

WEATHER
TODAY: Cloudy; high mid-70s
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"Brothers," a discussion about African-American male students, 6 p.m. in first floor lounge of Hinton James.

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Heyd wants official open meetings law

'Sunshine law' would keep Executive Branch proceedings open

By Birch DeVault
Staff Writer

A "sunshine law" proposed by Student Body President Matt Heyd would declare all proceedings of the student government executive branch open to the public.

"The law will make all executive branch meetings and records open to the public in accordance with the North Carolina Open Meetings Law," Heyd said Wednesday.

Heyd said he had thought executive branch meetings and documents already were covered by the N.C. Open Meetings Law. But the branch's work actually is exempt from the law.

The executive branch followed an

unwritten policy of openness in all areas, but never had formal guidelines for their proceedings, he said.

Heyd has submitted a measure to Student Congress asking members to declare the open policy a formal one.

In a letter to executive branch members, Heyd issued an executive order adopting the policy of the N.C. Open Meetings Law until the bill is discussed in congress.

"There are no exceptions to the Open Meetings Law and it doesn't change anything in practice, but the measure does give us a solid policy," he said. "If congress does not pass the measure, the executive branch will still keep the spirit of the measure in practice."

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Matt Heyd, Student Body President

utive branch, Heyd said. "The other branches of student government can make this decision on their own," he said.

Heyd said the executive branch wanted participation from students and the way to get that participation was to make the meetings and records open.

"We want more students to be aware

of what we do, and we need their input," he said.

Tim Moore, Student Congress speaker, said the measure was a good idea, but not unique.

"Congress meetings and records always have been, always are and always will be open to the public," he said.

The proposal was considered in com-

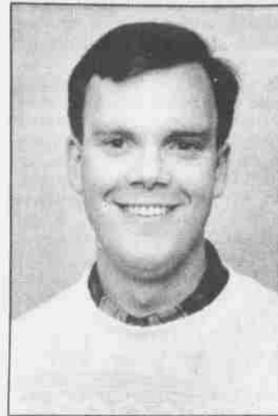
mittee Wednesday night and will be presented to the full congress next week, Moore said. "There is no reason why it wouldn't pass in congress," he said.

Jason Kaus, vice chairman of the Undergraduate Honor Court, said he did not think a "sunshine law" would be effective for the court.

"If you're a defendant you really don't want and have the right (not) to have that material released," Kaus said. "We feel confidentiality is essential."

It is against federal law and the University Student Code for people working with the Honor Court to release information, Kaus said.

The Honor Court periodically releases general information about decisions, but not specifics about cases.



Matt Heyd

Election day poll sites could deter students

By Jackie Hershkovitz
Staff Writer

The location of polling sites for the upcoming Nov. 5 election could discourage students from voting, election activists said.

Although most polling sites are close to campus, more than 1,000 students who live in several North Campus residence halls are required to vote at the UNC System General Administration building, located a half-mile from campus on Raleigh Road.

"It's very unfranchising and unfair," said University student and volunteer registrar Erik Ose. "Student schedules are such that they spend most of their time on campus."

To minimize the inconvenience, candidates will sponsor shuttles on election day between campus and polling sites, said Barbara Faust, Orange County Board of Elections chairwoman.

Although polling sites for the election will not be changed, Ose hopes changes can be implemented before next year's election.

"The best scenario would be to have satellite polling sites at convenient places on campus like the Union," Ose said. "We're not asking for the whole community to come to campus, just the students."

Mark Chilton, UNC senior and candidate for the Chapel Hill Town Council, agreed that satellite polling sites would be a good idea.

"My opinion is that it should not be any special labor for students to vote," Chilton said. "People on campus should not be punished for not having cars."

But Faust said polling sites cannot be moved. Precinct lines were redrawn this summer to correspond with census data.

"There is no possibility of changing the polling sites," Faust said. "Each precinct has natural boundaries that reflect the census."

Chapel Hill Town Council member Joe Herzenberg, who is running for reelection, said a problem with finding new polling sites was that the sites must meet certain requirements, such as being accessible to the disabled.

"Although polling sites should be centrally located, I don't believe satellite polling places would be legal," Herzenberg said. "The law requires one polling place per precinct."

Barbara Strickland, Orange County supervisor of elections, said she had not heard requests that precincts have more than one polling place.

"Our registration sites are very convenient," Strickland said. "Of course, some people are going to live close to the polling sites, and others won't."

Chilton said the board of elections has not been particularly sympathetic to the perspectives of students.

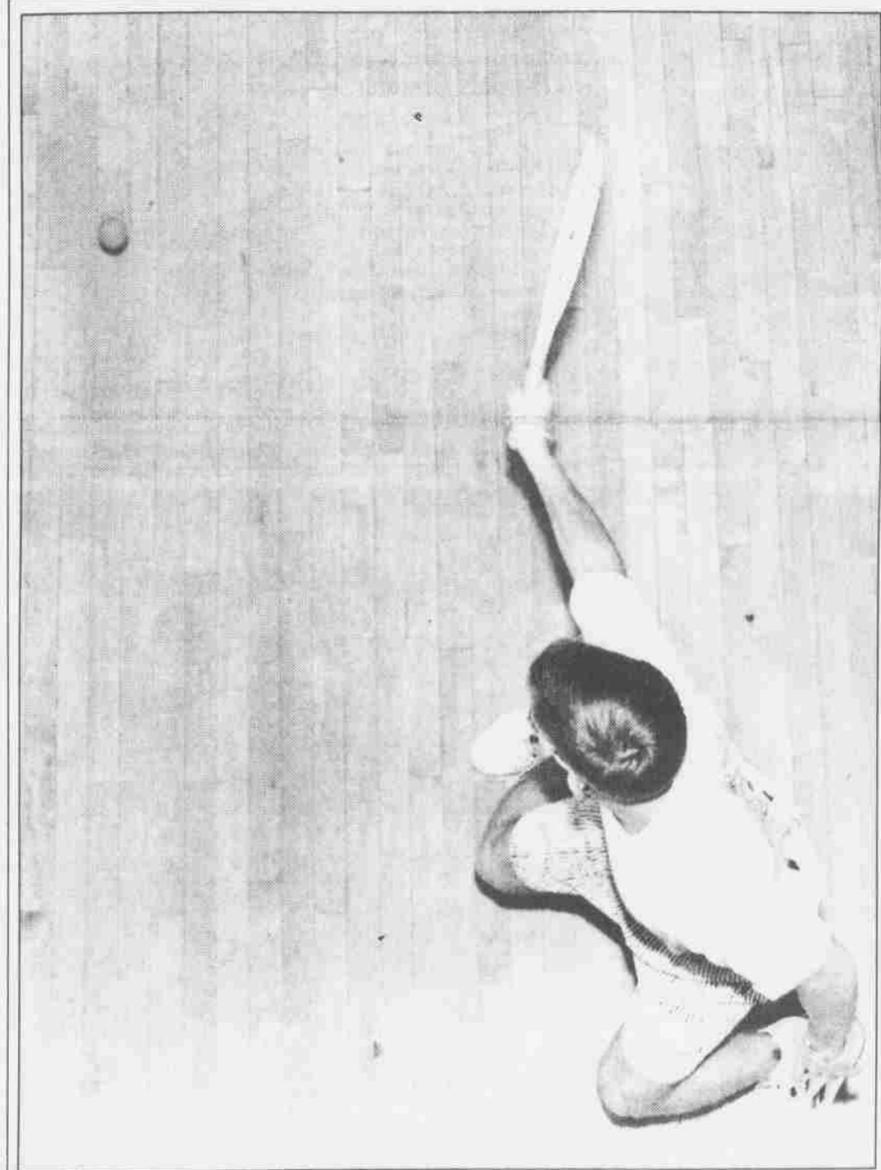
"I don't think they've been very understanding," he said. "It seems a little suspicious."

But Faust said it is the students' responsibility to make the effort to vote.

"If kids can walk to the football games, they can walk to polling sites," she said.

Herzenberg said that "bureaucratic inertia" is part of the problem. "They want to keep things the way they've

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The right stroke

Ashley Parker, a sophomore applied science major from Roanoke Rapids, Va., returns a serve from classmate Paige Austin in his 1

p.m. racquetball class Wednesday in Fetzer Gym. The class was learning how to serve correctly and return serve.

Librarians from Czechoslovakia visit UNC during East Coast library tour

Information from Davis, Wilson libraries to help National Library in Prague

By Beth Broodno
Staff Writer

Staff members from the Czechoslovakia National Library in Prague visited University libraries Wednesday to learn about new technologies.

Vojtech Balik, the National Library director, said after touring Davis Library that he was impressed.

"So far what we have seen of the building itself and the collection, it is very impressive," he said. Six members of the Czech library staff visited the campus.

University librarian James Govan said recent developments in Eastern Europe have prompted the Czech staff to make an effort to learn about changes in library technology.

The visitors are interested in "automation, preservation of materials and our cooperative agreements with Duke and State on buying for collections," Govan said.

The Davis tour dealt primarily with collection development and included discussions with University bibliographers.

A tour of Wilson Library focused on

the preservation of library materials and included a lab led by the library conservator and a lecture by the photographic archivist.

Balik said commitment to student services was also something that stood out about the University's libraries.

"The availability of studies for graduate students was very impressive," he said. "What is very fascinating and very interesting is the stress on services to the students, which is not as highly thought of in European libraries."

The Czech staff is visiting libraries on the East Coast at the suggestion of

representatives from the Mellon Foundation and the Council of Library Resources. They already have visited libraries in Boston, New York and Washington.

The group, which included six of the library's staff members and a translator, arrived in North Carolina Tuesday night.

The group will visit the Duke University library system this morning and the N.C. State University libraries in the afternoon. The visitors will return to New York Friday.

The Mellon Foundation is funding the East Coast trip.

By Stephanie Johnston
University Editor

A former minister of the South African Parliament will present the annual UNC Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Lecture later this month.

Helen Suzman, a four-time Nobel Peace Prize nominee, will discuss "Will South Africa Survive?" Oct. 21 at 8 p.m. in Memorial Hall.

Suzman was a strong opponent of apartheid during her 36 years as a parliament member and continues to speak out for equality for all people, said Helen Churko, a New York executive who is helping coordinate the UNC visit.

Although Suzman has retired from parliament, she is still active in the fight against apartheid, Churko said.

"She spent her whole life being active," Churko said. "She is still very much concerned about bringing ... equality and freedom to all people in South Africa. What you will see from her is a deep commitment."

Suzman can help students understand the overall picture of South Africa, Churko said.

"One of the things that is really important to understand is things are changing so much every day in South Africa," she said.

Churko said she called Craig Calhoun, UNC international studies office director, in the spring and asked him if the University would be interested in having Suzman speak on campus.

Calhoun, who was out of town Wednesday, is chairman of the University's established lecturer committee.

Suzman is speaking at several other



Helen Suzman

schools in the United States and Cambridge University in England.

"She is touring the country on a lecture tour and talking with a publisher," Churko said. "She is writing her memoirs."

Anne Scaff, administrative assistant in the international programs office, said a small dinner will be held for Suzman before her presentation, but she will not make any other official appearances on campus.

Suzman was a founding member of the Progressive Party in South Africa and the party's only representative from 1961 to 1974. She also fought for political reform and frequently visited political prisoners, including Nelson Mandela.

She is a former lecturer of economic history at the University of Witwatersrand and spoke out against economic sanctions. Sanctions would cripple the country and do the most harm to blacks, she argued.

Suzman has received several human rights awards, including the 1978 United Nations Award for Human Rights and the 1984 American Jewish Committee Civil Rights Award.

She shared the Freedom Prize from Politiken and Dagens Nyheter in Copenhagen, Denmark with Winnie Mandela in 1984.

The Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Lecture was established at the University in 1970 to honor people who have dedicated themselves to working for human rights.

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