

# Yoder: Government can make changes

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It the United States expects to make practical reforms in society, it must channel new values through traditional government institutions, rather than idealistic programs, Edwin Yoder, post-note speaker for the Carolina Symposium, said Tuesday night.

"America today is facing a real challenge to its traditional values," said Yoder, a recent Pulitzer Prize winner and editorial page editor for the *Washington Star*. His speech summed up a two-week symposium examination of the American crisis of values.

"The pervasive skepticism and criticism of all institutions that began in the 1960s is continuing in force today," he said. "Religious and moral values, and the institution of marriage have also been shaken."

"But in dealing with changing values and the need for reform, we must continue to work within the framework of our traditional institutions," Yoder said.

"The American ideal of personal human liberty cannot be bandied around the world as a workable base of government," Yoder said. "Our liberty is deeply bound in our constitution, our roots and our historical institutions. We must distinguish between this sort of liberty and unrealistic ideals springing from conceptual ideas."

Yoder said government institutions are equipped to respond to and assimilate changing values. He cited the Supreme Court as a good example of a government

body that has changed its stand in response to new perceptions and values. The American government exists in a framework which allows a great variety of values and opinions, he said.

But ever since the Great Depression and Franklin D. Roosevelt's presidency, Congress and the executive branch have made reforms through programs, rather than through institutions, Yoder said.

"I was a Depression baby, growing up in time when programs were deemed essential to carry out social values," Yoder said. "The problem today is that programs or improvement proposals have become the litmus test for politicians. The tension between programs and institutions has everything to do with our values today."

Yoder said institutions suffer when they are put under relentless scientific scrutiny because they are not always logical. Custom, habit and predictability are crucial to institutions and the people they serve, and they must have a place in society, he said.

Yoder said he was critical of books like *The Pentagon Papers* and *The Brethren*, because they criticize institutions on a superficial level without real understanding of a body's inner workings and time-tried customs.

Yoder warned of people placing too much reliance on social sciences that tend to diminish traditional values without offering practical alternatives. "The problem is that these experts measure society with an idealized system that has never existed. Their theories smack of self-defeat...it's like pulling up the roots to trim the branches," he said.

## tanning

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Dr. W. Mitchell Sams, a professor of dermatology at North Carolina Memorial Hospital, said he does not believe the dangers involved in using the tanning centers are any different than those of sunlight. He admits, however, that the more sun you get, the greater the danger.

"With the tanning center, you can get sun all year long, where before you may have just been getting sun from April to September," he said. "You are doubling your chances of being affected by the sun. You may start aging earlier or may get skin cancer at 30 instead of 50. That's where the risk is. We're not against the sun tanning centers, but against the long-term exposure. You could get the same effect if you went to South America and stayed in the sun during the winter months and came back to North Carolina in the summer."

Other than causing the skin to age and increasing the chance of skin cancer, Sams said exposure to ultraviolet light also causes problems for people with photosensitive diseases and for people using certain medications.

"There are a number of medicines that cause you to be more sensitive," Sams said. "Physicians may not warn you of this in the winter because they may not think you'd be in the sunlight."

People who are taking antibiotics,

tetracycline or oral contraceptives are among those who should not use the tanning booths, he said.

Stone requires customers to fill out a form on their first visit to the tanning center. They are asked about their hair and skin type as well as the type of medications they are taking.

The FDA established guidelines for the tanning centers in November and will soon begin inspecting the centers. By May, the FDA will require the centers to post warnings explaining the dangers of the ultraviolet light.

## embassy

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Military intelligence sources, asking to remain anonymous, said the attackers are members of one of two Communist guerrilla groups, the Workers Self-Defense Movement or M-19.

The Workers Self-Defense Movement aligns itself with Chinese communism and is the most violent of Colombia's half dozen guerrilla groups.

M-19, whose formal name is the April Movement, was the most active urban guerrilla group in Colombia until the military arrested more than 1,000 alleged members and put more than 400 on trial earlier this year in court martials.

# News In Brief

## Draft registration suffers setback

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Carter's draft registration plan failed its first test in Congress when a House committee refused Wednesday to approve funds the administration had sought for the program.

Opponents of registration hailed the House Appropriations subcommittee action as a serious setback for the Carter administration.

However, administration officials and backers of Carter's program predicted the president's plan will be approved in the full Appropriations Committee at a later date.

## Officials explain nuke mishap

CRYSTAL RIVER, Fla. (AP)—An electronic breakdown in central control room instruments and a seven-minute failure of a backup power system combined to shut down the Crystal River nuclear power plant in a flood of radioactive water, officials said Wednesday.

The explanation by Florida Power Corp. and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission emerged as a 21-man NRC team tried to figure out what caused the instrument failure that threw the plant into the emergency shutdown Tuesday afternoon.

## Report tells of Afghan executions

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP)—Afghan authorities resorted to large-scale repression and executions after last week's anti-Soviet uprising in the capital of Kabul, according to a report published here Wednesday.

Medical sources said at least 300 civilian and an undetermined number of Soviet and Afghan troops were killed in the fighting that led to the imposition of martial law in Kabul.

## Rhodesians begin independence vote

SALISBURY, Rhodesia (AP)—Armored cars and troop carriers loaded with rifle-carrying soldiers cruised cities, towns and countryside to ensure law and order as war-weary black Rhodesians began voting for independence Wednesday.

British elections commissioner Sir John Boynton told a news conference more than 800,000 persons voted during the first day.

## food

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"We were concerned with the fact that we would be carrying a large debt service in the renovations, and to go out and borrow all that money, we felt we were going to have to make some stiff requirements to pay back this debt service," Antle said.

Student body president-elect Bob Saunders was in opposition to the subcommittee's recommendation, saying a mandatory meal plan would "jeopardize students' freedom of choice."

"I think it's something out of George Orwell," he said. "It is the University telling a freshman where he or she has to eat, which in my opinion, is unacceptable. This is a perfect example of whether the University should advise or supervise."

Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs James Cansler, the adviser for the food service committee, said, "If we want a good full-service food service, we need expanded facilities and if we want expanded facilities, we need a mandatory (meal) plan."

"If we're not prepared to upgrade facilities, we ought to get rid of food service facilities entirely."

The six-member subcommittee last semester visited eight other campuses in the eastern United States to see how other

schools conducted their food service operations. The subcommittee made the following observations about UNC's food service in comparison with those institutions:

- The facilities at UNC are inadequate to serve the students and staff of a university of this size and type.

- Campus food service operations have gained a reputation with students (however unjust) of being less than adequate.

- Total University food service operations are not fully coordinated.

- Meal plan costs are high when compared to other campuses.

- Better coordination with other campus activities is needed.

- A more extensive marketing and public relations effort is needed to "sell" food service on campus.

- The food service should make more efforts to provide advancement opportunities, training and a positive work experience in order to encourage students to work in food service.

- The quality of the "fast food" items served at the Carolina Union are not always satisfactory. Concerns also have been expressed about the need for better cleaning and housekeeping.

# Spring tourists may face limited gasoline supplies

Car owners traveling to Florida during spring break face limited gas supplies, said officials this week at the Raleigh office of the American Automobile Association.

"Reports show that hardly any stations are open at night or on the weekend," an AAA official said. "We recommend keeping your tank half full as much as possible."

A survey of gas stations throughout the country indicates that availability in North and South Carolina should be adequate for the next several months. In Florida fewer gas stations will be open on Sundays with some imposing purchase limits.

Quentin Anderson of the Carolina Motor Club in Charlotte said the decreased availability of gas might hamper travel plans to the area. He cited last summer's decline in tourism and price increases this fall as indicators of how

important gas availability is for tourism.

"Increased prices seem to be having little effect on travel plans," Anderson said. "Conservation is coming from consumers planning their trips better."

According to the motor club's statistics, tourism in North Carolina has been higher this February than last, and Anderson said that if supplies remain strong and prices do not rise substantially, the state tourist industry should have a good spring and summer.

But Anderson said gas prices have risen almost 15 cents per gallon since the beginning of the year and that there is no way to predict supply in the future.

"Just the other night Exxon, the largest supplier in the state, announced a 4 cent per gallon increase across the board," Anderson said. "This was their second increase in less than two weeks."

—MURPHEY EVANS

# Iranian parliament not to decide hostages' fate until at least May

The Associated Press

Iran's new parliament will not be ready to decide the fate of the U.S. Embassy hostages until May at the earliest, a top Iranian official said Wednesday. This would mean at least 10 more weeks of captivity for the 50 or so Americans.

The official, Ayatollah Mohammed Beheshti, first secretary of the Revolutionary Council, indicated that only a change of heart by Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini could lead to an earlier release of the hostages, held by Iranian militants since Nov. 4.

Khomeini, leader of Iran's revolution, said last weekend the decision on whether to free the Americans would be up to the Majlis, or parliament, which will be elected in March and early April. Reacting to Beheshti's statements, a high-level U.S. official said in Washington, "It would be of grave concern if the process dragged on that long."

Outside the occupied embassy Wednesday, several thousand textile workers staged an anti-American demonstration, shouting "We are ready to revolt against imperialism" and "The criminal shah will be punished here."

The U.N. investigative commission on Iran, continuing its work in Tehran, met for two hours with Foreign Minister Sadegh Ghotbzadeh and discussed the commission's plans for visiting with hostages, U.N. officials said in New York.

U.N. spokesman Rudolf Stajduhar did not say whether final plans had been agreed on, but he said Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim hopes the hostages can be seen soon.

The five-member commission was established to hear Iranian grievances about alleged brutality and corruption

during the rule of the deposed Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi and alleged U.S. interference in Iranian affairs, as well as U.S. grievances over the hostage-taking.

The last outsiders known to have met with the hostages—Khomeini's son and a Greek archbishop—visited them Feb. 8. Before that the last to have visited them was a delegation of American clergymen during the Christmas holiday.

U.S. officials say it is important for the commissioners to see the hostages to determine that they are all present at the embassy and in good condition.

Officials at the United Nations have said it was the Iranians who wanted the panel members to speak with the hostages, apparently in the hope it would produce evidence bolstering the allegations of U.S. interference during the shah's regime. But Iranian authorities apparently have been unable to persuade the embassy militants to allow such a meeting.

In a speech to the textile workers, Ayatollah Mousavi Khomeini, spiritual leader of the embassy militants, opposed arranging a meeting between the commissioners and hostages, saying the U.N. inquiry is not connected with the hostages.

It had been assumed in Washington that the U.N. inquiry would lead to the release of the hostages, but the Iranians insist there is no such link.

The Washington official, who declined to be identified, told reporters at the State Department...the commission should complete its work early next week if all goes well. The U.N. spokesman said there was no fixed schedule.

The commission members also continued hearing testimony Wednesday from scores of disabled Iranians identified as victims of torture at the hands of the shah's secret police or of army gunfire during anti-shah demonstrations in 1978-1979.

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