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Bibbs slapped with lawsuit for chief justice role

By Marty Minchin
Staff Writer

A University law student has filed a lawsuit against student body president candidate Mark Bibbs and Student Congress, alleging that Bibbs must quit his post as Student Supreme Court chief justice to run for elected office.

Brad Torgan, who filed the suit, said he thought it a serious conflict of interest to be a Supreme Court member and student body president candidate.

"It brings disrepute to the system to engage in this conflict of interest," Torgan said.

Torgan based his suit on two sections of the Student Government Code, he said. According to Title III, Section 18 of the code, Student Supreme Court members should refrain from "Campaigning for, or publicly endorsing or supporting any campus political candidate, political party, or issue to be voted on by the Student Body."

Bibbs said he could not comment about the case.

"The ethical requirements of the of-

fice I hold of chief justice of the Student Supreme Court require me to make no comment until the case is heard," he said. "My comments will be presented at the pretrial hearing so that ethical standards will not be compromised."

Torgan also sued Student Congress because the code requires congressional action to remove the Supreme Court chief justice. Student Congress would force the student legislature to take action in the case, he said.

But Rep. Jennifer Lloyd, Dist. 12, said Title VI, Section 3 allowed Bibbs to hold his office and run for student body president.

Lloyd said that to her understanding the code permitted members of the judicial branch to run for office if they remained neutral during the election and resigned before election certifica-



Mark Bibbs

tion.

"This case simply does not need to happen," she said. "If Mark had heard a case and used his influence, that would have been different."

Tim Moore, Student Congress speaker, said, "The way I interpret it to read is that indeed Bibbs can run, but if he wins he has to resign as chief justice."

Lloyd said Bibbs had not heard a case for five months.

Bibbs said he pledged at the beginning of his candidacy not to hear any cases, including those that concerned campus elections.

Eleanor Stokes, a senior member of the court, was acting as Supreme Court chief justice, Bibbs said.

Torgan said he filed the suit because he wanted to uphold the system's integrity.

"The issue is not Mark," he said. "I would take action against anyone in this situation."

"He needs to step down from his office," Torgan said. "If he decides to step down then this is moot."

SBP candidates accused of unethical practices

By Marty Minchin
Staff Writer

Student body president candidates have violated ethical codes already despite efforts to keep the elections fair, several student government officials said.

"These elections are probably the dirtiest things we've seen in quite a while," said Tim Moore, Student Congress speaker.

An SBP candidate might have been involved in the suit filed against Mark Bibbs Thursday, Moore speculated. "(The lawsuit) is political, and I think another candidate had something to do with it."

Rep. Jennifer Lloyd, Dist. 12, also said she believed more than one student decided to file the suit. "It appears to me that there are members of congressional and students at the University who are trying to defeat Mark Bibbs

before there is an election."

Law student Brad Torgan filed suit against Bibbs, alleging that Bibbs should not serve as Student Supreme Court chief justice while running for elected office.

"If they ask for Mark's resignation, they should ask for John Moody's resignation simultaneously," Lloyd said. John Moody, also an SBP candidate, serves on the Honor Court.

Rep. Elliott Zenick, Dist. 17, said the lawsuit's timing could upset the entire election process.

"The timing of the suit is unfortunate for the entire process," Zenick said. "There are ethical charges being flung all over the place. It just added fuel to the fire."

At Wednesday's congress meeting, presidential candidates and some of their campaign workers took part in congressional debate about poll site locations. Rep. Eric Pratt, Dist. 22, said it was

not ethical for anyone involved in the campaign to take part in poll site selection. "I think it's unethical for any student body president candidate or anyone closely aligned with their campaign to have a direct role in setting poll sites, especially when one specific poll site benefits them tremendously."

Zenick stood up at the meeting and denounced Bibbs for taking a role in limiting the number of poll sites, claiming Bibbs was trying to increase the impact of minority voting by decreasing the total number of votes.

Mark Shelburne, congress speaker pro tempore and SBP candidate, voted on the poll site bill, as did his campaign manager, Rep. Jim Copland, Dist. 11.

Zenick said: "As for the ethics of Mark Shelburne voting on the poll

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SEAC accuses Union of unfair treatment

By Megan Brown
Staff Writer

Members of a campus group are accusing Carolina Union officials of institutional discrimination after being denied use of the Student Union's meeting rooms.

Chris Baumann, co-chairman of the Student Environmental Action Coalition, said he received a letter stating that SEAC had violated the Honor Code by allowing non-students to participate in a cookout for University housekeepers.

SEAC was charged with violating the chancellor's facility use policy, Baumann said. The policy states that only members of student groups may participate in sales or promotional activities conducted in University facilities and that profits must go either to the group itself or to a recognized charitable organization.

SEAC's rights to use the Union have been reinstated, but Ruby Sinreich, SEAC co-chairwoman, said officials were trying to suppress efforts to help the housekeepers.

"Now that we're helping black women, we're perceived as much more dangerous than happy white liberals," Sinreich said. "I think they feel threatened because we're questioning the power structure."

Anne Varley, Union reservationist, said SEAC did not fulfill the chancellor's

guidelines. SEAC, along with Students for the Advancement of Race Relations, held two November cookouts, and housekeepers helped sell the food.

"I'm not against the housekeepers, but we have certain rules and regulations we're trying to follow," she said.

She added that the housekeepers did not qualify as a charitable organization.

Sinreich said that prior to the second cookout, all University housekeepers were made members of SEAC to avoid further policy violation.

"We didn't know they were members of a student organization," said Jon Curtis, assistant director of Union operations. "We're used to students being members of student organizations."

But Sinreich said officials should have known because all the housekeepers were given SEAC name tags for the second cookout. Union administrators did not contact SEAC leaders after the cookout, she said.

"We didn't even hear that they were mad at us. We just heard, 'You've made an Honor Code violation,'" she said.

But according to Curtis, Union administrators simply followed the chancellor's policy. "Normally we're not as strict as this, but since we're enforcing the chancellor's policy we need to be strict on it."

Baumann said Campus Y police did

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Reflection pool

Heavy rain turned the University campus into an obstacle course composed of running water and standing puddles Thursday. Students were forced to lace up their driest pairs

of shoes and cover themselves in the best rain gear to wade through sloppy walking paths as they made their way to early-morning classes.

Right-wing challenger emerging as force to be reckoned with

Editor's note: This is the second article in a continuing series profiling the presidential candidates.

By Anna Griffin
Assistant State and National Editor

After just a few months on the campaign trail, conservative columnist-turned-presidential candidate Patrick Buchanan has forced the Republican Party and President Bush to take him seriously.

"I don't think anybody doubts that Bush will win the nomination," said William Leuchtenburg, UNC professor of history. "But Bush and his people in the White House do seem to be worried about New Hampshire."

Buchanan, a commentator on CNN's "Crossfire" and PBS' "The McLaughlin Group," alienated many Republicans with his abrasive style and reactionary politics while serving as an aide to Richard Nixon and director of communications in the Reagan White House.

Despite the absence of party backing, Buchanan has created an unexpectedly large support base through grassroots campaigning. He has done better than predicted in New Hampshire polls and is expected to win a significant percentage of votes in the state's Feb. 18 primary.

To the Bush campaign team's surprise, much of Buchanan's support is coming from the working class, not just from more affluent, right-wing GOP members.

Many of Buchanan's new supporters are turning to the former White



House aide to challenge Bush's recession policies, Leuchtenburg said.

"They can cast a protest by voting for Buchanan, even if they don't support him," Leuchtenburg said.

But Patrick Flaherty, chairman of the Washington, D.C.-based Conservative Campaign Fund, said Buchanan's popularity among the working class should not have come as a great surprise.

Flaherty, who spent Christmas Eve campaigning with Buchanan in New Hampshire, said the candidate's stories of growing up in a Roman Catholic family with nine children went over well with voters.

"I've known Pat for a long time," he said. "He's a guy with a firm handshake who looks you in the eye when he talks to you. He's a very likable guy—a very gentle, caring person."

Whatever the reasons, Buchanan's emphasis on restoring U.S. financial superiority seems to have struck a chord with voters concerned about the nation's sluggish economy.

"This nation faces a serious threat from several growing economic powers," said Buchanan assistant press secretary Vaughn Ververs. "Pat Buchanan believes it is time our rich and prosperous allies, like Germany and Japan, start paying the bills for their own de-

Campaign 1992: The Candidates



Patrick Buchanan
Political Commentator
Republican

Born: Nov. 2, 1938 in Washington, D.C. One of nine children. **Education:** Bachelor's degree from Georgetown University, 1961; Master's degree from Columbia University School of Journalism, 1962. **Careers:** Editorial writer, St. Louis Globe-Democrat, 1962-1965; White House special assistant, 1969-1972; Political commentator, 1975-1991; Director of White House Communications, 1985-1987. **Family:** Married to Shelley Ann Scarney Buchanan, no children.

"Today we call for a new patriotism, where Americans begin to put the needs of Americans first, for a new nationalism where in every negotiation... the American side seeks advantage and victory for the United States."
— Patrick Buchanan

Buchanan mixes "America First" sentiments with middle-class work ethic—a combination that has Bush concerned about New Hampshire.

fense." The need to open foreign markets to more U.S. goods will be another important issue in Buchanan's campaign, Ververs said.

"We believe in fair and free trade," he said. "It seems as if our so-called allies have stopped accepting that principle."

Since beginning his campaign efforts in New Hampshire, Buchanan has attacked Bush's stance on the state of the economy consistently.

"Right now in New Hampshire, there's 7 percent unemployment," Ververs said. "All over the country,

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More recycling services sought by Greek groups

By Jackie Hershkowitz
Staff Writer

Fraternities and sororities should be provided with expanded recycling services despite the town's need to cut back spending, Greek system representatives told Chapel Hill Town Council Wednesday.

The recommendation was given at a public hearing on Chapel Hill's budget during which several concerned residents and community groups talked about town expenditures.

Faced with a shortfall between \$300,000 and \$350,000, the town is likely to reduce spending for the upcoming year.

"The upcoming budget should be focused on the most basic services and operations, with some service cutbacks," Town Manager Cal Horton stated in a memorandum.

Josh Busby, Chi Psi fraternity's conservation chairman, said the town would benefit from expanded recycling services for fraternity and sorority houses.

"Expanding recycling shouldn't cost the town much," Busby said. "We're an easy package for them to buy."

Busby, who spoke on behalf of an ad hoc group representing more than 20 Greek organizations, said fraternities and sororities had been surprisingly responsive to recycling.

Both conservation and recycling have increased since the Inter-Fraternity and Panhellenic councils adopted a resolu-

tion to encourage recycling in spring 1991, he said.

Christian Updike, a Chi Psi fraternity member, said the town should take advantage of the Greek system's enthusiasm about recycling.

"The town should be receptive to us," he said. "We can help them reach their goal of 25 percent recycling."

Busby proposed the town provide fraternity and sorority houses with more permanent drop-off sites, including bins for cardboard, plastic and aluminum.

"Because of the volume of food we consume, a lot of cardboard is left outside that could be recycled," he said. "We'd like for fraternities and sororities to have house-by-house pickup."

Marion Carter, a Pi Beta Phi sorority member, said students would increase recycling if the town allocated more funds for services.

"My sorority feeds 150 people a day," she said. "You can imagine the amount of recycling goods we accumulate."

Busby said fraternities and sororities would assist the town in finding locations for new drop-off sites.

But Carter said she realized it was unlikely that all of the group's demands would be met, considering Chapel Hill's recession-plagued economy.

"Honestly, I know these days are not the time to be asking for more money," she said. "While Chapel Hill is renowned for its environmental consciousness, we can't really expect the council to give us everything."

To know all things is not permitted. — Horace