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Meal plan rally held to give officials food for thought

*About 200 hear
campus leaders
speak on issue*

By JANET OLSON
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Chanting "... the meal plan's got to go," about 200 students marched on South Building Tuesday afternoon to protest the \$100 mandatory meal plan due to take effect in the fall.

The rally against the meal plan began in the Pit at noon when Fetzter Mills, co-author of a Student Government report that expresses opposition to the meal plan, took the microphone. "One of the things I've been hearing from the administration is that the students don't care (about the meal plan), that they actually want to have it," Mills said. "Do you want a mandatory meal plan?"

His question met a resounding "No" from the crowd of about 500 that had gathered around the Pit.

Students already are faced with a proposed tuition hike and potential cuts in federal student aid, Mills said. "Now they're (the administration) turning around and saying that you're going to give \$100 (to ARA) or you're not going to go to school here," Mills said. "I think that sucks."

Taking advantage of the crowd's enthusiasm and calling himself the "emcee" of the rally, Sherrod Banks, former president of the Black Student Movement, then urged students to follow him and other student leaders in a march on South Building. About 200 students followed them, chanting, "Hey, hey, Ho, ho. The meal plan's got to go." The crowd converged on South Building, where students chanted, "Ban the plan."

Tom Terrell, former president of the Graduate and Professional Student Federation, set the stage for the rest of the speakers.

The issues are broader than just a mandatory meal plan, Terrell said. "The issue is the power that the administration has to up our costs without consulting us," he said. "Students have been treated with little respect throughout this whole thing."

"If student input is to have any influence whatsoever, we must have bargaining power."

The only faculty member to speak at the rally, business professor Nick Didow, pledged his support in fighting the meal plan and received loud applause. "This is the first time I've ever

been a cult hero," he said, "but I'm proud to do it because I believe I'm right."

"I was the only committee member present at the 1983 (Food Services Advisory Committee) meeting who opposed (the mandatory meal plan) — who called it unwise, unnecessary and unfair," Didow cast the only opposing vote at that meeting.

Didow told the crowd that he planned to introduce two resolutions at Friday's Faculty Council meeting. The first calls for an ad hoc committee to be formed to identify persisting inequities among faculty, students and staff, and Didow called the mandatory meal plan an example of such an inequity.

The second resolution calls for the Board of Trustees to delay implementing the meal plan until the issue can be reviewed in detail. "There are simply too many unanswered questions and too much uncertainty surrounding the plan for responsible Trustees to do otherwise," Didow said.

Campus Governing Council Speaker Wyatt Closs spoke about the Thursday's referendum, which will allow students to voice their opinions about the meal plan, and he urged students to vote by presenting them reasons for not voting.

"You might say, 'Well, I already spend \$100 at Lenoir anyway,'" Closs said. But with the meal plan, students will have to pay ARA the money up front at the beginning of the semester.

In addition, Closs said the meal plan would be a disincentive for ARA to improve food quality.

Off-campus students and Granville Tower residents might not vote because they think the meal plan won't affect them, Closs said. "What's going to happen when you get out of class one day, and you say to your friend, 'Let's go to Burger King?'" Closs said. "Well, they're going to say, 'I can't go to Burger King, man, because I have to spend this \$100 meal plan.'"

At that, Closs garnered the loudest response of any of the previous speakers, and the crowd still was highly enthused when Banks introduced Student Body President Patricia Wallace.

Wallace did not immediately address the meal plan issue but instead asked students to attend a rally at the General Assembly building in Raleigh on Tuesday to protest tuition hikes. The Assembly has proposed a hike of up to \$300, Wallace said, thereby raising a more important issue than the mandatory meal plan.

Her statement raised boos and hisses from the crowd, and one person yelled out, "What about the mandatory meal

plan?"

Wallace went on to explain why the BOT decided to implement the plan. "The facilities were really run down," she said. "They (the BOT) thought it was necessary to improve the facilities (by renovating them)." The BOT asked for a mandatory meal plan because they wanted a guarantee that the facilities would be used, she said.

The crowd grew restless during Wallace's explanation. "I know I'm boring you," she said. "But I just want to explain why we have the meal plan."

More boos. "Where do you stand?" a girl yelled.

"I'm fighting the meal plan on the grounds that it's unnecessary," Wallace said. "But I want you all to understand that it's a financial issue. It's not a popular issue. ... I would love for anyone with a substantial way to fight the meal plan to call me up or to write me a letter."

Sibby Anderson, BSM president, then spoke about how the meal plan discriminated against black students.

The BOT resolution to implement the plan includes a provision that would allow a full board plan on South Campus, where 90 percent of the black students live, Anderson said, adding that 80 percent of those students are on some sort of financial aid.

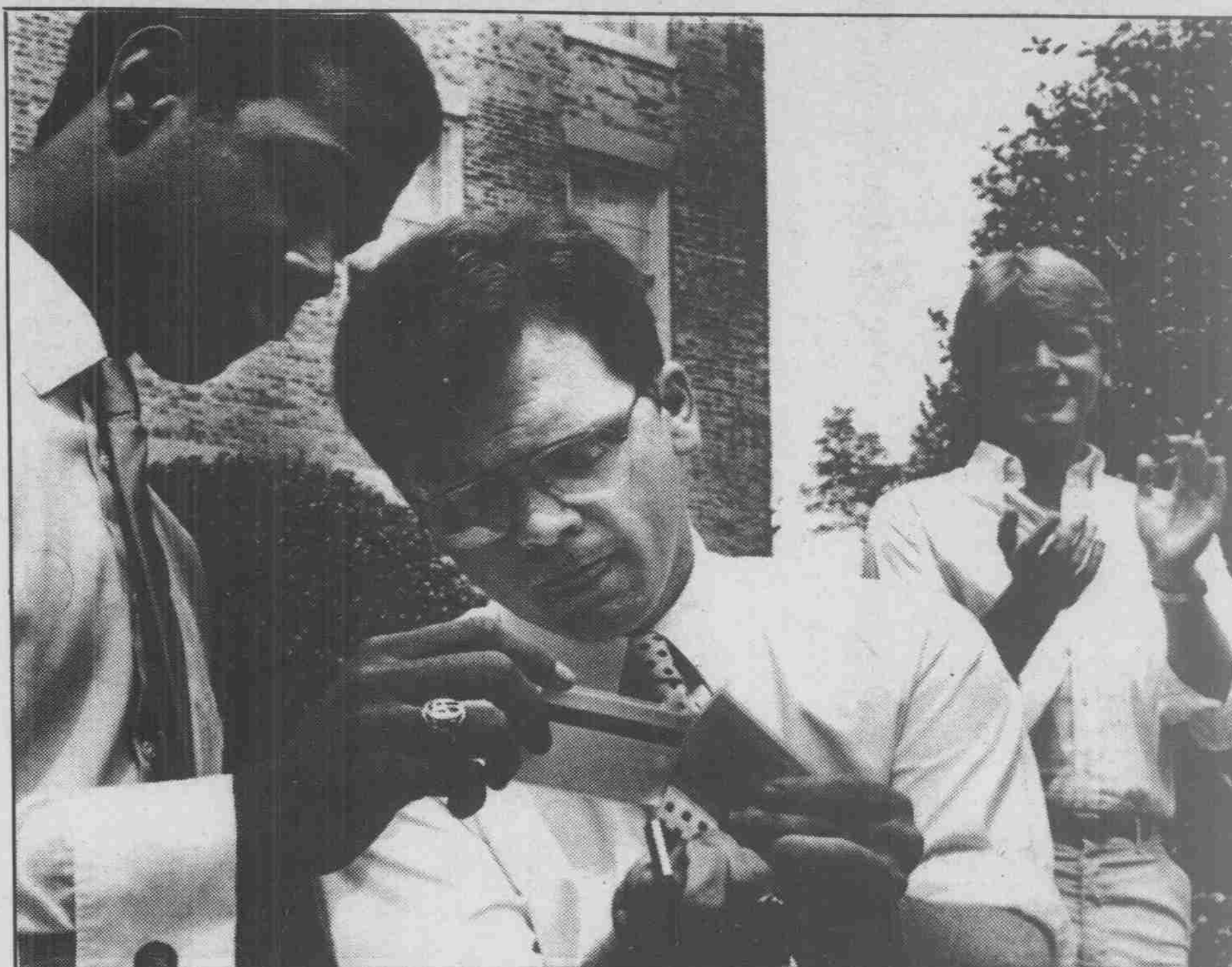
"The outcome of (a full board plan on South Campus) will be that black students will be forced to move off campus, will be forced to move to North Campus or will be forced to drop out of school," she said.

Following Anderson, Mark Stafford, former Residence Hall Association president, and Tim Cobb, current RHA president, spoke about the quality of ARA food. "I tried one of these \$100 plans last year, and I ate it," Stafford said. "But I'll tell you what I didn't do. I didn't buy it again this year."

"If I were Tony Hardee, manager of ARA, I would be ashamed to say I have to force people to eat my food."

After Stafford's words had fired up the crowd, he took a lighter out of his pocket, and he and Cobb each burned an ARA meal plan card in protest, getting loud approval from onlookers.

Throughout the rally, speakers pointed out the diversity of student leaders speaking in opposition to the plan, noting that they ranged from Doug Berger, a member of the Democratic Socialists of America who said the administration did not allow democratic student input into the meal plan, to CGC representative David Fazio (Dist. 19). Students for America president who said the meal plan violated principles of free enterprise.



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In a new twist on light meals, Tim Cobb (left) and Mark Stafford burn their ARA cards while David Fazio applauds.

UNC Rhodes scholar Robyn Hadley also spoke, stressing the importance of the referendum on Thursday. Closing the rally, Banks agreed. "If you do not vote, you will forfeit your freedom of choice," he said.

James O. Cansler, associate vice chancellor and dean of Student Affairs, stood on the crowd's outskirts during the rally. When asked if the rally would

help revoke the meal plan, he said, "No, I think it's good that they (students) could express their feelings, (but) the decision's been made."

"I'm sure (the BOT) will see it as an expression of students' concerns ... (but) they will probably take the stance that the decision was made two years ago. I don't see anything that can be done to change this."

Donald A. Boulton, vice chancellor and dean of Student Affairs, watched with Cansler. When asked how the rally would be received by the administration and the BOT, he said: "I can't read minds. ... I haven't talked to anybody. (But) I've always felt that when students care enough, we should listen to what they're saying."

Karen Youngblood contributed to this story.

College Bowl team wins title

By KIM WEAVER
Staff Writer

Who is the director of *Gone With the Wind*? What does the new business term "golden parachute" mean? The UNC College Bowl team, faced with these and other tough questions at the National Invitational Tournament last weekend, came home national champions.

The tournament, held at Emory University in Atlanta, consisted of five competitive rounds on Friday and 10 on Saturday. The UNC team defeated 35 teams, including the University of Minnesota — last year's national champion — and this year's regional champion, Duke.

The competition at the national level was very intense, said team coach Beth Weller, a senior from Chapel Hill. "There were teams there that had beaten us earlier," she said. "Nine or 10 of them were regional winners, and the rest of the teams there had won other invitational tournaments."

Despite the tension of competition, Weller said the team was usually relaxed. "One thing that helps (the team) is that everyone is friends," Weller said. "There's no stress. We can

really rely on each other.

"We have a lot of fun with it (competing)," she said. "We're semiserious. Everybody has their own favorite T-shirt to wear when we play."

The team has a term, "mojo," which they coined to represent the T-shirts, books, baseball caps and other items that accompany them for good luck at competitions.

"We're just fun people," Weller said. "The thing that makes us different is that we're very relaxed. There's a theory (within the group) that the questions don't matter and the competition doesn't matter, if we do the mojo right."

Although the team had participated in practice sessions before the three tournaments held before the national tournament, there was no practice session before the national competition. Weller said it was very difficult to come up with a set of questions for rehearsal because the tournament questions were chosen at random.

"A lot of teams rehearse two or three times a week," she said. "Practice doesn't help as much as reading a good

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CGC starts budget-cutting process

By GUY LUCAS
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The Campus Governing Council's Finance Committee proposed more than \$18,000 in budget cuts when the final round of budget hearings began Tuesday.

After the committee cuts about \$70,000, the full CGC will meet in an all-day session Saturday to amend and approve the budget.

The Carolina Athletic Association and the Student Consumer Action Union suffered the brunt of the proposed cuts because they had the largest budgets of the groups reviewed, but the most hotly contested budget was that of the Campus Y.

Campus Y narrowly escaped an attempt by conservatives on the Finance Committee to eliminate student funding for the organization. That would not cut off all funds for the Campus Y, because it does not get all of its funds from the CGC.

Bill Peaslee (Dist. 9) led the attempt to defund Campus Y, saying that many of the committees and subgroups that operate under the umbrella of the organization were political. The Student Constitution prohibits the CGC from allocating student funds to programs, services or events of a political or religious nature.

Student Body Treasurer Ryke Longest said that although the Campus Y provided money to its committees, they were considered financially separate from the Campus Y and kept their own books. Since they are separate, the clause of the constitution Peaslee was concerned about did not apply to the committees.

Peaslee said that was a "dodge" the Campus Y used to get around the constitution, and he proposed that it not receive funds.

"Let's face it, Campus Y does a lot

of things that are political," he said.

Peaslee's motion failed 5-4, with members splitting along ideological lines and chairman David Brady (Dist. 12) casting the deciding vote.

Conservatives succeeded, however, in attracting support to recommend cutting administrative expenses for Campus Y's summer programs, arguing that administrative functions were used by the committees and constituted a direct use of student funds for political programs.

Peaslee said, "The phone and secretarial can be used, and probably will be used, by STAND (Students Taking Action for Nuclear Disarmament)," as well as other political committees.

David Fazio (Dist. 19) agreed, saying the administration covered all committees and subgroups operating in the summer.

"(Administration) is all-

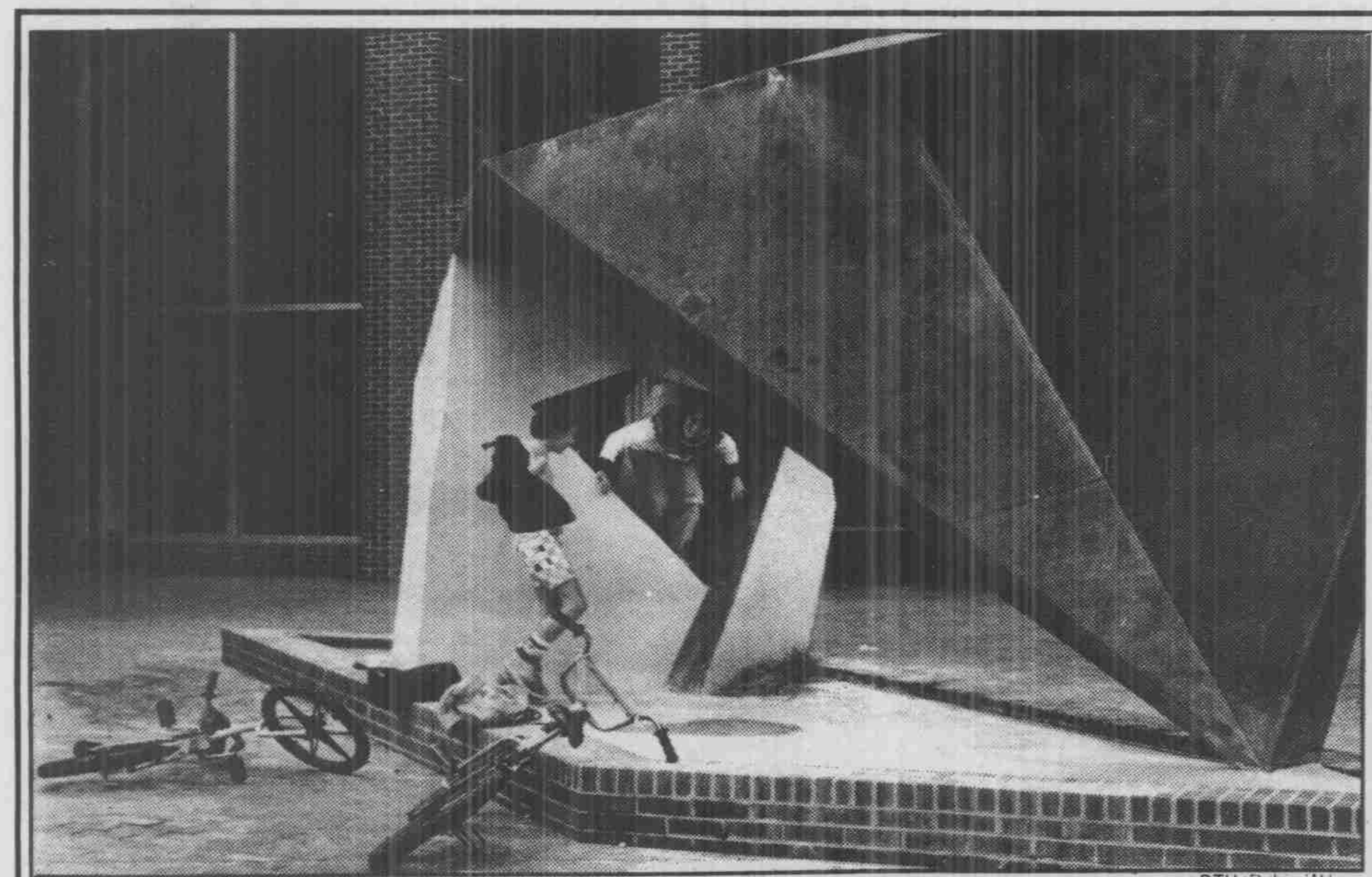
encompassing, and if you've seen their committees you'll agree they are very political," he said.

The CAA budget was hit hard, most seriously in the homecoming program, which the committee recommended be trimmed to \$2,950 from \$6,750. Most of the cut was the deletion of the \$3,000 speakers fee.

Peaslee suggested that a private source could be found to provide money for a speaker. "I think a company would really like (to provide the money)," he said.

Homecoming also had received merit scores that were somewhat low in comparison to other scores. Representatives of the Student Affairs and Rules and Judiciary committees, who gave the merit scores, said the scores were low mainly because many students, such as

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DTH/Robin Wilson

Children play on the unfinished masterpiece of Heath Miller, a studio art major, outside Davis Library.

Sculpture gets abstract attention

By RACHEL STROUD
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At first, they stared. Then, a few adventurous students climbed on it. Now, most just keep walking.

But for almost everyone, the question is, "What is that giant ... thing ... that has appeared in front of Davis Library?"

The general consensus about this creative piece of art is it is definitely unusual.

"I like it because it is different, abstract and interesting," said Lilian Sellers, a freshman from Edenton. "You can use your imagination and make it what you want it to be."

Other people are not quite as enthusiastic about the sculpture.

"I admire the artist for having the nerve to put it up in public," said Kevin Smith, a sophomore from Charlotte.

"I think the library and sculpture detract from the rest of the campus," said Scott Humphrey, a junior from Mocksville. "The rest of the campus is traditional, and they are both modern."

Heath Miller, a senior studio arts major, takes responsibility for the abstract steel sculpture, which has puzzled many students. He is building it for his honor's thesis.

"It represents an attempt to add a harmonizing element into this courtyard in front of Davis Library," Miller said. "The sculpture was conceived of as something that would refer to all the forms of architecture an individual can see from its position in this space."

For example, the steel plates will be treated with rust from light orange to dark-brown red that refers to the different-colored brick used in the architecture, he said. The geometric planes in the sculpture refer to architecture's geometric elements, and the wire mesh covered with concrete refers to the use of concrete in the Student Union, Student Stores, Undergraduate Library and the mortar between the bricks.

The cost of securing and putting the structure in place will be about \$6,500 of his own money, Miller said.

Miller said he planned to name his sculpture "Tremmel." "It makes the sculpture more personable," he said. "People can relate to it. I like the way it sounds."

Miller said the sculpture would be finished in time for the library's dedication on April 26. Although it is not a part of the dedication, Miller said, he believes it will enhance the dedication. "It's part of this environment," he said.

Miller said the sculpture would remain in front of the library as long as the University wanted it.

The battle, sir, is not to the strong alone; it is to the vigilant, the active, the brave — Patrick Henry