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Vote for fee increase

While students are voting for president and editor and other such controversial and vocal positions, many may overlook the importance of one issue that has seldom been talked of this year. It is the case of whether to raise the Student Activities Fees. In many ways, that decision could be the most important of the whole election, for what hangs in the balance directly affects more people — students, faculty and the University community — than any other. The proposal is for only a \$1.50 increase per student per semester; it should be supported.

Student Activities Fees pay for bits and pieces of almost every student organization, even Student Government itself. Some of that money is constitutionally targeted for a few large organizations: The Carolina Union receives 33 percent; The Daily Tar Heel, 16 percent. These organizations are always the most vocal in their need for the increased funds because their programs, whether a movie or a newspaper, affect so many in the community. And, yes, even a small increase in each student's fee can mean thousands of dollars added to their budgets.

The smallest student club or association also relies heavily on those funds: the UNC Model U.N. Club, the Carolina Indian Circle, the Association for Women Students, the Carolina Gay Association. The fees thus subsidize activities for a wide cross section of the University community, and no organization should have to restrict its programs for lack of funds.

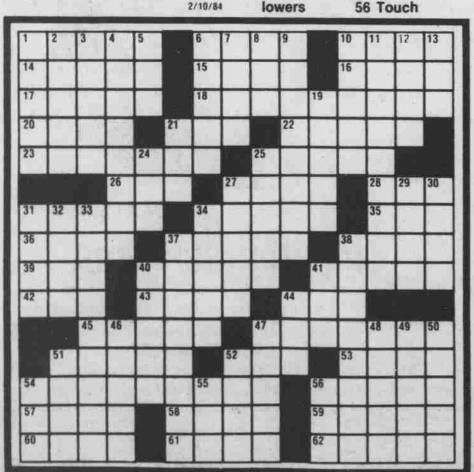
Students last voted for a fee increase in 1977, when it was raised to \$15.25 per semester. Since then, inflation has cut the buying power of that money by more than 30 percent. The effects of those relative cuts in organizations' budgets are apparent in many programs. For instance, fewer Carolina Union movies, especially the popular current films, are actually "free flicks." In the future, more movies may include a charge. And as production and printing costs have skyrocketed, the average issue of the DTH has become smaller, to the detriment of popular features and sports stories that have had to be omitted. Other organizations feeling the effects of inflation are those that must prove their worth to the Campus Governing Council every year, competing with other groups for limited funds. To sustain their important programs, they must spend at higher levels every year, and with a constant pool of funds, some groups must suffer.

Usually, the CGC is able to draw on the General Reserve, a surplus account with a mandatory minimum used for investment, to supplement funds allocated to student organizations. Last spring, however, the Carolina Concert for Children lost about \$52,000 of students' money, effectively killing any usable surplus. In fact, even with the extra funds generated by a fee increase, student organizations would probably still be funded at rates lower than this year's.

Financial burdens are placed on the students from all areas of the University, and no one likes to pay more than he should or can. But almost every cultural and entertainment function here must be paid for by the students through the Student Activities Fees. In order to stop the erosion of student programs, students should advocate the \$1.50 boost in the fees. By giving up such a small amount each semester, students can enjoy a variety of clubs and programs available only in a university setting.

THE Daily Crossword By Mary C. Whitten

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SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS Candidates discuss their views

Editor's note: The Daily Tar Heel asked Senior Class president and vice president candidates Steve Fetter and LaQuetta Robinson, Scott Wierman and Sally Pistole, and Cheryl Wilson and Randy Sprinkle to present their platforms to this year's junior class. They appear below.

Steve Fetter, president, and LaQuetta Robinson, vice president:

Our first priority if elected is graduation. We feel that our class is special and commencement day should be one long remembered. A prominent speaker is a means to that end. We have already been at work and have secured an agent in New York who is willing to help us make that means a reality. The agent has also offered to help pay speaker fees (as a tax write-off, of course) and to lend us several movies for fund raising. But we have a problem - the commencment committee has tied the process of getting outside speakers up in so much red tape as to render it impossible. We want to lobby and fight and push until we are given the right to have the best possible speaker at graduation. The senior class should decide whether that speaker will come from UNC or elsewhere, and we have the ideas to make it possible.

We feel very strongly about the tradition of the senior class trip. We feel that the majority of seniors should be able to take it. That means making the trips economically feasible. We propose trips to hockey games, away football games, the zoo and other places where we can have great participation. That doesn't necessarily exclude the idea of a senior

Concerning a class gift, we would like to work with the Carolina Annual Giving fund to leave something of great importance. The Class of '84 under Susan Sparks and Gerry Battle have succeded in doing this. They have arranged to leave the largest gift ever in the state's history, and we hope their class will rise to the occasion and support it.

Finally, we would like to increase communication within the senior class. We plan to publish a newsletter once a month to inform seniors of deadlines, class trips, fund-raising events, and, especially, activities of the Job Placement program. We also intend to keep some "office hours" to make us available to you. You will know what's going on with the senior class even if we have to write it on the bathroom walls at Troll's. If you have any questions, we're in the phone



Fetter and Robinson

Scott Wierman, president, and Sally Pistole, vice

Previous presidential candidates have centered their platforms around commencement. We plan to make our senior year more than just a one day thing. Instead, we want to make graduation a culmination of a year full of events.

First, we propose a Senior Information Day. This would be held in the Pit next fall. We plan on holding it in conjunction with the Career Planning Office. This would give seniors a chance to come by and pick up information concerning writing resumes, resume drops, on-campus interviews, and various other resources available. We also would like to have people from various academic departments available to answer questions concerning job opportunities. We feel this would serve as a great help to seniors as they begin to look toward life after graduation.

Furthermore, we plan to work with the Carolina Athletic Association and Alumni Association to make Homecoming special for everyone. After all, this is your last year here. Also on our agenda are trips to away football games, special ticket distributions for the final home football and basketball games, and a senior trip over Spring Break.

Finally, we would like to work with outside resources to provide the University with a memorable class gift. We want to work with you on any ideas you might have for the senior class.



Wierman and Pistole

Communicating with 3,500 people is a monumental task. To combat this problem, we propose a senior newsletter to be distributed on a regular basis. Moreover, we plan to utilize the bulletin board outside the Senior Class Office (Suite A in the Union). Along with this, we would hold regular office hours so that you can voice your concerns and ideas with

Now that you know where we are heading, let us show you where we have been. Scott has served as both Vice President and President of Graham Dorm, and has participated on numerous Morehead Confederation Committees. Sally has served as Publicity Chairman for Joyner Dorm, and attended both the regional and state RHA conferences last year. This past fall she served on the Homecoming Committee. We feel we are extremely qualified to serve the Class of 1985. Even greater than this, however, is our eagerness to work with you to make next year the best it can possibly be.

First, we ask you to vote next Tuesday. Second, we ask you to help us make the Class of 1985 fantastic. Vote Scott Wierman and Sally Pistole for Senior Class president and vice president.



Wilson and Sprinkle

Cheryl Wilson, president, and Randy Sprinkle, vice president:

One of the most important dimensions of the Senior Class is the freedom to create new ideas and to apply them readily. While there are only a few required duties, Randy and I are motivated to increase the extent and the scope of this office. To this end, we offer seniors solid objectives in three key areas: graduation, class gift and "senior extras."

Concerning graduation: While there are several small changes that we are interested in making, our key focus rests in the selection of a commencement speaker. Randy and I both feel that UNC is of the caliber that deserves a nationally prominent speaker, and polls reflect that the present Senior Class agrees. Unfortunately, due to technicalities within the system, their mandate was ignored. If elected, we would first survey our class and, if the same mandate existed, would work diligently with the administration to reform old traditions.

One feasible plan that we have is to work with the administration in establishing a system whereby one of the five honorary degrees awarded each year would specifically be designated for the Senior Class. We are also very committed to inviting someone that we could all remember not only for who they were, but for the pertinence of the message that they would

Concerning a class gift: We propose a serviceoriented gift that would continue to benefit the University community long after our class has departed. What Randy and I would like to do is to set up an organization in the name of the class of 1985 whose purpose would be to employ students as liaisons in order to open up communications with smaller companies. At present, this is a problem because, while the job Placement Center has the resources to contact larger companies, they are unable to extend communications with the smaller ones. Therefore, this gift would benefit both seniors in their job search as well as many other students by opening up new avenues for on-campus employment.

Concerning "senior extras:" The class cruise is a great idea, but since many seniors are unable to take advantage of it, we would like to offer an additional trip that would reflect diversified interests and budgets. Some of our other ideas include contributing to school spirit with a Homecoming float, holding a reception with faculty and getting a group together to do some community work.

The means by which we would obtain our objectives is through our Senior Newsletter. We could inform you of progress, publicize programs, and, most importantly, increase the visibility of jobs available to seniors.

Through our administration newsletters we want to create a sense of identity and community among our senior class. We are experienced, innovative, and highly motivated to do this job.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Boo while you can still be heard

To the editor:

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So some UNC "fans" think booing shows a lack of class. Anyone who watches the games closely knows that when the officials make bad calls, Dean Smith is the first one up to complain to the refs and support his players. It is therefore not only our right, but our God-given duty to support our coach and players by ridiculing the refs as loudly and vehemently as

On Feb. 14, UNC students have some

tough choices to make in campus elec-

tions. One choice involves the race for

student body president. There are seven

candidates, each with different kinds of

experience, ideas and backgrounds. We

Chip is a student, not a politician. We

think this alone will enable him to find

new and more practical solutions to the

think Chip Medlin is the best choice.

possible. This is definitely not the time to chant, "U-N-C, U-N-C!!" We should especially be loud and demonstrative in our protests to the officials this year and next year since future students will be taken from the courtside in the "Student" Activities Center and will be stuck in the damn rafters where nobody can hear them. You can thank Swofford and other administrators for generously

For Medlin

problems facing Student Government. More importantly, Chip wants to satisfy the needs of the students — not the needs of Suite C. . As a candidate, Chip also has ex-

perience. Besides serving two years on the Campus Governing Council, he was a member of the Orientation Commission for two years and was vice chairperson of the Student Educational Broadcasting Board (the administrative body of

allowing us one corner of the lower arena in "our" Student Activities Center, while putting the rest of the students at a vantage point comparable to Sky-5. But relax!! Our seats will be taken by the Rams Club, who came late, stand up twice a game (once to mingle at halftime and once to go to the can), then they leave early so they can catch the last few minutes on the radio, but most of all,

Thomas Layton

W. Cameron Ave.

WXYC). This valuable experience would enable Chip to step in and immediately be an effective leader. We feel that this campus needs a leader

who has a fresh perspective on Student Government and its responsibilities to the students. Chip is this leader. Peggy Cleary Severin St.

they have class running out their ... their ears!

> Mark Creech Ross Powell Kenneth Helms Kingswood Apts.

Endorsements

Candidates endorsed by The Daily Tar Heel received the majority of votes from the paper's editorial board. The endorsements were based on individual interviews and forum performances. The DTH endorsed Jennie Edmundson for CAA president and Mark Stafford for RHA president on Wednesday and Paul Parker for student body president and Jeff Hiday for DTH editor on Thursday. In addition, the paper has also supported the proposed fee for STV and the increase in the Student Activities Fee.

Applauding Carolina fans

By ROSEMARY WAGNER

Editor's note: This column is reprinted from The Western Wake Herald of Apex.

I have refrained for months and months from using my occasional "rose buds" column (as my editor once suggested we call it) as a place to praise the University of North Carolina, my alma mater.

But because of the recent attention the school down the road has received, I felt compelled to try and give my school equal time.

When I say "school down the road," I don't mean N.C. State. They are having enough trouble without having the press on their backs. I'm talking about the OTHER university. You know, that prestigious one where all the REALLY smart, sophisticated people go. I think they call that establishment DOOK.

I'm so tired of reading about those clever, nasty, enthusiastic, tasteless, original, obscence Duke fans. They have received a horrendous amount of coverage lately regarding the manner in which they treat visiting teams in their Cameron Indoor Stadium. The Washington Post first brought to the public's attention the incident of fans' throwing women's undergarments at Maryland player Herman Veal. I will elaborate no more; I feel the press has already beaten a dead horse.

Once the matter was written about, everyone had to voice his opinion. Some writers condemned the Blue Devil fans. Others actually jumped to the defense of the clever little rich kids.

But the point is that they have managed to get everyone talking about and thinking about Duke fans. I think some people are even considering changing their allegiance. That's why I want to talk about Carolina and Carolina

fans. I'm not even going to brag about the fact that the University of North Carolina is a fine academic institution or that the Tar Heel basketball players are undefeated in 21 games.

Or that they are leading the ACC.

Or that they still hold a No. 1 ranking in both polls. Or that among the talent is probably the best basketball player in the country.

All I want to say is that the University of North Carolina has class. The institution is classy. The athletes and coaches handle themselves in a classy manner. And most of all, the

fans are classy. I have always been proud to be a Carolina Fan. Carolina Fans don't wave their arms in Carmichael Auditorium when the opposing team is trying to shoot free throws. Coach Dean Smith won't allow it.

Carolina Fans rarely use vulgar language in their cheers. The cheerleaders aren't allowed to lead cheers that are derogatory.

Carolina Fans aren't so "holier than thou" that they don't boo calls and some plays, but they never resort to vulgar or cruel treatment towards one team or one particular player.

The institution has never advocated such behavior. And what made me think about all this is an incident I watched on television as the Carolina-Georgia Tech game ended. As I watched the waning minutes of the game (with relief, since it was so close I might not have been able to write this column), I saw the third Georgia Tech player foul out.

He walked to the bench probably dismayed because his team had been ahh so close.

The Carolina Fans didn't boo or laugh or point at the disheartened fellow.

They clapped for him, loudly, as if they were clapping for a Carolina player.

It sent a shiver up my spine.

It was class. Carolina Class.

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