Student government day strives to inform students

By HEATHER HAY

Students interested in working with or finding out more about UNC Student Government will have the opportunity today in the Pit during Student Government Day.

Most of Student Body President Patricia Wallace's specific project committees will set up tables in the Pit between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. to disseminate information about Student Government.

Wallace said she had filled almost all of her specific project chairmanships, and she is still taking applications for the Student Academic Advising Service and Drive-a-Drinker committees.

Julie Beaver, who had originally been appointed to chair the Drivea-Drinker committee, resigned to spend more time on academics and job interviewing, Wallace said.

Students interested in protesting the tuition hikes being considered in the General Assembly can join People Against Tuition Hikes (PATH), a Student Government group organized by executive assistant Ray Wallington. Postcards protesting the hike will be available at the State Affairs table.

PATH and the State Affairs committee are also looking for about 30 students to lobby the General Assembly on April 23, said Jane Gordon, chairperson of the State Affairs Committee. Interested students can sign up at the State Affairs

"We just want to let the General Assembly know what we think about raising our tuition \$300," Gordon

Wallace has also announced the remainder of her appointments to Student Government project chairmanships, who will also have tables set up in the Pit today.

Todd Hart, a freshman from Dallas Texas, has been appointed head of the Special Projects committee. Hart said his committee was trying to set up an interview bank that would allow juniors and seniors with job interviews to borrow money from the bank before the interview to pay travel expenses, and they would repay the bank after being reimbursed by the company.

Hart's committee is also trying to sponsor a concert next semester with the proceeds going to a hunger relief organization. Original plans for a

Student Government concert this

semester fell through, Hart said. Ray Jones, a sophomore from Buies Creek, is in charge of the Parking Committee, which is responsible for allocating student hardship parking permits. Any student who was denied a parking permit through regular channels but who has extenuating circumstances that make parking near campus a necessity may apply for a hardship permit, Jones

"We aren't accepting applications until August, though," Jones said. "I've already had several people call me, but there's nothing I can do for them until the fall semester starts."

Jones said his committee would post list of students receiving hardship permits by Aug. 30.

Steve Zorn, a junior from Asheboro, has been appointed chairman of the Task Force on Alcohol. His > committee will make recommendations involving undergraduates and alcohol use on campus and the effects of raising the drinking age, Zorn said.

"Alcohol may be banned on campus if and when the drinking age goes up," Zorn said. "One member is researching a policy some other schools have allowing students to have alcohol in their rooms."

James Wellons, a sophomore from Wilson, has been appointed chairman of the University Relations Committee, which will research problems with minority relations on campus, including the retainment of minority faculty. The committee will also address women's issues and prejudice awareness.

Vicki Houck, a sophomore from Raleigh, will chair the Campus Security Committee. Houck said her committee would look into getting more on-campus emergency telephones and better outside lighting.

Brian Bailey, a freshman from Charlotte, was selected to represent the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill to the Association of Student Governments. The ASG is an organization of student government representatives from the 16 state universities in the North Carol-

Richard Hayes, a freshman from Indian Trail, and Sharon Stegall, a junior from Weaverville, have been selected as delegates to the American Association of University Students.

Offbeat comedy

'Seeking Susan' humorous, lacks clincher

By FRANK BRUNI.

No wonder Roberta, an uppermiddle class New Jersey housewife, is unfulfilled. Her unctuous entrepeneur of a husband pays more attention to his hot tub business's tacky television commercials than to her; her chief domestic responsibilities involve getting the car stereo fixed and preparing dinner under the tutelage of Julia Child. She cannot help but imagine what Susan, the nomadic recipient of newspaper personals in which a man named Jim arranges times and places to meet her, is like. And she cannot help but spy on the couple when they arrange a meeting in nearby Manhattan.

So begins director Susan Seidelman's refreshingly offbeat comedy Desper-

ately Seeking Susan. Employing some of the most hackneyed of plot devices — temporary amnesia effects Roberta's adoption of Susan's identity as Susan's temporary imprisonment prevents her exposure of the imposter — Seidelman fashions an up-to-the-minute comedy of manners. Before film's end, in which the imbroglio of mistaken identities is finally unraveled, Roberta has experienced all the unnerving upsets of Susan's bohemian lifestyle while Susan has enjoyed the comforts of Roberta's posh home. In both cases, the clash of two entirely different cultures and mindsets is the source of more than a few laughs.

An equal portion of the prodigious humor in Desperately Seeking Susan is attributable directly to the performances of stars Rosanna Arquette and Madonna. Arquette registers Koberta's domestic disillusionment and subsequent enthrallment with an eccentric urban lifestyle with complete credibility. Wide-eyed and waif-like, she is the perfect ingenue, the hapless but everresilient victim of outrageous circumstances. Affecting the sluttish Susan's aloof disregard for the chaos she has assisted in creating, pop star Madonna is a very funny foil for Arquette.

Most striking about Desperately Seeking Susan, however, is the manner in which it defies categorization and eschews convention. While its plot has the trappings of a farce, its pace is langourous and its mood is meditative. Seidelman draws the viewer into the film not through an immediate activation of her intricate plot, but through the jarring juxtaposition of two entirely different worlds. As the initial scenes shift from Roberta's sedate, sanitized suburban world to Susan's unpredictable urban environment, the film establishes a visual poetry and quirky rhythm it never abandons.

But while Seidelman's attention to detail and capacity for satire demonstrate her commitment to her material, she skirts the moral implications of a story which is, both literally and metaphorically, about one woman's search for a meaningful identity. In ultimately holding Susan's disturbingly amoral existence above Roberta's banal one, Desperately Seeking Susan admits to no ambivalence. It might have ended on the kind of ambiguous, bittersweet note Risky Business did; instead, its allsmiles resolution has a phony, contrived

Campus Calendar

The Carolina Student Fund/DTH Campus Calendar will appear daily. Announcements to be run in the expanded version on Mondays and Thursdays must be placed in the box outside the Carolina Student Fund office on the third floor of South Building by 3 p.m. Friday and 3 p.m. Wednesday, respectively. The deadlines for the limited editions will be noon one day before the announcement is to run. Only announcements from University recognized and campus organizations will be printed.

Tuesday

12:30 p.m.Dr. Shimon Scharf will speak at International Health Forum on "Treating Mass Casualties: the Israeli Experience," 107 Berryhill Hall.

3:30 p.m. ABS general meeting, T-2 Carroll. 7:00 p.m. "The Use of Media in Medical School," lecture by Dr. Fidler,

105 Berryhill Hall.

8:00 p.m. Open discussion meeting of the Campus' Alcoholics Anonymous, Union.

Wednesday

2:00 p.m. Meeting for juniors planning to use the Career Planning and Placement Office next year, 103 Hanes Hall.

7:30 p.m. UNC Pre-Vet Club, Dr. 7:00 p.m. Car Maintenance and Mechanics Workshop, McFa-

rling's Exxon, across from

Granville Towers. 8:00 p.m. UNC Young Democrats present former Secretary of Administration Jane Patterson: "Agenda for Action in North Carolina," 224 Union.

Harold Rodeffer, "Food Animal Medicine," 204

Carolina Indian Circle presents "North Carolina Indian Awareness," Reception following, 211 Union. "The Value of Current Arms

Control Agreements with A

Look to the Future," lecture by Christopher Paine, from Washington, D.C., branch of PSR, 105 Berryhill Hall. Small Business-Big Money, two-hour presentation on

how to start and run a small business, 224 Union.

Hot pot

pots became hot enough to ignite a desk and dresser.

"The fire burned through the desk and the dresser," said Gina Jacobs, area director for Cobb and Joyner dormitories. "If someone had not smelled smoke, it could have been the whole room. That scared me a lot."

Although the Avery fire was detected before it became as severe as the one in Cobb, the hot pot involved almost burned through the dresser top, and it caused a lot of smoke.

"I was surprised because I didn't think hot pots could burn up like that," said Eanne Clauss, the roommate of the Avery resident whose hot pot burned.

Rustin said he was concerned about the smoke that resulted from these incidents. Most people think that most deaths come from fires, he said, but actually, most people die from smoke inhalation.

The main problem with hot pots probably is that they aren't equipped with an off setting, Flury said. "There is a chance with anything that you can leave it on," he said. "But I think when you don't have an off setting, sometimes people get the misconception that a low setting means off."

The hot pot might have to sit for several hours before it caused any damage, Flury said, and people are not aware of this when they forget about it and leave the room.

An alternative to banning hot pots is to require students to use only those pots with an on/off switch or a thermostat that would allow heat to be decreased to a point where the liquid would not boil out. But Jacobs said that would have little effect.

"If someone is going to leave the pot plugged in (a fire) could also happen with an (appliance that has an) on/off switch," Jacobs said. ". . . It's forgetting the appliance that is the problem."

Rustin said student negligence was definitely the problem. "All we (the Housing Department)

want is responsible behavior from the residents," Rustin said. "If the behavior of students continues to be irresponsible, then we will have to create policies appropriate to that behavior."

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Wanda Nicholson, the resident assistant who reported the fire in Avery, said she felt that two incidents did not warrant banning hot pots, especially considering the large number of students who own them.

"I think on the whole, students are very responsible when it comes to hot pots," Nicholson said. "Then, too, there are so many things students have in their rooms that can cause a fire If you ban hot pots you'll have to start banning everything.'

Andy Carey, area director of Ehringhaus, said he didn't think hot pots would be banned. "But I think people need to be more careful when they use them," Carey said. "The only time we have problems is when people get careless

Carey said the probable outcome of the Health and Safety Office's recommendation would be that students would be more educated about the dangers of being careless with hot pots.

"If we could show (students) that the suggestion is banning hot pots . . . , that would have a real effect," Wilbur said.

Rally

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on Thursday," Stafford said. "If they don't come out and vote, then they can't live in a dorm next fall without paying \$100 a semester. That's the bottom line."

Terrell said he would speak about student involvement during the time the meal plan was developed. "I am dealing with the issue of student participation in policies (that) affect students," he said. "I want to show the chancellor and the vice-chancellors that when they are careless in the way they treat students and that students will stand up and fight. Students will indeed question authority."

Terrell said students must learn they have a vote. "Students need to learn we indeed do have a voice in University policies and the administration needs to learn that, too."

The mandatory meal plan can be changed, Terrell said. "The cards are stacked against us and it's an uphill struggle," he said, "but that's no reason not to fight."

WXYC summer news positions

Anyone interested in joining the WXYC news staff during summer school should come by the station, 234 Student Union, between 1 and 2 p.m.

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