

# GPSF sets up scholarship fund with part of back fees

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A Student Health Service proposal that would make health insurance mandatory next fall has drawn criticism from the Graduate and Professional Student Federation as being unfair to graduate students.

GPSF President Peter Mallinson called the proposal "ridiculous," adding that statistical assumptions of the SHS proposal underestimated the number of graduate students who would be forced to purchase health insurance in order to comply with the plan.

A majority of graduate students are opposed to any form of mandatory health insurance, he said.

In response to the SHS proposal, the GPSF Senate issued a resolution Tuesday that stated that students should not be automatically billed for health insurance and called for a letter of clarification from SHS to "be mailed to all students and parents concerning the proposed changes to the existing health insurance plans."

Under the mandatory health insurance plan, which was approved by the SHS advisory board in October and is presently under scrutiny by the Office of Student Affairs, all UNC students will be billed the \$238.96 premiums for a UNC Blue Cross-Blue Shield group health policy each fall beginning with the next academic year. Students would then have the option of either paying for the Blue Cross-

Blue Shield policy, deducting the cost of the policy upon showing proof of alternative coverage, or signing a waiver accepting all responsibility for costs incurred at SHS.

Beginning in January 1983, three specialty clinics — the ophthalmology, ear, nose and throat and dermatology clinics — will charge fees for SHS services. In August 1983, the orthopedic care clinic will also begin charging fees.

Students will be billed for these services through their accounts in Bynum Hall, and it will be up to the students to make the claims with their insurance companies.

The proposal, if approved by the UNC Board of Governors next spring, could generate more than \$300,000 in the first year and help offset further increases in the SHS fee until the 1984-85 school year.

"We're trying to give the student the best health care package, both through the health fee and existing insurance policies," said SHS Director Judith Cowan.

Ninety-five percent of the student body is presently covered by health insurance, according to the SHS budget report.

But Mallinson contends that the figure of 95 percent was obtained from a 1981 survey of undergraduate parents and ignores the fact that a large percentage of graduate students are uninsured.

According to the 1981 student affairs survey, 94 percent of a sampling of parents of undergraduates said that their

children were covered by some type of health insurance. In contrast, only 84 percent of the student body answered the same question affirmatively. Twenty-four percent of that sample was graduate students.

"This means that roughly 40 to 50 percent of graduate students are without health insurance," he said.

GPSF secretary Norman H. Barth said that the percentage could be even higher. "The survey was done before last year's 50 percent increase in the Blue Cross-Blue Shield premiums, and if there were 50 percent of graduate students without insurance then, the number could have only increased with the huge hike (in premiums)," he said.

Cowan said the number of students who indicated they have health insurance may be artificially low because many students might be unaware of their insurance status. The discrepancy between the responses of parents of undergraduates and those of students is probably less than 10 percent and is not a major issue, Cowan said.

Mallinson said the budget proposal would double the health costs to half the graduate students. "A majority of undergraduates have their parents paying for their insurance, while graduate students for the most part pay out of their own pockets, which obviously hasn't been taken into account by the people at Student Health (Services)," Mallinson said.

# Graduate students assail health insurance policies

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Like the beneficiary in the will of the proverbial rich uncle, the Graduate and Professional Student Federation Senate had to figure out how to spend a windfall Tuesday night.

But the GPSF's \$10,136 windfall was not the result of an inheritance. The figure represents the amount of graduate and professional student activity fees the organization had been shorted over the past two academic years because of an administrative error by the Student Activities Fund Office.

Under an amendment to the Student Constitution passed in February 1980, the GPSF is entitled to 15 percent of the activity fees paid by graduate and professional students.

During its regular meeting Tuesday, the GPSF Senate approved the creation of a \$5,000 scholarship fund with part of the back fees. Criteria for awards and a committee to administer the scholarship fund are expected to be established at the Senate's next meeting in January.

GPSF President Peter Mallinson said the GPSF might be able to make the scholarship fund into a permanent endowment by requesting that SAFO place the money in an interest-bearing savings account.

"SAFO has indicated that it may be possible to create a scholarship endowment fund in perpetuity, making awards of \$500 each year, by having

the funds administered in an interest-paying account," Mallinson said.

The GPSF Senate rejected a proposal from its GPSF Finance Committee to allocate \$5,000 for a fund to attract speakers for graduate and professional student functions. Instead, the Senate voted to create a special projects fund of the same amount. A committee will be formed by the Senate to administer the fund.

Maha Elkordy, representing the nutrition department of the UNC School of Public Health, supported the special projects fund as a means to support the various needs of schools and departments.

"A lot of departments don't have a use for speakers. The special projects fund would ensure that the money helps us all," Elkordy said.

Among the possible uses for the fund are the payment of travel expenses for students presenting research papers and small purchases of equipment by schools and departments, Elkordy said.

In other business, the GPSF Senate approved a resolution, proposed by Norman Barth of the physics department, that schools and departments match from their own funds any money awarded to them from the special projects fund.

"Through the requirement for matching funds, the special projects fund will stretch farther," Barth said.

"Moreover, a department faced with the requirement to match funds will be very serious about any requests they make."

## CAMPUS CALENDAR

### TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

Campus Crusade for Christ weekly fellowship will meet at 7 p.m. in the Carolina Union. Check at the Union Desk for the room number.

The Theta Tau Chapter of Zeta Tau Alpha will celebrate phase one of the construction of their new home at the Grand Opening Ceremony at 3 p.m. in the ZTA parking lot. Come to the construction from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Granville South.

Judy Eastman, a counselor in private practice in Chapel Hill, will speak on "Personal Relationships" at 5:45 p.m. at the Baptist Student Union, 203 Battle Lane.

The North Carolina Botanical Garden will hold two programs today. Registration and a fee are required for both. Call 967-2246 for information.

All AIESEC members interested in going to Detroit: there will be a meeting at 4 p.m. at the AIESEC office. If you can't come but are still interested, call Sandy at 933-3550 or leave a note in the office.

Children, the fantasy and science fiction club, presents a talk on Charles Fort by Paul Thompson at 7:30 p.m. in the Carolina Union. Check schedule at the Union desk for the room number. Everyone is invited.

The Italian Club invites you to celebrate Christmas Italian style. "Come all ye faithful" at 7:30 p.m. to the Carolina Union.

Union with a small gift to exchange. Check the Union desk for the room number.

The American Society of Personnel Administrators (ASPA) will hold a meeting at 5:30 p.m. in T-7 New Carroll. John Warren, president of Sunbelt Hydroelectric, will speak.

The Campus Y Committee on Undergraduate Education will meet at 3:30 p.m. Thursday at the Y.

Mid-Campus Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship will have its annual Christmas Worship service at 7 p.m. in the Carolina Union. There will be singing, sharing and a love feast. Check the Union desk for the room number. Everyone is welcome.

The Women's Soccer Club Christmas party will be held at 6 p.m. at Mr. Gatti's.

The A.B.S. Christmas Mixer will be held at 3:30 p.m. in the Carolina Union. Refreshments will be served. Check the Union desk for the room number.

### COMING EVENTS

The UNC-CH Men's Volleyball Club is hosting a sanctioned 25 team USA tourney Saturday in Fetzer Gym. Competition begins by 9 a.m.

Amnesty International adoption group #4 will meet at 8 p.m. Monday at the Newman Center. Newcomers are welcome. Call Bruce Tindall at 942-0209 for more information.

The American Student Fellowship welcomes everyone to the last Campus Eucharist of the fall term at 10 p.m. Wednesday in the Chapel of the Cross.

Come to celebrate Love Feast in the Moravian Tradition at 7 p.m. Sunday at the Wesley Foundation. A brass band will begin at the Old Well.

A free, public exhibition, "Photographs and Text by Endora Wiley," continues in the small gallery until Dec. 19. Excerpts of Wiley's fiction accompany the display.

Dr. John P. Preskill, Harvard University, will speak on "Theories of Magnetic Monopoles," continuing the UNC/Duke Physics Astronomy Colloquium at 4 p.m. Wednesday.

The Department of Dramatic Art will present a new adaptation of *A Christmas Carol*, Dec. 9 through Dec. 19 in the Paul Green Theater.

The Hunger Action Committee will meet at 3 p.m. for Surprise Friday at Anne's house. See directions at the Campus Y or call Anne at 929-1433.

Beyond Compliance, this week's Friday Flick will be presented at noon Friday in the Conference Room of the second floor of the Health Sciences Library. The film is sponsored by the Audiovisual Services.

The Campus Y will hold its annual handicrafts bazaar Friday through Sunday in the Great Hall of the Carolina Union. For more information, call the Campus Y at 962-2333.

"The World at War: the Origin, Nature and Consequences of World War II," a seminar featuring Kenan Professor Gerhard Weinberg, will be presented Friday and Saturday. To enroll or for more information, call 962-1123.

### ITEMS OF INTEREST

VAT (Veterinary Aptitude Test), Jan. 8: Registration must be received by Dec. 13 and costs \$20. Pick up application in Nash Hall.

GMAT (Graduate Management Admission Test), Jan. 29: Registration must be postmarked by Dec. 27 and costs \$30. Pick up applications in Nash Hall.

GRE (Graduate Record Examinations), Feb. 5: Registration must be postmarked by Dec. 30 and costs \$27 each for General and Subject Tests. Pick up application in Nash Hall.

DHAT (Dental Hygiene Admission Test), Jan. 14 and Jan. 15: Registration must be postmarked by Dec. 27 and costs \$18. Pick up application in Nash Hall.

PharmCAT (Pharmacy College Admission Test), Feb. 5: Registration must be received by Jan. 8 and costs \$25. Pick up applications in Nash Hall.

Applications to the reception for Max Robinson following his lecture Jan. 16 can be obtained at the Union Desk. Deadline is Dec. 16.

The Fine Arts Festival Design Contest deadline is Dec. 13. Submit entries to Box 15 of the Carolina Union. Rules are available at the Union Desk. Call 933-6260 for explanation.

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