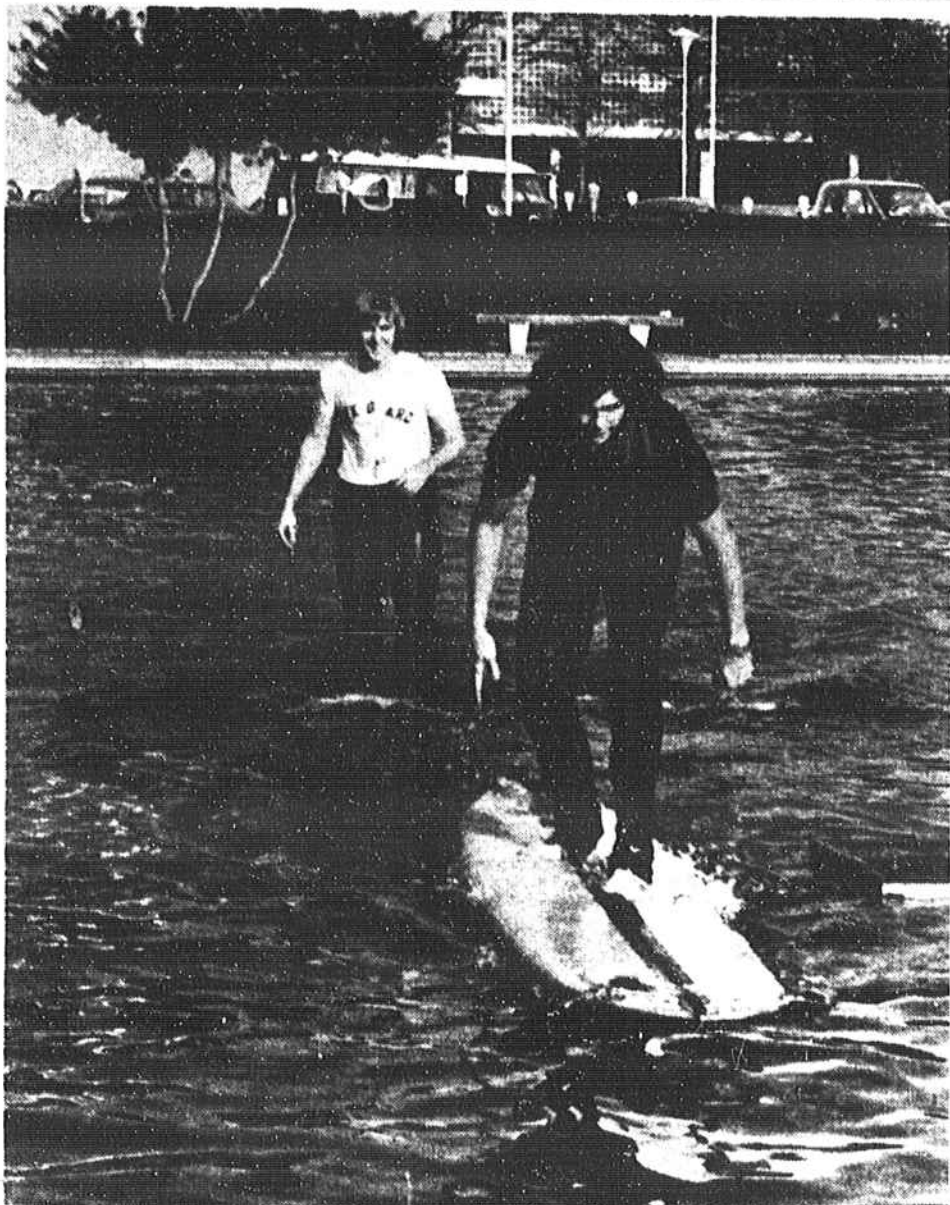


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Reflections of Spring

— Courtney Dickey

Jimmie Heath and Skip Cloninger try out the surf at the Reflection pool while the Spring like weather holds out. Today calls for the same.

Secretary Eslinger

Totally equal by law

By BOB GRONDAHL
Staff Writer

Editor's Note: This is the sixth of a nine part series of interviews with the Student Government cabinet. The cabinet is composed of students appointed by Pres. Harry Walker and is an unofficial part of the executive branch.

I'm not planning on getting married until women and men are treated equally in the eyes of the law," said Vickie Eslinger, Secretary of Womens' Student Affairs. Not in favor of young marriages, Ms. Eslinger went on to say, "In the event that I marry I'll certainly keep my name and my husband will keep his."

Ms. Eslinger is a second year law student and is an ardent womens' feminist believing in total equality. "My two main concerns as cabinet secretary is that women are being butchered by illegal abortions and secondly we want to put an end to sexist discrimination here at the university," she said.

The office covers three areas: health, job discrimination and womens' projects. One such womens' project, the health and abortion hotline was established in the Spring of '71 and served more than 400 women, arranging contacts (clergymen, doctors, nurses and counselors) reservations, price schedules and travel arrangements. "The hotline does

not counsel or solicit, condemn or condone. We work on the assumption that the woman has already made up her mind," she said.

Pregnant women are referred to reputable, legal clinics in New York or Washington, D.C. The most expensive operation for under 12 weeks ranges from \$110 to \$150. If under 12 weeks, pregnant women can return home the same day, as the minor operation takes ten minutes.

The cost of terminating pregnancies of more than 12 weeks is \$300 and the woman is required to stay overnight after application of the dilation and curettage abortion technique. The clinics are reluctant to take a patient who is more than 20 weeks pregnant, Ms. Eslinger added.

"The hardest thing for women to contend with," said Ms. Eslinger, "is that if a woman suspects that she is pregnant, she refuses to believe that it could happen to her so she waits, usually past 12 weeks when abortions are cheapest."

The hotline also takes calls in reference to questions concerning birth control, venereal disease and where to get pregnancy tests.

Concerning job discrimination on campus Ms. Eslinger said her office will look into the matter and try to be of assistance. "I feel that people in high administrative

Senate action

Vacations earlier

The Student Senate passed a bill Wednesday allowing students to leave school for vacations one week earlier than is presently scheduled.

The bill would not affect established holidays such as Easter and Labor Day, but would move all events on the University calendar up by one week (i.e., drop dates, registration, etc.). The bill would also allow out-of-state students and students with vacation jobs to return home earlier.

The author of the bill, Sen. William Hubbard, said a number of USC students hold Christmas jobs and "can't get home." He said the bill would allow USC students to compete for jobs with other state college students who return home earlier.

Hubbard said Vice Provost John Guilds said the administration would not oppose the bill if it were passed by the Student and Faculty Senates. The bill would not shorten or lengthen vacations and would not alter the present summer school schedule.

A resolution to create a student parking lot exclusively for commuting students was introduced and referred to committee. The Senate also passed a bill setting election times for

Student Government elections.

The deadline for notification of the filing date, election dates and election regulations must be submitted by the Election Committee 16 school days prior to election day.

The bill for the abolition of

Student Government was not reported out of committee, but Sen. Tom Stoudemire told the Senate if the bill were passed later, the University would be in no danger of losing its accreditation according to the Accreditation Board in Atlanta, Ga.

Inquiry

By DAVID SIMPSON
Staff Writer

Q.) I have heard that a new system of housing assignments is being investigated and that a housing booklet describing the residence halls is in the planning. Who should I see to offer suggestions as I am interested in improved housing procedures? I have been informed that there is a student housing committee; who do I see?

DONALD KEATON

A.) According to Doug Fitzgerald, Director of Auxilliary Services, a new system of housing assignment is presently in the preliminary stages of development. This new system would offer two alternatives: 1) assignment by specific roommate of a students' choice and 2) a new method in which the student would fill out certain characteristic information (i.e. study habits, hobbies, size of graduating high school class, etc.) on the housing application which would then be fed into a computer, resulting in a roommate with similar interests. Whether this "computer dating" system will go into effect is left to be seen, but Fitzgerald stated that the earliest date this system could be applied would be next fall on a limited basis. A booklet is being prepared jointly by the housing department, Kathy Jennings and Information Services. It should be published later in the spring. There was at one time a Student Housing Committee connected with Student Government but it was apparently dissolved. Kathy Jennings has, however, continued to aid and investigate the housing problem. Your best bet to add any suggestions would be to get in touch with her at the Student Government office.

Q.) I recently purchased a class ring and found that the prices seem lower than they have been in the past. The whole process seems lower than they have been in the past. The whole process seems more orderly with records being checked to insure that the people have enough hours. Who is responsible for the improved ring situation? Do students have anything to do with the planning?

CHARLES STACKHOUSE

A.) There was at one time a ring committee headed by Joe Usry and Kathy Jennings. Along with this committee's suggestions and the implementation by the administration office, the ring situation was greatly improved, according to Doug Fitzgerald. Last fall, a computer printout was made compiling all the students' names who carried 75 hours or more. Before this, a student had to present proof received personally at the Registrar's Office. As to the price, Fitzgerald said there was no real change. The price of the rings is based on the weight of each ring. It may be that your ring weighs less than those that you compared with.

Q.) How much do pages in the State House of Representatives and the State Senate receive per hour?

GARY WEST

A.) Senate page Bryant Wright stated that a page in the House receives \$4.00 per hour, while a Senate page receives around \$3.65 per hour. The reason for the lower wages in the Senate is that the pages there work 28 hours per week compared to the House pages 26 hours.

Q.) Is there such a thing as the Dean's List? Was there ever such a thing? If so, what happened to it and why? And are there possibilities for one in the future?—The poor USC student went looking for his glory and couldn't find it anywhere.

A.) You may not be able to find it for quite a while. For some reason, all the colleges except for Business Administration stopped compiling a Dean's List. According to Lela Skidmore of Classroom Scheduling, the University hasn't had a Dean's List in six years. If this is true, the author of the University of South Carolina Bulletin should look on page 31 and make a few adjustments. Just why the University does not have a Dean's List remains a mystery to several people in the Administration Office as well. I hope to be able to present more concrete answers to your questions in next week's Inquiry.

Any questions? Send them to Inquiry, Drawer A, USC.



Ms. Eslinger —Murry Sill