes from a new town political caucus called Citizens for Chapel Hill (CCH).

This newly formed pressure group, which considers itself a "political consumers' union," according to CCH Chairperson Charles G. "Chuck" Beemer, has been the subject of various news stories recently and has been labeled "conservative" in most of those stories.

Beemer and other CCH members wince at the conservative label, saying that in any other town they would be considered relatively liberal. But in Chapel Hill, they are relatively conservative; conservative enough to emphatically oppose Cohen, who calls himself a socialist.

"There have been some facetious remarks — but every facetious remark probably contains a kernel of truth — that our slogan should be 'ABC: Anybody But Cohen,'" Beemer said.

He quickly added, however, that he does not want people to get the impression that CCH is strictly a group formed to keep Cohen out of the mayor's office.

He said the group has positive goals for Chapel Hill government, which he said include efficiency, economy, responsibility and accountability of town officials.

Beemer also said the group will probably make an effort soon to incorporate as a non-profit organization, a move which he said should prove CCH is not just an ad hoc group to oppose Cohen.

Beemer has said previously that CCH won't run a slate of candidates for mayor and the five Board of Aldermen seats to be filled in the non-partisan November elections. Members of the group plan simply to endorse candidates they can identify with.

Citizens for Chapel Hill might endorse Jimmy Wallace as their candidate for mayor if he were to announce, but only after "we can sit down with him and talk about the issues," Beemer said.

Despite Beemer's pledge against running candidates, if Jimmy Wallace decides against running and Gerry Cohen is still the lone candidate as of Oct. 1, voters here can expect to see Citizens for Chapel Hill find themselves a candidate in short order.