

Grant lets other states TEACCH autistic kids

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Division TEACCH, the University's statewide program that works with autistic children and their parents, has been awarded a \$72,000 grant to train teachers of autistic children in other states.

The National Society for Children and Parents with Autism awarded the grant under the National Personnel Training Program. Division TEACCH, which stands for Treatment and Education of Autistic and related Communication-handicapped Children, is part of the psychiatry department in the University's School of Medicine.

Gary Mesibov, associate director of the program, said that the grant was for one year but that the division expected it to be continued.

"This is a statewide program that serves autistic children and adults in a variety of settings," Mesibov said. Coordinated on campus, the program is one of the first of its kind in the country, Mesibov said.

"We were the first to catch on to the idea that the parents of autistic children did not make these children this way," said Eric Schopler, founder and director of Division TEACCH. "We looked at the parents as not being the cause of their children's emotional disorder but as being the cure."

Maine, Florida and Georgia were chosen from 10 states that applied to participate in the program. In three steps and a follow up, TEACCH will help those states establish training programs for teachers of severely handicapped and autistic children.

Schopler said the three states set up a training program of six people, showed the best likelihood of training teachers across the state and had the mechanisms and funds to support a state-wide autistic classroom program.

The first phase of the project recently occurred when 11 educators and administrators from Miami, Atlanta and Augusta, Maine, came to Division TEACCH at the University and the Piedmont TEACCH Center in N.C. Memorial Hospital to attend intensive training sessions on characteristics of autism, how to work with families of



Judy Poindexter(r) instructs Charlie as part of the TEACCH program for autistic children.

autistic children and assessment techniques. The visitors also spent two days in Raleigh observing classes for autistic children at Millbrook Elementary School and Enloe Senior High School.

The second phase, now under way, includes training sessions in each state covering communication, behavior management and social behavior. The final stage will involve training in independent functioning, vocational preparation and leisure activities.

"We're the only program that combines research and clinical facilities," he

said. "We do development and research, and we do what we can to apply that directly."

Schopler agreed. "Almost every issue in the world is more complex in the real world than from the point of view of research," he said.

Lee Marcus, clinical director of the Piedmont TEACCH Center, said the TEACCH program taught autistic children in small steps.

"The main rule in teaching autistic children is to have a very clear structure and routine and set of rules so the

autistic kids can become comfortable and know what is expected of them," Marcus said. The teacher keeps language simple and clear, he said, and sometimes uses sign language, pictures or objects to communicate with the students.

The program has received both national and international recognition, Schopler said. The National Society for Children and Parents with Autism called the program the best in the country.

CGC Finance Committee recommends STV loan

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After almost 90 minutes of discussion Wednesday evening, the Finance Committee of the Campus Governing Council voted to recommend a \$6,250 loan for Student Television to buy a new camera and other equipment.

The bill will go before the full CGC March 20.

Much of the debate about the loan centered on a clause in the treasury laws which states that the total amount of loans in any one fiscal year cannot exceed 10 percent of the general surplus. Student Body Treasurer Allen Robertson said he expected that surplus to be about \$62,500 at the end of the fiscal year, May 15. He added that it was a conservative estimate.

Jay Goldring (Dist. 7) proposed a loan of \$6,500 to be repaid in the spring semester of 1986.

David Fazio (Dist. 19) opposed exceeding \$6,250 because it would be safer to base the loan on the conservative estimate of the surplus. "I know the (projected surplus) figure is, like you say, fuzzy, Jay, but that's what we've got to work with," Fazio said.

But Robertson said the CGC did not have to stick tightly to his estimate. "What I tried to do is give you the bottom-most figure," he said.

Wyatt Closs (Dist. 10) proposed to amend Fazio's \$6,250 proposal by having STV repay the loan in two parts: half in the Fall semester and the rest in the Spring semester.

But Robertson questioned the reason for splitting the payment, saying STV would be better off paying the whole loan back in the spring when they would have more money available to them at one time for purchases.

"For the same amount of money they get more benefit by paying it

back later," he said. "If you're concerned with the Council getting its money back, I agree with the split payment." But he said that would be the only reason he would agree.

Closs said one reason he proposed the split payment was his concern that STV would be short of money in the spring and would need another loan.

Shaun Wallace, STV's production manager, said STV would probably not need another loan next year if it received the proposed \$6,250.

The Finance Committee also voted in favor of giving *The Phoenix* \$5,190 to buy two computers.

The Phoenix needs the computers because it now has only two typewriters and must do its word processing on computers in Phillips Hall, editor Chris Simmons said. This process is time consuming since the Phillips computers are not always available, he said.

"This isn't something exotic that we're going to replace," he said. "This isn't a gamble."

Goldring said he felt the computers were something that should be put off for the budget hearings.

"I think we were elected to go through the budget and the whole budgeting process," he said.

Committee Chairman David Brady (Dist. 12) disagreed, saying the computers were needed to upgrade the quality of *The Phoenix*.

"The only publication we have that amounts to anything right now is the *DTH*, and the *DTH* has no check on itself, if you want to get into politics. The *DTH* can say almost anything it wants to now," he said, adding that *The Phoenix* could provide an important alternate view of issues for students.

But Robertson said, "A \$5,000 investment for those two (remaining *Phoenix* issues) doesn't make sense to me."

BSM holds forum for Tuesday election

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The Black Student Movement held a forum Wednesday to introduce candidates for BSM offices. The election will be held Tuesday.

Sibby Anderson, president of People Against Racism, is the uncontested candidate for president. Anderson addressed the BSM's recent, unsuccessful bid for constitutional funding. "We have not given up on the issue of constitutional funding," she said.

Anderson has endorsed one of the candidates for vice president, Tonya Smith, the BSM's cultural coordinator.

The other candidate for vice president is Todd Mason, chairman of the Campus Governing Council's Student Affairs Committee. Mason said the next president and vice president of the BSM should follow Banks' example and continue to maintain contact with the various parts of student government.

Janet Roach, current BSM secretary, is running for re-election and is endorsed by Anderson and Smith. Roach said her experience both as secretary and as a publicity committee member qualified her for the position.

Adrian Howard, the other candidate for secretary, said, "I feel it's logical that Sibby and Tonya endorse Janet because they know her and her work habits. However, their endorsement doesn't daunt my enthusiasm."

Keith Cooper, BSM elections board chairman, said he anticipated more entries in the election during the next few days. Though the field is not crowded, he said it was important for BSM members to vote Tuesday.

"This is the best we've had as far as the number of qualified candidates," Cooper said.

Polls will be set up at the Union from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Tuesday. Only BSM members may vote.

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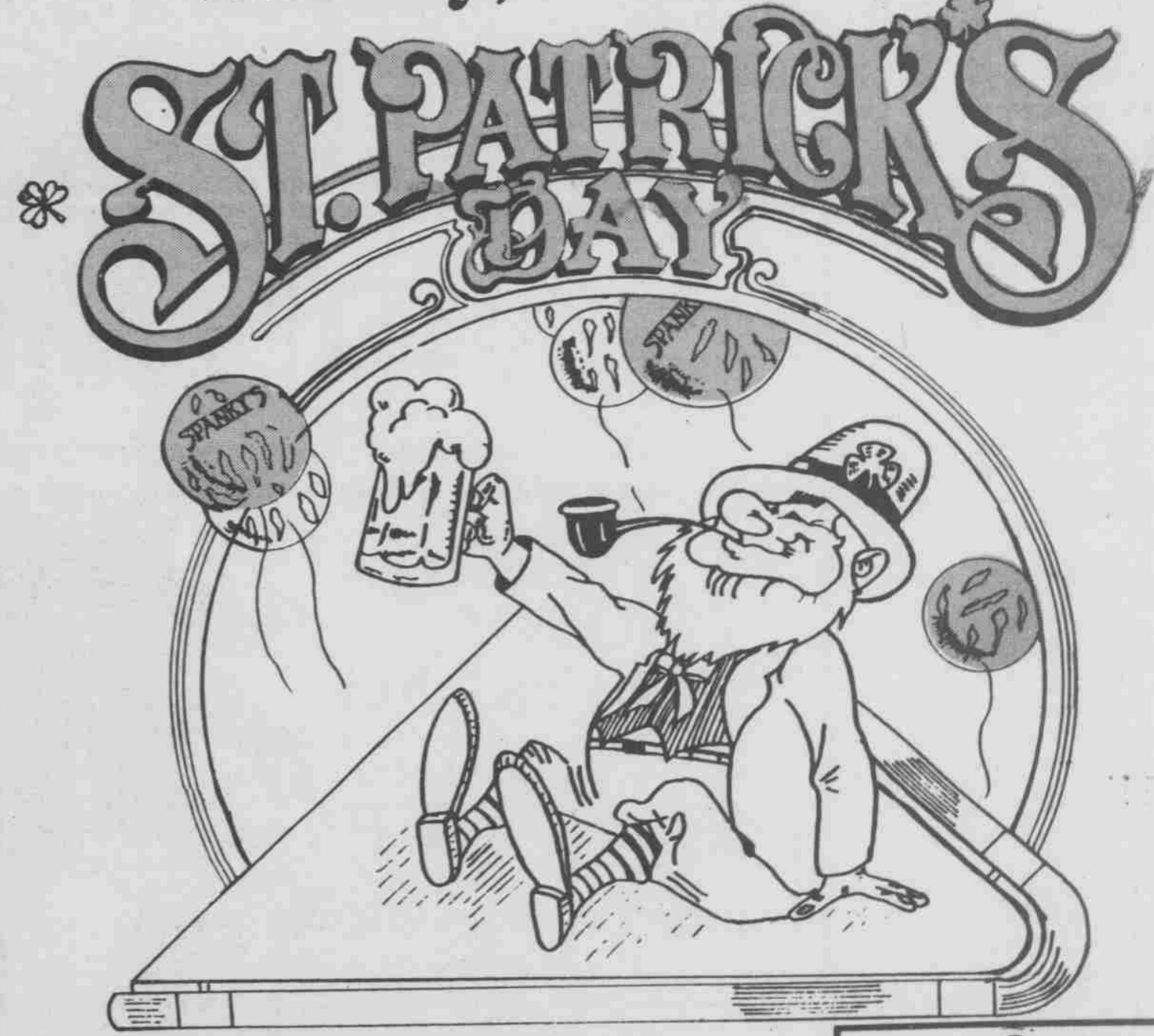
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