

# The Daily Tar Heel

Cycling

This week's Weekend page features the UNC Cycling Club and one of its outstanding cyclists.

To froze for comfort  
Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of rain late today, possibly mixed with snow and sleet. High in the low 40s, low near 30.

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## Going nowhere fast

Senior Katie Reid and sophomore Jerry Parker get some exercise in the Pit Wednesday. The two were participating in the UNC Crew Club's row-a-thon to raise money for the club.

DTH/Jeff Neville

## Low turnout kills fee referendum

By MARK STINNEFORD  
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No one will ever know how students voted in Wednesday's referendum on a proposal to raise the Student Activity Fee by \$1.25 per semester.

Only 1,843 students, about 9 percent of the student body, voted in the referendum. For the fee increase referendum to be valid, at least 20 percent of the student body — approximately 4,100 students — needed to cast votes Wednesday, according to the Student Government Code.

And so the ballots were never counted, said Elections Board Chairman Stan Evans.

Even if the required number of students showed up at the polls Wednesday, the fee increase would have had to receive a two-thirds majority vote to be enacted, according to the Code.

Wednesday marked the second time in a little over a month that votes were not counted in a fee increase referendum.

Students voted on an identical fee increase proposal on Feb. 8, but the Student Supreme Court threw out the vote, ruling that the Campus Governing Council had

not allowed enough time between approving the referendum and presenting it to the students.

According to the Student Constitution, no referendum can be held less than a week after approval by the CGC. The first fee referendum bill was passed on Feb. 2, only six days before it was presented to the students.

On March 2, the CGC voted unanimously to present the students with a second fee increase referendum.

The Elections Board manned 19 polling places for seven hours in Wednesday's referendum, Evans said.

"It's frustrating," he said. "A lot of our time went right out the window. I'd anticipated the low turnout. But with all the publicity the issue had received over the past week, I'd become a little more optimistic."

The polls at Ehringhaus Residence Hall opened one hour late, but the voting was otherwise free of irregularities, Evans said.

Daily Tar Heel editor Kerry DeRochi, whose organization receives 16 percent of Student Activity Fees, said she was disap-

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## PROPAC starts plans to oppose Helms in '84

By CINDI ROSS  
Staff Writer

Although he has not yet announced his candidacy, the opposition has already organized to defeat Sen. Jesse Helms in his 1984 bid for re-election.

The Progressive Political Action Commission, a Washington-based organization, launched a \$100,000 advertising campaign to discredit Helms. The campaign consists of newspaper ads criticizing Helms' "reactionary methods."

Mary Jakoby, PROPAC spokesperson, said that the program is aimed at getting the issues before the public.

"Jesse Helms has a great deal of money available to him," she said. "We feel the combination of that much money and his views is very dangerous to a free-thinking country."

"For someone against big government, he wants government involved in our personal lives more than we feel necessary," said Jakoby.

Jakoby said that ads were being run throughout the country because people outside of the state have an interest in the national influence of Helms.

"We just want him out of the scene," she said. "We want the ERA, freedom of choice. We believe even his Republican friends are fed up with him, and the people of North Carolina are embarrassed."

But Helms' supporters do not feel threatened by PROPAC. Tom Fetzler, chief executive officer of the Congressional Club, said that the ads looked more like cartoons than political propaganda.

"The ads discuss non-issue related topics," Fetzler said. "Ours (Congressional Club ads used in previous campaigns) are hard-hitting with the central point on the issues."

"I don't think PROPAC will do any good here. They are a heavily labor union influenced organization. That kind of group does not have a big constituency here in the state," he said.

In fact, PROPAC is seen as more of a threat by Helms' opponents than by his supporters.

Richardson Preyer, chairman of the North Carolina Campaign Fund and a political science professor at UNC, said that his organization was trying to discourage PROPAC from coming to North Carolina. He said that the ads might do more harm than good.

The North Carolina Campaign Fund, Preyer said, is "a multi-candidate independent political action committee organized to support all of those candidates who have been under attack by the Congressional Club."

"The media has personalized it to be a group devoted to defeating Helms," said Preyer. "But we contributed to the Democratic congressional candidates in the last race and will continue to support Democratic candidates."

"We could support whomever is against Helms in 1984 and East in 1986," he said.

Preyer said that the Campaign Fund had no plans to run advertisements unless an important issue needed to be brought to the public's attention.

Although the North Carolina Campaign Fund does not have a candidate to support in the Senate race, its leaders hope they will be endorsing Gov. Jim Hunt.

"Hunt supports and encourages us, but he has to remain separate," Preyer said.

Brent Hackney, Hunt's press spokesman, said that the North Carolina Campaign Fund was formed by people close to Hunt but that he had no control over it.

"He is not a candidate now for anything," he added.

"We had no prior knowledge of PROPAC, and we prefer that they not (run the ads) right now — maybe not ever," Hackney said. "People are tired of campaign rhetoric."

Jakoby said that no one had contacted PROPAC to tell them that they did not want the organization involved in the race.

While Helms' opponents attack PROPAC, his supporters are attacking the North Carolina Campaign Fund.

Fetzler criticized the campaign fund's out-of-state fund raising.

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William "Doc" Droze

... CCG Finance Committee Chairperson

## Suggests fund raising CGC refuses team's request

By LIZ LUCAS  
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The Campus Governing Council denied a \$4,000 subsequent appropriations bill to the UNC Forensics Union Tuesday night. The bill, brought before the council twice, was to be used to fund the group's trip to a debate tournament.

The council approved the nominations of the 1983-84 student body treasurer and director of the Student Part-Time Employment Service; and passed several other subsequent appropriation bills.

In its on-going bout with subsequent appropriations to campus organizations, the CGC voted to deny the additional \$4,000 request from the UNC Forensics Union to help pay for members traveling to Colorado Springs, Colo., for the final round of a national individual events debate tournament. The organization had previously requested and been granted \$2,200 to fund a debate team trip to Ogden, Utah, for a national tournament.

Several alternatives to the originally requested \$4,000 were discussed by the council, including lowering the appropriation to \$2,000 and later, when the bill was reconsidered, to \$3,000.

The team needs the entire \$4,000 to be able to go to the tournament, said Margie Brown, president of the Forensics Union.

"It's like our basketball team working all year to get to the NCAA finals — we've made it to the finals and now

we won't be able to go," Brown said.

The Forensics Union was allotted \$4,400 for the year by the CGC, and received an additional \$2,200 subsequent appropriation, Finance Committee Chairperson Doc Droze (District 22) said. The group also has raised \$2,600 from the Tar Heel Debate Tournament, said Robin Pullman, an adviser to the group. These funds have all been used for travel expenses to the qualifying rounds of debate tournaments, Pullman said.

In the past, the Forensics Union has always come to the CGC for subsequent appropriations to fund its major trips to national tournaments, Pullman said, adding that the students involved with the organization were too busy competing in debates or preparing for debates to actively attempt to raise funds.

But CGC representatives questioned the Forensics Union's yearly reliance on CGC subsequent appropriations for travel expenses to national competitions.

"I just can't see allocating 4 percent of the total budget to 10 people to travel to a tournament on," said CGC member Rebel Cole (District 4). "We must be responsible."

Though the bill was not passed initially, Randall Parker (District 14) later brought the bill up for reconsideration. Forensics Union members, present for the initial debate, left the meeting before the reconsideration.

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## Criticism of thoroughfare has council reconsidering

By PETE AUSTIN  
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It could be more than a month before the Chapel Hill Planning Department is ready to recommend a thoroughfare plan to the Town Council, Planning Department Director Mike Jennings said Wednesday.

The department would like to continue discussion of the southern loop portion of the thoroughfare plan because of criticism received at the public hearing Monday night, Jennings said.

The southern loop includes the extensions of Parker Road, Bayberry Drive and possibly others, he said. Jennings did not specify what these possibilities might be.

The Parker Road plan, which could cut through the Mason farm tract, has since been dropped from consideration by the planning board.

The University and many residents have opposed the extension through the tract

because of the environmental importance of the area for biological research.

"(Town Manager) David Taylor and I are going to hold off our final recommendation until we have considered all the possibilities," Jennings said.

The Town Council will probably call another public hearing to gauge public reaction to the planning department's proposal, he said.

Donald Francisco, resident of Bayberry Drive and a former planning board member, said Monday night that citizens of the area, the University and Chapel Hill officials can and should work together for a workable alternative that will please everybody.

The planning department and Taylor stick by their recommendations regarding other facets of the thoroughfare, he said. The Bayberry Drive proposal is not actually a loop, he said, but instead would serve to relieve pressure on existing roads.

## Ginkgos mock exclusive and honorary clubs

By HEIDI OWEN  
Staff Writer

Attention all non-conformists: there may be a group for you at UNC. The Order of the Ginkgo, a "semi-secret society of floral fellowship," is as unique as its name implies.

The 60-member Order of the Ginkgo is University-recognized as an official organization having official bylaws, an official adviser and members with official titles. But this group adds a new touch to officialdom.

The Order of the Ginkgo has only one or two meetings a year, no restrictions on membership and a sole purpose to spread the word of a tree. The group is named after the ginkgo tree, considered to be the oldest living fossil.

"The Order of the Ginkgo is a satire on the honorary societies," said Greg Butler, superior extreme grandest high mulch of the Order of the Ginkgo. "Our organization is poking fun at the membership qualifications of honoraries, because all you have to do to join our group is show up at our parties and go through a totally ridiculous initiation."

The organization was founded in 1977 by a group of men who "wanted an excuse to party and socialize on pretty days," Butler said.

Although the founders of the Order of the Ginkgo were members of the APO service fraternity and 50 percent to 60 percent of the ginkgo members are APO members today, the Order of the Ginkgo is a completely separate and officially recognized group, said Lewis Collier, APO president and Order of the Ginkgo extreme grand mulch in charge of directing ladybugs to the ginkgos.

The Order of the Ginkgo also has its own page in the honorary section of the *Yackety Yack*. But it took an unusual circumstance for the group to get there.

In 1978 the Order of the Ginkgo was refused a page in the *Yack*, and ginkgo members responded by hanging the *Yack* editor in effigy. The next year, the *Yack* not only gave the Order of the Ginkgo its own page, but also included a picture of the former editor's fate.



Greg Butler (left) and Lewis Collier prepare a ginkgo tree for planting ... both are members of the Order of the Ginkgo, a group of non-conformists

DTH/Charles W. Ledford

The Order of the Ginkgo gives its members a variety of unusual titles. Jerry Beamer is the omniscient omnipotent grandest supreme mulch for the Order of the Ginkgo.

"As my title implies, I must be everywhere and use my power to preserve the almighty Ginkgo," Beamer said. "But above all, I cannot wear alligators on my person."

Other unusual titles of the Order of the Ginkgo are grand imperial chainsaw interceptor, whose duties involve "attempting to abolish the Homelite Chainsaw Company," and grand imperial canine excretion interceptor, who "renders due punishment to any canine

attempting to go void directly onto the ginkgo tree."

The Order of the Ginkgo also has its semi-serious side. A ginkgo tree sponsored by the organization was planted near N.C. Memorial Hospital by the organization Tuesday in a rights-of-procreation ceremony.

The planting of the tree has been a tradition since 1981, Butler said.

"The grounds crew does the actual work and supplies the tree, and we have an elaborate ceremony," Butler said. "The event is funny simply because we take ourselves so seriously."

The Order of the Ginkgo also sponsored a Bloodmobile in Great Hall Monday.