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## Editorials

## Aiding future students

The Faculty Council endorsed a plan Friday that, if adopted, would $\$ 650,000$ annually to finance 100 merit scholarships for needy UNC students. Members of the Chancellor's Committee on Scholarships, Awards
and Student Aid initially suggested the and Student Aid initially suggested the
financing plan last spring in a report financing plan last spring in a report
approved by Chancellor Christopher Fordham.

Considering the alternative, an extra dollar for a game ticket or textbook
is very little to ask.

The student financial aid picture is nothing short of ominous. Based on projections for student need compared
with revenue sources, UNC is expected with revenue sources, UNC is expected
to be nearly $\$ 2$ million shy of the to be nearly $\$ 2$ million shy of the
needed funds to assist students. Meanwhile, recent changes in the Meanwhile, recent changes in the
federal tax code classify scholarships and grants as taxable income, taking more away from an already decreased
award. award.

## Early classes? Hmmmm.

In a study completed last spring,
David Lanier, the University registrar David Lanier, the University registrar
discovered that changing some class discovered that changing some class
times to 8 a.m. and to after 2 p.m would alleviate problems with overcrowding
Hmmmm.
Hmmmm.
Student responses to questions posed by the study's researchers also say not too many students are psyched o drag their bodies out of bed early and get the mental juices flowing. Low
attendance in 8 a.m. classes and sttudents' strong aversion to those classes (so strong that departments such as classics must combine $8 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. sections to fill a class roll) are additional testaments to this statement.
And it's unlikely that many classes will switch to the afternoon, Faculty said. For one thing, faculty member often like to teach between $9 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. and $11 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. to free their afternoons for research. Department meetings ar Hmmmm.
Thmmm. the two forces - student and teacher desires and the new plan - meet, there's due to be a clash.
With the regulation of class times next fall, both students and faculty schedules as classes are bumped out of "prime-time" ( 9 a.m. to $1: 50$ p.m.) All departments will be required to offer no more than 60 percent of thei classes in prime time and no less than

40 percent outside of that time While the change affects only about
10 departments - those that currently 10 departments - those that currently
have over 60 percent of their classes in prime-time-it will still have a sizable impact. One department affected, fo example, is English, among the University's largest.
The proposal is a double-edged ree up classrooms, it will both help and limit students. More afternoon and $8 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. classes will give students some freedom, letting them gain popular class times when they wouldn't otherwise be able to. Lanier said the plan will allevia
Lanier believes dispersing class times will create new popular times But this change is not due to happen Because UNC's curriculum is fairly flexible, students needing a certain course usually can wait a semester or add a different course to fulfill the requirement. The new plan will lead students to fight even harder for fewe prime-time classes, cause more close8 a.m. and those times and only tak must.
What University officals are trying What University officals are trying get students to take classes at times net students to take classes at times assume students will.
But will they ever change students Hmmmm.
Hindsets?

Cold-blooded murder, she wrote

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 trash can in our composing room....
Anyway, we here on the BLD, through
all of our travails and hours of painstaking all of our travails and hours of painstaking research to bring to the public eye this earth-
shattering, " 1 -wanna - -know" column, have seen some pretty bizarre stuff.
We ve seen the stuff of which student body presidents are made (the right stuff, hope-
fully), the stuff of which bureaucratic red tape is made (the wrong stuff) and that
gooey, yet undefinable stuff of which gooey, yet undefinable
Twinkies are made (yum!).
But never, in our years of purssuing the
great Pravda, have we ever uncovered anything so bizarre, so mysterious, so aunting as our latest find
(And with luck,
before the last line.)
It's better than "Attack of the Killer Tomatoes," more dangerous than Howard the Duck, more threatening to American life
than even "The Great American Tail" han even "The Great American Tail."
Davis library is ALIVE. It's breathing. it's panting, and it's not doing Jane Fonda's

## The Bottom Line

cince of every man, woman, child and | Chinsese grad |
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| Tines. $A$ ghbhh |

Sunday nim? slunk through the halls of Davis library on her nightly campus rounds. She found the seventh floor (gasp) almost completely empty, with only five souls brave enough
to traverse its treacherous paths. One poor student lying outstretched amid her Marr-Engels Reader, buried in her notes, pen still laying in her chilled,
exhausted hand after her strugle with the exhausted hand after her struggle with the
proletariat. Another sat speechless mulling
over French verbs - to fall to the claws proletariat. Another sat speechless mulling
over French verbs to fall to the claws
of this menace to society in a few slow of this menace to society in a few slo
minutes, derre mort. Helpless babes! Just what IS Davis doing to these people?
minutes And how many of UNC's most precious
minds have been eaten alive as a noonday minds have been eaten alive as a noonday
snack for this monster? How long is this
plague to slague to last? Midtems, research papers, projects
gods! come save us, we beg you.

This plan stresses a team concept, seeking assistance from supporters connected with the University on any
level. The bulk of the funds - about $\$ 350,000$ - would come from a $\$ 1$ surcharge on tickets sold for oncampus athletic and entertainment events. Students would contribute via
an increased allocation of $\$ 100,000$ from Student Stores profits. About
$\$ 100,000$ would be sought from alumni encouraged to contribute in fund raising drives conducted by the Carolina Fund and the University's Office of Development. The remaining $\$ 100,000$ would be sought from a
variety of avenues, including senior variety of avenues, including senior
class gifts, faculty and alumni class gifts, faculty and alumni
organizations.
The strong resistance of the Reagan administration to invest in higher education makes the success of this program imperative. Call your Univer-
sity administrators and exhort them to support this plan.

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Second, the NCAA must set appropriate
dates for each round of the playoffs. Perraps
the dates for each round of the playoffs. Perhaps
the best schedule would allow one week off before the single elimination tournament before se single elimination tournament
begins, making the start of Round One the
first weekend in December first weekend in December. The second and
third rounds would then be played the third rounds would then be played the
following two weeks, allowing at least two Collowing two weeks, allowing at least two
weeks preparation prior to the final round.
played New Year's Day. played New Year's Day.
Third. and most crucial, each game of
each round should be played at present bowl each round should be played at present bowl
sites. With a four-round sate sites. With a four-round slate, 16 teams
would participate, with a total of 15 games
played eight in Round One, four in played eight in Round One, four in
Round Two, two in Round Three and the
championship game. Righteen bowls capped championship game. Eighteen bowls capped
off the 1986 season, and this would mean of that only three of those games would be
eliminated, thus preserving nearly 85 percent eliminated, thus preserving nearly 85 percent
of the bowls while establishing a viable playoff system.
Fourth, the
Feurth, the tournament field would be
selected much as the Division I-AA field is chosen. Champions of the Big Ten. Big Eight, Southeastern, Southwestern, Pacific
Ten. Atlantic Coast and Western Athletic
Conferences would receive automatic bids. Conferences would receive automatic bids,
alllowing an NCAA selection committee to
offer nine oner

## Tar Heel Forum

## Scrap bowls in favor of playoffs

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 would first oocur, I would have put my
mony on college football abandoning its
Dark Ages post-season format in favor Dark Ages post-season format in favor of
a national tournament. But prognosticating has been left to the
Beano Cooks and Jimmy the Greeks of the
world. world.
With the recent success of the Fiesta Bowl.
it has become apparent that not only is a it has become apparent that not only is a
playoff system neessary, but the bowls
cannot and should not be excluded from the process. As suggested by many football
fans looking to remove the qualifier fans looking to remove the qualition
"mythical" from the present title "national
champion," a worthy compromise can be reached by allowing bowls to be sites for
each round of the playoffs. Here's the each round
proposal.
First. the NCAA should require teams to
finish the regular season by the third finish the regular season by the third
weekend in November. Recently, becauso of
television, many major rivalries have been teevenion, many major rivalries have been
rescheduled from November to early rescheduled from November to early
December. By making a mid-to-late
November deadline for completion of the November deadine for completion of the
regular season, the NCAA will be creating
some extra time during whic some extra time during which the playoffs
can take place. It is imperative that the post can take place. It is imperative that the post
season not consume any more time than the present 18 -bowl format, so as not to drag out
offer nine other teams at-large berths. This
thing happened last year when Clemson played in the ever-popular Independence
Bowl in Shreveport, La. We all know how crazy football fans are at Georgia and
Clemson, and if they have trouble selling Clemson, and if they have trouble selling
tickets and making profit from minor bowls, then there cant be many (if any) other
schools who roll in the dough as small bowl participants. So now it is up to the NCAA, which has
already formed a committee to study the arospect of making Division Io I-A football
pre very last sport to institute a the very last sport to institute a post-season
tournament. There are several options, only tournament. There are several options, only
one of which I have detailed. Whatever the
NCAA decides, however it NCAA decides, however, it must realize the
there is great demand from there is great demand from the sports
community for some sort of change to occur community for some sort of change to occur
in determining the national champion of in determining the national champion of
college football.
In the In the meantime, football fans can only
hope that something is done to rectify the hope that something is done to rectify the
situation before Tampa Bay becomes a
Super situation before Tampa Bay becomes a
Super Bowi threat, Northwestern catapults
into the upper echelon into the upper erhelon of Big Ten football,
and David Addison and Maddie Hayes
finally sleep together.

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## Small sum costs writer bundles

## Nicki Weisensee

## Staff Writer

Hall. There I did what all students with early semester problems do - I waited.
As I was nearing the front of the line, Bynum officiala shut and locked the bottom
doors. It was $3: 15$ p.m. How was 1 supposed to go to class the
next day? At the Registrar's office next day? At the Registrar's office, a
assitant registrar gave me a copy of my
hedule. He told me . schedule. He told me I owed $\$ 14.79$ - for
the cold prescription - and untilit was paid,
1 could not obtain my registration card, could not obtain my registr
hiletic pass or actual schedule.
I decided to pick up my financial aid check before returning to the cashier, figuring to pay both the prescription and this semester's with my practical solution. Workers at Vance Hall refused to give me the financial aid check
schedule.

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Wait a minute," I said. "I can't pick up
heck.'

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& \text { mewhere, they answered. } \\
& \text { I squeezed } \$ 14.79 \text { from my slender }
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$t$ started as a challenge. So far, 1 had
escaped the misery of long lines and lost
classes, and $I$ intended to hold that
record as long as possible. The story ends
successfully - but only after near-disaster
successsuly - but only atter near-disaster
and is written in the hope of preventing another student from stumbling int
same quagmire of Carolina red tape. Until this January. Id managed to escape
being in drop-add for more than 30 minutes being in drop-add for more than 30 minutes
Id waited in no long lines, and had had id waited in no long lines, and had had
incredible luck in obtaining desired classes. My only bureaucratic problems thus far had been efforts to obtain my financial aid loan,
which was late, and being allowed to which was late, and being allowed to
preregister without it. But I preregistered preregister without it. But I preregistered,
the loan came through, and I was back on
track.
The trouble started with a prescription. The trouble starred with a prescription.
Last semester, on Dec. 3, I went to Student
Healh Services with a bad cold. Being a Health Services with a bad cold. Being a
student a momentarily poor student Iput the bill on my account. My assumption
was that the medical cost would carry this semester's bill.
1 didn! find out otherwise until it was
almost too late. When my class schedule almost too late. When my class schedule
arrived over Christmas break, I had received all the right courses at the right time. So I decided not to return until Jan.
in time to pick up my registration.
in time to pick up my registration.
Instead. Ireceived a white hold slip, telling
me to report to the cashier's office at Bynum
 to report to the cashier's office at Bynu
checkbook, paid my bill at Bynum and wen
o collect my schedule. collect my schedule.
Only there was no schedule to collect.
Because I had failed to pick up my registration, 1 was officially po lon mor my
student. My status had been cancelled stent. My status had been cancell.
All for the paltry sum of $\$ 14.79$. It took a a trip to General College fo
instatement before I was able to breathe reinstatement before 1 was able to breathe
again. Another day or so and I would have
had to goclass to class, begging to be allowed entrance.
It seems only fair to suggest that Bynum
work out a different accounts and bills wincurred late in the the
semester. semester. Many other people returned to
school this semester expecting to receive schedules, receiving inpsead white slips.
Some of these students had cleared their Some of these students had cleared thei accounts, but had paid their bills late. Other
had incurred charges such as damage fees over Christmas break and had no idea of his until they returned
A system which inconveniences so many
one which needs change.
one which needs change.
My trials are over for thin
My trials are over for this semester. Bu
now it's time to fill out that Financial Ais
Form Form again.

