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What all this might suggest is that students simply don't know or don't care about how student fees get distributed. They just want it done fairly.

In short, students don't want to watch the sausage being made

### The Not-So-Gory Details

Really, it's not so complicated. And students ought to know — after all, it's their money, and next week they will have the opportunity to elect the people who will spend it. As congress Speaker Monica Cloud said, the process "is fair only if it is in the right hands."

Student Congress, which has existed at UNC in many different forms through the years, is now composed of 37 representa-

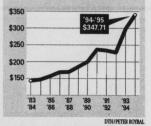
tives elected from 23 districts.
In the 1920s and early 1930s, UNC students voted on fees collected to fund student services. In 1941, the student legislature took on the power of collecting and allocating these student fees.

The current system of fee allocation has existed for about 10 years at UNC. Under this system, officially recognized student organizations can ask congress for money. Requests are written into bills and are reviewed by the Student Congress Finance Committee.

The finance committee forwards the bill to the full congress with a recommen-

# **Student Fees Increases**

Fees have risen rapidly in recent years following a period when the BOG refused to consider



dation of whether to support or oppose the bill. It can also send it forward with "no

If congress passes the bill, the student body president can sign or veto it or allow it to become law without his signature. Vetoes can be overridden by a two-thirds

majority of congress. Officially, signing or vetoing bills is the primary responsibility of the student body president related to congress. Informally, of course, the president can put his or her weight behind a bill when it passes through

Or, Student Body Treasurer Wayne Rashsaid, "If(the president) wanted to, he could put an obstacle in there (the veto) that in most instances I don't think congress could overcome."
Bills that pass and are signed are turned

over to the Student Activities Fund Office, which physically distributes student fees. To use their money, organizations have to appoint a treasurer and he or she has to pass a test on UNC procedures, Rash said. Groups have to file requisitions for each

purchase. The requisitions are then approved by SAFO and sometimes by Rash and finance committee Chairman Tom Lyon. If funds were approved for one category (such as office supplies), they must be spent on that, or the group must get approval from Lyon and Rash to spend it elsewhere.

"There is a lot of paperwork, and it is somewhat bureaucratic, but there are sufficient checks to make sure money is spent

appropriately," Rash said.

Money that is not spent by May 15 is reallocated by congress. Last year, \$20,000 reverted back to congress, he said.

### Where Congress Gets the Cash

If you're a full-time nonsenior undergraduate student, you paid \$347.71 in student fees this semester. But most of that money was allocated long before you paid Congress and the student body president only hand out about \$30 of each student's fees per semester, Rash said. This year, that gave congress about \$190,000.

The remaining fees are determined by a of the review committee created last year by Chancellor Paul Hardin, and they fund everything from Student Health Services to films shown in the Union.

Each spring, the committee, which is led by the student body president and includes representatives from the administration, faculty and staff, meets to review fee increase requests.

Some of these requests come from stu-dent referendums that passed, such as the one to increase student fees 50 cents to pay for the Carolina Course Review. Other increases are proposed by departments and advisory boards.

It's not always an easy process to raise fees. In previous years, the Board of Gov-ernors has refused outright to consider any

Even when the BOG is willing to listen, it's a complicated road that begins with a proposal from the fee review committee and flows upward through the chancellor and Board of Trustees and then on to the

Nevertheless, fees have more than doubled in the past 10 years, according to figures provided by the Office of Business

Erica Luetzow contributed to this story

for student affairs.

Cochran said the merits of UGa's system were that many people were involved in the decision-making process and that people closest to the organizations made the funding decisions.

Three of the boards — the media, arts and service boards — comprise both stu-dents and faculty, while the student board is composed entirely of students, Swanson

Chris McLaughlin, president of the Georgetown Student Association, said he thought his school's system worked

not be reduced to becoming accountants. I think that (distribution) can be given to an independent board.'

## **FORUM**

dent Health Services was not meeting

women's needs as well as they could.

Candidate Stacey Brandenburg pointed to the need for a consensual amor tionship policy to prevent students from feeling uncomfortable with their profes-

Jen Fiumara said the campus climate

for women was one of disunity "There is a rift between women and

Kelly Jo Garner said she thought there was "a minority rule of the majority" on campus, referring to the relatively few women in positions of leadership on cam-

The six student body president candidates all voiced support for protecting sexual orientation under the University's non-discrimination policy in an effort to improve the campus climate for non-het-

Brandenburg said she thought the Chancellor's Advisory Committee she established would play a key role at the

They will fight to ensure that the policy will remain in the future." She also said programs should be held for faculty mem-bers through the Center for Teaching and

Fiumara suggested the initiation of a

diversity program at C-TOPS.

Garner said that the goal of campus diversity programs should be to foster ac-

ceptance.
"As a bisexual woman, I feel that stereotypes need to be broken down," Garner

COORS

Coors said that 20 years ago he looked

"I gave up nothing and gained every-

He then asked the members of the audi-

"I care very much about what you do with what you hear tonight," Coors said.

"Jesus Christ is God's only provision for

our sins. We must individually reach out and receive Jesus Christ. It will be the most

important decision that you'll ever make.

ally spoke with members of the audience after his speech.

Jeff Hardy, a junior from Conover and
a member of Campus Crusade for Christ,
said he was very excited to have Coors

Coors ended with a prayer and person-

ence to accept Christ into their hearts.

to Jesus Christ to fill the void in his heart.
"I had 30 years without him and 20 years with him," Coors said.

Simes said he supported a campus women's center as a place for education, a hotline, speeches and meeting.

He said he thought the center should be

vately funded. Simes also said minorities were

underrepresented in the faculty.

"The University faculty does not represent society," he said. Covington asked candidates whether they would maintain a women's issues

position on their cabinet. All candidates except France said they

France said he had not yet decided how

to organize his cabinet.
"I would probably appoint a bisexual or

lesbian woman to that position," Garner

Steve Hoffmann, the only candidate for Graduate and Professional Students Federation president, asked the candidates whether they would push for a systemwide non-discrimination policy while UNC bud-gets were before the state legislature this

spring.
"If we push that policy too hard, we are going to get slaughtered in the General Assembly," Cunningham said.
Assembly, of conservatives in the General

Assembly are willing to use the policy as a political tool."

Brandenburg also said that the University would have to balance its financial needs with its desire to see such a policy

Garner said that the University should work with student leaders and the chancellors at the seven universities in the UNC system that do not currently prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orienta-

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tributes these funds for concerts and speakers, Wolf said.

In addition, different departments, such as the office of the dean of student affairs and the individual deans of schools, have discretionary pools of money from which student groups can apply for grants, he

Some organizations also get direct al-

locations of funds, Wolf said.

"The Black Student Union gets a direct allocation for their programs, 'This comes from the general fund.'

Wolf said that there was constant discussion at Michigan of whether this was the best system to distribute funds and that the administration planned to survey peer institutions and the student body for

"Sometimes it works well, but obviously we are exploring other methods,

"We are trying to prevent students from having to go to 15 different places to get enough funds to run their programs."

Tasha Youngblood, student body treasurer at N.C. State University, said its

■ A Student Congress

system for allocating student funds was

"The rules are known up front, and it is all handled openly," Youngblood said. "We have never had a problem with things being handled unfairly."
Student groups at NCSU have used this system for more than 10 years with the only significant criticisms being that

the only significant criticisms being that the process is too strict and narrov that the cashier issues checks too slowly, Youngblood said.
"We have been criticized with our

rocess being too stringent, but discipline as served its point," she said.

■ Cluster Groups

Because of past communication prob-lems in the funding process, Duke University has recently reorganized its sys-tem of student fee distribution, said Katherine Lambert, chairwoman of the Student Organizations Finance Commis-

Each of the 10 student advisers on the finance commission is assigned to a "cluster," which represents student groups in one area.

For example, there is a cluster for cultural organizations and one for service groups. Each cluster generates a budget that is reviewed by the finance commis-

The commission fits cluster requests into a preliminary budget, which is then shared with the individual groups so that they have a clear idea of how much money

Once the commission finalizes the budget, it is presented to the student legisla-

tive body for approval.

Prior to the changes in the system, groups submitted budgets to the commisbut then had little contact with it until the final round of budget fights. Lambert said she thought that the student groups liked the changes and that the

added contact had been beneficial.
"There was a lot of discord when groups did not get what they wanted and there was no warning," she said.

■ Faculty and Student Committees

At the University of Georgia, each school and college has a committee comprising both students and faculty that reviews funding requests and makes recommendations

In addition, there is a campuswide, nonacademic committee that considers funding requests.

None of the funding groups is related to the student government, said Tom Cochran, assistant to the vice president

"We have a decentralized process," he said. "There is a continuity built into the

Georgetown University also employs a committee system, said Martha Swanson, director of student organiza-

Four advisory boards meet separately every spring to look over student groups' request forms and recommend an amount

well and minimized ethical problems.
"It (a distribution system like UNC's)
turns way political," he said.
"I believe student government should

"He's had a very interesting life, and he has a very interesting story," Hardy added. Campus Crusade for Christ is an interdenominational student movement committed to two goals, campus Director Byron

thing



ADOLPH COORS spoke about his commitment to Christianity on Thursday night in the Great Hall.

evant dialogue within the University community about the person Jesus Christ and provide a place for students who are Chris-tians to join in faith."

# Popping Tops to Help the Ronald McDonald House amount will be substantial. "It just keeps

BY KENDRA GEMMA

The next time you open a soft drink can, you could help a terminally-ill child.
The Ronald McDonald House of Chapel Hill is recycling can tabs as a fund-raiser.
"We collect pop tops, and then we take them to Reynolds Recycling," said Ellen Armstrong, development and public relations director of the Chapel Hill house.

This fund-raiser started locally about two years ago. And although it is not a

national campaign, many Ronald McDonald Houses participate.
The pop tops are paid for by the pound. And while Armstrong said it was too early to determine how much money the fundations of the population of the population of the properties of the raiser earned this year, she hopes that the

**HERO** 

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Families who stay in the house have to be referred to it by the UNC Hospitals staff, for any reason. "We don't specify what type of clientele stay here," Baxter said. "We do ask that they pay \$8 a night."

When the families eat in the house, they

are required to cook their own meals mos

of the time. The house supplies snacks and

items used for baking, and outside sources often provide donated food. These items

are provided free of charge to the families.

Many of the families that stay at the

house do so because they have nowhere

else to go. "Only about 40 percent of the clientele can pay the \$8 per night," he said. "If they can't afford it, that's fine. This is

He continually emphasizes the support

that the community provides for the house. "We're very fortunate to be located in this area," he said. "The community has been

very supportive, and we have a great rela-tionship with the hospital.

Families who stay in the house have to

increasing," she said. "We took a relatively small load and got \$50." The pop tops are the only part of the can collected for a couple of reasons. "One is strictly storage," Armstrong said. "More importantly is the cleanliness."

The Ronald McDonald House offers rooms for families of the strictly storage.

rooms for families of ill children who are patients at local hospitals. "The house not only provides a shelter, but it's also a com-

ting place," Armstrong said. Each family has its own room and bathroom, and there are common rooms for families to meet together and talk.

campaign goes back to the house to cover operating costs, Armstrong said.

All of the money collected during the Recycling pop tops is not the sole fund-

In addition to corporate donations, the

Ronald McDonald House in Chapel Hill receives money from local programs that it runs, such as a golf tournament Local groups, including clubs, businesses, fraternities and sororities, come in and help the house from time to time. "We have campus groups come in and bake food forus," Baxtersaid. "The McDonald's on Franklin Street provides dinner on Wednesdays. And Domino's Pizza deliv-

ers pizzas to us on Friday nights."

Before coming to the Ronald McDonald
House, Baxter had retired, in December 1990, from his job of 14 years as director of the Orange-Person-Chatham counties

mental health program.

"I had retired from my previous job and had been playing a lot of golf," he said.
"But it just didn't seem to meet my needs." retired too early. I felt like I still had a contribution to make, and I found that

Baxter is very satisfied with the work he has done at the house. "I guess the most satisfying part is the roughly 20,000 people's lives we've touched, and hopefully helped, and there's a radiance in the family's eyes when the patient is discharged."

The job is not always pleasant, however, and it has its frustrating times. "Some

raiser of the Ronald McDonald House. Luminary kits are a money earner during the holidays. A golf tournament held in June, the Carolina Kids' Classic, brings in cash for the Chapel Hill house and two

others. Also a trip to Disney World is raffled off in the spring.
"We have one (fund-raiser) in the fall, "A Tasteful Affair," Armstrong said. "Patrons pay one ticket price and try all the

food (supplied by local restaurants) food (supplied by local restaurants)."

A diverse crowd takes part in the pop top fund-raiser. "There's no limitation (as to who participates)," she said. "A lot of campus organizations help.

In addition, churches, individuals and service groups have helped in the past.

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**BILL BAXTER** 

**Executive director of Ronald McDonald** 

House in Chapel Hill

kids just never seem to get any better," he

said. "Fortunately, we don't have many of

December 1992, signing on for three years. He said he would retire at the end of this year as planned.

If one were to read Baxter's job descrip-tion, it would describe his job as one of

oversight and management. But Baxter's

job description is not what defines his or anyone else's duties. "We're all peers here,"

he said. "I work with people; they don't work for me. We all pull our own weight,

major from Staten Island, N.Y., who is an intern at the house, agreed. "He makes it

and no one stands on protocol.' Diane Loveridge, a senior journalism major from Staten Island, N.Y., who is an

Baxter took the job at the house in

those cases."

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bring the experience home and help ou Tammy Shumate, co-president of Cobb Residence Hall, said that Cobb and Joyner residence halls would be collecting pop tops for the fund-raiser.

"We knew (the money) was going to Ronald McDonald House, so we wanted to help out as a group," said Shumate, a junior from McGrady. She said they wanted to help out the community.

The containers where the pop tops will be collected have yet to be placed in the

halls. "It's up to the environmental reps," Shumate said. "But most likely they'll be by the drink machines and maybe by the

Other residence hall area governments have discussed participation in the fund-raiser as well.

easier to do your job," she said. "He helps you in any way he can." Loveridge is one of 11 students who work as interns there When he refers to the staff of the house, Baxter always uses the word "we," not "they" or "I." It is this sense of shared responsibility that pervades the entire house. "Without the volunteers and the support from the community, we simply could not function," he said. "It's a team.

"The real heroes are the volunteers and the founders," he added. "I work here, but I'm one of many. We have volunteers who have over 2,000 hours of service racked up

the commitment is incredible.' Ellen Armstrong is in charge of development and public relations at the house.
She, like the others who have worked with

Baxter, has the utmost respect for him. 'He has a great relationship with all of the staff," Armstrong said. "We all kind of pitch in, because the families are the first concern. The house is a joint effort of the day, to the interns, to the volunteers - it's

a real pulling together."

Armstrong, like Baxter, emphasizes the importance of the volunteers. "They're a big deal," she said. "Without them, the house would fail. They make a tremendous difference."

# He said, "We promote culturally rel-**UNC Opens Investigation of E-Mail Hacker**

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS A computer hacker has broken into the University of North Carolina's primary email system and illegally accessed hundreds of accounts, authorities said.

Jim Gogan, director of the UNC Office of Information Technology, filed a report with campus police Wednesday to open a criminal investigation while the technol-ogy office tries to learn how the hacker got into the system

The suspect does not appear to have peeked at users' electronic messages or damaged computer files or systems, Gogan

If anything, this hacker, like most, probably broke into the system simply for the thrill of doing so — and as a way to crack other systems illegally, he said. "They're generally not out to do anything malicious or damaging, "Gogan said.
"It's usually just very qualified, very tal-ented programmers that have too much time on their hands. They like to impress their friends and their ego with how many systems they can

Nonetheless, officials are taking seriously the breach of security of the system involved, known as Isis.

The Isis system provides electronic mail and Internet access to 16,000 students, faculty and staff members.

It is the largest such system on campus

and has been growing rapidly, up from 9,000 users in September.

The possible penalties for hacking are serious, with a felony charge of unauthorized access of computers carrying a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison.

# **Black History Month Spotlight**

Eva Clayton Eva Clayton
Clayton was assistant secretary for communication development with the N.C. Department of
Natural Resources and Community Developments.
She specialized in the development and directorship of the Soul City Foundation.
Clayton attended law school and the Government Executive Institute School of Business Administration at UNC-Chapel Hill. And, in Novem-

FRIDAY
NOON Student Body President Candidates'
Debate will be held in the Pit until 1 p.m. Everyone
is encouraged to attend.
SATURDAY

1 p.m. Big Buddy Black History Month Celebra-1 p.m. big Buddy Black History Month Celebra-tion will be held until 4 p.m. in Great Hall of the Union. All campus children's groups are invited for an afternoon of cultural events, games and fun! SUNDAY 1 p.m. Alpha Phi Alpha Annual Spades Tourna-ment will be held until 6 p.m. in Great Hall of the Union. See a brother to register, or call Malcolm at 914-6181.

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2:39 p.m. Second Sunday Readings with novelist
Randall Kenan and poet Michael Chitwood, will be
held in Wilson Library. A reception and book signing
will follow the presentation. Sponsored by UNC's
Creative Writing Program.
7 p.m. Holy Cross Gospel Choir from Durham
will celebrate Student Mass at the Newman Catholic

ber 1992, North Carolina sent its first woman to Congress. Clayton, a positive and intelligent African-American woman, has served as chairwoman of the Housing Association of County Officials in Washington, D.C.

Some of her congressional successes included creating a rural health-care facility, securing 900 jobs and \$55 million dollars in investments, and passing a bond issue for school construction.

**Campus Calendar** Center, with a reception following.

Community Service Week will hold an interest meeting in Union 224.

7 p.m. Phi Alpha Delta MANDATORY meeting for all members and applicants will be held in Union 212.

Carolina NORMI. will hold an interest meeting in Murphey 111. Bring you Blockbuster Video Cards! ITEMS OF INTEREST

Carnations for your loved one? Sigma Gamma Rho will be selling Valentine's Day carnations in the Pit today or in the Union depending on the weather, for only \$1.50 each. Order now and they will deliver. Star Trek Convention will be held at the N.C. State Fairgrounds all day on Saturday and Sunday. Receive a discount on admission with a UNC ID. Club Baseball will hold tryouts Tuesday at the Carrboro Community Park. If you need a ride, be at Hinton James at 3 p.m. Call Eric at 932-7561 for more information.

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