

Edmisten clarifies pot stance

By CHARLENE HAVNAER
Staff Writer

North Carolina Atty. Gen. Rufus Edmisten said Monday that he was not advocating the decriminalization of marijuana when he asked Gov. James B. Hunt to commute the sentences of prisoners serving time for simple possession of the controlled substance.

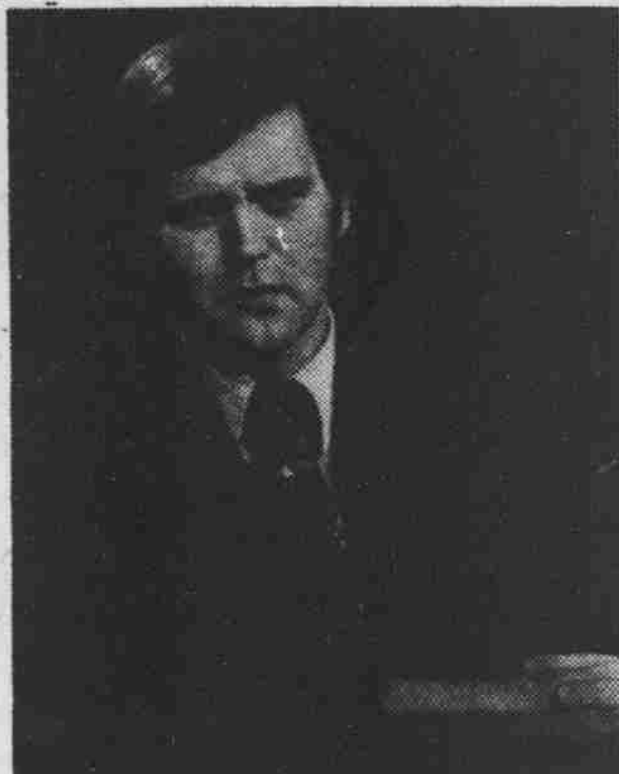
Edmisten said the release of the prisoners would ease overcrowding of the state's prison system. He made the request when he appeared March 3 before the General Assembly's committee on law enforcement and crime control.

The attorney general said he feels the state is putting the wrong persons in prison and that the space should be made available for people who commit felonies rather than misdemeanors.

Simple possession of marijuana, possession of less than one ounce, is a misdemeanor in North Carolina. Secretary of Corrections Amos Reed said last week that approximately 290 persons are now in state prisons for simple possession.

The final decision on whether to act on Edmisten's proposal is up to Gov. Hunt, who has the power to grant pardons and commute sentences.

Hunt's press secretary, Gary Pearce, said Monday that Hunt has people in the prison



Rufus Edmisten

system looking into the cases of persons serving time for all types of misdemeanors, but has not made a decision on how to act.

Pearce said there are several ways the Governor could act to relieve the overcrowded prisons. "He could set a policy to encourage the State Parole Commission to grant these people early parole, or he could decide to commute their sentences." In either case, Pearce said, the cases of these persons would be reviewed individually to determine whether they merit release.

Lee Bounds, director of the criminal justice program at UNC and former state prison director, said Monday that he highly supports Edmisten's proposal. "I'm not only very supportive of it; I feel it should go beyond not only to decriminalization, but it should be legally controlled like alcohol," he said.

Sex discrimination cited as reason

UNC withholds sanction of athletic fraternity

By TONI GILBERT
Staff Writer

The status of the UNC chapter of a national honorary athletic fraternity is in limbo until it provides for female membership within its all-male ranks, according to Bill Lovingood, the group's founder and faculty adviser.

The UNC chapter of Sigma Delta Psi was granted a charter by the national organization Jan. 1, 1977. Under its present bylaws, only men are eligible for membership.

But Associate Dean of Student Affairs Frederic Schroeder Jr. informed Lovingood that the fraternity's bylaws violate the Department of Health, Education and Welfare Title IX by excluding female membership.

and therefore cannot receive the University's official recognition.

Lovingood said he is working through the national organization to change the bylaws to include women and to establish a separate set of eligibility standards for women.

Membership in the organization is based on the applicant's performance in a series of tests measuring physical skills. Lovingood said many of the present requirements are too difficult for women to meet.

"Mr. Schroeder is right in calling this to our attention," Lovingood said. "The only thing we can do is try to be in compliance with all the rules and regulations of Title IX."

Other campus chapters across the country are facing

the same problem, Lovingood said, and he expects the national organization to discuss the situation at its national conference this month.

He said he is looking forward to a positive response from the national organization and expects its decision within the next two months.

"I am optimistic that something will occur to give women the opportunity to be a member of a very prestigious organization," Lovingood said.

He said that if the bylaws are not changed to include women, the UNC chapter must either form a splinter group to include women or move off campus. Either alternative would be less than satisfactory, Lovingood said, because the organization would lose both its prestige and its access to campus facilities.

Delta Sigma Psi has one member, Randy Warrick.

South Campus to begin film series for new Union

The South Campus Film Series will begin tonight with two showings of the Marx Brothers' "Horsefeathers" at 7:30 and 9:30 in Morrison Residence College.

The film is the first in a series of six to be shown Tuesday nights during March and April in an attempt to develop programming for the South Campus Union which will open in January 1978.

Future plans for South Campus programming include the fourth annual South Campus Bash April 22. Merging

Traffic and the Vandales will perform.

Films to be shown in the series, which is free to all UNC students, are as follows:

- "Horsefeathers" and two Roadrunner cartoons, March 15 at Morrison Dorm.

- "Rebel Without a Cause" and W. C. Fields in "Fatal Glass of Beer," March 22 at Ehringhaus Dorm.

- "High Noon" and Laurel and Hardy's "Music Box," March 29 at Avery Dorm.

- "Singing in the Rain" and three Walt Disney cartoons, April 5 at Chase Cafeteria.

- "From Here to Eternity" and two Abbott and Costello shorts, April 12 at Craigie Dorm.

- "Great White Hope" and W. C. Fields in "The Barber Shop," April 19 at James Dorm.

Taylor

The new dean will replace Dean James R. Gaskin, who is resigning the post in June to resume teaching English full time. The new dean will serve for a five-year term.

The process for selecting a new dean of arts and sciences began last fall when a search committee of 16 faculty members and three students

Pizza Hut granted permit

By LESLIE SCISM
Staff Writer

A permit will be granted to the property owner at 112 W. Franklin St. to allow the construction of a Pizza Hut restaurant, despite objections by several Chapel Hill residents that the restaurant will threaten the town's quaintness.

The Chapel Hill Board of Adjustment voted March 2 to uphold the building inspector's decision to grant a permit to Owen Gwym, the property owner. The permit will not be issued until 30 days after Gwym files an environmental impact statement.

The permit allowing the construction of the Pizza Hut was appealed by Alderman Robert Epting, who said the restaurant would change the image of Franklin Street from pedestrian-oriented to vehicle-oriented. Plans for the Pizza Hut call for a parking lot in front of the modernized, red-brick franchise.

Despite the appeal's being overturned, Epting said he does not see the decision as a defeat for Chapel Hill residents who hope to preserve the town's quaintness. Approximately 75 persons, most of whom opposed the Pizza Hut's construction, attended the two-hour meeting.

"The appeal gave us a chance to say this is horrible and that we want to change the (zoning) ordinance," Epting said Monday.

Chapel Hill's zoning ordinance permits commercial development of any downtown property.

A proposal to amend the zoning ordinance to require special-use permits for development of downtown property will be introduced by aldermen Epting and Gerry Cohen at a future meeting of the board, Epting said.

Epting was co-sponsor of the ordinance that requires all persons applying for permits to file environmental impact statements. The ordinance was adopted by the Board of Aldermen Feb. 28, shortly after Gwym was granted his permit by the town's building inspector.

Gwym could not be reached for comment. Bruce Holsten, assistant to Chapel Hill Mayor James C. Wallace, said the mayor's office was in "perfect agreement with Mr. Epting's position."

"We support anything that will preserve the character of Chapel Hill. We cannot deny businesses the right to open up, but sometimes you reach a point that development is not in the best interests of the town," he said.

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full-time employers not represented by on-campus visits is also available.

Tuesday, March 15
Ford Motor Credit Company

Wednesday, March 16
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Fidelity Union Life Insurance Co.
Burlington Industries, Inc.
Rockwell International

Thursday, March 17
VPI - Division of Environmental & Urban Systems
J. B. Ivey & Company
Union Carbide Corporation
Burroughs Corporation
The Atlantic Companies

Friday, March 18
Henes Knitwear
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Ferguson Enterprises

taxis

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By using a shared-ride system, along with bus service on the U Route, the Transportation Board hopes to save fuel by eliminating less-used bus routes.

He said the danger of the system would be its attractiveness and thus the possible excess demand for it. Bartosiewicz said fare prices could be altered to control such a problem.

The use of such a taxi system would cut the marginal cost of a transportation system by \$135 a week, he predicted.

If such a system is not implemented, Bartosiewicz said, a cutback on bus service in accordance to rider demand may be the only way to maintain an economical bus system.

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Sunday 20
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2 p.m. Hill Hall \$2.00, 1.00 with Student I.D.

Saturday 26
THE BREAD AND PUPPET THEATRE
will perform their play, "Jeanne D'Arc." Bread and Puppet performances have elements of mime, puppetry and Commedia del' Arte.
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Monday 21
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