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Labor of latex

Robin Kaiser, a sophomore from Okinawa, Japan, paints a sign for Cellar Door outside Union Station Tuesday.

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Town residents miss national flu outbreak

By KRIS DONAHUE

Despite the ongoing nationwide influenza epidemic and a surge of reported cases on the University campus, the residents of Chapel Hill seem to have escaped serious problems. Eileen Kugler, director of Personal Health Services for the Orange County Health Department, said this difference may be due in part to the lack of statistics for the number of people who have the flu in Chapel Hill. The flu is not a reportable communicable disease, so it is very difficult to know how many people have it at one particular time. Kugler said that until last week, when the stories of the flu epidemic were discussed in the media, she had received very few phone calls from concerned residents. The problem of determining exactly who has the flu has been especially relevant for the public schools in the area. Most representatives from the schools said they could not determine why their students were absent. However, despite the difficulty of being unable to determine how many cases have cropped up in Chapel Hill,

the majority of schools in the area reported no huge differences in their student and teacher attendance rates during the past few weeks.

A representative for the superintendent's office for the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools also said they had received no reports of concern over the epidemic.

Other areas of public service have remained similarly unaffected. Spokesmen for the Chapel Hill police and fire departments agreed the flu epidemic had not hindered their services to the public. Neither department has had significant numbers of employees absent from work recently.

However, these outward signs of calm do not mean that no one in Chapel Hill is experiencing flu symptoms. The drug stores in the area have noticed an increase in the past few weeks of the amount of cold remedies they have sold. A spokeswoman for one drug store said this increase was normal for this time of year.

Most people do not think of protecting themselves from the flu until it is

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Groups to vie for funds

Congress budget requests may hit record number

By MYRON B. PITTS

A record number of student organizations are expected to apply for funds from Student Congress this year.

Although exact figures were not available Tuesday, many new groups have submitted applications for funding, probably because of increased publicity of the budget process, said Donnie Esposito, chairman of congress' finance committee.

The process was publicized more this year because of complaints that it had been kept quiet, he said.

"Groups are coming out of the woodwork. Based on the number of requests, we are looking for a record number (of groups receiving funds)," Esposito said.

A substantial increase in the number of groups eligible to receive funding

would not necessarily cause groups that have previously drawn funds to receive less, Esposito said.

But the groups' requests and reasons for their budget proposal would be examined more closely, he said.

"We're going to have to look at every organization's budget a lot more closely than last year. There will be a lot more scrutiny."

Because The Daily Tar Heel has recently incorporated and will be returning student fees over the next three years, a \$20,000 windfall toward the overall budget is possible for the upcoming fiscal year if a referendum on the spring ballot is approved by the student body.

But the finance committee is not counting on those funds, Esposito said. Carol Hooks, student body treas-

urer, said the rise in the number of applications from last year may also be attributed to a change in last year's deadline for application.

"Last year was the first year the process was held in February instead of March," she said. This change caused many groups to miss the deadlines for turning in their recognition or budget request forms to student government last year.

Missing this year's Jan. 26 deadline for filing recognition forms or the Feb. 2 deadline for filing budget request forms would force groups to submit their requests in the fall, she said. These requests would be met by remaining funds.

Esposito said the increase in applications would mean hard work for finance committee members. The com-

mittee will review the budget request of each group and make its recommendation to the congress for approval.

The congress decides how much each organization is allotted for the ensuing fiscal year, and money is distributed in May.

Representatives from eligible student groups will meet with the finance committee at hearings to be held Feb. 8-11. The groups will present their funding requests along with the finance committee's recommendation, which is generally lower, to the full congress Feb. 24.

The finance committee usually reduces the figure because an organization can request any amount of money it deems necessary, but the finance committee has to balance the budget, Esposito said.

Gaps in policy cloud dry rush

By STACEY KAPLAN

UNC's first official "dry rush" for fraternities ended Tuesday at 7 p.m. with a few reported violations of the policy to be investigated this week, said Rob Beatty, president of the Inter-Fraternity Council (IFC).

The policy of dry rush, which banned all alcohol from rush functions starting Wednesday, Jan. 24, was unanimously passed by the IFC in December.

Beatty said there were not as many violations reported as he had expected. He added that fraternities may have used a number of loopholes and that some confusion had clouded the exact terms of the policy.

For example, it may not have been clear to everyone in the fraternities whether the policy applied to functions outside of fraternity property and whether alcohol was allowed for fraternities not holding rush, he said.

Also, he said, it was the responsibility of the fraternities to keep rushees out of mixers held with sororities, which brings into question the definition of rushee.

The reported violations will be examined this week by Beatty and the Panhellenic Council president. The charges may then be brought before a panel consisting of the two presidents, the Panhellenic Council vice president and rush chairwoman and the IFC rush chairman, who will levy sanctions as necessary, Beatty said.

The first time a fraternity violates the policy, it will receive a warning. For the second violation, it will be placed on social probation and not be allowed to mix with a UNC sorority for one month. A third violation will result in two months of social probation.

Beatty said he hoped to form a subcommittee with a representative from

each fraternity. "We need to redesign and redefine dry rush so there aren't so many loopholes and questions," he said.

Frederic Schroeder, dean of students, said he was pleased with dry rush and felt a sense of support from the administration. "I'm delighted to see the IFC and the fraternities take this direction. It makes sense both practically and ethically."

The type of feedback Schroeder has received from fraternity members is twofold, he said. Some considered it a good idea, while others showed concern that if certain houses violate dry rush policies, the other houses will have to follow suit, he said.

Many fraternities regarded dry rush as a success.

Sigma Chi held semi-formal meetings between the brothers and rushees, had a catered dinner with an alumnus from Greensboro who talked to the

rushees and watched the Super Bowl, said Matt Hamilton, rush chairman.

In addition, he said, Sigma Chi held a dry casino night that was different and not quite as exciting as in the past, but was still fun.

"Dry rush is a good idea because it lets people get to know each other without alcohol as the basis of conversation," Hamilton said. He also liked the idea of having dry rush last only a week.

Fred Monroe, rush chairman for Chi Psi, said dry rush went well and included playing basketball and watching the Super Bowl. "We've been good boys," he said.

Monroe said that he did not agree with the idea of having dry rush and that fraternities had been forced into the policy. "It's an infringement on the personal rights of organizations off campus," he said.

Architect praises SRC design ideas

By MARCIE BAILEY

Two meetings between the SRC Board of Directors and head architect Norma Burns last week concerning ideas for the design of the Student Recreation Center (SRC) resulted in an array of interesting ideas that could be integrated into the center's design, Burns said Tuesday.

Burns, of Burnstudio in Raleigh, said that at Friday's meeting the board reached a consensus on information gathered at that meeting and a previous meeting. They then assembled those ideas into six categories and discussed a problem-solving approach.

The six categories are the building's general appearance, its potential offerings, its connection to Fetzter, the relationship between the two buildings, and the aerobic dance and weight-lifting areas of the center.

Burns said many different students attended the meeting, which gave her the opportunity to get some new re-

sponses to what the previous group had suggested.

"The group did well. They got down to work and spent many hours working on a lot of ideas," Burns said.

Gene Davis, SRC board member and Student Congress speaker, said Burns gave each participant a chance to voice ideas, concerns and desires about the center.

"I was reconfirmed in her sense to work with students and her desire to design a building that expresses the philosophy and attitude of the student body," Davis said.

Some of the aesthetic suggestions the board recommended included a cheerful, brightly colored atmosphere; an open, airy design; and a graphics and large-scale artwork design that would "inspire positive movement," Burns said.

Major design features suggested included a lobby that would contain more than just a staircase and be the hub of the center, movable partitions in

exercise rooms for privacy, a visible but confidential Wellness Center and a music system controlled by an individual room, Burns said.

Burns said one participant compared the SRC to a singles' bar in that it would be a good place to meet people but would be a more healthy, recreational experience.

The board agreed that Fetzter should be a backdrop for the center but also be

compatible to it, said Burns. It should improve the look of Fetzter.

Another main concern involving the center's connection to Fetzter is the locker and bathroom availability in compliance to Fetzter's security.

All the data from previous meetings will be compiled into a booklet that will be available at an open meeting on Feb. 8, along with a very preliminary design for the center.

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Referendum's rejection questioned

By AKINWOLE N'GAI WRIGHT

A Student Congress decision last Wednesday not to put a student choice funding referendum on the spring ballot has prompted some students to question whether congress has the students' interests in mind.

Congress member Andrew Cohen (Dist. 7), co-sponsor of the resolution, said the resolution was rejected because of what he called the "militant ignorance" of congress members.

"A few influential and vocal congress members influenced the undecided members into voting against the bill," Cohen said. "Many congress members are looking to destroy and not to understand the bills which are passing before them. If this attitude of ignorance remains, it will kill many future worthwhile referendums and resolutions."

The resolution would have put a referendum on the ballot that, if passed, would have allowed students to vote directly to allocate student fees to campus groups.

Cohen said congress members held certain misconceptions about the resolution. For example, if student organizations were underfunded through this process, they could still ask congress for additional funds, he said.

"Every penny of student fees can't be spent," he said. "The money of incoming freshmen and the money of

students that decide not to participate falls under the control of Student Congress."

He said the descriptive guide that would have explained the functions of all funded campus groups for voters was not completely discussed at the congress meeting. "The guide would be inexpensive — about 10 cents. This price for the pamphlet could be deferred through advertisements. The pamphlet would be about 48 pages long."

Cohen said he was also disturbed by a consensus among congress members that the average student on campus could not vote wisely on issues of this magnitude.

"Many advocates against the referendum spoke about the students on campus in a patronizing and condescending manner," he said. "I think many student congress members feel that giving the students the power to decide is a threat to their power of allocating money — their main purpose."

Cohen said he had not decided whether to bring the bill before congress again. "I will have to wait and see about further actions on this matter," he said.

"This bill is virtually foolproof, and aside from a few small bugs, it would have been an important tool for the students on this campus. I don't see what Student Congress is afraid of."

Some students said they would have liked the opportunity to vote on the referendum.

David Hemphill, a freshman political science major from Hudson, said congress should have allowed the referendum on the spring ballot. "This decision by Student Congress is yet another blatant disregard of student concerns," he said.

"It angers me that they continue to underestimate the intelligence and the compassion of a student if he were to allocate his own funds," Hemphill said. Other students said they felt congress was correct to vote against the resolution.

Trish Merchant, a sophomore from Fayetteville majoring in speech and peace, war and defense, said she thought the resolution would have created problems.

"If the resolution had passed, a disproportionate number of certain organizations such as the Carolina Athletic Association would receive the larger amounts of the pot while leaving virtually nothing for others," she said.

Cohen said that he understood the differences of opinion among the student body but that students should have the right to decide. "If the bill was put on the spring ballot, I am almost positive that it would pass. It is unfortunate that students will not even have the right to vote on this issue."



Concrete idea

Jack Watkins and William Howard work on a project to create an access door to the pipes outside Grimes Residence Hall Tuesday.

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To err is human. To blame it on someone else is politics. — Herbert Hoover