

As time to cast vote draws near Support for ERA ratification increases in N. C.

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The defeat of the Equal Rights Amendment last week by South Carolina and Virginia, two traditionally conservative states, has not lessened the momentum of the ERA movement in North Carolina.

Instead, plans now are being made to step up action towards ratification of the amendment in the state.

South Carolina's Senate rejected the amendment last week by a 23-18 vote.

A second blow was dealt to the amendment Thursday when a Virginia House committee voted it down for the sixth straight year, by a 12-8 vote.

Three more states must ratify ERA by March 22, 1979 if the amendment is to become law.

The ERA next can be considered by the North Carolina General Assembly in January 1979, two months before the deadline.

A Louis Harris Poll showed Monday that the country favors passage of ERA, 51 to 34 percent. The poll showed that the South supports ERA 47 to 39 percent — a lesser margin than any other area of the country.

Members of the Association for Women Students and several statewide members of

the pro-ERA movement expressed disappointment but not surprise at the defeat of the amendment in the two states. They stressed the need to keep up the momentum of the ERA campaign.

"It is necessary to keep the ERA movement alive," said Annelies Kennedy, member of the North Carolinians United for the Equal Rights Amendment (NCUERA). "It isn't less important just because it takes longer."

"We still have high hopes here in North Carolina. More and more women and men are involved. It's just a matter of time."

Miriam Slikin, former president of the Chapel Hill chapter of the National Organization of Women, said, "We will have to work all that much harder."

Slikin said women will suffer if ERA doesn't become law. The women most affected will be those now in college, she added.

Kathy Paramore, chairperson for the ERA committee in Chapel Hill, said, "I feel a lot of empathy for the people in South Carolina and Virginia who worked so hard for ERA. I hope that the failure to pass ERA in these two states will not hurt ERA's chances substantially elsewhere."

Paramore said she is sorry to see the South "lagging behind" the rest of the country in

supporting equal rights for women.

"In the South, North Carolina has the best chance of passing ERA next time," she said.

"It is really important for us to have a southern state ratify ERA to provide momentum to others."

AWS members and the pro-ERA movement realize the need to educate the public about ERA and to focus more attention on the North Carolina legislature before the upcoming primary. The ERA was voted down in the North Carolina legislature last year by a narrow margin.

Betty Ausherman, chairperson of AWS, said, "It is important to make people aware now of ERA."

The AWS and NCUERA hope to launch informational campaigns explaining the ERA and clearing up any misconceptions about it. The ERA committee, with help from NCUERA, plans to distribute information on the candidates who will be running in the May primary and November election. This information will present the candidate's stands on the proposed amendment.

AWS members suggested the following ways in which the public can become involved in the ERA movement:

- Register to vote in your home town.
- Write letters to your state legislators

supporting ERA.

• Participate in lobbies for an extension of the ERA deadline.

An educational and promotional ERA caravan will tour North Carolina for the next year, with ERA supporters from all over the state participating. The caravan began its tour Tuesday in Durham, and it is scheduled to arrive in Chapel Hill March 22 — one year before the ratification deadline.

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Learning-living programs offer personal environment

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Nationally prominent educators will speak about alternative living programs for college students at an upcoming conference at UNC.

The conference, called "Undergraduate Living-Learning in the Large University," will be held Feb. 22 through 24 and is sponsored by the Committee on Undergraduate Education. Presentations and panel discussions will be open to interested students and faculty members.

The purpose of the conference is to consider various ways to create a more personal undergraduate environment. National experts would discuss alternate living and learning arrangements, said James L. Smalley, associate director of the Campus YMCA and committee adviser.

Guest speakers are Arthur Chickering, director for the Center of Higher Education at Memphis State and author of the book *Education and Identity*; Robert Banks, a pioneer in residential college living and dean of James Madison College, a residential college at Michigan State; Jerry Gaff, who is working on the Project for Institutional Renewal Through the Improvement of Instruction

in Washington, D.C.; and Harold Grant, a special assistant to the president of Auburn University.

All four men are active writers and promoters of alternate living and learning programs in large universities. They are especially enthusiastic about the residential college concept.

Residential college programs involve students living in a community with its own classrooms, faculty and advisers. Smalley said the conference initiators envision future coed communities with more than 100 students sharing dining facilities, lounges, libraries and classrooms. The program would remodel available facilities for these communities.

The conference is an outgrowth of a random survey conducted by the Committee on Undergraduate Education in August 1977. The survey sought student and faculty opinions on the status of undergraduate life and education at the University.

Survey results revealed a need for a better total educational experience for students, Smalley said. Specific problem areas included classroom size, impersonal relations between faculty and students and the academic advising system.

For more information, contact Smalley in the Y Building at 933-2333.

\$500 fellowships available for summer study overseas

Applications for three \$500 fellowships to study abroad this summer are available in the International Student Center in the basement of Bynum Hall.

Deadline for applying for the fellowships, which are sponsored by the UNC Class of 1938, is March 3. Finalists will be posted March 20, and winners will be announced in April.

Recipients will work abroad on projects relating to their academic interests. To qualify, a student must be a junior with the intent of returning to UNC for his senior year. He also must be a United States citizen. Students must make a statement discussing travel and study plans and tell how a trip abroad will enhance these plans. Students may study in any country, and the program design is entirely up to the individual.

The fellowship, being offered for the fourth year, was designed to promote international peace by giving students a

chance to interact with persons from other nations and cultures. Alumni who graduated from years other than 1938 have made contributions to the class fund.

Selections are made by two committees. The International Center chooses about five applications, which are reviewed by the 1938 Gift Committee composed of faculty and former student winners.

— SHANNON BRENNAN

Professor Azar gets grant for research

Edward E. Azar, a professor of political science at UNC, has been awarded a grant by the National Science Foundation for a summer research program on International Conflict and Cooperation involving undergraduates and professors.

The 10-week research program will be conducted from June 1 to August 3, 1978. There will be five research projects centering on international conflict, international crises, third world development problems, methods of gathering data and learning to scale international events.

Twelve undergraduates, primarily juniors and sophomores, will be selected for the program from UNC-CH and other universities in the state. These students will work full time under a professor doing research and will earn \$90 per week.

The two most important criteria for selecting participants, Azar said, are a keen interest in learning and outstanding potential for academic work beyond college.

Applicants must contact Azar prior to the middle of March and present a letter of recommendation from a faculty member, a transcript of grades and a letter explaining why they wish to join the program. The deadline for receiving applications is April 1. For more information, contact Edward E. Azar, 259 Hamilton Hall, 967-2019.

Ehringhaus coed attempts suicide

A female resident of first-floor Ehringhaus cut her wrists in an apparent suicide attempt early Sunday morning, according to a University Police report.

Police said when they reached Ehringhaus after a 3:45 a.m. call from Ehringhaus Resident Director Jan Nelson, the person had fled to the wooded area east of the dorm. Officer A. J. Womble and Lt. J. E. Robertson searched the woods.

The woman subsequently returned to her room, where Nelson persuaded her to go to the infirmary, the police report said.

Nelson and two of the woman's suitmates accompanied her to the infirmary, where she was examined by a psychiatrist "to determine whether she posed a hazard to her own safety" and treated for superficial lacerations of her wrists.

Nelson told police Tuesday that the victim would be undergoing voluntary physical and psychological examinations.

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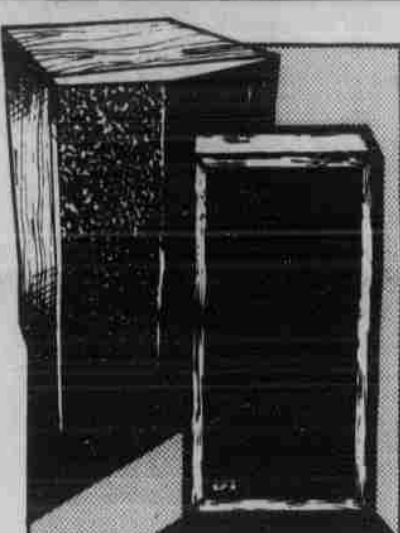
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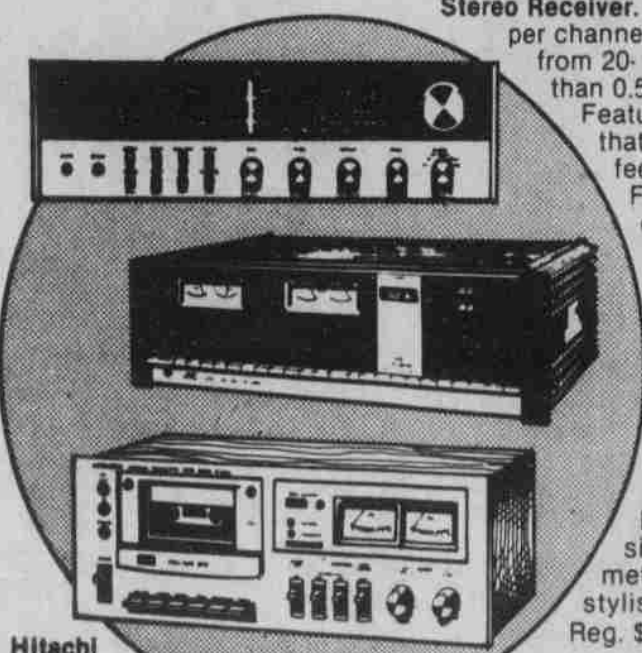


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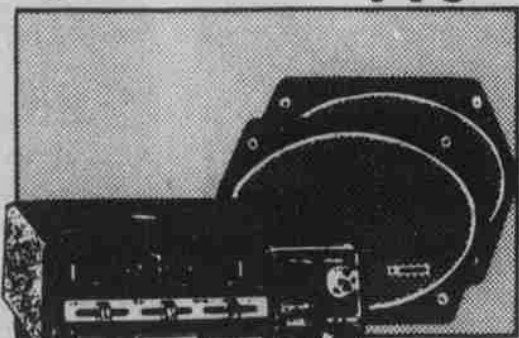
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