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Area protesters march down Franklin Street Saturday in reaction to deployment of U.S. troops in Honduras last week

Honduras action sparks protest

From staff reports

In reaction to President Ronald Reagan's deployment of 2,000 Fort Bragg troops to Honduras last week, 200 area protesters held a rally and march down Franklin Street Saturday.

Members of the War Resisters League, the Carolina Interfaith Task Force on Central America (CITCA), the Carolina Committee on Central America, Witness for Peace and the Durham Action Committee on Central America marched amid traffic and heckling from passersby.

The protesters, both area residents and students, met at the Morehead Planetarium and marched up Franklin Street and back to the planetarium. Some protesters then marched in front of the Smith Center, where NCAA basketball tournament games were being played.

The protest was planned on Thursday night after organizers were unable to get a permit for a Fort Bragg protest. A protest in Fort Bragg will be held this Saturday, according to participants.

"People in the area are frustrated by the troops in Honduras and (the march gave them) an outlet to display their frustration," said Diana McDuffee, chairwoman of the Carolina Interfaith Task Force on Central America and an organizer of the march.

The unexpectedly high turnout shows how much citizens want the troops removed, she said.

Susan Edelstein, a UNC student and member of the Carolina Committee on Central America, said the march was held to protest the presence of American troops

in Honduras for several reasons.

Some people consider the region to be another Vietnam. Others call the military situation an attempt to send aid to the Nicaraguan contras without congressional approval or an attempt to overthrow the democratically elected Nicaraguan government, she said.

"Basically we just don't believe we should be sending troops down there," Edelstein said.

There are no other demonstrations planned for the area, McDuffee said.

Addressing minority recruitment

By LAURA BENNETT
Staff Writer

UNC should work to recruit more minority students and faculty members, Chancellor Fordham said Friday at a Faculty Council meeting.

"The minority level has plateaued at an unsatisfactory level," he said. Although minority student enrollment is low, Fordham said he was encouraged by the increase in the number of minority applicants to UNC and by their improved qualifications.

Fordham also said that while UNC has more black faculty members than comparable research institutions, he was discouraged by the decrease of black faculty members from 50 to 48 in the past three years.

Gillian Cell, dean of arts and sciences, said in a prepared statement that the Office of Student Counseling plans to develop different support programs to encourage the success of minority students.

"We are deeply concerned and indeed determined to improve the graduation rates of minority students," Cell said.

Cell said she was encouraged by the fact that only five black freshmen were academically ineligible at the end of their first semester.

Cell also predicted that more minority students than ever before would be enrolled in the Honors Program next fall.

Proposals for alterations in the University's pass/fail system were also discussed.

The reforms drawn up by the Educational Policy Committee address the problem of students not performing up to their potential in pass/fail courses.

The committee offered two recommendations in its report to the council.

Students who take a course pass/fail should choose a target grade, the committee recommended. Students earning the grade they predicted or

better would receive a special notation, indicating that they took the course pass/fail and showing the grade they earned, such as P/A or P/B, on their transcripts.

Those who did not reach their targeted grades would receive only a passing or failing grade for the course.

The report explained that target grades would give the student more incentive to work diligently in a pass/fail course.

Only students who are registered for 12 academic hours for letter grades should be allowed to take advantage of the pass/fail option, the committee recommended.

In fall 1987, 40.8 percent of the 2,733 students enrolled in pass/fail courses were registered for less than 12 hours for letter grades.

"We believe that the proposals will improve the pass/fail option," Miles Fletcher, chairman of the Educational Policy Committee said.

Cell said the minimum requirement of 12 academic hours would limit students' flexibility.

If a student who was registered for 12 academic hours was taking one class pass/fail and wished to drop a class, he would no longer be eligible to take the pass/fail course, she said.

Other faculty members recommended eliminating the "pass" designation and just recording the letter grade received if students earned their target grade.

The Council voted to send the recommendations back to the Educational Policy Committee to be reconsidered and to draw up the proposed amendments.

During the meeting, members also made changes concerning the autonomy of the Faculty Athletics Committee.

The chairman of the committee is appointed by the chancellor, and several faculty members questioned the fact that the committee did not

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UNC laundry service loses hospital business, may close

By LAURA PEAY
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UNC Laundry Services may be forced to close after losing its biggest client last week.

North Carolina Memorial Hospital (NCMH) announced last Tuesday that it planned to sign a contract with Durham County General Hospital for laundry services and terminating their laundry services with UNC by June 1, 1988, said Charles Antle, University associate vice chancellor

for business.

Antle said losing the hospital laundry account will mean a 60 percent loss of the laundry's business.

"In 1953, we expanded the UNC laundry service facilities just to handle the hospital laundry because at that time the hospital was part of the University, but now it is a separate institution," he said. "The University will be reviewing its options during the next several days and will decide whether or not it will have to close

the laundry. The laundry, of course, must be self-supporting, and this development will make it difficult to sustain the laundry."

Antle said officials are considering three other options to closing the laundry. One is to decrease the activity of the current laundry facility, keeping all the current equipment. The second option is to keep the facility in its existing location but scale down its size by eliminating unneeded equipment and decreasing

the staff. The third option is to transfer the plant to a smaller building and renovate old equipment.

Officials had asked the hospital to renovate the laundry facilities jointly with the University, Antle said. But hospital officials said they felt it would be less costly for them in the long run to sign the contract with Durham County General Hospital's new laundry facilities, he said.

UNC also did a study of the cost and found that it would have been

less expensive for the hospital to join the University in renovations of the current service, he said.

Antle said he does not foresee any of the laundry's employees losing their jobs with the University.

"If the laundry is forced to close, the University will make every effort to relocate the laundry's 42 employees in other University jobs," he said. "The ones we feel the most for are the employees and they are who we will work the most for."

Officials are looking for other job openings within the University and will also ask the hospital if they need employees, Antle said.

The University Laundry processes up to 100,000 pounds of laundry each week and about 5 million pounds a year. It has some 300 accounts, the largest of which is NCMH, followed by the Carolina Inn, the Department of Physical Education and the

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UNC cool under Lions' pressure, runs to record 123-97 victory

By JAMES SUROWIECKI
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SALT LAKE CITY — Loyola Marymount could run, but it couldn't hide. The North Carolina Tar Heels systematically dismantled the Lions' pressure defense and clamped down on Loyola's high-powered offense Saturday, rolling to a 123-97 NCAA Tournament victory and in the process moving on to a Final 16 berth against Michigan Friday in Seattle.

Though UNC committed 26 turnovers and had problems getting the ball upcourt, the Tar Heels ran their offense to perfection once they got into the halfcourt set. Disdaining medium-range jumpers in favor of easy layups and bombs from three-point range, UNC shot an incredible 79 percent from the field, and no Tar Heel missed more than three shots.

Loyola, meanwhile, had all kinds of problems putting the ball in the basket. The Lions rely on their

offense to offset the easy hoops their ferocious trapping defense yields. They shoot within seven seconds, do a tremendous job on the offensive boards, and though they frequently hit less than 50 percent of their shots, shoot often enough to outscore their opponents.

But against UNC, Loyola's magic vanished. The jump shots didn't drop, and even the easy putbacks became difficult as the Lions began pressing. After hitting only 13 of 51 shots in the first half, Loyola improved slightly in the second but still finished at a paltry .321 from the field on the day.

Lion coach Paul Westhead was philosophical about his team's woes. "We ran our system and tried our best, and a lot of shots didn't go down that we frequently make," Westhead said. "We live and die with our offense. If the offense isn't scoring, we're not ever going to defend well

enough to win against a high caliber team like this."

The two major culprits for Loyola were guards Corey Gaines and Bo Kimble, who normally make the Lion offense click. Gaines was a miserable 5-of-20 from the field, though he did dish off 10 assists and committed just one turnover. And anyway, his shooting looked great next to Kimble's 3-of-21 showing.

Certainly, many of those misses can be attributed to the vagaries of shooting. But the Tar Heels had hands in Lion faces all game long and punished Loyola for every miss. Before the first half had ended, the Lions knew that they had to score on each trip they took down the floor, for if they didn't they would fall further behind.

"North Carolina did an excellent job on both ends, offensively and

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Board of Trustees remains silent on chancellor search

By JENNY CLONINGER
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A special meeting of the Board of Trustees and the Chancellor Search Committee was held Friday, but board and committee members maintained the strict confidentiality that has been a distinguishing feature of the search process.

Immediately after calling the meeting to order, Chairman Robert Eubanks moved the meeting into executive session, which barred members of the public and press from the boardroom.

The meeting was called especially to address the issue of the search for a new UNC chancellor, according to an informed source who asked not to be identified.

The source would not give detailed information about exactly what was discussed, but said, "Nothing I've seen reported in area papers so far has been even remotely correct. A lot of people are talking about people not even involved in the search."

Newspapers have recently reported that there are four leading candidates for the post: Samuel Williamson, UNC provost and a candidate for the presidency of the University of the South; Dennis O'Connor, UNC vice chancellor for research and graduate studies; James Leutze, president of Hampden-Sydney College in Virginia and former UNC chairman of the Curriculum in Peace, War and Defense; and Joel Fleischman, vice president of

Duke University.

Brian Bailey, the student representative on the search committee, said that the meeting involved a "personnel matter," but that a North Carolina statute prevents specifics from being released.

"I can't really talk about details, but I'm personally very happy and very optimistic about the way the search is proceeding," he said.

"The candidates are demanding a really confidential search," Bailey said. "We owe it to them and to the University to respect that. The only way to get the best person for the job is to really stay tight-lipped. Getting the best person may keep everybody in the dark for a while, but that seems to be the best way to do it."

Old age isn't so bad when you consider the alternative.—Maurice Chevalier