

State must improve care for mentally ill, study says

By MICHAEL SPIRTAS
Staff Writer

Proof for health experts that North Carolina is not providing adequate services for the seriously mentally ill came in a study released last week, but public health officials said the state is making a sufficient effort to deal with the issue.

The report by the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill and the Public Citizens Health Research Group ranked North Carolina 29th in providing care for the severely mentally ill in 1987, down from 19th in 1986.

Experts estimate that 84,000 people

in the state suffer from a severe mental illness, such as schizophrenia, manic depression and other debilitating mental illnesses.

The report presents "an accurate picture of where we are today," said John Baggett, executive director of the N.C. branch of the Alliance for the Mentally Ill. While North Carolina has made some progress in treating the seriously mentally ill, the progress has come too slowly, Baggett said. "We need a leap."

But Don Willis, chief of community initiatives in the state Division of Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse, said the ranking was not

necessarily meaningful. Willis pointed to the state's budget for 1989, which allocates \$19.9 million for severe mental illness services.

Baggett said, though, that an additional \$75 to \$100 million would be necessary to develop a better care system.

Much of the funds reserved for the mentally ill are siphoned off to pay for services to those who suffer from less serious mental illnesses, said Bill Snavely, president of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill.

The report also criticized housing for the mentally ill because a large percentage of the severely mentally

ill live in homeless shelters. Of the state's homeless living in shelters, 22 percent in Charlotte, 25 percent in Raleigh and 43 percent in Greensboro suffer from such illnesses.

"A shelter is not a good alternative for the seriously mentally ill," Snavely said.

And there is a serious problem with the pay scale of health professionals, he added. "The salary structure is such that they (the hospitals) can't fill positions."

Critics of North Carolina's care also say a patronage system further hampers efforts to treat the problem. They charge that many employees of

state mental institutions are hired and promoted due to their political beliefs rather than their abilities.

Several sources pointed to Broughton Hospital, one of North Carolina's four state mental hospitals, as the foremost example of an institution riddled with patronage.

Arthur Robarge, director of Broughton Hospital, could not be reached for comment.

Baggett has called for both gubernatorial candidates to speak out against the future use of a patronage system, which he said began under former Gov. Jim Hunt and has continued with Gov. Jim Martin.

"There is a referral system," said Don Cummings, director of personnel of the N.C. Department of Human Resources. Cummings agreed that a patronage system is now operating, but denied that the system results in a lower quality of care. "We do not hire or promote unqualified people," he said.

In cases where several people meet the minimum qualifications for a position, the person who gets the job is chosen because of his political beliefs.

"There is a question of relative qualification. That's a management prerogative," Cummings said.

Report evaluates Congressional Club

By LAUREN MARTIN
Staff Writer

The National Congressional Club ranked third last year among all political action committees (PACs) in total spending but was not among the top 50 in contributions to federal candidates, according to a recent report of the Federal Elections Commission.

Despite these figures, the head of the club says contributions are "doing what the donors want."

"The Congressional Club is an ideological PAC, so we are concerned with promoting conservative ideas, not just specific candidates," said R.E. Carter Wrenn, executive director of the club.

"This report distorts things a little," he said. "They look at business and special interest PACs and say, 'They

give 90 percent of their money to candidates.' Then they say the Congressional Club only gives 5 percent."

There is a distinction between ideological political action committees and business PACs, Wrenn said. Business PACs are often labor unions with specific issues that they want federal candidates to promote, so their contributions go mainly to campaigns, he said.

"Our contributors are concerned with promoting certain ideals across the board," Wrenn said. "They are very much aware of what we're doing and what campaigns we're waging ourselves."

The Congressional Club ranks fifth among PACs in total receipts. In the last election period, from January 1987 to June 1988, the club took in

\$3.2 million. Of that, less than 1 percent was contributed to candidates for federal office.

Contributions to federal candidates accounted for 24 percent of the total spending of the Teamsters Union, the PAC with the highest receipts last year.

The Congressional Club put \$6 of every \$7 it raised during the last election period into operations, which Wrenn said included independent grass-root campaigns, advertising issues to "give the conservative perspective," television advertisements for Reagan policies and legislative activities — such as urging people to prompt legislators to support Judge Robert Bork's nomination to the U.S. Supreme Court and block ratification of the Reagan-

Gorbachev arms treaty signed last year.

Much of the money that was spent directly on political candidates went to a skeleton committee to begin organizing a re-election campaign for Republican Sen. Jesse Helms, who is affiliated with the club, should he decide to seek a fourth term.

Thomas Fetzer, the Republican challenging Rep. David Price of Chapel Hill in the 4th District congressional race, is a former club employee. Fetzer's campaign has received \$8,000 from the club, less than 2 percent of his campaign budget.

"All they can give is \$10,000 under the law, so we don't expect to get anything more from them," said Bob Harris, Fetzer's press secretary.

Parking

from page 1

dents who require parking, residents who may need parking outside their halls and the complete counterproposal itself, he said.

"They're not talking about taking the spaces from residents to (give to) commuters — they're talking about taking them from students to (give to) faculty and staff," Martin said.

Three forums will be held this week to allow students to voice their opinions on the parking problem and possible solutions. Several members of the committee, as well as Mary Clayton, director of parking and transportation services, are expected to attend.

The debates will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Morehead Cellar, at 9 p.m. Wednesday in Carmichael Residence Hall and at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Morrison Recreation Room.

David Smith, Hinton James governor, is in charge of the forums. He said the forums are designed to uncover the concerns of each segment

of the UNC campus as well as general student opinion.

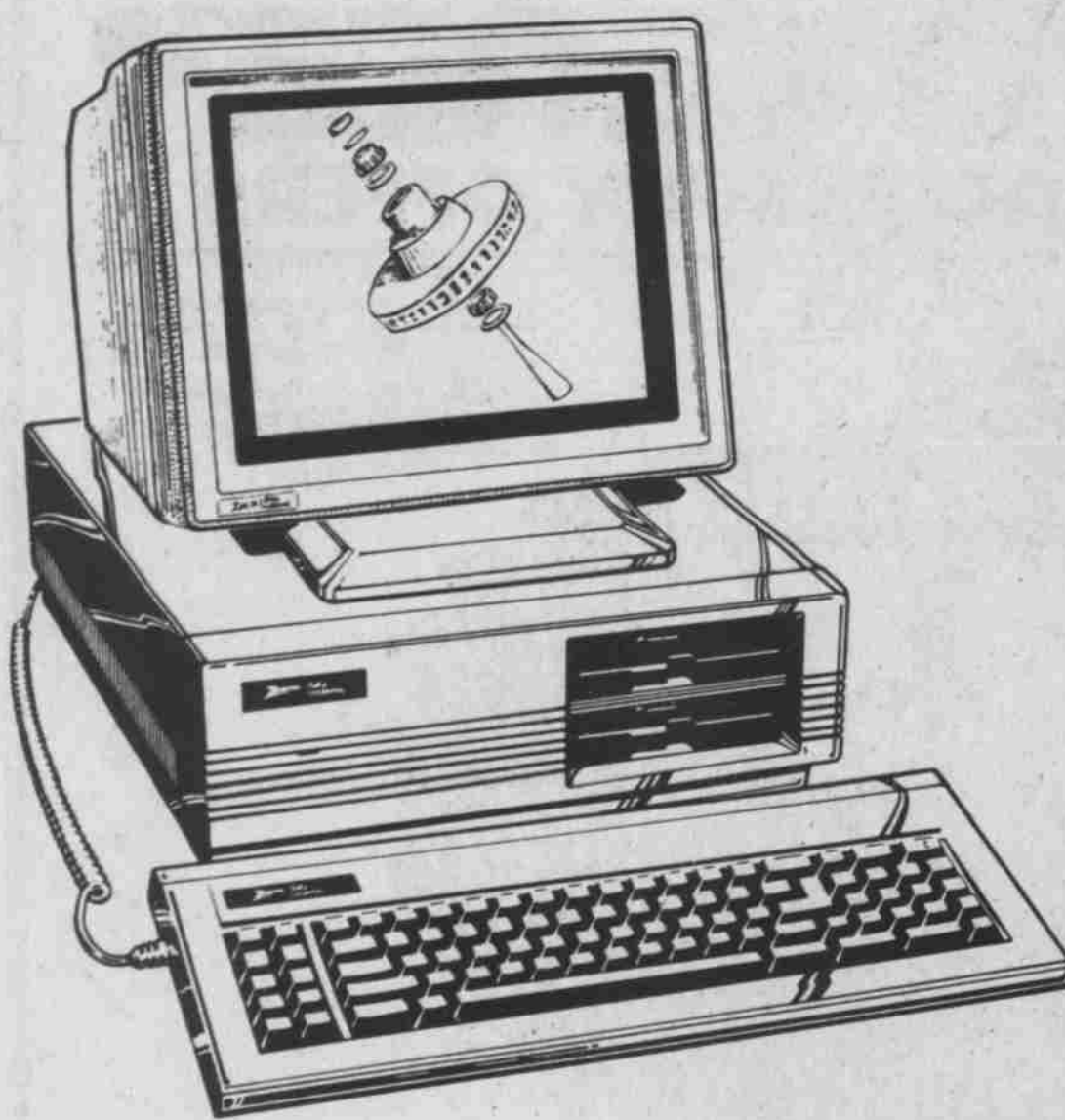
Smith said he is looking for the elimination of Proposition 6, which would allow the administration to eliminate further student parking, and "the development of a more justifiable option" for students. Smith said Proposition 6 is worded too loosely and gives the University power to prohibit junior parking if needed.

Smith said he felt the students and administration could work out a compromise, but student parking should not be compromised to the desires of the faculty.

"The only way we're gonna win is through compromise, but the students shouldn't let the faculty take them," Smith said. Banning sophomore parking could lead to the elimination of junior parking, which could drive juniors out of residence halls and hurt the Department of University Housing, he said.

Dazzling Graphics Brilliant Colors!

The Zenith Data Systems
14" Flat Technology Monitor
represents the first leap in CRT
technology in over five
decades!



It's the perfect monitor...with a perfectly flat video display that virtually eliminates all glare, annoying reflections and creates color images that are nothing short of spectacular!

Bundle this monitor with a
**Zenith Data Systems
Z-159 Desktop PC
Model 13**

20MB Hard Disk &
5.25" 360K Floppy
ZCM-1490 14" Flat
Technology Monitor
\$2097⁰⁰



- IBM PC® compatibility
- MS-DOS® included
- Microsoft® Windows Software
- Runs virtually all MS-DOS software
- 640K RAM plus 128K EMS RAM
- Zenith's Z-449 Video Card for high-resolution graphics
- Internal expandibility for your growing computing needs
- Handles large applications and databases
- Ideal for heavy-duty word processing, accounting and spreadsheets

©IBM PC is a registered trademark of IBM Corp.
©MS-DOS and Microsoft are registered trademarks of Microsoft Corp.

Student Stores



FREE GOLF CART

with purchase of 9 or 18 hole
Green Fees
with this ad through October 31, 1988

18-hole Public Course
Complete Line of Golf Equipment
Driving Range • Lessons Available



Directions:
From NC 54 ByPass take
Jones Ferry Rd. to Old
Greensboro Rd. Follow
Old Greensboro Rd. 12.5
miles to NC 87. Turn
right on NC 87 (north) for
9 miles to blinking light.
Turn right for 1.2 miles
on Boywood Rd. to sign

Call For Tee Times
942-0783

Back By Popular Demand...

Mondays are Coupon Days at Bruegger's.

Don't forget to look for your Bruegger's Bagel Bakery coupon every Monday

Buy any bagel sandwich and get a free
half dozen bagels to take home.

Does not include bagel with butter.

- Offer valid with coupon only.
- One coupon per customer per visit.
- Not to be combined with other offers.

Offer is only good Monday-Friday
Expires 9/23/88

BRUEGGER'S BAGEL BAKERY

626 Ninth St.
Durham 286-7897

Hwy 70 West
Pleasant Valley Promenade
Raleigh 782-9600

104 West Franklin St.
Chapel Hill 967-5248

2302 Hillsborough St.
Raleigh 832-6118