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Editorials

Aiding future students

The Faculty Council endorsed a plan Friday that, if adopted, would attract \$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 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 to be nearly \$2 million shy of the needed funds to assist students. Meanwhile, recent changes in the federal tax code classify scholarships and grants as taxable income, taking more away from an already decreased award.

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 class gifts, faculty and alumni organizations.

The strong resistance of the Reagan

Tar Heel Forum

Scrap bowls in favor of playoffs

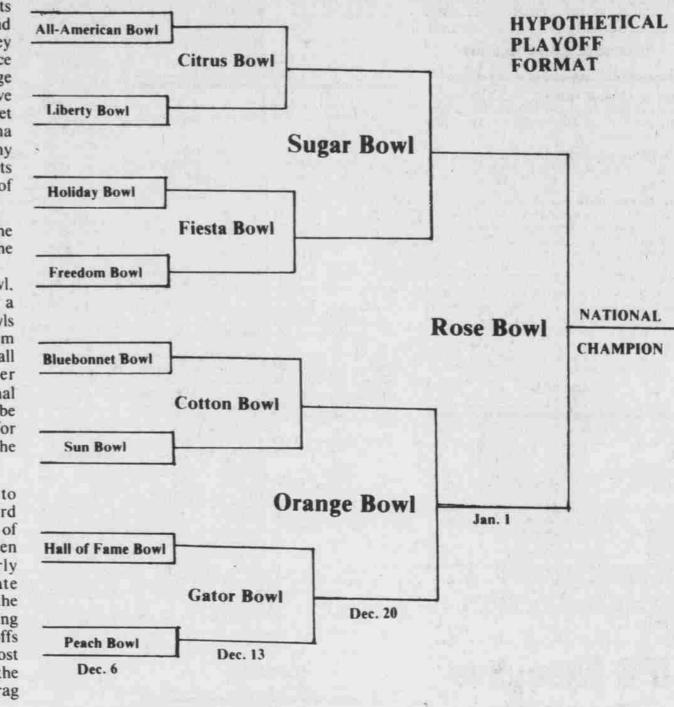
The Giants have won themselves a rosy nook in Super Pasadena, the Mets have captured a World Series, and Clemson's basketball team has shown they belong in the ACC for the first time since the mid-Foster era. But major college football still has no playoff system. Five years ago, had I been forced to place a bet on which of the aforementioned phenomena would first occur, I would have put my money on college football abandoning its 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.

With the recent success of the Fiesta Bowl. it has become apparent that not only is a playoff system necessary, but the bowls cannot and should not be excluded from the process. As suggested by many football fans looking to remove the qualifier "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 proposal.

First, the NCAA should require teams to finish the regular season by the third weekend in November. Recently, because of television, many major rivalries have been rescheduled from November to early December. By making a mid-to-late November deadline for completion of the regular season, the NCAA will be creating some extra time during which the playoffs 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 the season.

Second, the NCAA must set appropriate dates for each round of the playoffs. Perhaps the best schedule would allow one week off before the single elimination tournament begins, making the start of Round One the first weekend in December. The second and third rounds would then be played the following two weeks, allowing at least two weeks preparation prior to the final round, played New Year's Day.





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 tickets and making profit from minor bowls, then there can't be many (if any) other schools who roll in the dough as small bowl participants.

administration to invest in higher education makes the success of this program imperative. Call your University administrators and exhort them to support this plan.

Early classes? Hmmmm.

In a study completed last spring, David Lanier, the University registrar discovered that changing some class times to 8 a.m. and to after 2 p.m. would alleviate problems with overcrowding.

Hmmmm.

Student responses to questions posed by the study's researchers also say not too many students are psyched to drag their bodies out of bed early and get the mental juices flowing. Low attendance in 8 a.m. classes and students' strong aversion to those classes (so strong that departments such as classics must combine 8 a.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 Council Chairman George Kennedy said. For one thing, faculty members often like to teach between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. to free their afternoons for research. Department meetings are also usually held in the afternoons.

Hmmmm.

There's a problem here, and when 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 members will be forced to change their 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 their 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 have over 60 percent of their classes in prime-time - it will still have a sizable impact. One department affected, for example, is English, among the University's largest.

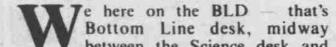
The proposal is a double-edged sword; designed to help students and free up classrooms, it will both help and limit students. More afternoon and 8 a.m. classes will give students some freedom, letting them gain popular class times when they wouldn't otherwise be able to. Lanier said the plan will alleviate some closed courses students create.

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 fewer prime-time classes, cause more closeouts during those times and only take 8 a.m. and afternoon classes if they must.

What University officals are trying to do is reshape student lifestyles, to get students to take classes at times now considered undesirable. They assume students will.

But will they ever change students' mindsets? Hmmmm.

Cold-blooded murder, she wrote





Third, and most crucial, each game of sites. With a four-round slate, 16 teams of the bowls while establishing a viable brick walkway. playoff system.

offer nine other teams at-large berths. This director, they barely broke even. The same from Clemson, S.C.

would leave plenty of room in the playoffs for quality teams unaffiliated with a major conference or for teams who came extremely

close to winning their conference championship.

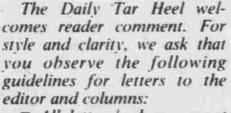
Of course, there are those who feel that each round should be played at present bowl this proposal is too exclusive, allowing only 16 teams to participate. And you know, would participate, with a total of 15 games ladies and gentlemen, maybe they're right. played eight in Round One, four in After all, several bowl teams in 1986 had Round Two, two in Round Three and the impressive 6-5 records, including those championship game. Eighteen bowls capped powerful Indiana Hoosiers, Minnesota's off the 1986 season, and this would mean Golden Gopher Machine and the invincible that only three of those games would be Tennessee Vols. If these teams deserved posteliminated, thus preserving nearly 85 percent season rewards, our campus needs another

Others may argue that teams with Fourth, the tournament field would be marginal records who would normally go selected much as the Division I-AA field to a minor bowl will be cheated out of is chosen. Champions of the Big Ten, Big additional revenue by having to stay home Eight, Southeastern, Southwestern, Pacific during the holiday playoffs. This is simply Ten, Atlantic Coast and Western Athletic not the case. The University of Georgia Conferences would receive automatic bids, played in the Hall of Fame Bowl in Tampa allowing an NCAA selection committee to this year, and according to their athletic

So now it is up to the NCAA, which has already formed a committee to study the prospect of making Division I-A football the very last sport to institute a post-season tournament. There are several options, only one of which I have detailed. Whatever the NCAA decides, however, it must realize that there is great demand from the sports community for some sort of change to occur in determining the national champion of college football.

In the meantime, football fans can only hope that something is done to rectify the situation before Tampa Bay becomes a Super Bowi threat, Northwestern catapults into the upper echelon of Big Ten football, and David Addison and Maddie Hayes finally sleep together.

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IN THE GULAG AFTER GORBACHEV

Small sum costs writer bundles

t started as a challenge. So far, I 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 and is written in the hope of preventing



checkbook, paid my bill at Bynum and went to collect my schedule.

Only there was no schedule to collect. Because I had failed to pick up my registration, I was officially no longer a student. My status had been cancelled. All for the paltry sum of \$14.79.

between the Science desk and trash can in our composing room

Anyway, we here on the BLD, through all of our travails and hours of painstaking research to bring to the public eye this earthshattering, "I-wanna'-know" column, have seen some pretty bizarre stuff.

We've seen the stuff of which student body presidents are made (the right stuff, hopefully), the stuff of which bureaucratic red tape is made (the wrong stuff) and that gooey, yet undefinable stuff of which Twinkies are made (yum!).

But never, in our years of pursuing the great Pravda, have we ever uncovered anything so bizarre, so mysterious, so haunting as our latest find.

(And with luck, we may even get to it before the last line.)

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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." Davis library is ALIVE. It's breathing, it's panting, and it's not doing Jane Fonda's workout, either. It's threatening the exist-

ence of every man, woman, child and Chinese grad student reading the Tokio Times. Aghhhh!

Sunday night, a concerned DTH reporter 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 Marx-Engels Reader, buried in her notes, pen still laying in her chilled, exhausted hand after her struggle with the proletariat. Another sat speechless mulling over French verbs - to fall to the claws of this menace to society in a few slow minutes, d'etre mort. Helpless babes!

Just what IS Davis doing to these people? And how many of UNC's most precious minds have been eaten alive as a noonday snack for this monster? How long is this plague to last?

Midtems, research papers, projects Ye gods! come save us, we beg you.

another student from stumbling into the same quagmire of Carolina red tape.

Until this January, I'd managed to escape being in drop-add for more than 30 minutes. I'd 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 preregister without it. But I preregistered, the loan came through, and I was back on track.

The trouble started with a prescription. Last semester, on Dec. 3, I went to Student Health Services with a bad cold. Being a student a momentarily poor student I put the bill on my account. My assumption was that the medical cost would carry onto with my practical solution. Workers at this semester's bill.

almost too late. When my class schedule schedule. arrived over Christmas break, I had received I decided not to return until Jan. 6, just check."

in time to pick up my registration.

Instead, I received a white hold slip, telling somewhere, they answered. me to report to the cashier's office at Bynum

Hall. There I did what all students with earlysemester problems do - 1 waited.

As I was nearing the front of the line, Bynum officials shut and locked the bottom doors. It was 3:15 p.m.

How was I supposed to go to class the next day? At the Registrar's office, an assistant registrar gave me a copy of my schedule. He told me I owed \$14.79 - for the cold prescription - and until it was paid, I could not obtain my registration card, athletic 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 tuition at one time. There was a problem Vance Hall refused to give me the financial I didn't find out otherwise until it was aid check because I did not have my class

"Wait a minute," I said. "I can't pick up all the right courses at the right time. So my schedule until I pay that bill. I need my

I would just have to find the money

I squeezed \$14.79 from my slender

It took a trip to General College for reinstatement before I was able to breathe again. Another day or so and I would have had to go class to class, begging to be allowed entrance.

It seems only fair to suggest that Bynum work out a different way to handle student accounts and bills incurred late in the semester. Many other people returned to school this semester expecting to receive schedules, receiving instead white slips. Some of these students had cleared their accounts, but had paid their bills late. Others had incurred charges such as damage fees over Christmas break and had no idea of this until they returned.

A system which inconveniences so many is one which needs change.

My trials are over for this semester. But now it's time to fill out that Financial Aid Form again.

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