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Bush won't let SCHIP sail

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President Bush has announced plans to veto a bill that would provide increased funding for the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP).

The bill, passed in the Senate and the House with bipartisan support, would provide health care for four million uninsured children.

SCHIP provides health care for children whose parents make too much money to qualify for Medicaid, but not enough to afford private health insurance. The proposed expansion of the program would increase funding by \$35 billion dollars over the next five years. Funds for the program would come from a 61-cent increase on the cigarette tax.

The Senate passed the proposal to expand the program 67 to 29. Eighteen Republicans and all of the Democrats voted in favor of the bill. John McCain and Barack Obama were among the four senators who did not vote.

"I think it's really difficult to imagine how a president can say 'No' to a program that is seemingly 100 percent good, like health insurance for children," said Assistant Professor of Political Science Kyle Dell, "but I think digging deeper and trying to understand why he's saying 'No' is worth the investigation. I think that at least part of it is a principled argument against increased government involvement in health insurance and that comes from (Bush's) deeper ideological beliefs."

Bush has expressed fear that too many middle-class families will take advantage of the program's expansion to convert from private and employer-provided health insurance to government-funded care. The congressional budget office estimated that roughly two million children currently covered by private health insurance would switch over to SCHIP if the program were expanded.

"Congressional leaders have put forward an irresponsible plan that would dramatically expand this program beyond its original intent," Bush said in a public statement. "They know I will veto it. But it is good that they kept the program running while they try to work out a more responsible

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Former Director of Women's Studies must leave

SCHMIDT INELIGIBLE FOR TENURE CONSIDERATION

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To be eligible for tenure at Guilford, a professor must have completed the terminal degree in their field by the fall semester of their sixth year at Guilford. In the case of Kathryn Schmidt, assistant professor of sociology and anthropology, the terminal degree is a Ph.D. in sociology.

Though she has finished writing her dissertation and fulfilled all other requirements for her Ph.D., Schmidt is unable to apply for tenure at Guilford because she has not defended her dissertation before a committee.

"At this point, I've written the dissertation, the committee has read it, and has scheduled a defense," Schmidt said. "They tell me that they think it's good. However, because I have not been registered for classes at UNC, where I'm getting my degree, I had to reapply and I won't be readmitted until January 2008."

According to the Faculty Handbook, "written evidence from the degree-granting institution must be received by the academic dean before the opening faculty meeting in the fall of the year the person is scheduled to come up for tenure."

Schmidt cannot submit proof that she has completed her Ph.D. for another semester, rendering her ineligible for tenure consideration.

Because Guilford did not allow Schmidt to be reviewed for tenure and then deny it, she cannot appeal the decision.

"The only thing that appeals are for is nega-

tive decisions," Academic Dean Adrienne Israel, said. "But this is not an evaluation of her. It's a matter of not meeting a deadline."

Schmidt has been teaching sociology and women's studies classes at Guilford since the fall of 2002. For two years, she served as Guilford's director of women's studies.

"Women's studies is something that I'm deeply committed to," Schmidt said. "When I was hired, it was with the understanding that that program was something I would contribute to."

After her second year as the program's director, Schmidt stepped down to finish her dissertation, the capstone of her doctorate. The final stage of the dissertation is "defending" it before a committee of senior faculty that evaluates the quality of the work. The committee either accepts the dissertation or asks for revisions.

"After a successful defense, they award you the doctorate," Schmidt said.

Schmidt's defense takes place this semester, too late to meet Guilford's deadline.

"Very few schools allow you to defend in the summer, so if you haven't done your defense during the spring semester before you come up for review, it is very unlikely you will be able to get it done," Israel said. "It might be better to have the deadline (to complete a degree) earlier ... or later."

Schmidt's contract with Guilford lasts until May 2009. The extra time allows her to look for

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Campus Life takes action against date rape drugs

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Pamphlets are scattered throughout campus warning students about a recent date-rape drug incident. This is the first such incident that has occurred in more than five years.

"Date-rape drugs have not been a problem in the past, but alcohol has been involved in sexual misconduct cases here," senior Katie Yow said. Yow is part of Students Against Rape Culture (SARC), a project of the club Gender Equality Now.

However, Alyson Kienle, associate dean for campus life, has seen

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GUILFORD FOOTBALL: CHARITY EVENT

Quakers win Souper Bowl for third straight year

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It's not February and this isn't the NFL, but it's still the Souper Bowl. On the night of Sept. 29, the Quaker football squad faced off against their biggest rivals, the Greensboro College Pride in the 11th annual Gate City Souper Bowl. Approaching Saturday night, the series was tied 5-5, with the Quakers having won the past two Bowls.

The Souper Bowl, which joins both college communities in an effort to feed the hungry, gets its name from the canned food drive that is held before the game with the Urban Ministry Church

and Food Assistance Inc. The cost of admission is waived for those who bring two non-perishable items of food to the game.

Last year's match came down to the wire and went into double over-time. While Saturday's game ended during regulation, the level of intensity was equally high.

The referee blew his whistle, and they were off.

The Pride got the ball first and scored a touchdown their opening drive. The power of Quarterback Josh Vogelbach's arm, coupled with three Pride penalties in the first minute and a half of the Quaker's



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