

WEATHER

TODAY: Partly cloudy; high low 40s
TUESDAY: Cloudy; high mid-50s

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Faye Wattleton, president of Planned Parenthood Federation of America, will speak at 8 p.m. in Memorial Hall.

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Campus groups await congress budget scrutiny

Fiscally stringent legislature aims to streamline requests

By Jennifer Talhelm
Staff Writer

Many campus organizations will see their budgets cut when a fiscally conservative Student Congress sinks its teeth into their student activities fee requests.

Congress members say they want to make sure the more than \$200,000 that funds student groups is spent wisely and legally according to the Student Government Code. Congress will spend the weekend discussing next year's allocations in budget hearings.

Rep. Carl Clark, Dist. 18, said he thought congress would cut programs this year.

"I foresee some big cuts," Clark

said. "We're trying to cut the fat." Any group that asks for more than \$10,000 asks for too much, Clark said. But many groups ask for much more than \$10,000.

"I think that's when I need to speak to people," he said. "I want to see why they're asking for that much money. I'm going in (to the hearings) saying 'Convince me you need that much money.'"

Many congress members echoed Clark's sentiments that conservatism was necessary while hearing fee requests.

Congress Speaker Tim Moore said students supported Student Congress' **See CONSERVATIVES, page 3**

By Marcy J. Walsh
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Members of several campus organizations fear Student Congress will slash their student fee allocations because some representatives do not think their groups benefit the entire campus.

Budget proposals were submitted to congress Friday and will be evaluated at this weekend's Finance Committee hearings.

Tim Moore, congress speaker, said the committee would make its recommendations at the full congress hearings Feb. 22-23.

Svati Shodhan, chairwoman of the Carolina Gay and Lesbian Association, said she was concerned congress members would cut CGLA's funds because congress members thought the group targeted only the homosexual community.

"If we are defunded, people will be outraged," Shodhan said.

The CGLA is a confidential, safe

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place for members of the gay and lesbian community, but it also educates the heterosexual community about homosexual issues, she said.

"Every program we do is pertinent to other groups."

CGLA members want to educate leaders of other campus organizations because they will continue to be leaders in the community after they graduate, Shodhan said. They must recognize that a lesbian and gay community exists, she said.

The CGLA uses its funds for Lesbian-Gay Awareness Week, administrative needs and a newsletter, Shodhan said.

The CGLA's newsletter, Lambda, has 150 subscribers and reaches students on and off campus. Without sufficient funding, fewer newsletters will be printed, she said.

"Fewer people would have access to the CGLA and the gay community on

campus and in the area," Shodhan said. "It's essential that it remains."

The CGLA is requesting less money from the Finance Committee this year, she said.

Toija Riggins, Black Student Movement minister of information, said the issue of cutting the BSM's student fees surfaced every year.

The BSM is thought of as a minority group, not one that reaches the entire campus, she said.

With the Opeyo! Dancers and the BSM Gospel Choir, BSM reaches the entire campus and not just the black community, Riggins said. "It's seen as a cultural outlet," she said.

"It's all a subjective choice. If they don't think we've been productive, they cut it."

Black Ink, the BSM-sponsored newspaper, has had a problem getting funds, Riggins said.

"There's no way we can improve if we don't have enough resources to improve what we have."

BSM has had just enough money to get by in past years, she added.

Nanci Locklear, Carolina Indian Circle president, pointed out that every group would be hurt financially because money was scarce. "There's nothing we can do about it."

Congress will recognize how much the Carolina Indian Circle has contributed to the campus, Locklear said.

Programs such as Native-American Heritage Month, the oral performance group Unheard Voices, films and campus powwows benefit and educate the University community, she said.

"There is a widespread need for education about Native Americans," she said.

The Carolina Indian Circle will have to cut back expenses for powwows and speakers if congress cuts its funding.

Moore said congress members made individual decisions about groups that should be supported. "Congress will fairly evaluate all the groups requesting funds."



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Wet winners

Trish McHardy, a sophomore from Charlotte, grabs a quick breath Sunday between strokes during the 1,650-meter freestyle race in the 14th Annual ACC Swimming and

Diving Championships in Koury Natatorium. McHardy finished second in 16 minutes, 40.90 seconds, and the UNC team won the overall competition.

Student fees might aid town buses' operation

By Deborah Ann Greenwood
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Campus officials are considering a plan to use student fees to aid Chapel Hill transit because recent federal funding cuts have ravaged the bus system's budget.

Student government, along with the Chapel Hill Town Council, proposed to use a \$2.5 million transportation trust fund created by student fees to help the bus system next year, said Caitlin Reed, student liaison to the town council.

"We want to use the money from this trust fund since students are the main riders of the buses," Reed said. "We are trying to work with the town until the Chapel Hill transit system's funds are restored."

Reed said that next year's federal grant would decrease significantly and that other systems would share the funds for the first time.

"About one-third of the funds for the buses come from the federal government," Reed said. "They will have \$800,000 less next year and will be sharing \$1.1 million with Durham, less

than what Chapel Hill receives alone right now."

Student Body President Matt Heyd said the fund was made up of the \$25 collected annually from each student for transportation costs.

"The fund was raised from the \$25 student transportation fees, but in the fee study that the BOT (Board of Trustees) approved it was clear that unspent money like this could be used for the program," Heyd said.

The fees originally were intended to improve service for student riders, since the University already contributes substantial funds to the bus system, Heyd said. "The fund was supposed to help establish such things as lower fares and more routes but could also be used in special situations such as this."

Heyd said he would meet with Reed and Transportation Director John Devito to discuss different options for helping the bus crisis.

"The use of the fee has been approved by the Board of Trustees and Governors," he said. "But it will prob-

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2 new University groups try to answer questions about effective advising

By Jennifer Mueller
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A quick quiz for UNC students: Do you know how many more credits you need to graduate? What are the specific requirements for your major? Should you be in the Honors Program? What's your adviser's name?

Sadly enough, there are students who can't answer any of these questions, but two committees began meeting last week to examine problems in the advising system, said Kathleen Benzaquin, assistant dean of the General College.

An advisory task force will spend the next two months examining the advising system in both General College and the College of Arts and Sciences.

The task force, appointed by Stephen Birdsall, interim dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, comprises students, faculty representatives from different academic departments and advisers from both colleges.

The Student Advisory Committee, formed by Benzaquin, will make recommendations to improve the General College advising system. The committee comprises mostly freshmen and sophomores.

Birdsall explained two reasons for the task force's formation.

"It's been eight or nine years since the whole system has been reviewed," he said. "We decided it was time to do it."

In addition, "It just occurred to us that with Caroline, this had the potential of changing the whole advising relationship between advisers and students."

Joseph Lowman, task force chairman, said Caroline might help cut down

routine advising matters.

"We have had problems for a long time," Lowman said. "Now that we have this great new technology, (the question to consider is): Should we change the advising system?"

Preliminary task force suggestions included enabling students to access their records on computer, Lowman said.

"They could find out how many more credits they need to graduate with a touch of a button," he said.

Benzaquin said all General College advisers would be given a computer with access to Caroline to be able to register students and to find open courses from their offices.

Sophomore Drupti Chauhan, member of both the task force and advisory committee, said such a computer system would be extremely helpful.

"When I do have problems, I tend to wait until the last minute — which is what everyone does — and then there's always a huge line," Chauhan said. "It's frustrating not to have an alternative system."

Lowman said departmental advisers in the College of Arts and Sciences probably would be examined. "Arts and Sciences gets very specialized," he said. "It's not centralized."

Lowman said the task force also might examine the question of full-time vs. faculty advisers. "You don't need to be a faculty member in a department to get some information to students."

The task force hopes for a great deal of feedback, Lowman said. Questionnaires already have been sent to faculty members and advisers.

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SBP ISSUES

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STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT CANDIDATES	ACADEMICS	ROLE OF GOVT	STUDENT FEES	ENVIRONMENT	WHY RUNNING
 RASHMI AIRAN	"UNC students need at least three reading days." She introduced the Peer Advising Program to provide a new perspective to the advising process.	Government must fight for a free-standing Black Cultural Center, departmental status for the African and Afro-American curriculum, recruitment of Native-American faculty and a.p.p.i.e.s. Government should coordinate grassroots political involvement in state and national campaigns.	An appointed development officer will research alternative funding resources for student projects.	Will fight for the total environment, citing the South Loop Road as a primary battle.	To open up student politics to ensure accessibility and the production of tangible solutions by working with all students.
 MARK BIBBS	Believes hiring more instructors who know how to teach is the key to improving academics.	Student leaders must help establish a free-standing Black Cultural Center, obtain more campus security to battle the number of rapes and assaults, raise the amount of student financial aid and work with the General Assembly to solve the problems faced by students.	Will fight "relentlessly" to keep student fees as low as possible.	Cost-efficient lights should replace older ones in residence halls and campus buildings.	His experience and leadership abilities will help him face internal challenges and unite the campus to fight budget cuts as a community.
 JOHN MOODY	Will logically reschedule exam times, establish a target grade option with the pass/fail policy and move Reading Day off Saturday.	Government should aid in the founding of a multicultural center to alleviate racial tensions, establish an African-American department, increase the number of bicycle racks on campus and work to increase the number of business hours at Union Station.	Congress should allocate more money to graduate student programs, and student government salaries should be discontinued.	More recycling stations are necessary — and he will empty them himself if necessary.	To address the day-to-day problems facing all students in a logical, straightforward manner in the form of a student who wants to serve.
 SCOTT PEELER	Plans to challenge the athletic officials to raise the prices of revenue sports tickets by \$1 to benefit the library system.	Government must find a.p.p.i.e.s. temporary funding, help raise money for the Black Cultural Center, focus on the needs of graduate students and lend support and attention to University housekeepers.	Executive branch should be a watchdog on student fees and should consider alternatives to increasing student fees.	Permanent recycling bins on the first floor of all classroom buildings will make recycling a permanent practice at UNC.	To listen, hear and act in his campaign to decrease the amount of talking about student problems and increase the amount of action to solve them.
 MARK SHELBURNE	Majors' unions will establish student input into class offerings and requirements for graduation.	Student government should revamp its committees. The Finance Committee must focus on the budgeting of student groups, the Rules and Judiciary Committee must work to avoid contradictions in laws and the Student Affairs Committee must have control over one-time allocations.	Will establish a policy requiring the consent of students for fee increases to give students power.	Experience with a national environmental action organization during the past summer will help him face the needs of UNC, including South Loop Road.	To support the efforts of student groups without interfering in them, create a voice for the student body where it has none and strengthen that voice where it exists.

Think sideways. — Edward DeBono