

Present Media Board Chairman Dick Pope (left), and George Bacso (right), board treasurer, at Tuesday's meeting, during which the board

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.

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

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

dormitory.

O'Neal, with the dismissal scheduled to take tomorrow morning." But he said the

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 When O'Neal refused to resign, Bates fired treasurer. "Nothing will be effective until

Besse's district contains Cobb, Avery,

Stacy resident Guillermo Penalosa,

Aycock, Graham, Lewis and Stacy

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

Because Besse voted to fund CGA and to

release BSM funds, he was misrepresenting

Movement funds.

the release of BSM funds.

Besse answers misrepresentation charges

effect at 5 p.m. Tuesday. statement did not mean he had postponed

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

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

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

should not be concerned when he represents

told him last year that they believed CGA

But Douglas said Besse's moral feelings

Although several of his constituents had

an organized poll.

Media Board passes vote of no-confidence

by Nancy Mattox

The Media Board passed a vote of noconfidence 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 noconfidence, contending that Pope was trying "to run the Media Board on his

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 fourmember 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,

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

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

given money.

"Due to recent unacceptable actions by Chairman Richard Pope, the Media

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

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.

bylaws without consulting the board.

Board expresses a loss of confidence in

his ability to effectively chair the board.

Because of this loss of confidence, the

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.

Wallace, Cohen vie for Mayor's office; filing deadline Friday

A News Analysis by Richard Whittle Staff Writer

Mayor Howard N. Lee will leave office this year and both Gerry Cohen, a Chapel Hill alderman, and James C. Wallace, a N.C. State University professor, want to succeed

Unless a surprise candidate emerges before the municipal election filing period ends Friday, Chapel Hill voters will have a subtle choice to make when they pick a new mayor Nov. 4.

If elected, neither Cohen nor Wallace would totally change the tone of Chapel Hill Government, which under Mayor Lee has seen an increase in governmental services and increased action within the mayor's

Both Wallace and Cohen are selfdescribed liberals and both approve, perhaps to a varying degree, of most of Lee's actions. So what Chapel Hill voters must decide on election day is how much liberalism they

Wallace, a well-known environmentalist who sits on the N.C. Environmental Management Commission, says he thinks Chapel Hill should slow down after the rapid change during Lee's administration.

"I feel we have entered here into a period of assessment," he said recently. "With a new charter and a new town manager and a new board, there couldn't be a better time to assess the future." (A revised Chapel Hill Charter was adopted last summer, and Interim Town Manager Kurt Jenne was recently approved by the Board of Aldermen as the permanent town manager.) However, Cohen, elected to the Board of Aldermen in

said he would generally try to continue on the path Lee has taken during his tenure. "This is no criticism of Howard Lee. because he's a very busy man, but I think the mayor should perhaps more affirmatively seek citizen input," Cohen said. However, Cohen said that, as an alderman, he has supported 98 per cent of Lee's programs and

Both candidates have nothing but compliments for the way Lee has conducted the mayor's office.

"I think he's done very well," said Cohen. "He's increased citizen participation and he's made the mayor more accessible."

Wallace said, "I think Lee has handled it well. He has a warm personality; he's certainly intelligent, and he has a sense of integrity that is very prominent."

On the issues, Wallace and Cohen differ only slightly. Both said the bus system is necessary and should be extended to Carrboro in the near future. Wallace added that he would like to see the system modified so that senior citizens could ride for free at times other than peak traffic hours.

Both candidates also oppose the stateapproved thoroughfare plan, which would widen or extend several streets in Chapel Hill to speed traffic flow.

"The seven or eight recommendations in the downtown area are just completely ridiculous," Cohen said. He added that the town should build bikeways and increase the number of buses in town "to show the state that the thoroughfare plan isn't needed."

Wallace said the plan is just another chapter in a long struggle. "By and large. we've been fighting their (the state's) version of what's best for Chapel Hill for years," he said. "The whole point is that the fact that we're going to have congestion doesn't mean

his district, Cobb resident Ginger Douglas should receive student fees, they would not and more recently to release Black Student WCAR may get FM permit soon

by Nancy Gooch Staff Writer

A construction permit for a proposed campus FM radio station may be granted within a month to Student Educational Broadcasting Corp., a Federal Communications Commission attorney said Tuesday.

The attorney, who asked to remain unidentified, however, said the corporation must clarify several points on its permit application, before the permit will be granted. He said the FCC has not notified the corporation of the application's problems but will do so soon. The attorney said the corporation's

application does not name the UNC student body president or members of the Campus Governing Council and the Graduate and Professional Federation, all of whom will select the station's board of directors. There also is no evidence that Student

campus facilities will be available for the station's antenna and broadcast office in the application, the attorney said. Jim Bond, manager of campus AM station WCAR, said Monday the University

Government will finance the station or that

Wolfe celebration

is cooperating with the corporation to find a

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 Octobers 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.

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

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 newsman 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.

control.

Student Educational Broadcasting educational frequencies.

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

Corporation was then established because of an FCC provision which allows non-profit corporations to be granted non-commercial

information and analysis, he sometimes must take an unpopular stand on an issue,

The FCC requires that student

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

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

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

1973 and a recent UNC law school graduate, you have to flatten the landscape." Nuclear power plant controversy boiling

Utility companies and conservation groups still fighting over dangers

by Tim Pittman Staff Writer

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

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 vicepresident 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

"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 wehave 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

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 NCR required the

Confederation for Safe Power, said that Brunswich 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."