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Moving term back a week recommended

By KEN MINGIS
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The UNC Calendar Committee recommended Wednesday that the fall 1982 school term begin one week later than this year's semester, a move that would cut one week from Christmas vacation and force students to go to school on Labor Day, said Lillian Lehman, Calendar Committee chairperson.

The proposed changes will be sent to UNC Provost Charles Morrow for approval before they are passed on to Chancellor Christopher C. Fordham III for a final decision, she said.

The move also would push fall break forward so that it would begin on the Wednesday after the home football game against N.C. State, Lehman said.

"After a lot of discussion, we decided it would be better for students to have to go to school on Labor Day than to have to give up the reading day immediately before final exams," she said.

Moving the calendar forward would extend final exams to Dec. 23, a state holiday, and would have moved fall break to the same weekend as the State game.

The committee discussed several solutions to the exam period problem, such as eliminating reading day or shortening the exam schedule, before it decided to hold classes on Labor Day, Lehman said.

"It's more important for the exam schedule to be left intact than the holiday," she said. "As it is now, we go to school for five days, then take a break for Labor Day."

The calendar committee had first proposed that next year's calendar be left unchanged for one more year, but the Committee of Instructional Personnel, chaired by Morrow, rejected that idea, Lehman said.

"We were expecting to wait until 1983 before making any changes in the calendar," Lehman said. "The Committee of Instructional Personnel sent it back to us and told us they wanted to start the year a week later."

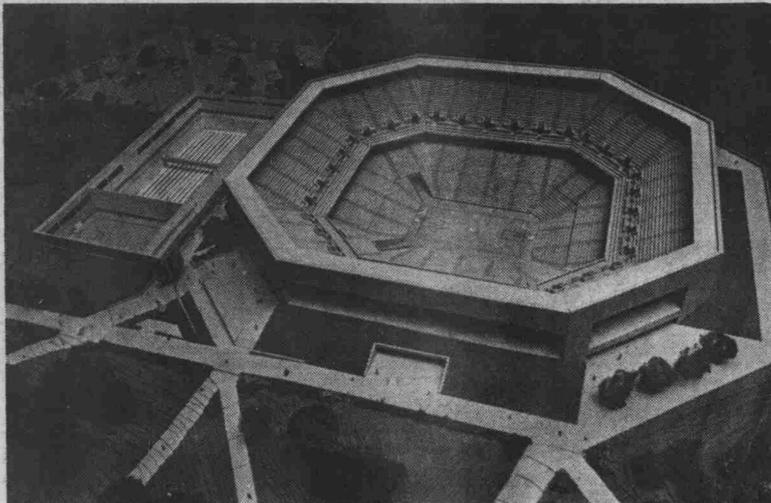
"We pointed out that this would leave only eight days for the exam period (one day short), and they said, 'You can just put one in somewhere,'" she said.

"The Calendar Committee's original proposal makes sense," Student Body President Scott Norberg said. "The Calendar Committee was presented with no rationale (for making the move this year)."

"Supposedly, there are concerns for leaving more time between summer school and the fall semester and for synchronizing our schedule with other schools."

"I find those arguments insignificant," he said. "Duke has not even settled on their schedule yet."

Norberg said many universities go to an earlier school year in order to save money on energy costs in the winter.



Student Activities Center, shown in model, will seat 22,000 spectators ... facility will be third-largest college arena in the nation

New financing plan approved for Student Activities Center

By NORMAN CANNADA
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The University educational foundation has agreed to help with a new finance plan for the new Student Activities Center, for which construction is set to begin in late March.

"We are in the homestretch," fund drive Chairman Hargrove "Skipper" Bowles said Wednesday. "The train is about to leave the station, and if anyone wants a seat, he should make his pledge now."

Bowles said the fund-raising committee, composed more than 500 volunteers, had raised \$17.7 million of the \$30 million that will be needed to build the center. The educational foundation has agreed to pledge available funds from its endowment fund to repay a loan if the committee can raise another \$5 million.

"We are working at getting a half a dozen or so individuals who have the resources to put us over the top to donate," Bowles said. "If that doesn't work out, we have made arrangements to borrow the money that we need. In that case, the educational foundation would let us use income from their endowment fund to repay the loan."

Bowles said he had been pleased with the response he had gotten so far in his fund-raising drive.

"We have been in high gear for a little less than a year," he said. "It's remarkable how good the response has been."

The center, when finished, will be the third largest on-campus basketball facility in the country, seating an estimated 22,000 for UNC home games. Only Syracuse's Carrier Dome and Brigham Young's Marriott Center will have larger capacities.

In addition to serving as a home for UNC basketball, the center could also be used for cultural events, concerts, political conventions and other large meetings.

"It's so exciting to think about the possibilities for the center," Bowles said. "It is definitely something that would be a big benefit for this University."

Bowles added the project is running close to its original plan.

"We're pretty much right on schedule," he said. "I don't think there'll be any problem getting started by the end of March."

UNC Athletic Director John Swofford said the new financing plan would help keep the project on schedule.

Liftoff of shuttle could be today

The Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — The space shuttle Columbia suffered technological growing pains on the eve of its scheduled return to space, and its launch target was put back until mid-morning today, by an errant data relay system. After the ship underwent a series of launch pad repairs Wednesday night, officials decided against a sunrise liftoff.

The new target is for 10 a.m. EST, said L. Michael Weeks of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

NASA officials still hope for a launch today, but it must come before 12:10 p.m. — the final moment in Columbia's "launch window."

Columbia's crew was ready, but at dusk a NASA official said that the problems were not resolved and that there was still no go-ahead for overnight fueling.

There was a strong possibility of a second scrubbed launch in as many weeks. As dark enveloped the shuttle, space center spokesman Hugh Harris said testing was continuing on the pad.

Astronauts Joe Engle and Richard Truly stayed up a little past their 5 p.m. bedtime to monitor the problem and went to bed not knowing whether they would fly as scheduled. "They roll with the punch pretty good," said their spokesman, Bill Jones. "They're waiting and ready — it's not their decision."

NASA was flying in two replacement parts for a malfunctioning electronic component, but the parts were not due at Kennedy Space Center until late Wednesday.

"They have a number of decisions they have to make, and they have not made them," said NASA's Dick Young. One possibility was to put a space part aboard Columbia for the astronauts to swap in flight if necessary.

Trouble started Tuesday night when monitors detected something amiss with a device used to translate data on the health of Columbia's systems into meaningful

information for relay to experts on the ground.

A replacement for the instrument, a Pulse Code Modulator, was flown in from the Johnson Space Center in Houston. It too failed.

Engineers traced the problem to another electronic unit — a "multiplex-demultiplexer" — in the system and replaced it. But that replacement did not respond fully to commands, and two more of the units were flown here Wednesday night. They were taken from Challenger, Columbia's sister ship, now being built in Palmdale, Calif.

The other problem had an easier solution.

During the morning, helium pressure began dropping at a faster than normal rate in the hydrogen compartment of the shuttle's monstrous external tank, indicating a leak somewhere. This caused considerable worry, but the problem was soon resolved by opening and closing a vent valve, "recycling" it several times.

NASA officials are hoping that last-day glitches or poor weather conditions force no further launch delays. Last Wednesday, the first attempt to launch Columbia's return to space was postponed after a gummied up hydraulic system created unacceptably high pressure. That scrub cost eight days and \$1.5 million to \$2 million.

Astronauts Engle and Truly, who have waited a combined 31 years as astronauts to take a ship into space, spent two hours practicing landings on the space center's runway, their destination if things should go awry early in the flight.

For Truly, a Navy captain, the liftoff would be a memorable 44th birthday celebration.

For Engle, a 49-year-old Air Force colonel, it will add to the honors he received as a test pilot who flew the X-15 rocket plane 16 times, exceeding an altitude of 50 miles three times. Columbia is to orbit at an altitude of approximately 157 miles.

During their 5-day, 4-hour, 10-minute flight, they will practice photography.

Norberg's new panel meets today

By DAVE KRINSKY
DTH Staff Writer

In an effort to improve communication among UNC organizations, Student Body President Scott Norberg has established an informal Campus Cabinet, which will meet for the first time today.

The meeting, which will be co-sponsored by the Campus Y and the Student Government, is open to all students. But Norberg is asking organizations with more than 100 members and that receive each year more than \$1,000 of the Student Activities Fee to attend the first meeting.

"This is going to involve 16 organizations," Norberg said. "I want the group to decide if it (the meetings) could benefit the groups in campus activities."

Norberg will co-chair the first meeting and said he would suggest that the chairmanship be rotated at every meeting. "I'm going to suggest that we talk about an inter-organizational newsletter at the meeting ... as a way of keeping up on the different programs and projects that the organizations are working on."

"By being more aware we would be in a better position to make each of our own programs more effective," Norberg said.

Mary Henderson, co-president of the Campus Y and one of the organizers of the cabinet, said she became involved in the project because she wanted to see campus organizations work more closely together.

"I thought that it would be a good idea to pull campus leaders together, not in a sense to pull leaders together, but to pull organizations together," Henderson said.

She said she saw shared information and more co-sponsorship of events as two goals of the cabinet.

"I think the main idea is to pull the organizations together and, hopefully, reach the campus more effectively," she said.

Norberg said that he would suggest that the group meet every three or four weeks, but stressed that this, along with the other issues, would be decided at the meeting by the group.

The cabinet will discuss what each group perceives as its responsibility to the University community and why organization members do what they do.

Another area of discussion will be the concerns of individual organizations and how the groups can better complement each others' efforts.



Professors James Leutze, left, and Jeffrey Obler debate arms issue ... both called limited nuclear war a frightening prospect

Obler, Leutze debate

Views on arms race presented

By SHERRI BOLES
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Different views on the escalating arms race and on nuclear war were presented Wednesday in a debate between Jeffrey Obler, professor of political science, and James Leutze, chairman of the peace, war and defense curriculum.

Although the speakers agreed that discussion of limited nuclear war was frightening, Leutze said he believed the United States should continue improving its weaponry to match arms with the Soviet Union. Obler, on the other hand, said it was time to stop the arms race and talk seriously with the Soviets about trying to end technological advancement in this area.

"We are going to have to spend a significant portion of our national resources on armaments," Leutze said. "I wish it were not so."

"I'm a little bit disturbed at the extent to which the debate has become emotional and directed toward goals which are unobtainable. I'm referring to the idea of a totally-disarmed world. I wish that this hypothesis were possible, but I do not believe that it is," he said.

Obler said the Reagan administration was increasing military capability on the grounds that the Soviet Union was planning to engage in a nuclear race that would allow it to win a nuclear war.

"It is not realistic to base our nuclear plans on the assumption that the Soviet Union is planning to launch a nuclear war," Obler said. "I think the scenario is absurd and the United States is not in a vulnerable position and the Soviet Union is not in a position to begin a nuclear war."

Leutze said he did not believe the Reagan administration was

directing its efforts toward trying to achieve nuclear or strategic superiority.

"It seems to me that the Reagan administration is trying to ensure against the possibility of an attack and is trying to find a way to make our land-based missiles less vulnerable," Leutze said.

"I don't believe that with the improvements in Soviet missiles we can simply sit tight and say, 'Well, we built this missile back in the '60s and it was meant to be an adequate deterrent against Soviet missiles at that time.'"

"The Soviets are technically increasing their weapons, and we can't simply stand pat and rely on the weapon system we had at that time. I think something must be done to keep pace technologically," he said.

Obler said, "The window of vulnerability is a facade behind which the Reagan administration wants to improve America's capability."

In employing the MX missile, the United States is not improving its invulnerability as much as it is improving its capability of destroying Soviet land-based missiles, he said.

"I believe the Soviet Union builds its missiles in order to try to provide better security from a possible American first strike," Obler said.

But Leutze cautioned: "I don't believe the Reagan administration is seriously trying to attain nuclear superiority, and I certainly don't believe they are aiming at first-strike capability."

"But the Soviets will see our MX missiles as a first-strike measure," Obler said, adding that the only plausible motivation the Soviet Union would have to launch an attack would be if it expected an imminent first-strike from the United States.

The Carolina Poll

Student-conducted survey gauges state residents' views

By KELLY SIMMONS
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A series of polls released recently by The University of North Carolina has provided state residents with information on how they think and feel about a variety of current issues and events.

Few people, however, realize that the statewide Carolina Poll is conducted by journalism students as part of a classroom course.

According to the most recent polls conducted by the UNC School of Journalism, North Carolinians prefer Democratic Gov. Jim Hunt over Republican Sen. Jesse Helms in a potential 1984 U.S. Senate race.

Hunt was shown to be leading Helms by a margin of 46 percent to 38 percent, while 17 percent did not state a preference.

Hunt was the strongest choice among blacks, women, people with low income and low education and young people. A total of 71 percent of the black respondents said they would vote for Hunt, while only 11 percent favored Helms.

Despite being favored in the poll, Hunt's press secretary, Brent Hackney, said the governor was not yet looking toward a 1984 race for the seat, now held

by Helms. Helms' office did not express any concern about the poll results.

In another Carolina Poll released Nov. 5, North Carolinians were divided evenly on whether or not the proposed Nixon library should be built at Duke University.

Thirty-eight percent of those polled favored construction of the library; 38 percent opposed it, and 24 percent gave no opinion or said they did not know.

As in other polls, differences within the groups polled were apparent. Whites were more in favor of the library than blacks, and men favored it more than women. Only 36 percent of people in higher income brackets were against the library.

Spokesmen at Duke said they expected public opinion to play a part in the decision.

For both polls, 592 people were polled in a telephone survey between Oct. 5 and Oct. 12.

Both polls were the results of two classes in survey research at the UNC School of Journalism. The poll, which has been conducted since 1975, is done each semester by different students and uses different questionnaires.

Introduction to mass communication and advanced reporting classes conduct the Carolina Poll, which helps students understand research journalism and

introduces them to computer analysis, said Professor Philip Meyer. The results also are released to the public through the press on issues relevant to North Carolina at the time.

Knight Publishing Co. supplies the Carolina Poll with a random list of telephone numbers that represent each county in North Carolina. The amount of numbers selected from each county is proportional to the population of the county, and each county has equal representation.

Students are required to spend two nights interviewing. Each is given sheets of telephone numbers and is required to complete at last one or two calls from every sheet. Each interview last about 10 minutes.

Survey questions are chosen mainly on the basis of newsworthiness. Subjects of interest to the students are discussed within the classes, some questions are market questions for the UNC Center for Public Television, and some are research interests of the faculty. During election years, the surveys focus on politics.

While some question the reliability of the poll, the sample error is only 4 percent. "The survey provides an estimate of public opinion on a given issue at a given moment," Meyer said.

In the Hunt-Helms survey, a prediction of the winner was not the result. "It certainly didn't prove who would win, but who had the chance in terms of public support," Meyer said.

Survey research is becoming increasingly important in research journalism, Meyer said.

Robert Stevenson, a journalism professor who also teaches the poll, said: "Anybody in the graduate program should be familiar with research. It's how the knowledge is created that eventually ends up in textbooks."

Mark DiMartini, a first-year graduate student in Stevenson's class, said learning how to use the computer and trying to learn data analysis was a big advantage of the course. "It got to be repetitious, but it showed what you have to go through to form a poll," he said.

John Goodwin, one of Meyer's students, also said the polling had helped him. "It teaches us how to translate the information to people," he said. "That's a great asset. It'll give us an edge once we get on the job."

The Charlotte News and Charlotte Observer provided the sample poll for the classes to follow. The UNC Center for Public Television contributed to the polling by paying the telephone bill.