

Greeks respond to comment

Moss remark 'self-effacing humor'

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A remark made by Student Body President Bill Moss during an Orange Water and Sewer Authority (OWASA) press conference Sept. 9 about the mentality of UNC fraternity members was "an offhand comment meant as self-effacing humor," Moss said Wednesday.

Moss' remark was made while he was explaining his desire to expand the interests of Greeks in conserving water. The remark was quoted in a *Daily Tar Heel* story published Tuesday about fraternity water-conservation efforts.

The presidents of the Interfraternity Council (IFC) and the Panhellenic Council said they felt most Greeks did not take the quote seriously. IFC President Todd Baker said he has received some negative reaction to the remark.

"I have spoken with Bill about the quote," Baker said. "There was a misunderstanding and things have been cleared up now."

Baker said the IFC is cooperating fully with both Student Government and the town

of Chapel Hill on water conservation. Julie Blazer, Panhellenic Council president, said she believes the remark was made in jest. "Knowing Bill personally, and knowing he's a Greek, I just laughed at it. I didn't take it at all seriously," she said. Blazer said Moss called her to apologize for any misunderstanding the remark may have generated.

"Nobody from any of the sororities has expressed any negative reaction at all," she said.

Moss said at the OWASA meeting, "A lot of them (Greeks) don't know where the student union is — this shows the mentality of some of the Greeks."

"I think it's a real narrow view," said Steve Walker, president of Beta Theta Pi fraternity. "I like the rebuttal someone wrote in," he said, referring to a letter to the editor that appeared in the paper Wednesday. "I don't think he really meant much by it."

"It's just an unfortunate thing to say, and I think he knows better," said Stan Atwell, Delta Tau Delta president.

Moss said he met Tuesday afternoon with

the IFC Executive Committee. "We talked about the water situation and steps the fraternities could take to help with the crisis. I assured them I did not mean at any time or in any way to impinge upon the fraternity and sorority lifestyle."

"We (Moss and Baker), along with the president of the Panhellenic Council (Blazer) decided that perhaps a joint letter from the three of us to the editor of the *Daily Tar Heel* would explain that the comment was not meant to devalue the fraternities and sororities, and demonstrate that there are more important things to be considered than an unfortunate and offhand comment by one person."

"I am a member of a fraternity. I have a large number of friends all over campus who are members of fraternities, and the possible implication that sororities and fraternities are not involved in campus activities is clearly not true," Moss said.

"Obviously, it was an offhand comment which was meant as self-effacing humor to stress an important point in the discussion with OWASA about what students are doing to conserve water."

Waiting for rain

Tuesday water consumption	4,667 million gallons
from University Lake	2,170 million gallons
from Durham	2,479 million gallons
Level of University Lake	58 inches below capacity
Total consumption, Sept. 13, 1976	4.0 million gallons

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Lance overdrafts possibly illegal

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Bert Lance may have received \$100,000 illegally through overdrafts on his wife's account in his unsuccessful 1974 campaign for governor of Georgia, a federal bank regulator testified Wednesday.

Robert Serino, chief enforcement officer in the office of the Comptroller of the Currency, gave his assessment to the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee and said he recently discussed the issue with the Justice Department.

The committee, scheduled to hear from Lance Thursday, also questioned the former U.S. Attorney in Atlanta who dismissed a case against Lance's Calhoun, Ga., bank one

day after talking to Lance's lawyer last year. U.S. attorney John Stokes said he closed the case Dec. 2 — a day before Lance was nominated budget director — because it had been dormant for seven months and there were no grounds for prosecution.

"If we had a good case, we had no choice but to prosecute. But we had no right to destroy a man by fiddling around... if you haven't got the goods," Stokes said.

Three attorneys who worked for Stokes when the case was closed disagreed. They testified that a thorough review might have uncovered evidence that would have led to Lance's prosecution.

As the new charges surfaced, Lance told

reporters judgments are being made on the basis of "allegations, innuendo and hearsay," and it is unfair to claim his effectiveness as budget director has been crippled. Lance tells his side of the story to the committee Thursday.

"Scrutiny, investigation — all that's fine," Lance said. "You ought to be able to go through that. But when you've gone through it, you ought to be able to present your side of the case in a sense of fairness — and be heard out before any decision is made."

White House Press Secretary Jody Powell said President Carter "has confidence in Mr. Lance, but obviously if he feels that he should ask for the resignation, of course he would do it. It would not... be an easy thing to do."

Lance, a long-time Georgia bank chief, is under strong pressure to resign because of questionable banking practices and large overdrafts he incurred prior to joining the administration.

On Capitol Hill, Serino testified he drew his conclusions on the possible illegal campaign contributions from news accounts quoting Mrs. Lance saying her bank overdrafts were used in Lance's 1974 political bid.

Lance himself acknowledged at an Aug. 5 news conference that some of the overdrafts on his wife's personal bank account were used in the campaign.

Under federal law, it is illegal for a national bank to contribute to political campaigns. If there were a violation of that law in the Lance case, it would have to be proved that the Lance family's Calhoun First National Bank in Georgia intentionally advanced money to the campaign through Mrs. Lance's overdrawn accounts.

After his testimony, Serino told reporters the comptroller's office is analyzing all the Lance family overdrafts at the Calhoun bank in light of the 1974 campaign.

He said the review is being made at the request of the Governmental Affairs Committee, and that he is in daily contact with the Justice Department.

Several senators paused during the hearings to denounce Powell for telephoning the *Chicago Sun-Times* with what proved to be false information about Sen. Charles Percy of Illinois, the committee's ranking Republican.

Percy, who has called for Lance to resign, said he received an apology from Powell and considers the matter closed.

Registration correction

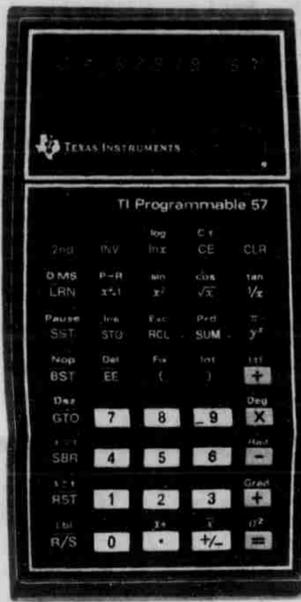
The Orange County Board of Elections approved a change in its voter-registration schedule Tuesday, allowing persons to register at the Carrboro Town Hall on Saturday.

Persons who will have lived in Orange County 30 days prior to Nov. 8 can register in Carrboro from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturdays. Other registration hours in Carrboro run from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and from 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

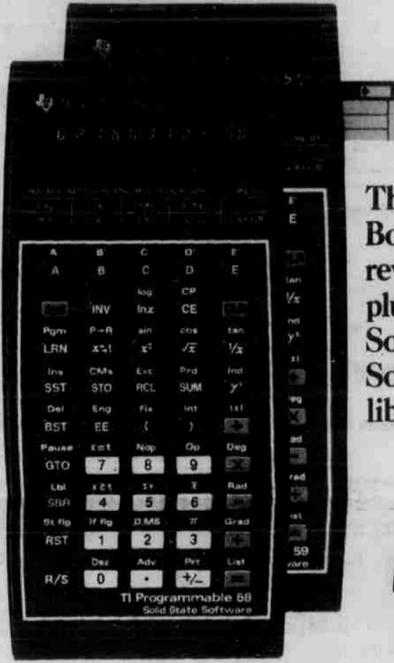
Due to a typographical error, the *Daily Tar Heel* incorrectly reported Wednesday that the Carrboro registration times are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

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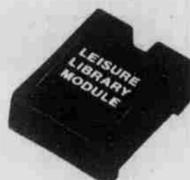
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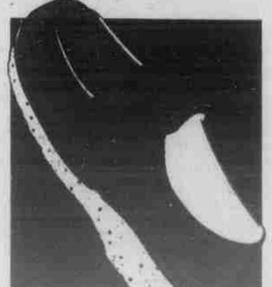
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