

Law professor endorses ERA

by Julie Knight
Staff Writer

Former UNC Chancellor William B. Aycock endorsed the Equal Rights Amendment at the North Carolina Women's Political Caucus convention Saturday in Greenville.

The purpose of the annual convention was to bring together city and county women's political caucuses to elect statewide officers and adopt resolutions.

Aycock's comments came during an ERA workshop, one of six such workshops during the convention.

Aycock, now a Kenan Professor of Law, led a workshop presenting a factually based analysis of the need for ERA.

After reviewing U.S. Supreme Court cases dealing with sex discrimination, Aycock said, he concluded that "discrimination by law between the sexes is not a one-way street."

Like a double-edged sword, these laws cut both ways.

Under the due process clause of the Fifth Amendment and the equal protection and due process clauses of the Fourteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, the Supreme Court has struck down many laws in which there is sex discrimination and "where there is no factual justification for their continuance," Aycock said.

"ERA is not absolutely necessary—the doors have been opened," Aycock said. "But, the value of ERA should not be measured solely in the context of strict legal necessity."

Aycock asserted that "equality of rights under the law has the same general language as the due process clauses and the equal protection clauses in the Constitution."

The Equal Rights Amendment, approved by Congress in 1972, has been ratified by 34 state legislatures. It must be ratified by four

more by 1977 if it is to become a law. The N.C. General Assembly rejected the amendment in 1975, and cannot reconsider it until 1977.

The amendment reads, "Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex."

Aycock said common sense will be a determining factor in the interpretation and enforcement of ERA.

"There are differences between men and women that law cannot eliminate or ignore. Equality of rights under the law between the sexes cannot always mean identical rights," Aycock said.

He pointed out that statutes such as those regulating abortions will not be struck down under ERA, because they do not apply to men. "ERA would accelerate changed in dependency laws," such as those dealing with alimony Aycock said.

Rep. Herbert Hyde, D-Buncombe, who sponsored the ERA bill in the N.C. House of Representatives, suggested strategy tactics for supportive ERA campaigning.

Hyde said "The difficulty in pushing ERA is that certain people believe things that are not true." Aycock said educating the public about ERA and getting support and public commitment from male community leaders is important in waging a successful ERA campaign.

AWS chairperson Cricket Ussery and UNC freshman Nancy Mattox, who attended the conference agreed that if women of the state want to see ERA pass, they are going to have to organize and politic more than they have. "People opposed to ERA have been so outspoken, we have to counteract this," Ussery said.

Another AWS representative, Sallie Shuping, said "I don't think ERA will pass until we elect legislators who have publicly committed themselves to supporting ERA."

Hyde was questioned about legislator's commitments to ERA at the time of the proposal in the N.C. House. He recalled that 78 representatives committed their support originally, but on the second reading of the bill only 61 voted in favor of the bill and only 57 did so on the final third reading. The bill needed 61 votes to pass.



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Parking in Chapel Hill

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Library guide released

A new edition of *Guide to the Libraries*, published by the Library Public Services Committee, is now available for students and faculty.

"The purpose of the guide is twofold," committee chairperson Ann Lee said. "It is to inform the students, faculty and public about the services and resources of the library. Secondly, the guide explains what is there and how to find it."

The guide contains a brief description of the resources in each Wilson Library department. A short history of both Wilson and House Undergraduate Libraries and an explanation of the borrowing procedures is included.

Also in the guide are the locations,

procedures and collections of the departmental and other campus libraries.

The center section of the guide is what Lee calls a "how to" section. It includes information on how to locate a book in the library, how to use the UNC serials list, floor plans of Wilson Library, the Dewey Decimal and Library of Congress classification systems and the addresses, telephone numbers and hours of each library. This section may be obtained separately from the rest of the guide.

Desk copies of the guide are available at any of the service areas in Wilson Library—the circulation desk, the Humanities Department, the Business Administration-Social Sciences Department and the Periodicals Department.

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Taylor cites value of research

by Laura Scism
Staff Writer

The importance of research at universities must be explained to the public, George Taylor, history department chairperson and former faculty chairperson, said Tuesday in a speech at the UNC Faculty Club's monthly luncheon.

"Research is not an alternative to teaching but an approach that produced teaching of a special kind," Taylor said. "The public needs to be told that research strengthens teaching."

To accomplish this, Taylor announced the formation of a 32-member faculty committee that will try to explain the University's purposes and goals to alumni and civic groups. The committee was organized as the result of discussions between Taylor and UNC Chancellor N. Ferebee Taylor.

Taylor said that research distinguishes universities from non-universities. He stated that there are only about 60 true universities in this country due to the high cost of research facilities and ranked UNC in the top 25.

"America has a mania for balance sheets," Taylor added, noting that the committee members will also have to explain why the intangible and sometimes not immediate benefits of research are essential to the country's future.

Taylor also said that since research enhances teaching, the awarding of tenure, salary increases and promotions on the basis of a faculty member's research is legitimate.

To eliminate research and tenure requirements, Taylor said would be "to excuse all hands from the pursuit of serious

achievement and lose the carryover of that achievement into teaching and service."

Taylor also noted that attempts to reform American universities over the past three years, including efforts to unionize the UNC faculty reflect indifference to America's needs and ignorance of the purpose of universities.

But Taylor did recommend a review of University courses and programs so that "the importance of what we teach, and the way we arrive at what we teach, is as clear as the data we present and the skills we try to develop."

Elections

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candidates have someone representing them at the counting of ballots and thought adding such a clause was unnecessary.

She was asked if she thought all candidates in all elections should file spending reports for all expenditures. Presently, no candidate has to file reports on expenditures under \$5, Bynum replied that she personally did not want to look at a lot of unnecessary paperwork. Many of the CGC seat races spend less than five dollars, she added.

Steelman said he might introduce a bill for immediate consideration at Tuesday's CGC meeting making the election of the chairperson of the Association for Women Students (AWS) an organizational rather than a campus-wide election.

Meanwhile, major flaws in the election laws will stand, throughout this year's election.

One solution to spending law violations suggested at a previous election laws hearing would be for candidates to deposit all campaign monies in a Student Activities Fund Office account. Candidates would then requisition off that account, providing a method to police their spending.

This would supposedly provide a method of policing a candidate's

campaign spending.

Elliot Warnock, former candidate for DTH editor said at the first hearing that such a system would make it harder to get around the spending laws. He added, however, that violations would still be possible.

Warnock has said he does not respect the present election laws and that he violated the laws last year by failing to file a spending report.

As a means of cutting down campaign spending, DTH editor Cole Campbell has proposed putting campaign posters in showcases at prominent campus locations. This would cut down on the number of posters needed to run a campaign.

Campbell also said security measures need to be implemented to prevent theft of ballots from Student Graphics during their printing. He suggested requiring the presence of an Elections Board member during the printing.

In an interview last week, Bynum said the composition of the Elections Board itself needs to be revised. She said the board needs a well-defined membership and suggested having elected officials from each dorm responsible for setting up the hiring polltenders in their respective dorms, and getting people to man them.

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