

Students to lobby for abortion rights

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Staff Writer

UNC students will join abortion rights activists from across the state in Raleigh Wednesday to remind legislators that most of their constituents want to keep abortion legal, rally organizers said.

Pro-choice supporters will meet at the N.C. Legislative Building to lobby their representatives at 10 a.m., said Holly Marrow, an organizer with the National Abortion Rights Action League (NARAL).

A rally is scheduled at noon on the lawn in front of the Archives Building. Rep. Dan Blue, D-Wake; Rep. Ann Duncan, R-Forsyth; and Presbyterian minister Jeanette Stokes will speak at the rally.

"We will be there to put the legislators on alert," Marrow said. "We will not see the right to choose

a safe and legal abortion taken away. "The issue is who has to make the decision... Is it the individual or is it 'them' — legislators and the very vocal anti-choice minority?" she said.

The lobby and rally day is sponsored by the N.C. Coalition for Choice, which includes NARAL, Planned Parenthood, Religious Coalition for Abortion Rights (RCAR), the ACLU and the National Organization of Women, Marrow said.

About 25 UNC students are expected to participate in the event, said Tania Malik, a senior political science major and president of Activating Awareness for Choice and Equality (AACE).

AACE plans to hold a rally in the pit at noon today to make students aware of the lobby and rally day.

On Wednesday, the U.S. Supreme Court will hear a Missouri abortion

case, which could overturn or change the 1973 Roe vs. Wade ruling — a decision that legalized abortion nationwide.

If the Roe vs. Wade ruling is fundamentally changed, states could outlaw abortion.

The pro-choice activists will be lobbying against several bills pending in the General Assembly that would restrict access to abortion, said Janet Colm, executive director of Planned Parenthood of Orange County.

"The two issues that are most in jeopardy are minors' access and poor women's access," Colm said. "The anti-abortion people are going after the people who have the least clout."

Both Senate and House budget bills include provisions to cut the State Abortion Fund, which funds abortions for low-income women.

Under the current budget, \$924,500

is appropriated for the fund. The Senate has already passed its budget proposal for next year, which would cut the fund to \$424,500. The House budget bill proposes cutting the fund to \$200,000 and restricting eligibility to women who are victims of rape or incest, or women whose lives are endangered by the pregnancy.

A bill that would require parental consent for anybody under 18 to have an abortion also has pro-choice constituents aggravated. The House has passed the bill, and the Senate's judiciary committee is now reviewing it. Rep. Paul Stam, R-Wake, introduced the bill.

Stam also proposed the Abortion Control Act, which would outlaw abortion except for rape and incest victims, according to Marrow.

Stam could not be reached for comment.

The bills have little support among North Carolinians, said Patricia Watts, president of the Coalition for Choice and state coordinator for RCAR.

Recent polls suggest that most North Carolinians are wary of state intervention in abortion rights.

About 72 percent of the respondents in one N.C. survey agreed with the statement that "abortion is a private issue between a woman, her family and her doctor, and the government should not be involved."

City Police Roundup

In Chapel Hill:

■ Two cases of indecent exposure were reported to police Sunday night within about one hour of each other.

The first occurred at a residence on Pittsboro Street. The female residents reported a man peeping in the windows and exposing himself. He left the scene before police arrived.

About an hour later, a man walked into the lobby of Granville Towers East and exposed himself. He also left the scene before police arrived.

■ UNC student Scott D. Jagow was charged Saturday with attempting to purchase a malt beverage with a fake Florida driver's license at Henderson Street Bar.

■ Vandalism hit the area late Saturday night and early Sunday morning.

Several mailboxes and newspaper boxes were removed and damaged along Kenmore Road. A resident of Brookview Drive also reported that his mailbox had been removed and placed in a flower bed.

A water fountain at the tennis courts of Cedar Falls Park was kicked over and the water line broken.

■ A 1978 Buick parked in front

of Granville Towers South was damaged Sunday morning when someone dropped a bag of garbage on the windshield.

■ Three teenagers were charged Sunday morning with underage possession of alcohol at Big Frat Court. Police observed Kenneth E. Burke, a student at N.C. State, John M. McKeon and William F. Smith II drinking a malt beverage.

■ Freddie L. Henry of Chapel Hill was charged Sunday after an auto accident on North Columbia Street. The other driver involved in the accident told police that Henry had left the scene. Police apprehended Henry and charged him with leaving the scene of an accident, driving with a revoked license, lacking insurance, displaying fictitious registration plates and driving while impaired.

■ Someone removed a wooden cow from the front lawn of a house on Dobbins Drive over the weekend.

■ A Louisburg College student was arrested Saturday after a search by police turned up a small amount of marijuana and rolling papers. Julie V. Utberg was charged with simple possession and possession of drug paraphernalia.

— compiled by Larry Stone

Bail set for man accused of rape

From staff reports

Virgilio Palacios, a Carrboro man accused of a Saturday morning rape, appeared in court for the first time Monday only to return to jail on \$50,000 secured bond.

Palacios, 29, of C-1 Old Well Apartments in Carrboro, was charged with first-degree rape, assault with a deadly weapon, inflicting a serious injury and first-degree sexual

offense.

Chapel Hill Police arrested Palacios Saturday morning after receiving a report of a sexual assault at 2:38 a.m.

Judge Patricia Hunt appointed Kirk Osborn, a public defender, to represent Palacios. Palacios was also reminded of his rights and given a copy of the warrant.

Anyone who owns \$50,000 worth of property may use his property for collateral to release Palacios, said Joan Perry, assistant clerk of court. Palacios' wife may not post bond.

As of 5 p.m. Monday, Palacios was still in custody at Orange County Jail in Hillsborough. No further information is available concerning the case or the victim.

Student Congress may offer loan to ease University cash woes

By JUSTIN MCGUIRE
University Editor

Student Congress may offer a \$10,000 loan to the University to help alleviate its financial crunch, and although the loan cannot be accepted, administrators called the offer a "significant gesture."

The congress' finance committee Monday passed a bill offering the loan, which would come from a \$22,000 excess in student fees, to the Office of Business and Finance. The bill will go before the full congress Wednesday.

The N.C. Office of Management and Budget cut non-personnel funding at UNC \$3.2 million for the fourth fiscal quarter, and the cuts have severely hampered the operations of many University departments.

Jurgen Buchenau (Dist. 3), co-author of the bill, said the cuts had

hurt many University services that students rely on, including the libraries and microcomputing services.

"We have a crisis that has reached the boiling point. I think this is an extraordinary situation which has no precedent (in recent University history). It forces us to take extraordinary steps."

The University will not be able to accept the loan, according to Wayne Jones, acting vice chancellor for business and finance. The N.C. General Assembly must approve any loan to the University, but it is not accepting any more bills this session, he said.

Also, the University as a basic principle does not accept loans that do not produce revenues to repay the loan, Jones said.

"But I don't think that's as impor-

tant as the gesture itself. This is a very significant gesture on their part. It shows a willingness to help and participate in our efforts to solve our current financial difficulties."

Congress Speaker Gene Davis also said the offer was an important gesture although it couldn't be accepted.

"This will make a strong statement to the alumni (and) to the administration. What stronger statement can students make than to offer their own money?"

Tom Elliott (Dist. 6) was the only finance committee member to speak against the bill Monday. He said that although he was fully aware of the crisis and had seen instances where the cuts had hurt students, he didn't think the offer was worth the congress' time.

"This is not only a gesture, but an empty gesture that will be ignored as soon as it is passed and signed," Elliott said. "I do not believe that this bill will garner any publicity, except perhaps within the University community."

Concert to aid rain forest preservation

By JESSICA YATES
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Rain forests and good music may have a lot in common. For one thing, most human beings require both to survive. In addition, both will get plenty of attention at tonight's benefit concert at the Cat's Cradle.

The concert, sponsored by the Student Environmental Action Coalition (SEAC) of UNC, is featuring four of the most popular local bands: Nikki Meets the Hibachi, Dillon Fence, the Popes and the Veldt. Admission is \$5, with 90 percent of the ticket proceeds going toward environmental projects.

This is the first such fund-raiser SEAC has held to address the problem of rain forest destruction. But, according to Kim Hill, chairman of the concert committee, it probably won't be the last. "We're planning an even larger concert for September," Hill said. "The greater the success of this one, the bigger we can make the one next semester."

The rain forest issue focuses on the problem of governments' allowing industries to destroy rain forests at the rate of thousands of acres a day.

The show will not have a structured education and awareness program. "We'll just have a table with pamphlets and fact sheets, and we'll probably speak between bands," Hill said. "It won't be anything really pushy. We just want to let people know why they're there."

Half the proceeds will be put into a fund to assist SEAC's twin organization in Guatemala, the Defensores de la Naturaleza. "We chose this

Davis said Chancellor Paul Hardin mentioned the bill at Friday's Board of Visitor's meeting and also planned to use it when dealing with General Assembly members. "This is a gesture and a very powerful gesture. Let's give the chancellor the opportunity to say

these things." Buchenau said the loan would benefit students by allowing them to write term papers on University computers, for instance. "This allows us for once to have a real effect on student life."

group because it is located in such a small country, a place we thought we could really make a difference," explained Jeff Marron, a member of the rain forest action committee in SEAC. The rest of the funds raised by the concert will be applied toward other SEAC projects, such as the Tar Heel Aluminum Recycling Project and a Greenhouse Effects lobbying campaign.

Hill and Marron said the four bands and the owner of the Cat's Cradle, Frank Heath, were immediately interested in the concert and were donating their services. Heath said, "For me, this is a way of expressing myself. I feel that things like this are more important than the business aspect of the club."

Most of the bands have been involved in benefits before. John Gillespie of Nikki Meets the Hibachi said the duo recently performed in a similar concert for ECOS, the student environmental organization at Duke. "We're not really centered around politics," he said. "They're just part of us."

The band may perform a relevant song at tonight's concert, "The World We Made," which, according to Gillespie, "is critical of technology's effects on the environment."

Greg Humphries, lead singer of Dillon Fence, wants the band to play not only "an incredibly hot, live rock and roll show," but to accomplish something else as well. "I'd like to help raise awareness of the immediacy of the problem involving rain forests," he said. "The environmental balance they provide is really being taken for

granted."

"Our lead guitarist first got us interested," said Henry Pharr, bass player for the Popes. Pharr admitted the band had never addressed the rain forest issue before, but that the issue "will be concerning people a lot more in the future."

He said the band had not prepared anything special for the benefit concert but added, "We might have a few surprises. We always try to at the Cradle."

Joe Boyle of the Veldt was not available for comment, but according to Marron, the band has been involved in benefits before and is "most enthusiastic" about the concert.

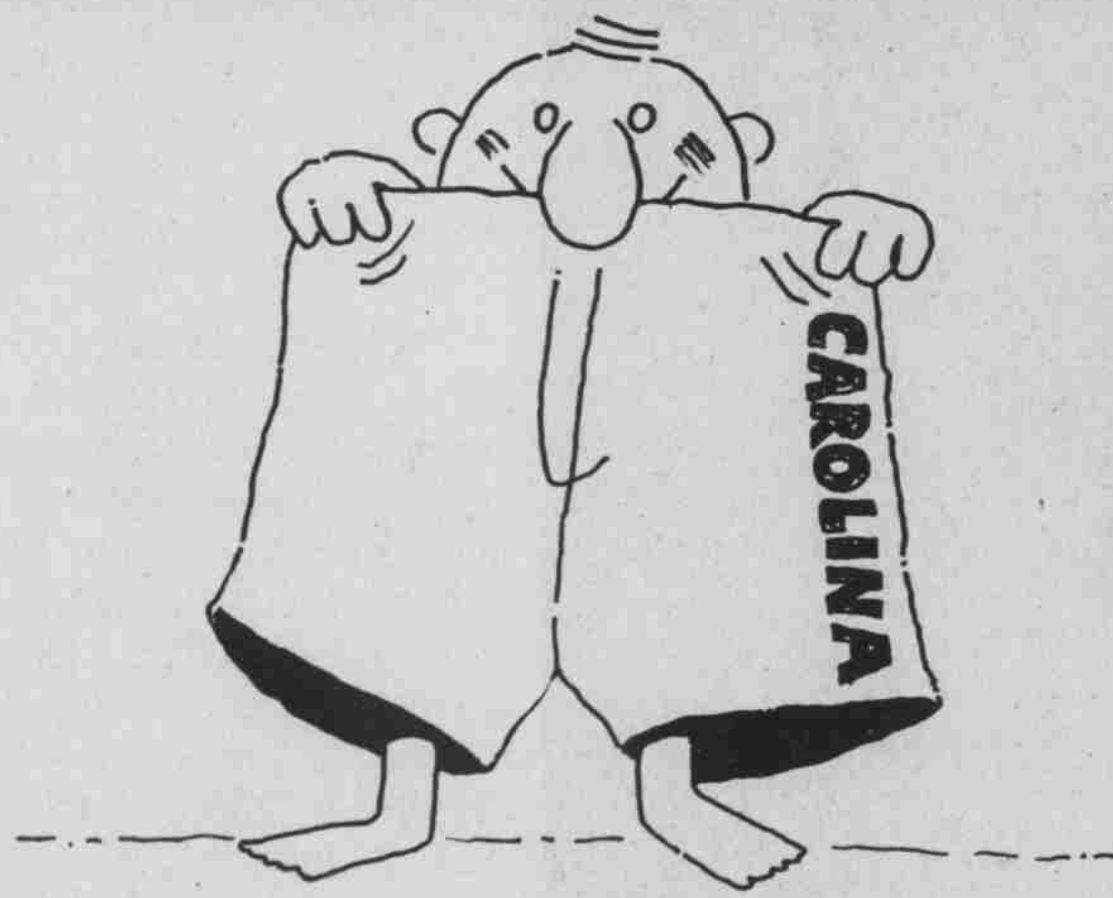
Marron also emphasized that the concert would not be based on SEAC propaganda. "It will be a great show and a lot of fun, which is the main point," he said. "We hope awareness-raising will just come along with it." The organization would like to gain some new members as well, said Hill.

SEAC is involved in letter-writing campaigns to different governments and companies in an effort to get a response of concern for the environment. Marron said the campaigns could be successful. "We got a response from Secretary of State James Baker when we were protesting a road being constructed in Brazil."

Hill said people were slow to react to the situation right now because "it isn't directly affecting us. The only rain forests in the United States are in Hawaii. But the concert is aiming toward education."

The rain forest benefit concert begins at 9 p.m. on Tues., April 25, at the Cat's Cradle on Franklin Street in Chapel Hill. Tickets are \$5. For more information, call 967-4652.

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