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Switchboard's state funding cut

by Bob King
Staff Writer

A two-thirds cut in state funding has caused Switchboard, Chapel Hill's telephone drug counseling center, to cut back on services and its paid staff.

Allocated through the North Carolina Drug Commission (NCDC), the state money had provided more than half the financial base necessary to operate Switchboard's drug and social counseling services.

Switchboard previously employed five full-time staff members, but now the number of full-time positions has been cut to three because of the decreased funding. Two former associate directors, Susan Furches and Ashley Moore, now share the single director's position.

Most of the community-oriented drug education programs such as Operation Outreach, a program to facilitate better relations between the black and white communities of Chapel Hill, and the walk-in counseling center at Switchboard's house on 408 Rosemary St., have been canceled due to the cuts.

"We have now reached the stage where the city of Chapel Hill contributes more to Switchboard than the state," Moore said. The town has increased its allocation from \$13,000 to \$15,000; Switchboard now receives about \$10,000 from the United Fund. The state cut its allocation from about \$30,000 to \$10,000.

An appeal to reinstate funds has been filed with the Grant Review Committee of the state drug commission. The decision on the appeal will be announced by September 15, Moore said. "If we get back enough money, we can re-open the drop-in center," he said.

Since the center receives money from the United Fund, it cannot solicit contributions. The state drug commission also recommended wholesale cuts in many of the mental health and drug programs throughout the state, including the Orange-Person-Chatham Mental Health Center, Moore said. He said he expects an increase in the volume of calls to Switchboard if the mental health center is forced to cut back on its services.

Though it originally began as primarily "talking people down from bad acid trips,"

Switchboard, which had its fifth anniversary last March, presently handles approximately 1,200 diverse calls each month.

The bulk of Switchboard's calls have been for referrals and long-term counseling, though drug counseling remains a specialty. "Many of the people who seek help are those who have been in some way out of touch with society," co-director Susan Furches said. "A good portion of the people who come in here just need a friend."

"We're very low-key at first, and when a person is ready to look for a job or seek medical help, we refer him to the appropriate agency."

Because of its budget cuts, Switchboard will be forced to use its volunteer-staffed telephone facilities to the utmost, Moore said.

The University helps the agency draw volunteers by offering course credits in the psychology and sociology departments for students who volunteer for two semesters at Switchboard, he added.

Language sections opened

Six new sections of lower level Spanish courses have been opened for students who were closed out of the courses during registration, but the number of sections of French courses will remain the same.

Jerry Foster, director of undergraduate Spanish courses, said there will be three new sections of Spanish 1-2x, two extra sections of Spanish 3 and one new section of Spanish 4. The Spanish 1-2x sections have been scheduled for 12 noon, 1 and 2 p.m. daily, and will accommodate a total of 75 students. Over 200 students were closed out of the course during registration.

The two sections of Spanish 3 will meet at 12 noon and 1 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and the new section of Spanish 4 will meet at 1 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Each of these sections has 25 openings.

Correction

Due to a printing error, *The Daily Tar Heel* incorrectly quoted Paul Green as saying "If you gave a Communist address they would give you an honorary degree," in the Arts section of the Aug. 25 issue. The correct quote was, "If you gave a Commencement Address they would give you an honorary degree." The *Daily Tar Heel* apologizes to Mr. Green and to our readers for the error.

Campus Calendar

Today's Activities

The Media Board will meet this afternoon at 3 in the Frank Porter Graham Lounge of the Union.

There will be a Shabbat dinner at 6:30 p.m. at Hillel House, 210 W. Cameron Ave. Price is \$1.50. Call 942-4057 for reservations.

Upcoming Events

There will be a meeting for botany majors at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 2 in the Coker Room, Coker Hall. All majors are requested to attend.

The Young Democrats Club will meet at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 2 in Room 209 of the Union. All interested persons are invited to attend.

There will be a meeting of all wrestlers and other interested persons at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 2 in the first floor lounge, Ehringhaus.

The Performing Arts committee of the Carolina Union will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 2, in Room 217 of the Union. All members and interested persons should attend.

Items of Interest

All members of the Undergraduate Court please come by the Attorney General's office and leave your name and phone number. There will also be an important meeting of the court at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 8 in Room 217 of the Union.

All persons interested in selling football programs should come at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 2, to 304 Woollen Gym.

Persons interested in working on the Special Projects Committee of the Carolina Union are requested to attend a meeting at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 4, in Room 206, Union.

IRSS Short Course — "SPSS Conversion from Version 5 to Version 6." 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 4, 307 Manning.

Students interested in becoming a member of the Attorney General's staff should come by the Attorney General's office in Suite C of the Union to pick up an application and to sign up for an interview. Freshmen are encouraged to apply.

MCAT (Medical College Admission Test) applications for the Sept. 27 testing must be postmarked by Friday, August 29. A 2" by 2" picture is required. Applications may be picked up at the Guidance and Testing Center, Nash Hall.

Be a tutor. Join the Y's Tutorial Committee. Applications available at the Y, Orientation at 8 p.m. Sept. 10 in 204 Peabody. Call 933-2333 Monday and Tuesday between 3 and 4 p.m. for more information.

The Art Department is sponsoring a bus trip to Washington, D.C. to see an exhibit of Russian painting at the National Gallery. The bus will leave Ackland Art Museum at 6 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 4. Cost — \$15, payable in cash at the art office, 101 Ackland.

Anyone needing help in finishing the applications for medical school admission for the fall of '76 can come to a help session at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 3, at the Guidance and Testing Center, Nash Hall.



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