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Finance committee cuts BSM request

By Heather Phibbs and Adam Ford
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The Student Congress Finance Committee slashed the Black Student Movement's requested budget by more than half during budget hearings last weekend.

The group's budget was cut by more than \$38,000 — from the \$67,910 it requested to \$29,283. The recommended allocation is \$13,000 more than the group received last year.

Laura Anderson, BSM minister of information, said, "Overall, the process was very fair. Everyone was very professional. We went in knowing they would question every expenditure."

The BSM plans to appeal for extra money in only a few specific areas, she said.

Student Congress will consider the committee's recommendations for the BSM and other student groups Sunday, when student groups will have a chance to appeal their allocations.

Juergen Buchenau, Finance Committee chairman, said the committee had \$214,000 to allocate, but student groups asked for \$280,000. The committee allocated all but \$40 of the available funds.

The Phoenix's proposed budget was cut from \$25,626 to \$16,500.

Phoenix Editor Charles Overbeck said he was not pleased with the rec-

ommendation. The weekly newspaper's computer system will require \$11,000 of the budget, leaving only \$5,500 for production. The publication is used to getting about \$19,000, he said.

"(Committee member) Andrew Cohen believes we can raise the other \$15,000 on our own," he said. "It's disappointing that the initial feeling of Congress was to give the Phoenix such a low amount. We could cut down on our circulation, but I won't let that happen."

Cohen said, "I think we gave them an appropriate amount." Because the Phoenix is a quality publication, it should be able to increase its revenue by a few thousand dollars from advertising, he

said.

"I'm sure they're going to appeal, but I don't know where they will get the money from," he said. There will not be much room to adjust any of the recommended amounts without taking away from other groups, he said.

Victory Village, for which \$13,676 was recommended, was the only group whose budget passed untouched.

No budget proposals were reviewed for La Casa Espanola and the Student Environmental Lecture Fund because members failed to attend the hearings.

The Yackety Yack's request was cut from \$10,369 to \$9,869. Editor Kelly

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Student Organizations' Budget Allocations

Organization	Amount requested	Recommended
Students Older Than Average	\$839	\$459
Rape Action	1,350	1,215
Black Graduate and Professional Students	1,621	1,142
IROKO	403	553
Carolina Athletic Association	20,744	18,619
Pauper Players	3,490	2,040
LAB Theatre	6,271	5,871
Elections Board	2,593	2,221
DISC	814	794
Black Student Movement	67,910	29,283
Undergraduate Student Music Forum	640	370
UNC Psych Club	202	162
Executive Branch	25,121	24,398
Carolina Quarterly	4,955	4,375
Student Environmental Lecture Fund	2,000	Didn't Attend
Best Buddies	712	500
Student Congress	5,149	4,809
National Pharmaceutical Association	1,100	400
Phoenix	25,626	16,500
Victory Village	13,676	13,676
N.C. Student Legislature	3,867	2,825
Yackety Yack	10,369	9,869
Student Part-Time Employment Services	3,853	3,753
Judicial Branch	10,467	10,117
Student Legal Services	28,178	26,180
UNITAS	1,350	965
SAFE Escort	1,645	1,270
Undergraduate Art Association	625	420
Association of International Students	4,047	2,997
SANGAM	1,177	1,091
La Casa Espanola	900	Didn't attend
Cellar Door	5,150	4,000
Positions	2,400	1,675
STV	25,472	19,952
CGLA	2,165	2,015

The organizations' names are listed in the order in which they were heard by the Student Congress Finance Committee. All allocations are subject to Student Congress' approval.

Electrical short in restaurant blamed for Franklin Street fire

By Cheryl A. Herndon
Staff Writer

An electrical short was the cause of a fire that destroyed a restaurant and damaged businesses in a building on the corner of East Franklin and Henderson streets, fire officials said Monday.

The blaze started Saturday in the basement of the Continental Cafe due to an electrical short in a light switch that was underneath the stairwell, said Chapel Hill Fire Chief Daniel Jones.

The only business with actual fire damage was the Continental Cafe, which was closed for renovation and set to reopen in about a week under new ownership. But Hector's, Manires' Goldsmiths, Sadlack's Heroes and Deli, Linda's Bar and Grill, Spring Break

Travel, C.O. Copies and The Tannery each received varying degrees of water and smoke damage.

Insurance adjusters presently are determining the monetary loss from the fire, but officials will be unable to estimate the cost for several days, Jones said.

Although one Hector's employee said that the fire department's slow arrival contributed to the amount of damage done to the building, Don McLennan, owner of Sadlack's Heroes and Deli, said the fire department did a good job.

"They're trained firefighters, and they know what they're doing," McLennan said. "They came in here and protected my equipment. As old as these buildings are, we're lucky the whole building didn't go down."

Larry Johnson, assistant Chapel Hill fire marshal, said the first fire truck arrived on the scene in less than three minutes.

"When a fire breaks out and people get excited, they tend to think it takes more time than it actually does," Johnson said.

Jones said the call was placed to the department at 2:29 p.m., and the first fire truck arrived on the scene at 2:31.

"Response time is a key element in fire fighting," Jones said. "We respond to 99 percent of all calls within five minutes."

Businesses with the least amount of damage will reopen in the next few days, store owners said.

R. Warren Stephens, the owner of C.O. Copies, said he hoped to open his

business by Tuesday or Wednesday. C.O. Copies suffered only from smoke damage.

The Tannery, also operated by Stephens, received smoke and water damage. It will be at least two or three days before it reopens for business, he said.

McLennan said Sadlack's would reopen in approximately seven to 14 days. In the meantime, Sadlack's is donating all of its perishable produce, meats, cheeses and breads to the Inter-Faith Council for Social Service, McLennan said.

The restaurant will donate 385 loaves of bread, 160 pounds of tomatoes, 180 pounds of lettuce, 27 pounds of cheese and 50 pounds of different types of meat, McLennan said.

Election process culminates today with runoff voting

Elections Board announces candidates, open seats, voting process for runoff

Decrease in poll sites meets criticism

1991 Runoff Poll Sites

All-campus sites

Union	10 a.m.-7 p.m.	All
Campus Y	10 a.m.-7 p.m.	All

Graduate and off-campus undergraduate sites

Law School	10 a.m.-3 p.m.	graduate
Davis Library	10 a.m.-5 p.m.	graduate
Health Sciences	10 a.m.-5 p.m.	Off campus, graduate

On-campus undergraduate sites

Chase	10 a.m.-7 p.m.	on campus
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Staff Report

Students will be able to vote today in the 1991 campus election runoff at six poll sites on campus.

Students must show their student identification and registration cards to vote, said Mary Jo Harris, Elections Board chairwoman.

The offices and candidates in the runoff are:

- Student Body President: Matt Heyd and Jonathan Martin.
- Senior Class President and Vice President:

Mike Ferguson/Jay Dunn and Wendell McCain/Libba Carr.

- Graduate and Professional Student Federation President:

Martha Fawbush and Jane Roper.
■ Student Congress District 12: Allison Incoe and Jennifer Lloyd.
■ Student Congress District 15:

Russ Helms and Scott Maxwell.

- Student Congress District 21: Christy Hardison and Tim Moore.

■ Student Congress Districts 2, 5, 8, 9, 10 and 20 are open and will be filled by write-in votes.

Districts 2, 5, 8, 9, and 10 are graduate student districts and District 20 is the Southeast off-campus district.

Returns will be announced in room 209 of Manning Hall. They will begin to be posted at about 8:30 p.m.

Candidates will not be official winners until their financial forms are verified by the Elections Board, Harris said.

"We have until Saturday at 7 o'clock to validate the elections," she said.

"We really need graduate students to write in candidates, because we have all those empty seats."

By Stephanie Johnston
University Editor

Some candidates in today's runoff election said the reduced number of poll sites would hurt voter turnout, but Elections Board officials said the reduction was necessary to ensure ballot security.

The Elections Board reduced the number of poll sites for the runoff from 19 to six.

Student body president candidate Jonathan Martin said he was concerned about voter turnout, especially because the number of poll sites had been reduced.

"I really want students to have easy access to vote," he said. "I think voter turnout will be low because students aren't going to have the access they did before."

Matt Heyd, student body president candidate, said the reduction in the number of poll sites would hurt voter turnout and his campaign. "We won seven dorms the last time," he said. "It's going to be hard to get people out to vote. Turn-out this year has been low anyway."

He is asking his campaign workers to encourage students to vote, he said.

Mary Jo Harris, Elections Board chairwoman, said the reduction in the number of poll sites was necessary to ensure the security of the ballots during the runoff.

The runoff results are usually closer than general elections, so the Elections Board wants to be extra careful, she said.

"We don't have the budget to print

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Senior candidates discuss platforms, answer questions in forum



Senior class officer candidates discuss their campaign platforms Monday as Grant Vinik (center) moderates

By Cathy Oberle
Staff Writer

Candidates for senior class president and vice president discussed their platforms and answered questions in a forum attended by only 10 people at the Student Union Monday night.

Jay Dunn, a candidate for senior class vice president, said he and Mike Ferguson, his presidential running mate, wanted to increase the scope of what the senior class did.

They want to build on the foundation of the senior class, Dunn said. "There are things that we can build on to make the class stronger."

Their platform includes creating a senior volunteer network to help campus organizations, appointing representative marshals and producing a booklet and seminar to help seniors in their job searches. They also plan to distribute a senior class newsletter.

Candidates Wendell McCain and Libba Carr said they wanted to get the senior class involved in the local community. "Chapel Hill gives us so many things and we should give some back as students," Carr said.

McCain said he and Carr also wanted to help seniors better prepare for life after college.

Their platform includes community service projects for the senior class, such as a voting drive involving students and Chapel Hill citizens; maintaining traditional senior events such as Senior Week and block seats for seniors at

athletic events; and preparing a list of graduate school grants and scholarships.

McCain and Carr also want to hold forums to give students job-hunting and interviewing tips not provided by the University Career Planning and Placement Services.

"We'd like to have a forum of faculty, of graduate students, administrative department (representatives) and students," McCain said.

Both sets of candidates said senior marshals would be an important link to enhance racial involvement in the senior class.

Ferguson said racial balance would be achieved through representative marshals. "We're going to have representatives from different areas that represent the different cultural aspects of the campus," he said.

McCain said marshals with varying backgrounds should be chosen to better represent all seniors. "We talk about men in the ethical and cultural sense. We forget about students with different sexual orientations," he said.

Ferguson and Dunn defended their plan to create an Options Booklet to help seniors find the opportunities available to them after college. Wen-Ling Lai, a member of the UCPPS advisory committee had questioned whether senior class officers would be able to publish such a booklet.

Ferguson said, "It would be unwise to advertise it in our platform if it wasn't feasible. (UCPPS Director) Marcia Harris thinks in some form this can be a

vital part of the (UCPPS)."

McCain and Carr said their plan to create a forum addressing graduate school enrollment and job hunting would help centralize information for seniors.

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You need that guy like a giraffe needs strep throat. — Ann Landers