

Across the Campuses

• A University of Utah art major took his teacher's assignment and designed the "sod-mobile." He wrapped his aging compact car with chicken wire, attached 400 pounds of sod and drove to school. He said the car actually looks better; the sod covers up the rust and dents.

• It would make a perfect beer commercial: That's how one person described the scene at the Women's National Collegiate Rowing Championship in Madison, Wis. Immediately after taking second place, the University of Wisconsin varsity eight each grabbed a bottle of beer and hoisted it above their heads. Not only is it against UW athletic policy, but not all of the crew are of legal drinking age. Some harshly criticized the actions because children were present.

• Students at the University of California-Santa Barbara participated in a "Wrap the Zucchini Weenie" contest, which tested students' ability to place a condom on the phallic-shaped vegetable. The event was part of AIDS awareness week on the UCSB campus.

• Ohio's Xavier University will provide full-cost scholarships next fall to freshmen who commit to providing service to others. The Undergraduate Service Fellows will be expected to perform about 15 hours a week of service in return for the aid, valued at about \$12,000 a year. To remain eligible, students must maintain good grades, live in campus housing and not hold paying jobs.

• A University of Mississippi fraternity, Beta Theta Pi, was found liable for \$150,000 in damages involving an injury to a former student at a party in 1986. The student received permanent injuries to her foot after fraternity members threw her into a pond following a house party.

• Women may invade the ranks of VMI. The all-male admissions policy of the Virginia Military Institute is under investigation by the U.S. Department of Justice. A female high school junior complained she couldn't gain acceptance to the school, which receives public funds. The state's governor supports her; the district attorney doesn't.

— compiled by Dave Glenn

Student Congress condemns harassment of homosexuals

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Student Congress passed a resolution Tuesday condemning harassment based on sexual preference.

"Sadly, harassment motivated by sexual preference is a severe problem in this nation, in this state and even in Chapel Hill," said Tim Elliot (Dist. 6), co-sponsor of the resolution.

Despite the fact that Chapel Hill is a relatively liberal community, Elliot said, there have been incidents of harassment of homosexuals recently. He pointed to reports of harassment in the current issue of "Lambda," a newsletter sponsored by the Carolina Gay and Lesbian Association.

"Ninety percent of such incidents are never reported to police for fear of additional discrimination or harassment from police," Elliot said.

Jurgen Buchenau (Dist. 8), also a sponsor of the resolution, said the resolution is needed to send a message to University students.

Buchenau reminded congress of a homecoming float two years ago which openly made fun of homosexuals.

"If such an organization came to congress for funds, we would remind them of their responsibility to treat these people fairly," Buchenau said.

Elliot said the resolution does not take a position on sexual preference. "I would hope I wouldn't have to press that point," he said.

He said that the right to be free from harassment should be extended to all students, including homosexuals. "I would be very shocked at anyone who would be in favor of verbal or physical harassment against any person at this University," Elliot said.

The resolution is similar to amendments to the campus code naming sexual and racial harassment as specific offenses. The amendments, which took effect July 1, originated from a resolution passed by congress in 1987.

Gene Davis, speaker of congress, said the resolution condemning harassment on the basis of sexual preference is necessary to parallel the treatment of other types of harassment.

"In light of the strong statement that Student Congress has made recognizing sexual and racial harassment, I feel it is only fitting that we make an equally strong statement on harassment based on sexual preference," Davis said.

After lengthy debate, congress also passed a resolution establishing a budget and appropriating \$660 for the Careers and Continuing Education Committee.

The committee intends to work with the Office of Career Planning and Placement and University Counseling to publicize four career fairs and other services provided by the offices. They will seek \$982 in donations as well.

Several congress members said they objected to the use of student fees to augment administrative services. "The programs are great, and we're all for them," said Jeff Beall (Dist. 7). "But it's not the role of Student Congress to spend money publicizing what are administrative services."

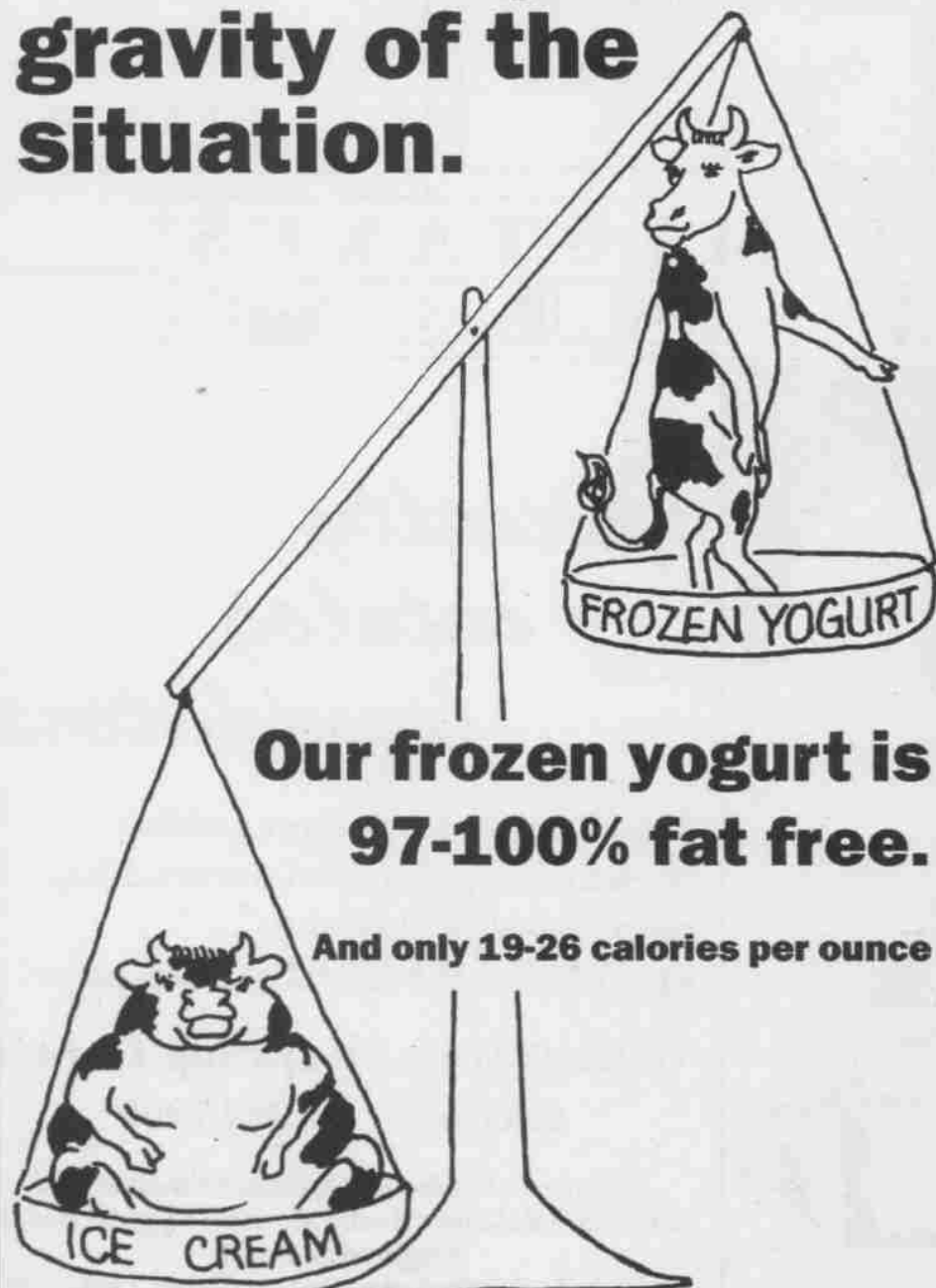
Travis Darnell, chairman of the committee, said the committee had a role in organizing the fairs, so congress would not be publicizing administrative services per se.

Originally, the committee was to receive the funds for U.S. postage to publicize the career fairs. But congress amended the resolution to specify that funds not go toward a mass mailing, but instead towards handbills and newspaper advertisements.

Beall proposed another amendment to reduce the allocation to \$200, but congress voted the amendment down.

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