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Court reaches decision

Comptroller bill 'unconstitutional'

by Chris Fuller
Staff Writer

A final attempt to block the establishment of a student body comptroller succeeded as Student Supreme Court Chief Justice Darrell Hancock announced Monday that the court unanimously found the comptroller position unconstitutional.

The court's opinion will be released to the public Wednesday, Hancock said. The opinion has been written but has not been typed yet.

Hancock said the comptroller position was declared unconstitutional because it interfered with the student body treasurer's power to sign requisitions and the power of the Student Audit Board.

Art. IV, Sec. 4 of the student constitution reads, "It shall be the duty of the (Audit) Board to supervise the Student Activity Funds Office, and it shall have the power to inspect the books of any organizations receiving funds from the Campus Governing Council."

The disbursement powers of the student body treasurer is defined by Art. III, Sec. 5 of the constitution, which reads, "The Treasurer of the Student Body shall disburse all monies appropriated by the Campus Governing Council."

Rick Buttner, Bob Loftin and Barry Smith, aides to Student Body President Bill Bates, filed the suit Dec. 3 following a CGC override of Bates' veto of the bill establishing the office. The suit was heard Jan. 16.

Buttner, Loftin and Smith charged that the comptroller violated the constitution by restricting the treasurer's power of disbursement, but they did not include the violation of the Audit Board's duties.

Hancock said that the court could not have restructured the bill to meet constitutional requirements because to do so would require a complete rewriting of the bill.

CGC Reps. Dick Pope and Ben Steelman introduced the comptroller bill in mid-October. The comptroller, who was to have been under sole control of CGC, would have had the power to oversee and investigate the financial practices of student organizations.

Correction

Due to a typesetting error, an article in Monday's *DTH* incorrectly listed the Chapel Hill property tax rate as 6.5 cents per \$100 property value. The figure should have read 96.5 cents per \$100 value. The *DTH* regrets the error.



This sunset was a far cry from Sol's Spring magnificence, but it did hold a hint of warmth and color. It also might hint that we won't see many more stark Franklin Street sunsets, like this one.

Staff photo by Charles Hardy

Cartoonist shows craft

MacNelly: 'Kissinger is easy'

by Jan Hodges
Staff Writer

Political cartoonist Jeff MacNelly kept a crowded Great Hall filled with laughter during his 45-minute talk and cartooning demonstration Monday night.

"Kissinger is easy to draw because he looks like any ordinary guy with one of those fake noses and glasses on," MacNelly said, sketching the secretary of state.

A 1969 UNC graduate and former staff artist on the *Daily Tar Heel*, MacNelly is currently a syndicated political cartoonist for the *Richmond News Leader*.

MacNelly began his speech by explaining,

"I got my start in politics in the highly political position of *DTH* sports editor. After backing the losing candidate in the *DTH* elections and thereby subsequently losing his position, MacNelly said he started doing political cartoons for the paper.

"To be a good political cartoonist you have to be a cynic and a skeptic," MacNelly said. His own wit was very deadpan and very sarcastic.

After a couple of anecdotes about the *DTH* and the *Howdy Doody Show*, MacNelly began to draw caricatures, which he called his major tool in political cartooning. His pen quickly produced Hubert Humphrey, Jerry Ford, Nelson

Rockefeller, Kissinger, George Meany and Richard Nixon. The audience applauded each drawing, accompanied by MacNelly's dry comments on the figure's physical and political characteristics.

"Time doesn't allow me to draw all the Democrats who are running for president," MacNelly quipped as he started a sketch of Humphrey. He described Ford as a "Scandinavian Ali Oop."

MacNelly later answered questions, and drew caricatures of his favorite foreign figure, Charles DeGaulle, and himself.

He turned down a request to draw Dean Smith replying, "Not until he decides to run in the North Carolina primaries, which he could probably win."

UNC officials to present progress study to HEW

by Dan Fesperman
Staff Writer

Three Consolidated University administrators will present the University system's semi-annual desegregation report to the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare Friday in Washington.

Cleon Thompson, UNC vice president for student services, will head the delegation, which also includes Charles R. Coble, associate vice president for planning and John B. Davis Jr., associate vice president for services and programs.

They will meet with Martin Gerry, director of HEW's Office of Civil Rights. Consolidated University President William C. Friday said the trio is being sent "to make sure there is no failure in communication."

Thompson said he expects no surprises at the meeting. Even though HEW's reactions "are never neutral, their major concerns are addressed in this report," he said.

Further material will be sent to HEW

later. "There are two documents they are anxiously awaiting that will be sent in the next six months," Thompson explained. "These are the long range (desegregation) plans for the University and the study of the predominantly black institutions."

HEW has emphasized upgrading the five predominantly black schools of the University system after backing down on the issue of the proposed N.C. Veterinary School location in September, 1975.

HEW had favored locating the facility at predominantly black N.C. A & T University in Greensboro, but eventually approved locating it at predominantly white N.C. State University in Raleigh as the University had sought.

Regarding the present relationship between the University system and HEW, Friday said last week, "I think it is much better."

Thompson said HEW has not yet officially replied to either of the desegregation reports filed in July 31 and Aug. 18 of 1975.

"But we've visited them in Washington two



Staff photo by Howard Shepherd

Dr. Cleon Thompson

or three times since then and they've visited us here two or three times," he said.

"The last official contact we've had with them was when they replied to our Jan. 1, 1975 report," Thompson added.

Vine to file suit charging vets were 'unethical'

by Vernon Loeb
Staff Writer

Chapel Hill veterinarian Louis Vine said Monday that he will sue local veterinarians for unethical conduct. He declined to say who would be named in the suit.

He did say, however, that the suit comes as a result of testimony by area residents before the N.C. Veterinary Medicine Board last week in Raleigh.

The residents, all pet-owners, said that statements by three Carrboro veterinarians led them to believe that medical treatment of their animals at a Vine-owned veterinary hospital was both inadequate and unethical.

Vine apparently thinks those statements concerning his veterinary practice and the practices of his associates were in themselves unethical.

Although Vine would not say who would be named in the suit, possible defendants are Carrboro veterinarians Charles Ward, Ann G. Samsell and Robert Chambless.

The veterinary board met to hear allegations of improper practices at the Vine Veterinary Hospital, East Franklin Street, after the UNC Student Consumer Action Union and a Durham resident forwarded complaints about Vine to the board.

Allegations of unethical conduct were also made against veterinarians Basil Pshyk, Richard Chesnut and Ahmed Said, all assistants to Vine. Vine and Pshyk were subpoenaed to appear before the board.

Both Vine and Pshyk told the board that neither they nor their associates were guilty of any unethical practices.

Ward and Samsell told the board that the treatment of a cocker spaniel's ear infection at Vine's hospital was inadequate and probably resulted in the

amputation of the dog's ear flap.

They testified, however, that they had told their client only that "previous treatment" was inadequate and made no specific reference to Vine or any of his associates.

Ward and Samsell said Monday that neither their testimony before the board nor the statements made to their client constituted unethical conduct.

Ward said he "wasn't at all worried by the suit," and that he and his partner Samsell only appeared before the board because they were subpoenaed.

UNC senior Roscoe Stephenson testified that Chambless told him Vine's two day hospitalization of his dog for a snakebite was unnecessary, and that the snakebite was not serious.

This testimony was stricken from the record, however, when Vine's attorney Blackwell Brodgen objected, calling it hearsay evidence because Chambless was not present. Chambless was not subpoenaed by the board, a board member said, because his appearance was considered unnecessary.

Chambless would not comment Monday about Vine's suit.

Statements made by Brodgen during the hearing also seem to indicate that Ward, Samsell and Chambless will be named in the suit.

When cross examining Ward, Brodgen asked, "Isn't it true that you, Samsell and Chambless have systematically, with the Student Consumer Action Union, slandered this man (Vine)?"

Ward answered, "that is an absurd question" and refused to answer it. Later in the hearing he said the allegation was not true.

Vine said he did not know when the unethical conduct suit would be filed in court, but acknowledged that Brodgen is working on the case. Brodgen could not be reached for comment.

University opens unique anticonvulsant drug lab

by Dwight Ferguson
Staff Writer

The only state-supported laboratory for anticonvulsant drug analysis in the country has recently been established at UNC.

Kenneth H. Dudley, an organic chemist in the pharmacology department, and Larry W. Boyles, a neurologist in the School of Medicine are co-directors of the laboratory, known as the Epilepsy and Anticonvulsant Drug Research Laboratory (EADRL).

EADRL functions in a service capacity, offering analytical and consultative services to North Carolina physicians, Dudley said.

It is supported by federal funds allocated by the Division of Mental Health Services of the state Department of Human Resources.

Dudley said that Boyles, who specializes in the treatment of epileptics, is available for telephone consultation to physicians throughout the state. He will also personally treat patients who come to N.C. Memorial Hospital. Dudley added.

Boyles defined epilepsy as a disease of the central nervous system which causes impairment of consciousness or loss of bodily control when the sufferer has a seizure. The primary effects of epilepsy on the epileptic are the seizures, Boyles said.

Another aspect of the laboratory's program, Dudley said, involves the analysis of drug levels in the blood plasma of epileptics. This operation is overseen by Dudley, and can process an analysis in 24 hours.

Dudley, who has been studying the metabolism of antiepileptic drugs for eight years, said that the laboratory enables researchers to analyze blood plasma samples from patients taking drugs for epilepsy and to determine the concentration of each drug in the patient's blood.

From this and other information, Dudley said, the most beneficial dosage of each drug for that patient can be determined. He added that epileptics often need to take three or more drugs to control their seizures.

A major problem of the program, Dudley noted, has been making people aware of the services offered by the laboratory. "We're concerned with getting our service to the people," he said.

Safety office deals with harmful wastes

Chemical and radioactive substances properly removed

by Laura Toler
Staff Writer

Chemistry department researchers used to pour their toxic concoctions right down the drain. But beginning in the late 60's, the department began encouraging experimenters to bottle or package harmful wastes.

Now, the University Health and Safety Office manages a program of collecting and properly disposing of harmful lab wastes.

Radioactive wastes are picked up by the Chemical Nuclear Company and buried at the company's home base, adjacent to the federal government's Savannah nuclear power research center in Barnwell, S.C.

Chemical wastes are buried in the old two-acre Chapel Hill landfill, beyond the Horace Williams Airport on Airport Road.

Donald G. Willhoit, director of the Health and Safety Office, said Monday that burying chemicals costs his office about \$500 annually. Disposal of radioactive wastes

costs over \$5,000 per year, he said.

Francis B. Defriess, radiation safety officer in the Health and Safety Office, said Monday that the radioactive wastes program handles radioactive research materials used in about 200 UNC laboratories. Over half of the labs are in the medical school, while the others are distributed among the dental school, N.C. Memorial Hospital's Nuclear Medicine lab and the physics, biology, chemistry and botany departments, he said.

The Division of Facilities Services in the state Department of Human Resources inspects the use of the radioactive materials at UNC once in every one- or two-year period, Defriess said.

Researchers must order radioactive materials through the Health and Safety Office, Defriess said. Each research project must be approved by Defriess and the University Committee on Radioisotopes.

Willhoit, who chairs the committee, said some criteria used in considering approval of a project concern the facilities and quantities

of materials to be used in each project. "We leave the reason for doing it (the project) up to the principle investigator (applicant)," he said.

Defriess said a Human Use Committee must approve N.C. Memorial Hospital's use of radioactive isotopes on people, although radiation is rarely used for anything other than routine diagnoses.

The Health and Safety Office orders the radioactive materials needed in UNC labs from any of approximately six companies in the United States. Shipment of the materials is regulated by state and federal regulations, he said.

Upon arrival here, the steel barrels containing the packages, as well as the packages themselves, are examined for radiation leaks.

The materials are then delivered to the researchers, who must exercise numerous precautions throughout their project work. But Defriess said he doubts that researchers are exposed to any more radiation than the average person receives from tap water, one

of several natural emitters of radiation, another being rocks.

The Health and Safety Office monitors researchers using gamma-emitting materials and takes a urine sample every six months from all those using radioactive materials extensively, Defriess said.

Defriess said glassware and instruments used in experiments involving radioactive materials are washed and kept because it has been determined that the cleansing water sent down the drains adds no appreciable amount of radiation to the sewers. "We get a weekly sample from the sewage treatment plant to make sure," Defriess said.

The remaining radioactive materials and anything else exposed to them are packaged and enclosed in steel barrels. They are stored in a warehouse near Chapel Hill.

Every three weeks, trucks from the Chemical Nuclear Company pick up UNC's radioactive wastes as well as those from Duke University, the Research Triangle Park in Durham and N.C. State University in Raleigh. Each pick-up costs UNC \$400, Defriess said.