

Infirmary inadequate agree board members

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Members of the Administrative Board of the Student Health Service generally agree the present student infirmary is inadequate to meet the needs of students here.

A lack of space and staff was the primary concern of one member while others said the infirmary was not "responsive to students' needs."

Several members questioned the effectiveness of the board to bring about reform in the infirmary. Most members concede they will work only in an advisory capacity with Dr. James A. Taylor, director of the Student Health Service.

Dr. Margaret L. Moore, assistant dean of allied medicine and director and associate professor of the physical therapy division of the UNC School of Medicine, said the infirmary is

"dreadfully crowded" but the infirmary staff is not at fault.

"The building is certainly inadequate for a campus this large and the infirmary also needs more staff members," Dr. Moore said.

But the infirmary staff is not unresponsive to students, she said. "I'm sure they have asked for more resources to improve the infirmary and have been turned down. I don't know why they were turned down."

"Maybe, with a unified force of students and faculty such as the Administrative Board, we can get the resources they need," Dr. Moore said.

Robert R. Wilson, student body president's advisor on residence life, said, "Student input has long been needed to make the infirmary more responsive to students' needs."

"But I am very disappointed to find that we have no real power — that we are just another advisory committee," he

said. "I do see promise in the board, but I see us very much limited in our power."

Wilson said he hopes the board will be able to set priorities for the infirmary's budget and initiate additional services for students.

Chancellor J. Carlyle Sitterson announced the appointments to the Administrative Board last week. The board includes five students, four faculty members and one administrator.

Other faculty members, in addition to Moore, are Dr. Carl S. Blyth, professor and director of the Department of Applied Physiology, Dr. Paul B. Fiddleman, associate professor of psychology, and Dr. Mary Turner Lane, associate professor of education.

Dean of Student Affairs James O. Cansler represents the administration on the board.

Other student members, in addition to Wilson, are graduate students Judith Coan and Nicholas Dodow and undergraduates Cecil Miller and Lana Starnes.

Sitterson said the functions of the board are:

-To initiate, together with the director, and to recommend policies governing Student Health Service operations.

-To advise the director concerning administrative matters.

-To "advise upon innovative changes" in services by the health service.

-To maintain liaison with the Professional Services Visiting Committee, a group which studied the infirmary last year.

-To perform any other duties delegated to it.

Miss Starnes, associate editor of The Daily Tar Heel, said she believed "it is of utmost importance to have student input into the decision-making and policy-setting processes of the Student Health Service."

"After all," she added, "we, as consumers, know what we expect and desire from a health service." Miss Starnes

worked last year with the Student Health and Welfare Committee, a group which suggested infirmary reform.

Blyth said he thinks the board, including faculty members, is "student-oriented." He added, "I think Dr. Taylor will be quite receptive to our ideas for improving the infirmary."

Blyth said he is concerned that students involved in intramurals, physical education and other activities "get treated just as well as the athletes here."

"The infirmary here is pretty good on a comparative basis, but it could be much better," he said.

Dr. Lane noted since the committee has not yet met, "I really don't know what direction we will go in." She is "very interested in student welfare" and has worked with several committees for social reform on campus.

Didow commented, "As a married graduate student, I look at the infirmary question and I hope I can make valuable suggestions to the committee."

Fiddleman said the board should make the infirmary "more responsive to student. The effectiveness of the board's contingent on the student members' ability to reflect students' desires."

Miller, the only black member of the board, said the board can only act in an advisory capacity. "I had hoped we could make some real changes in the infirmary."

"The board can really be helpful if the students are listened to," he added.

Miss Coan, a graduate student in pharmacy, expressed disappointment that Lloyd Comstock, a student who worked for infirmary reform last year, was not given an appointment.

"I want to encourage the rest of the board to ask Lloyd to come and speak at one of our meetings," she said.

Miss Coan said some needed infirmary improvements include more mental health services, abortion counseling and better organization to provide more efficient service.

\$3 million addition

Planetarium expanding

UNC News Bureau

A \$3 million addition to the Morehead Planetarium was announced by the Morehead Foundation's Board of Trustees Tuesday afternoon.

Trustee chairman Hugh G. Chatham of Elkin made the announcement at ground breaking ceremonies attended by Morehead Trustees, Chancellor J. Carlyle Sitterson, Foundation director Roy Armstrong, architect Archie Davis of Durham and several University officials.

The new wing, scheduled for completion in 18 months will extend from the side of the Morehead Building facing the Arboretum.

Nearly doubling the size of the present building, the new four-story structure will contain a 24 inch telescope, 500 seat ballroom, full kitchen, eight overnight guest rooms with adjacent lounge, six meeting rooms and Foundation offices.

Armstrong stressed all facilities will be available for use by the University. "We hope this additional space will make possible meetings and conferences which previously could not be held at the University due to lack of space," he said.

Like the original building, completed in 1949 at a cost of \$3 million, the addition will be presented to the university. Certain areas will be reserved for the expanding needs of the Foundation, Armstrong explained.

Growth of the Morehead Scholarship and Fellowship programs and the increasing popularity of astronomy classes at UNC make this addition a necessity, according to Armstrong.

A total of 350 Morehead Scholars and Fellows are enrolled in the University this fall, 313 as undergraduate scholars and 37 as graduate fellows in the law, medicine, business and graduate schools.

A unique feature of the addition will be a columned portico extending across the front of the building. Very much like a Greek or Roman walkway, the portico will protect visitors from the elements while they wait to enter the Planetarium.

The guest rooms are another important innovation, he said. Because the Foundation likes to keep in contact with Morehead alumni, the Trustees decided to provide a place where returning Morehead scholars could spend the night. The second floor rooms,

lounge, kitchen and game room also will be available for guests of the University.

The late John Motley Morehead, founder of the Morehead Scholarship program in 1951, wanted an educational telescope for the University. Armstrong said, but was unable to accomplish this goal during his lifetime. The Trustees are carrying out his wishes by providing a 24 inch telescope for UNC.

The telescope will be housed in a dome on the top floor. Two open terraces to be used for viewing the night sky by astronomy classes, will extend from the dome.

The ground floor lobby will feature two curving staircases leading to the ballroom on the first floor. Elevators also will be installed.

Armstrong said because the Foundation interviews more than 100 Morehead Scholarship semi-finalists each spring, additional space was necessary to make these visitors comfortable. "The six meeting rooms on the ground floor will give us much more room for interviews," he said. "And these rooms can easily be turned into two large rooms for use by University organizations."



UNC Chancellor J. Carlyle Sitterson (left foreground) and Hugh Chatham, chairman of the UNC Trustee Foundation, hefted a shovel Tuesday during ground breaking ceremonies for the planned addition to the Morehead Planetarium. (Staff photo by Leslie Todd)

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