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## Hearing to Save Health Dollars

By Tracey Clark

The Deputy North Carolina Insurance Commissioner Dr. John Stone will direct an investigative hearing at Guilford on September 13 to discuss a proposed change in insurance regulations that would lessen the amount of money students have to pay for health care through private physicians.

The adoption of the proposal would mean that students requiring private medical attention would receive credit against the insurance deductible for up to the total amount of their health service fee.

The proposal was developed by Dr. William K. McRae, Director of the UNC-G Health Center and President-elect of the Southern College Health Administration.

Students at Guilford pay approximately \$80 for health care in their general fees. Students can obtain further coverage through the school with a deductible of \$25. This year 698 Guilford students chose this coverage, according to Harriet Roland, the Guilford nurse.

The remaining students rely on private health insurance, which Roland said, "often has a \$100-\$300 deductible." Under the system McRae has proposed the \$80 students pay in their general fees could be used to satisfy the deductible. The difference between the deductible and the health service would remain the responsibility of the student.

Many of the services provided at student health centers are free. There is no charge for urinalysis, throat cultures and hemoglobin testing at Guilford. They usually cost between \$12 and \$20 when performed through a private physician. The examination which precedes any of these tests, worth about \$20, is also free.

The proposal can become effective by a change in the insurance commission into law by the legislature.

Roland described McRae's proposal a "pioneering movement" which if adopted would likely prove a popular precedent nationally. If the proposal were to go to the legislature it would have, speculates Roland, "an excellent opportunity" of passing, because it is an election year.

The first of the nine official hearings conducted throughout the state was held August 30th at UNC-G. Nineteen people testified in support of the proposal.

The council of Delegates of the American College Health Association pledged their national support in April of 1984. According to the ACHA position statement the proposal would focus "students'/families' attention on their current health insurance coverage...encourage students to have adequate health insurance...enhance the ability of student health services to justify student quality health services; as well as "provide a more visible and vital role for the college and university health field within the overall medical system."

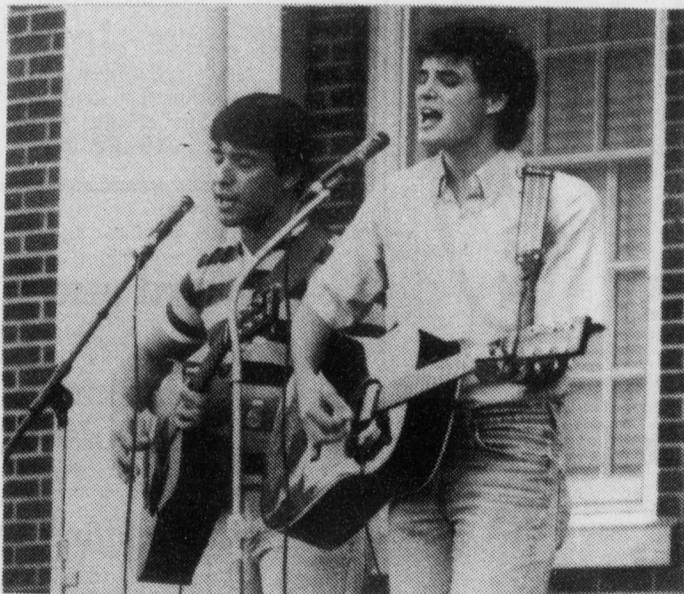
The North Carolina Insurance Commissioner John Ingram has called the proposal "uncomplicated and innovative."

Insurance companies have not commented on the proposal. Officials of various companies prefer to wait until after all nine hearings are completed.

Official hearings are being held at eight other universities and colleges across North Carolina to discuss the proposal. Hearings are scheduled at NC-A&T University on September 13; Appalachian State University, Wake Forest and NC School of the Arts on September 27; East Carolina University on October 2; and UNC-CH and Duke on October 25.

"The success or failure of the proposal is now up to students, parents and others who come to the hearings to show their support for it.

Students are encouraged to attend and participate at the hearing.



Doc Roberts and Parker Turpin performed at Outdoor Day September 8.

Photo by Brittany Plaut



Cafeteria construction continues.

Photo by Michael Kenny

## Cafeteria Addition Incomplete

by Emily Bonk

The cafeteria addition, planned to be completed in August, is still under construction.

Citing Greensboro's rainiest July in recorded history (about 29 in.) as the major reason for delays, contractor Jim Wakefield is shooting for an October 1 completion date.

Other factors that influenced the slowdown included difficulty

in finding reliable labor, problems surrounding the delivery of building materials on time, and changes in the plan as construction proceeded.

The builder reiterated that originally, he was given only a rough sketch by the architect employed by the college. Later, as construction proceeded, unforeseen changes necessitated reworking and rethinking the original concept. This took longer than anticipated, according to the contractor.

When finished, students will have the choice of dining in the main cafeteria or on an upper deck, completely enclosed in glass. At present, the new addition has already provided more space in the serving area, and seen the creation of a private dining room.

Last March, Dick Coe told the *Guilfordian* that the project

would be evaluated in May and if it could not be completed before the beginning of fall semester the interior changes mentioned above, which decrease the eating area, would not be done until the summer of 1985.

Overcrowding in the main dining room was a common complaint among students before construction began during the 1984 spring break.

As a part of the construction, new heating and air conditioning systems are being installed in the main dining room, an addition is being made to the bookstore, and Epicure will get a spacious new office.

Wakefield built the new Ragan-Brown Field House, oversaw the renovation of Mary Hobbs Hall after fire gutted much of it several years ago, and built the major additions to King and Founders Halls.

## Senate Notes

by Becky Gunn

The student Senate held a well attended first meeting September 5. The meeting was brief. The main purpose of the meeting was to welcome back old members and greet the new Senators.

Tom Jarrell, president, John Goodwin, vice president, and

Kimberly Eastman, secretary, explained the Senate committees so that positions may be filled soon.

Meetings and positions on Senate committees are open to everyone, not just the 30 Senators. The next Senate meeting is at 1 pm September 12 in Founders 203.