

Students deserve policy-making role

It is not the function of the University to cater to its students. The purpose of the University is to educate citizens of this state and other states and nations and to foster research of benefit to mankind.

Nor is it the purpose of the University to cater to its faculty and its administration. When issues of direct importance to faculty or to administrators arise, however, the interests and desires of the faculty or of the administrators ought to be solicited, and representatives from affected parties ought to be included as active and equal participants in dealing with those issues.

The same is true for issues which directly affect students, as do the student-approved smoking ban for classrooms and the investigation of the new ad hoc committee into changes in the grading system. Yet in these areas, important University leaders have failed to recognize the legitimate prerogative of students to be accepted as equals in making policy affecting all segments of the University community.

Ferebee Taylor on smoking

Chancellor N. Ferebee Taylor has chosen to ignore the obvious mandate of students that smoking in classrooms be banned across campus. Chancellor Taylor instead has deferred action on the matter to the "teaching faculty, who properly determine how their respective classes are to be operated." Taylor circulated a memorandum to the Faculty Council stating his position, tempered by a reminder that "our traditions would indicate that, in reaching judgments on matters of this kind, faculty members should give due consideration to the opinions of the students involved."

The chancellor must remember that all students are involved because cigarette smoking in classrooms affects smokers and nonsmokers alike. Rather than deferring to some later possible action by some committee of the Faculty Council, the chancellor ought to have shown his responsiveness to students and his willingness to advise the faculty by presenting a resolution implementing a smoking ban at

Friday's Faculty Council meeting. The faculty could have discussed the proposal in light of clear student concern, and immediate action might have (and ought to have) been taken.

Instead, he washed his hands of the matter.

George Taylor on grading

Professor George Taylor, chairperson of the Faculty Council, has shown a progressive attitude in regard to possible changes in Carolina's grading system. He advised against implementing a proposal by Provost Charles Murrow which would have made A's few and C's predominant. He proposed a committee to study grading and grade inflation more fully.

But Professor Taylor also balked at the notion of equality in decision-making on issues affecting students and faculty alike last Friday. When a proposal to grant three students the power to vote on Taylor's proposed study committee, Taylor objected, warning "the faculty will relinquish with some disadvantage the right to determine the educational policies of this institution."

"It would be desirable to have students present, but don't give them the right to vote," he argued.

Professor Taylor should realize that students have been given the right to vote on matters much more important than educational policy with the emergence of the 18-year-old-vote. Why students should be forbidden to vote on a committee overwhelmingly weighted with administration and faculty figures is unclear. No one has asked the faculty to relinquish any rights, only to share the prerogative of decision-making with students when policies directly affecting the interests of students are being examined.

Until leading figures like Chancellor Taylor and Professor Taylor realize that students have a great deal of commitment to this University and a great deal at stake in its policies, the role of students in academic affairs will continue to atrophy. Only so much stagnation can be passively endured.

"MRS. CONLEY, DOES MY CONTRACT SPECIFICALLY REQUIRE ME TO KISS THE HOMECOMING QUEEN?"



The mayoral race...

Cohen: broad base of support

By Paul Melbostad

This fall, Chapel Hill voters have the chance to elect a mayor who is uniquely qualified to serve the interests of both the student and the non-student populations. While a student at UNC from 1968 to 1975, Gerry Cohen undoubtedly did more than any other person to give students a voice in local government.

Unlike student leaders in other towns, Gerry Cohen did not advocate a student takeover of the town, but rather, responsible student participation in the process of governing the town.

His election to the Board of Aldermen with the second highest vote total town-wide indicates that his support is much broader than just the UNC campus. As an outspoken member of the Town Board, he has consistently demonstrated exceptional knowledge of the issues facing the town.

I first got to know Gerry Cohen in the McGovern presidential campaign. I was very impressed with his work in coordinating the voter registration drive. He did this despite all the other work he was involved in, including law school. He had begun working in the McGovern campaign in August of 1971, long before George McGovern got any public attention.

Ever since 18-year-olds were given the right to vote, Gerry has taken the initiative to coordinate efforts to get young people registered to vote, informed about the candidates and voting on election day. He has confidence in young people. In 1973, as a sophomore, I was co-campaign manager for his city-wide campaign, and I am again helping coordinate part of his campaign.

Gerry Cohen has worked for years to elect progressive local candidates. He worked hard in Howard Lee's 1969 campaign for mayor. In 1972 he helped elect Flo Garrett, the first woman ever elected chairman of a

county board of commissioners. As a resident of Northside Precinct (Chapel Hill's largest black precinct) from 1970 to 1972, Gerry worked together with black leaders in the community and earned their respect.

When campus YMCA director Norm Gustavson ran successfully for county commissioner in 1974, Gerry personally knocked on the doors of 80% of the dorm students registered in Chapel Hill, giving them literature about Norm's positions.

He has been active in the campus Young Democrats, serving one year as vice-chairman.

During the General Assembly session last spring, he actively lobbied for a bill to keep public control of the UNC electric system.

From November 1970 to May 1975, Cohen wrote a weekly political column for the *Daily Tar Heel*, keeping students informed on national, state, and local issues.

What about his record on the Board of Aldermen? Gerry campaigned on a platform of getting a bus system established in Chapel Hill, and in July 1974, that system began to operate. He has gotten students appointed to many boards and commissions.

Prior to 1971, the flower ladies and other vendors were allowed to sell their merchandise on the downtown sidewalks, lending much charm to the village atmosphere. In 1971, the Board of Aldermen voted to take the flower ladies off Franklin Street. In 1973 Gerry Cohen supported efforts on the Board to allow flower ladies back on the street.

Recently, the Board of Aldermen voted to require bus drivers to wear uniforms. Cohen voted against this ridiculous waste of tax dollars.

Not long ago DU fraternity was in a battle over receiving a special use permit. Cohen was one of the four out of seven aldermen to vote against the major amendment that the DU's opposed.

Wallace: history of service

By Robert Pharr

The town of Chapel Hill has made remarkable progress during Mayor Howard Lee's administration including the implementation of the city bus system, major contribution in neighbor development and the establishment of a strong city recreational program. Jim Wallace's and Gerry Cohen's stands on these issues as well as others of concern to Chapel Hill have been remarkably similar. It is important, however, to look beyond these similarities in their stands on these specific issues into some of the problems of insuring continued progress toward worthwhile goals.

Following the November 4 municipal elections, Chapel Hill will be in the unique position of having a new mayor, a new town manager, and four or five new aldermen on the eight member board. What this means is that the town government will be, in effect, starting anew. This provides a rare opportunity to evaluate the progress made in recent years, but it also commands a responsibility on the part of city planners to continue to pursue desirable projects while at the same time seeking new directions and goals for the town's development.

All of these facts about the municipal elections lead to an inexorable conclusion. The Mayor of Chapel Hill, in order to provide the kind of leadership which will be so desperately needed, must have a broad knowledge of the workings of town government, as well as the respect of and the ability to work with the broad range of people who make up this University community. Jim Wallace, more than any other mayoral candidate in recent years, has all of these.

It has been alleged that the student vote should go to Jim Wallace's opponent in his campaign by virtue of Gerry Cohen's service to the student population. However, few individuals have been as dedicated over the years to the fight for the establishment of rights for students and minorities as Jim Wallace has been. Jim Wallace aided in the recruitment of black students to the University long before the change in UNC's admission policies. Jim Wallace served as a member of the committee that drafted the first student constitution. A graduate student here, Jim Wallace served as the director of the Graham Memorial Student Union and was instrumental in establishing that position as a full time one. Jim Wallace worked to desegregate various student political oriented state-wide organizations long before such activity was generally

accepted. Jim Wallace helped make great strides toward the realization that students can responsibly take a part in issues of major importance in the establishment of the National Student Association. Jim Wallace has indeed had a major hand in the fights for students and minorities that many of us now take for granted.

His understanding of the University community and its affairs is further evidenced by his position as professor of University studies at NCSU. He has been a long-time UNC student with degrees in physics (B.S. 1944), law (1947), history (M.A. 1957), public health (M.S.P.H. 1974). He has earned the respect of both students and faculty at NCSU and has twice been awarded NCSU's Outstanding Teacher Award. Wallace's alma mater has not forgotten him, however, as he received UNC's Distinguished Alumnus Award in 1972.

Jim Wallace has continued to pursue issues of concern to students, minorities, and all groups of the University community. Wallace is a past member of the Chapel Hill Board of Aldermen (1971-72); Wallace was instrumental in the establishment of the Chapel Hill Planning Board, and served on the Board from 1960-64, and again from 1970-71. He has served since 1972 on the N.C. Board of Environmental Management, as well as being President of the N.C. Conservation Council from 1971-72.

But these positions would not have much meaning without goal-directed action taken through them. As a member of the town Planning Board, Wallace successfully fought against the establishment of Fiber Industries and Texas Gulf Sulfur because of the detrimental effects of these companies on the local land and air quality. Jim Wallace has continually fought the state and federal government's thoroughfare plan for Chapel Hill which calls for the widening of existing roads, as well as the building of new roads in Chapel Hill's existing neighborhoods. As a part of his efforts in the state's conservation boards, Wallace has opposed the planned New Hope Dam and is a plaintiff in the litigation to prevent completion of the reservoir. Partially through his work, a National Environmental Protection Agency statement has been ordered on Bladhead Island, halting dredging of the island's shores and allowing time for progress in the state's plans to buy and preserve a portion of the island. Further, CP&L has been forced to install a seismic network around the Brunswick nuclear plant in Brunswick County because of geological fault in the area, through the work of professors in the



Gerry Cohen doesn't just talk about minority rights, or work with just symbols. He worked actively for money for rehabilitating housing in the black community and for paved streets and sewers. He has actively campaigned for black candidates for public office. He also supported the elderly nutrition program in the black neighborhoods. Now that the visible segregation is over, the hard work of insuring real equal opportunity has begun; and Gerry has shown his commitment to action.

As mayor, Gerry Cohen will provide the active leadership Chapel Hill needs to bring its growth under control and keep our town a leader in local government. I urge other local voters to join me in supporting his candidacy.

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UNC Geology Department and the conservation boards under the leadership of Jim Wallace.

In a non-partisan race, it is easy to tag candidates with labels like "conservative" and "liberal." It is true that Jim Wallace has support from both of these camps. But what this broad ideological support shows is the common interest of all groups in Chapel Hill for the work Jim Wallace has done, as well as the strong independent stands he has taken on important issues.

A common belief among some voters seems to be that we accord our respect and vote on the basis not of what he has done for us, but what he has done lately. Jim Wallace is a man who has devoted his entire career to securing essential human rights for those who have been denied them, and to insuring that our small world is not eaten up by ecological neglect and environmental decay. From the time he set foot on this campus as a student 35 years ago, Wallace has been concerned with, and has worked diligently toward, the healthy growth of the town. Perhaps the real question in this campaign is whether we accord more respect to the person who reaps the harvest or to the person who is among the first to plow the fields, plant the seeds and nurse the crop to maturity. As just the sort of man whose concerns and efforts have long pushed to nurture progress in our community, Jim Wallace deserves your vote on November 4.

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letters

Treasury in no danger

To the editor: If the *DTH* editor had bothered to familiarize himself with what really goes on in Suite C, he would realize that an amendment incorporating the dismissal power restrictions he suggested in yesterday's editorial had already been reported out of the CGC Rules and Judiciary committee last week.

Of course, had the editor read the text of the Supreme Court decision in *O'Neal v. Bates* to which he so often referred, he would have quickly realized why such an amendment is not enough to solve the problem of the treasurer's office.

Essentially, the Court argued that the treasurer had legal responsibilities both to the president and to the CGC; if he could not work with either of the two, his functions could not properly be performed. Thus, in the Court's reasoning, the president had to possess the right to dismiss a treasurer with whom he disagreed.

This confusion of allegiance, between the president and the CGC, results from the entrusting of the treasurer's office with both administrative functions—advising the president, running the Instant Loan Fund, etc.—and auditing functions, such as the initiating of requisitions, reporting treasury law violations, or okaying minor category changes in budgets. Each of these functions in themselves is a full time job.

The bill as written does not leave the treasurer's office an empty shell. In addition to his duties as a presidential advisor, in disbursing funds to the groups to which they have been appropriated, and advising both the president and CGC in drawing up the annual budget, the treasurer remains chief financial administrator of the executive branch, administrator of the Residence Unit Grant and Loan Fund, administrator of the Instant Loan Fund (the function which has recently occupied the majority of his time), and as an *ex officio* member or advisor to the Media Board and Student Audit Board.

The comptroller, as conceived in this bill, cannot become the "creature" of a small faction of CGC, unless the *DTH* considers 11 representatives—the number it would take to hire and fire him—a "small" faction.

The division of administrative and auditing functions, as presented in this bill is both natural and normal in most government organization schemes. The federal government contains both a Secretary of the Treasury, responsible to the President, and a General Accounting Office (headed by a Comptroller-General), responsible to Congress and performing functions virtually identical to those assigned the comptroller by the bill in question. North Carolina's constitution provides for both an elected treasurer and an elected auditor; and both the governor's office and the General Assembly maintain separate budgeting and accounting staffs.

If the editors of the *DTH* are concerned about the office becoming a sinecure for defeated politicians, they should oppose the appointment itself and argue for or against the institution of the office on its merits alone.

Otherwise, as Cole Campbell has observed under previous circumstances, our Student Government shall become a government of men and not of laws.

Ben Steelman
Chairperson
CGC Rules & Judiciary Committee

An invitation to debate

To the editor: Issues—not rumors—are what an election campaign should be about. The students in Morehead Confederation (Cobb and the Lower Quad) deserve a chance to see the two candidates for the seat of Morehead's Campus Governing Council representative in a direct clash over their positions on the issues in this CGC election. Such an opportunity can be provided most effectively only by an actual debate between the candidates.

For these reasons, I have invited my opponent in next Wednesday's CGC runoff election, Eric Locher, to meet me in public debate on the issues.

I have proposed that the debate be held at 2:30 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 27, in the Morehead Cellar (basement of Cobb dormitory). However, time, place, and format of the debate are certainly negotiable.

Such a debate is badly needed. Rumors and half-truths have been rampant, seemingly appearing from nowhere, during this campaign. In leaflets, posters, and door-to-door campaigning, useful as they may be, it is all too easy to dodge issues or ignore them altogether. Only a debate can provide the direct comparison of candidates and issue positions that the voters need.

I hope, therefore, that Eric will ultimately accept my invitation—in the interest of the students of the Morehead Confederation.

Dan Besse
CGC Representative
Morehead Confederation

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