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Pied Piper

Like the fairy tale of the Pied Piper who bewitched the village's small children with his magical, mystical flute, musician John Root captivates the imagination of Chapel Hill children and parents alike as he demonstrates various woodwind instruments on Franklin Street.

Staff photo by Scott Sharpe

Reto undergoes spinal operation

By KIM ADAMS

UNC baseball star Joe Reto underwent successful surgery Tuesday night at North Carolina Memorial Hospital. The All-Atlantic Coast Conference first baseman-designated hitter was paralyzed last weekend in a traffic accident.

"Doctors say the operation went well, but that Reto is still paralyzed from the middle of his chest down," hospital spokesman Dick Broom said.

"The operation was to stabilize his neck in the area of the fracture. Slivers of bone from his pelvis were wired to either side of the spinal column in his neck, bridging the area of fracture.

"This will eventually become fused to the spinal column and give some stability to the spinal column," Broom said.

Reto is coming out of the coma he had been in since the accident. Broom said that just before he went into surgery, doctors reported that Reto "seemed to be gradually regaining consciousness. He opened his eyes and he moved slightly," Broom said. "He's moving his arms a little."

"The baseball team would like to request that everyone keep Joe in their thoughts," head baseball coach Mike Roberts said. "We hope that he continues to improve and we appreciate all the calls we have gotten from people who are concerned about him."

Reto remains in intensive care and in serious condition at the hospital, although his vital signs are stable, Broom said.

The 20-year-old Brielle, N.J., native suffered an anterior subluxation of the sixth cervical vertebra. Dr. Joseph DeWalt said the spinal injury was almost identical to the injury suf-



Joe Reto

fered by former UNC football player Steve Streater last April.

"We think the paralysis will be permanent," DeWalt said. "When paralysis occurs at the time of the injury it is a bad prognostic sign. Based on the fact that the paralysis was immediate... the possibilities of Mr. Reto ever walking again are indeed remote."

Aside from the spinal injury, Reto suffered a blow to the head that caused a cerebral adema, which is a swelling of the brain. The swelling probably caused the coma, DeWalt said.

DeWalt also said that the type of injuries that Streater and Reto suffered are not unusual in car accidents. Another athlete, Indi-

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Financial aid limited in '81-'82 because of federal budget cuts

By ANN MURPHY

Funds available for students seeking financial aid will be limited for 1981-82. Eleanor Morris, director of the University's Student Aid office, said that because of President Reagan's budget reductions the University will be given less federal money to distribute to the various aid programs.

Morris said that work study grants were cut by \$15,000 from \$850,000 last year to \$835,000 this year, and money for the National Direct Student Loan Program was cut from \$1.65 million to \$1.22 million which makes a total cut of \$429,000 for the NDSL program. In addition, each student will receive \$80 less than what was hoped for Basic Educational Opportunity Grants, Morris said.

"We know that the funds are going to be limited for next year," she said. "At present, the federal funds are the only ones that we know are being reduced."

Morris said all undergraduates who applied for financial aid by April 1 would have no problems receiving aid. "But they must have sent all significant documents in on time," she said.

Nearly 700 undergraduates applied for financial aid on time, but have not sent all the necessary papers to the

University. "We're not saying these students won't receive awards — just that the money will be delayed," she said.

Morris said the overall impact of Reagan's funding cuts will make less money available to the University. "We will just have to make the money we do have go further, but students who applied for aid late probably won't get help."

In addition to decreasing funds available to students, tuition costs are expected to increase this year. The Board of Governors will vote Friday on a nine percent increase for in-state tuition and a 20 percent rise in out-of-state tuition.

Associate Director of Admissions Margaret Folger said a decrease in enrollment was not expected, although the Office of Admissions "has been worrying about it all year."

Any effects on undergraduate enrollment due to increased tuition would probably not be felt until 1982, Folger said.

"The graduate and professional schools will be the first ones affected this year," she said.

Morris said the graduate and professional students were told that undergraduate aid applicants would be given preference.

"I don't think we will be able to help any one of them (graduates and professionals)," she said. "It will be after school starts this fall before we will know for sure."

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