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Legalized abortion survives first decade

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Demonstrations, vigils, newspaper ads and other activities are being used by pro- and anti-abortion groups across North Carolina to commemorate the 10th anniversary on Saturday of the Supreme Court ruling that legalized abortion.

Although Roe vs. Wade, the decision legalizing abortion, will be 10 years old tomorrow, the issue remains emotionally and politically volatile.

Pro-abortion groups want to stop at an early stage any attempt to overrule Roe vs. Wade in Congress. The groups are also working to protect state funds for abortions for the poor.

Anti-abortion groups seek a constitutional amendment banning abortions. Because such an amendment doesn't seem possible for 1983, the groups have decided to lobby in the N.C. General Assembly in an effort to end state funding of abortions.

The N.C. Coalition for Choice, a Raleigh-based group with 46 member organizations, began 10 days of activities last Thursday with a community luncheon in Charlotte and a news conference in Greensboro. Seeking to give its image an all-American flavor, the group adopted the logo of an apple pie surrounded by the words: "Choice: American as Apple Pie." The coalition plans to deliver an apple pie to each state legislator when lobbying for the abortion fund.

The Religious Coalition for Abortion Rights, an affiliate of the Coalition for Choice, along with the National Organization for Women, bought a full-page newspaper ad in the *Raleigh News and Observer*. The ad contained a simple wording of the Roe vs. Wade decision and about 700 signatures.

The N.C. Right to Life Chapter is organizing bus and van loads of North Carolinians who will travel to Washington, D.C. for a Friday night vigil and a Saturday "March for Life" down

Pennsylvania Avenue, followed by congressional lobbying.

The Greensboro chapter plans a vigil outside an abortion clinic and is planning an ad for a local newspaper. Greensboro Mayor John Forbis has declared Jan. 16-23 "Right to Life Week."

Pro-abortion groups have planned a silent vigil and procession to be held at noon Saturday at the Franklin Street post office. The vigil will be followed by speeches by Robert Seamore, pastor of Olin T. Binkley Memorial Baptist Church, and State Representative Anne Barnes, of Chapel Hill.

While many state-wide activities are planned Saturday, Chapel Hill's Carolina Students for Life can be seen picketing in front of North Carolina Memorial Hospital almost every Wednesday morning as they protest the hospital's weekly abortion clinic.

UNC student Chris Kremer, president of the group, said that although the group has never

persuaded a woman to leave the hospital without having an abortion, protests would continue in hopes that legislators will take notice and help to bring legalized abortions to an end.

"By picketing the hospital, we hope that we will be able to get doctors and nurses to refuse to perform abortions," Kremer added.

Kremer said his group's efforts have drawn mixed reactions. "Nurses have said unkind things to us, but one family life doctor congratulated us on our work," said Kremer. "I got one threat over the phone earlier this school year."

Members of Carolina Students for Life are part of a nationwide movement to abolish legalized abortions.

While Carolina Students for Life is a very small campus anti-abortion group of about 100 members, national organizations who share their concerns boast very large memberships.

The American Life Lobby of Stafford, Va., is one such organization. The group has amassed

108,000 members since its inception three and one-half years ago.

Operating with a budget of \$1.5 million, the group is working to develop its programs at the grass-roots level in all states. The group's primary goal for 1983 is to have legislation passed removing government funding for abortions.

While members of the American Life Lobby would like legislation banning abortion, Judy Brown, a spokesperson for the group said they did not expect such legislation in 1983.

Brown added that her group was interested in changing America's moral outlook. "We're stressing chastity education in the schools," said Brown.

"Our group is also involved in sidewalk counseling outside abortion centers."

Less vocal groups such as the North Carolina Religious Coalition for Abortion Rights are working to maintain a woman's freedom to

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Track teams host Hilton Invitational

By EDDIE WOOTEN
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Tennessee and Villanova, two of the nation's perennial track and field teams, are the top names in the second annual Joe Hilton Invitational, Saturday in the New Tin Can.

North Carolina will give the two powers a good run for the team championship, which Tennessee won last year. ACC co-champions N.C. State and Clemson will compete, as will Florida State of the Metro Conference.

The meet is in honor of the former UNC track coach who retired in 1981. Hilton served in the UNC Athletic Department for 37 years. From 1963 to 1981, he headed the track program and established it as one of the best in the nation. During his 19 years, Hilton coached 77 individual ACC champions, two individual NCAA champions, and five All-Americans.

Though it is only in its second year of existence, the Hilton meet has attracted one of the best fields in the area. Tennessee finished second in the NCAA Outdoor Championships last spring, while Villanova was third in the indoor cham-

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Winter's here!

Joe Thompson, a sophomore from Winston-Salem, readies his skis for weekend fun. Thompson is heading for Snowshoe, W.Va.

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Senators debate on drinking age

By KYLE MARSHALL
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With growing support for raising the legal drinking age in North Carolina, state legislators from Orange County said Thursday they favored proposed legislation setting the age at 19.

But the legislators said they would also have to study a proposal from the Governor's Crime Commission, which suggested raising the age to 21.

"I'm inclined to think that the residents of Chatham and Orange counties feel very strongly that raising the age is appropriate," Rep. Joe Hackney, D-24th District, said.

While many legislators have spoken out in support of raising the minimum age, Hackney and Sen. Wanda Hunt, D-16th District, said they have not yet received enough information to support either the 19 or 21 age level.

"I've considered 19, but the legislation needs to be debated," Hunt said. "What I'd like to see is more enforcement of the current laws."

Orange County legislators Sen. Russell Walker, D-16th District, and Rep. Anne

Barnes, D-24th District, could not be reached for comment Thursday.

Several witnesses at a public hearing in Raleigh Wednesday advocated increasing the age to 21. But Gov. Jim Hunt's Task Force on Drunken Driving has recommended 19.

Brent Hackney, Hunt's deputy press secretary, said Thursday the governor would continue to push for 19, despite increased support from certain legislators and interest groups for 21.

"The governor believes 19 is the logical age for the legislation," Hackney said. "If you raise it to 19, you make an impact in the high schools. But once you get past 19, it's much more difficult to enforce."

"It appears there might be a good deal of support for 19 (in the State Legislature)," he said.

The bill's sponsor, Sen. Henson Barnes, D-8th District, said Thursday he was certain there would be an increase in the drinking age. The biggest battle would be in holding it to 19, he said.

"We're getting more pressure to raise it to 21 than we are to keep it (the current legislation) at 19," Barnes said. "There

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CGC approval forced Concert referendum killed



Phil Painter

By CHARLES ELLMAKER
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On Tuesday, the Campus Governing Council approved funding for the \$100,000 Student Government Spring Concert. The decision came one week after the CGC Finance Committee gave its fiscal approval to the concert, a decision which Finance Committee Chairperson Charlie Madison (District 23) called "a policy reversal."

The one good thing that can be said of the outcome is that UNC students got what they wanted — a concert.

But the CGC probably never would have approved the concert if the student referendum issue had not been proposed.

If the Student Constitution, which governs the CGC's actions, had been followed, the referendum would have

been held. The students probably would have approved the concert, and the inconsistent decision-making exhibited by the CGC could have been avoided.

Reconsidering approval for the concert "wouldn't even have come up again" if the petition to initiate a student referendum had not received such an overwhelming response, said Finance Committee member Mark Martin (District 15) last week.

And Finance Committee member "Doc" Droze (District 22), who had originally voted against the bill, said the students' response to the petition made him change his mind about voting for the spring concert.

Elections Board Chairperson Stan Evans said Wednesday that "there will be no referendum."

Last semester, the Finance Committee chose not to fund the spring concert, and then blocked passage of a CGC bill that would have forced the Finance Committee to reconsider funding the concert.

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But when Martin announced that he would start a petition to force a student referendum on the issue, the committee decided to meet again this semester to review the proposal.

The Finance Committee then told Student Body President Mike Vandenberg that they would meet, a signal to him not to proceed with the referendum petition until after the committee had come to a decision.

But before the Finance committee could meet this semester, Vandenberg and Chapel Thrill Committee Chairperson Ben Lee had already organized the petition, which received about 2,900 signatures on Jan. 10.

Vandenberg determined that both the petition and bill were in good order with the Constitution, but instead of calling for the referendum, he stalled the referendum and asked Madison to call a special meeting of the Finance Committee to consider the bill.

But according to the Constitution, Vandenberg had no right to stop a ballot on the bill. And by issuing the petition before the Finance Committee had a chance to take action on its own, he placed a smear on any decision which they might reach.

Vandenberg's action was not only unconstitutional but also improper, because it gave the Finance Committee

almost no leeway in its decision. If the committee did not pass the bill, Vandenberg said he would approve the referendum, in effect, forcing the committee to pass some version of the bill.

There is no clause in the Constitution allowing for a retraction of a student referendum, but Vandenberg took the liberty of stopping the referendum for his own advantage.

Vandenberg has said the referendum was not being used as a pressure tactic. But this logic seems faulty — if he had intended to let the Finance Committee decide whether the new bill should be approved, he should have asked that the committee meet before the petition was distributed.

The bill was passed, but with the stipulation that the CGC had the right to cancel the concert at a later date if it did not think the bands selected would draw enough students to make the concert a financial success.

Vandenberg admitted that the constitutionality of his action to stop the referendum was "an interesting question," but no one — not even Phil Painter (District 19) who chairs the Rules and Judiciary Committee — has seen fit to formally challenge his move.

When the bill was presented to the CGC, Painter confronted Vandenberg about the constitutionality of his postponement. Vandenberg defended the action, saying he had intended to let the Finance Committee decide whether the new bill should be approved, he should have asked that the committee meet before the petition was distributed.

But he said again that the student referendum would be held if the CGC did not pass its own version of the funding bill.

The CGC, like the Finance Committee, had little choice in voting on the spring concert.

Either they passed their own bill, with the right to cancel the concert later, or they let it go to the students, with the strong possibility that it would pass — without the protective clause.

Committee member Lori Dostal (District 5) summed up the CGC's position: the CGC entity wanted the concert because the students wanted the concert, even though she still opposed using student funds for social events.

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Miles declares plans for RHA candidacy

By JOSEPH BERRYHILL
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Henry Miles, a junior industrial relations major from Hartsville, Ohio, announced his candidacy for the Residence Hall Association presidency Thursday.

Miles said the theme of his campaign was "working together," and he said he planned to establish closer ties with Student Government.

"I want to have a meeting at least once a week with the student body president and sit in on his cabinet meetings," he said.

Miles emphasized the role of the RHA president in establishing relations with Student Government.

"I think the RHA president should be the liaison between Student Government and RHA," he said.

RHA also needs to work closely with the UNC housing department, "for the betterment of the student population," Miles said.

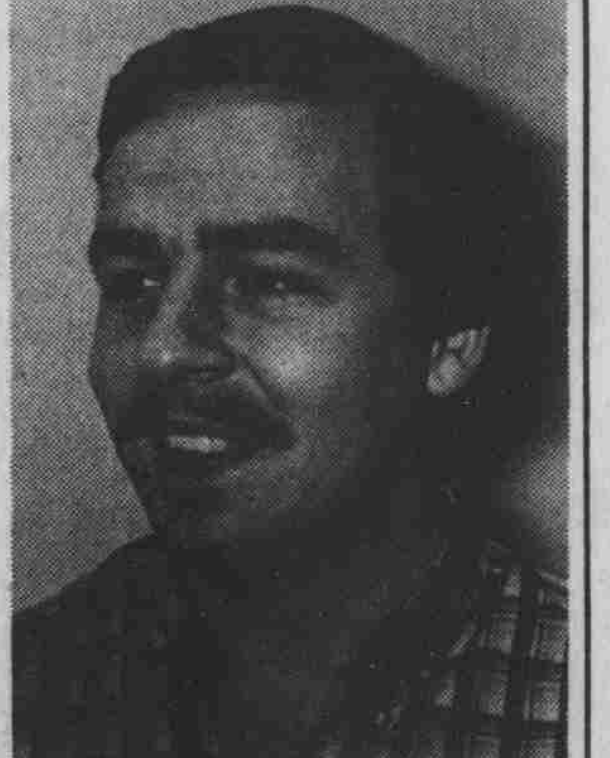
"We represent the same people so we should have pretty much the same ideas," Miles said.

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Miles also said that he supported switching control of enhancement funds from University Housing to RHA. RHA would work closely with the housing department to ensure that the funds were distributed properly, he added.

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Henry Miles

Miles said that, if elected, he would try to establish more all-campus events, but not at the expense of individual area events.

"I don't want to drop anything they're doing — just add a few things," he said. "I want to get North Campus working with South Campus and Granville."

In response to the upcoming mandatory meal plan of \$100 for on-campus students, Miles said he would help students by setting up RHA as an intermediary between students.

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