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Present Media Board Chairman Dick Pope (left), and George Bacso (right), board treasurer, at Tuesday's meeting, during which the board voted no confidence in Pope.

Media Board passes vote of no-confidence

by Nancy Mattox
Staff Writer

The Media Board passed a vote of no-confidence which called for the resignation of board Chairperson Dick Pope Tuesday night. The move was made immediately after Pope announced his plans to step down as soon as a suitable replacement for his position is found.

The no-confidence vote marked the culmination of some two weeks of controversy rising from Pope's writing of new Media Board bylaws without the advice or counsel of the entire Board.

Board members Bill Moss and Rob Price introduced the motion of no-confidence, contending that Pope was trying "to run the Media Board on his own."

At the beginning of the Media Board meeting, Pope announced that he had been planning since he took the position in early September to resign before Nov. 15. But he said he would not resign until that time, if the Media Board nominated an unacceptable replacement.

The board later established a four-member committee, chaired by Julie Naumoff, the non-voting representative from Student Graphics, to consider nominations for the chairperson.

The committee, whose first meeting is today, will report their nominations to the full board in two weeks.

After the nominating committee was established, Price introduced the motion of no-confidence which read,

"Due to recent unacceptable actions by Chairman Richard Pope, the Media Board expresses a loss of confidence in his ability to effectively chair the board. Because of this loss of confidence, the Media Board requests his immediate resignation." The motion passed 5-4.

In Price's opening statement, he said that while he felt Pope had performed his duties well, he had overstepped his bounds by writing new Media Board bylaws without consulting the board.

Pope's new bylaws dissolved the original Media Board and named Pope and Media Board Treasurer George Bacso as an interim board until a new board was established.

Although Pope contended at the time that the old bylaws could not be found in a complete form that had been passed by the Campus Governing Council

(CGC), Moss said he and several others had complete copies of the bylaws.

Pope said that at the time he wrote the new bylaws, he believed that without CGC-adopted bylaws, the Media Board and all publications receiving Student Government aid were operating illegally.

After the no-confidence vote passed, Price proposed an amendment to have Pope resign by Thursday afternoon. The amendment provided that if Pope failed to resign, a committee would be established to begin impeachment proceedings against him.

The amendment was strongly opposed by board members John Sawyer and Tal Lassiter who said such a proceeding would only add additional embarrassment to Pope's situation.

The proposal failed 5-4, with Pope casting the tie-breaking vote.

Bates: no comment on dismissal

Treasurer status unclear

by Art Eisenstadt
Staff Writer

Student Body President Bill Bates refused to say late Tuesday afternoon whether he carried out his intended firing of Student Body Treasurer Mike O'Neal.

Bates' refusal to comment followed a meeting with O'Neal which ended at 6 p.m. Tuesday, one hour after the deadline Bates had earlier set for the treasurer's dismissal. Bates said he may have a statement on the matter this morning.

A constitutional crisis may develop concerning the right of the student body president to fire a constitutionally designated official, such as the treasurer.

Saying O'Neal exceeded his authority as treasurer, Bates first suggested O'Neal's resignation Sept. 11 and demanded the resignation the following day.

When O'Neal refused to resign, Bates fired

O'Neal, with the dismissal scheduled to take effect at 5 p.m. Tuesday.

O'Neal said Monday he did not think Bates has the power to fire him, and said he would not leave office unless impeached by the Campus Governing Council.

The student government constitution gives CGC the right to remove any student official except the *Daily Tar Heel* editor. The council must impeach and bring the official to trial by a majority vote before removing by a two-thirds vote.

A 1957 Student Government law simply states, "Charges may be entered against any student official for non-performance of duty," without further explaining the phrase.

However, Bates said, "He (O'Neal) will not be treasurer after five o'clock."

After Tuesday's 5 p.m. deadline had passed, Bates would not say if he still considered O'Neal to be student body treasurer. "Nothing will be effective until

tomorrow morning." But he said the statement did not mean he had postponed his deadline.

The student constitution gives Bates the power to appoint the treasurer with the two-thirds approval of CGC, but it does not mention any type of presidential dismissal power.

Both Bates and Student Attorney General Andromeda Monroe have said they feel the power to appoint implies the power to fire. O'Neal, however, has said he serves at the pleasure of CGC and only CGC can remove him from office.

Bates has nominated Graham Bullard, a junior chemistry major from Wilson and currently O'Neal's assistant to be the new treasurer. But the CGC Administration Committee tabled the appointment Sunday, saying the president's firing powers must be clarified before action can be taken on the appointment.

Besse answers misrepresentation charges

by Chris Fuller
Staff Writer

Campus Governing Council Speaker Dan Besse answered charges of misrepresenting his district's constituents in CGC votes at a grievance meeting Monday night in Cobb dormitory.

Ten representatives from Besse's district said he misrepresented his district by voting last year to include the Carolina Gay Association (CGA) in the student budget and more recently to release Black Student

Movement funds.

Besse's district contains Cobb, Avery, Aycock, Graham, Lewis and Stacy dormitories.

Stacy resident Guillermo Penalosa, supported by representatives from the other four dormitories, said the majority of the students in the dormitories opposed giving Student Government funds to the CGA and the release of BSM funds.

Because Besse voted to fund CGA and to release BSM funds, he was misrepresenting his district, Cobb resident Ginger Douglas

said.

Besse contended that as a CGC representative and legislator, he must follow his conscience to decide what is best for his district. He said he could not determine what the majority of his constituents want without an organized poll.

But Douglas said Besse's moral feelings should not be concerned when he represents a majority.

Although several of his constituents had told him last year that they believed CGA should receive student fees, they would not

say it in public for fear of peer disapproval, Besse said. He added that at a meeting held in Stacy to discuss CGA funding, he heard no rational arguments against CGA being given money.

The real issue is the interpretation of representative government, Besse said. While the dorm members believe a representative should act strictly as a delegate, Besse said he believes a representative should devote more time to understanding CGC issues than the ordinary student. The representative should then act according to his own judgment, he said.

Because of the representative's information and analysis, he sometimes must take an unpopular stand on an issue, Besse said.

Penalosa also charged Besse with lack of organization and interest in getting constituents' opinions. He said few students in the district even know who Besse is.

Besse said he posts reports of his actions, his name, telephone number and requests for students to contact him for information or to give their opinions.

He said he opposes being recalled, because he is working on the two major issues he campaigned on, academic affairs and housing problems. If he were recalled, he would be forced to take time from his work to campaign.

A recall election could be called if 15 per cent of his constituency petitions for one.

site on campus for the station's antenna. Sites being considered included: South Campus water tower or on the Pre-clinical Building.

Student Educational Broadcasting applied for the construction permit last May. The corporation is composed of the campus Media Board, Chapel Hill Mayor Howard N. Lee, Alderman Gerry Cohen, Raleigh radio newsmen Randy Wolfe and Student Union Director Howard Henry.

The current application is the second attempt to obtain a construction permit for a student FM station. Although a permit was granted in February 1974, it was rescinded 27 days later, when the University retracted

two letters written by Dean of Student Affairs Donald Boulton, accepting "ultimate responsibility" for the station.

The FCC requires that student organizations have university support, before it will grant a radio station construction permit. But UNC administrators contended that if the University assumed ultimate responsibility for the station, it would also have to assume control.

Student Educational Broadcasting Corporation was then established because of an FCC provision which allows non-profit corporations to be granted non-commercial educational frequencies.

Nuclear power plant controversy boiling

Utility companies and conservation groups still fighting over dangers

by Tim Pittman
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Although the controversy surrounding the construction of nuclear power plants in North Carolina is snowballing into a major public issue, the utility companies argue that environmentalists have not made major steps toward halting nuclear plant construction or operation.

Conservation groups, however, believe that public discussion and concern reflect their progress, and they say that intervention programs have been successful in slowing nuclear power plant construction.

The utility companies admit that the environmentalists are raising questions concerning power plant construction, but representatives from Carolina Power and Light and Duke Power said environmentalists' concerns are causing changes resulting in increased construction costs, without making any significant improvements.

President of corporate communications for CP&L, Al Morris, said the greatest impact of the conservation groups has been

the increased construction costs due to changes in design.

"The conservationists have raised questions about the safety of particular features of the plants," Morris said, "and therefore we have been forced by regulatory agencies to change those specific features."

But Morris said such changes are rare, and are not representative of the conservationists' progress. The delays in scheduling nuclear power plant construction are primarily economic, Morris said, and are not related directly to the conservation groups' efforts.

"When you begin analyzing schedule changes for the nuclear plants you are talking about an accumulation of factors, not just economics or conservation groups, but federal and state licensing as well," Morris said.

Dick Pierce, Duke Power's assistant vice-president for corporate communications, said Duke Power had met some opposition in determining the plant locations but he added that the protests were not successful. Pierce, however, would not speculate on the environmentalists' effect in future

negotiations.

"You never know what the future will bring," Pierce said, "there are various political aspects which will have to be ironed out as they show up. Generally, the points that environmentalists bring up come up in every instance, so it is a matter of the same arguments."

However, Drew Diehl, executive director of Chapel Hill ECOS chapter, said the public's growing awareness of nuclear power dangers is the result of anti-nuclear efforts. "As the public awareness grows, we hope more people will decide that nuclear power should not develop in the same manner in which it is handled now," Diehl said.

"We want the decision on nuclear power to be made democratically, and therefore we have to publicize our side of the story."

Diehl said power companies hire public relations personnel to speak to clubs and schools emphasizing the positive side of nuclear power. He said such persons are providing the public only one side of the situation and therefore only one choice concerning nuclear power.

Tom Erwin, president of the Southeastern

Confederation for Safe Power, said that although the conservationists do not take credit for most of the plant delays, they try to keep the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) aware of problems.

Erwin said the nuclear power plants' licensing process was one of conservationists' major concerns. According to Erwin, the utility companies are now seeking licenses for plants that will not go into operation for at least a decade.

Giving the licenses to the companies now could result in outdated plants by the time they begin operation, he said. "We want to try to prevent this premature licensing by keeping the NRC aware of the problem," Erwin said.

Erwin cited the Brunswick plant at Southport as a victory for conservationists. CP&L met the original NRC requirements for the plant's construction, but then more sensitive equipment, which detected a greater earthquake probability, was developed.

Erwin said conservationists told the regulatory commission of the information and equipment, and the NRC required the

Brunswick plant to install the more sensitive monitoring equipment.

"Such a decision by the NRC was surprising and pleasing," Erwin said, "although we can't take the credit for delays of many plants, our work in publicizing the information and making it available to the regulatory groups influenced the decision."

Dr. Thomas Ellerman, head of N.C. State University's nuclear engineering department and proponent of nuclear power, said many of the conservationists' concerns were legitimate. "Clearly the anti-nuclear groups have delayed nuclear progress eight to 10 years," Ellerman said. "Most of this delay is due to intervention, and most of their concerns are valid."

But Ellerman said he did not think the conservation groups have swayed public opinion. He said a recent Harris poll which reported that 65 per cent of the public favored nuclear power.

"Determining the conservationists' progress is difficult," Ellerman said, "because it depends on how you measure progress—although they have caused delays they have not changed the public's view."

Wolfe celebration

The 75th anniversary of the birth of Thomas Wolfe begins Thursday in Asheville. Sponsored by the Civic Arts Council of Asheville and the University of North Carolina at Asheville, the celebration includes exhibits, speakers, theatre performances and music on Oct. 2 through 5.

Thomas Wolfe, noted American novelist, graduated from UNC in 1920.

UNC English professors C. Hugh Holman and Louis D. Rubin Jr. will be among the keynote speakers. Holman's dramatization of Wolfe's 37 *October* will be performed Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Other features of the festival include exhibits of Wolfe editions, memorabilia, papers and photographs, a sound-and-light presentation at the Thomas Wolfe Memorial and repeated showings of the CBS-TV production of *Look Homeward Angel*, starring Timothy Bottoms.