

UNCA

"After due consideration of all requests motions were made and seconded relative to allocations to each organization," the minutes state.

Campus Commission allocated a total of \$8,800 to the various clubs and organizations for the fall semester, according to the minutes.

The budgets for the most expensive organizations on campus, such as Underdog Productions, SGA and **The Banner**, were reviewed last spring by the Campus Commission of 1987-1988.

At that meeting, Dr. Marketta Laurila, Betsy Mayes, Squibb and Iovacchini were present as faculty representatives; Tony McKinney and Yates were present at the meeting as student representatives.

Vivienne Lackey, former business manager of Campus Commission, and Petty were present as guests.

Fall Allotments of student funds

Black Student Association	\$ 800
Cheerleaders	600
Pep Band	600
SESDA	450
BACCCHUS	450
Ebony Choir	400
Baptist Student Union	350
Music Club	350
Alpha Phi Omega	300
Greek Council	300
Literature Club	250
Spanish Club	250
French Club	250
Pi Lambda Phi	200
Inter Varsity Council	200
Sigma Pi Sigma	200
Psi Chi	200
Project Why	200
N.C. Student Legislature	200
Peer Mentor Program	200
History Association	200
Panhellenic	200
Political Science Association	200
Student Health Advisory Council	200
Economics Club	200
Residence Hall Association	200
Monday Morning	150
International Student Association	150
Ecology Club	150
Outdoor Club	150
American Chemical Society	150
Phi Eta Sigma	100

Healthbeat

Safe sex program developed

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The Student Health Advisory Council (SHAC) is working with health educators from the American Red Cross and the Buncombe County Health Department to develop a safe sex program for the students of UNCA.

The spread of AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) has brought about the need for such a program, according to Jerry Crouch, of the Health Department. "There is no drug...education is all we can do," Crouch said.

The alarming rate in which AIDS is spreading has made health departments increase their efforts to educate the public on safe sex practices.

"It is estimated that by 1991, there will be 270,000 cumulative cases of AIDS in the United States," and by 1993, the number of AIDS cases should reach 450,000, according to information provided by the Red Cross.

"The National Academy of Sciences predicted that heterosexual transmission of AIDS would increase sevenfold by 1991, and the Surgeon General has warned the threat of AIDS has made casual sex hazardous to anyone's health," according to a statement made by the Red Cross.

The AIDS virus, known as the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), is transmitted through blood and sexual body fluids.

The Red Cross stresses people cannot get AIDS from donating blood because since 1985, blood donations have been tested for HIV before they are added to the blood

supply.

The use of safe sex practices, primarily the use of a condom, is the best form of protection against AIDS, other than abstinence.

Since AIDS can be transmitted by sharing needles from other IV drug users, AIDS educators suggest "avoid drug use, or do not share needles if you do."

"John" is an AIDS patient who works now as an AIDS educator. He "takes every opportunity to educate.... We have to educate. It doesn't matter what your sexual orientation is," he said. "The AIDS virus does not care who you are or what your habits are. It can strike anyone."

John has seen the horrible death many AIDS victims experience. In fact, he has watched AIDS kill most of his friends. Now, he is spending his spare time caring for a dying AIDS patient in his home.

When John speaks to groups, he tells them to "insist on using a condom. That's the only way to protect yourself."

In choosing a condom, AIDS educators stress that you should use one made of latex and avoid any oil-based lubricants that can deteriorate the condom. Many condoms contain the spermicide nonoxynol-9, which has been effective in killing both the herpes and AIDS viruses, according to the Health Center.

AIDS educators highly recommend a condom be used in any sexual activity that may involve fluid exchanges. Since pre-ejaculatory fluid can transmit

the AIDS virus, a condom should be worn before any close contact begins, educators advise.

People need to know what type of condom is best for their needs and insist on using one because it is impossible to tell by observation whether or not a person is a carrier of the AIDS virus.

"It takes two weeks to six months for HIV antibodies to develop. Two negative tests taken six months apart are a fairly sure sign that an individual is negative for HIV antibodies," according to information from the Red Cross.

Since the only way to know if someone has been exposed to the AIDS virus is through a blood test, the Red Cross offers these recommendations to help reduce your risk of infection: remain in a monogamous relationship with someone you know is safe, use condoms to avoid possible exposure to the virus, abstain from having multiple sexual relationships (one night stands) with persons whose sexual history is unknown to you, and avoid drug use and sharing needles.

Student health advisors are developing a safe sex program for UNCA. The program will be given by SHAC working with the faculty and staff of the Wienzenblatt Health Center.

The program, which is designed to educate students on the need for safe sex practices, will try to clear up popular misconceptions and answer questions students may have. For more information, contact the Health Center at 258-6513.

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