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## Heineman Defends Position on Student Issues

■ The U.S. representative speaks with a mixed audience on student aid cuts, the environment and the deficit.

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Fourth District U.S. Rep. Fred Heineman, R-N.C., addressed a politically diverse crowd of about 70 UNC students Monday, defending his position on issues ranging from the environment to student aid cuts.

Heineman stood behind his vote to cut \$12.4 billion from the Stafford Loan program at the representative's second forum, which was sponsored by UNC's Young Republicans.

Heineman, whose district includes eight colleges and universities, said the same amount of money is going to be available through the Stafford Loan program if the cuts are passed, the only difference being that students are going to have to start paying interest on their loans. He said the interest payments would amount to about \$45 dollars a month.

"When I went to the University of Bridgeport I worked nights slinging Coca-Cola boxes to pay my way through," Heineman said.

Heineman admitted to voting against Pell Grant cuts and emphasized that it was a vote which did not make him very popular within his own party. "I felt compelled to represent the district in that regard," he said. "I thought they cut too much out of the college loans." Heineman said the Senate may cut even more from the Pell Grant program than the amount approved by the House.

After a short presentation by the congressman, the floor was opened for questions. Student Body President Calvin Cunningham was the first to take advantage of the opportunity, and he asked Heineman what students could do to fight student aid cuts.

"In Washington right now, Congress has proposed the deepest cuts to student aid in this country's history," Cunningham said. "I know this issue is not entirely in Heineman's hands; that's why I have asked him what we can do. One problem I have with Heineman's priorities is that deficit cutting does not produce returns for the people of this district like an

investment in higher education would."

When student activist John Dervin presented Heineman with a resolution written by the UNC-system Student Government Association, which asked that he and other N.C. representatives oppose any and all student aid cuts, Heineman said he could not make any promises. Heineman held up the proposal and stated, "This will not be a reality."

Heineman voted to abolish the Department of Education. But he said he thought the House leadership was planning to merge it with the Department of Labor. He said the states could do a better job of managing education. "I think we need to bring education back home," Heineman said. "I'm not against education. The cuts are really to work for your kids and grandkids."

Heineman defended his voting record on the environment. He said he did not deserve the poor environmental reputation that he has. Heineman voted to increase logging and the construction of roads in national forests. "The National Park Service misuses millions of dollars," Heineman said. "I co-sponsored a bill to stop off-shore drilling and voted to relocate low-level waste in Wake County."

Heineman said voting to cut the Environmental Protection Agency funding was very painful to him, particularly because 2,200 EPA employees and voters are in his district. "Sure, I'm for clean air and water," he said. "I want a new EPA building. I want to know we have the best facility for clean air in the world. I voted to get the EPA building funded, and I hope to get it funded."

Heineman said he is determined to help pass a balanced budget resolution and work on the national debt. "We have resolved to run a balanced budget between now and 2036," he said. "We're paying every year over \$225 billion just on debt service. We want to stop that."

Heineman said he was in favor of cuts in a federal program that pays former drug addicts and alcoholics to stay off drugs. In addition, Heineman supported reform to the federally-funded legal services programs. He said he was worried that the programs are frequently abused.

"Certainly if you're disadvantaged you should have the money," he said. "Legal services has a history of trying to generate lawsuits against businesses."



U.S. Rep. Fred Heineman speaks to the Young Republicans on Monday evening in the Student Union. Heineman focused on policies he supported in the past and those he will back in the future.

## Students Push BCC Campaign

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With fund raising for a free-standing Sonja H. Stone Black Cultural Center at a virtual standstill, various student groups on campus are preparing to continue efforts initiated last semester to join together and help bridge the nearly \$5 million gap in building funds.

The BCC Student Fund-Raising Committee, composed of representatives from a number of campus groups, met last spring to consider the progress of the University development office's fund-raising campaign. The committee proposed various student-run fund-raisers, from phone-a-thons to multicultural shows, Campus Y Special Projects Coordinator Katie Rossini said.

"We discussed the feasibility of various fund-raising projects and considered how we could pool our resources," Rossini said. She said the committee, which currently lacks a chairperson, would meet again soon to decide on more definitive action.

Since the Board of Trustees approved the BCC fund-raising plan more than two years ago, the campaign has secured only about \$2 million of the \$7 million needed for the project.

Ladell Robbins, president of the Black Student Movement, said he was optimistic that the possible student fund-raisers would attract other donors.

"We want to show that students are

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## Student Fees May Be Used to Fund U-Bus

■ The Housing Department will not provide money for the free route after this year.

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While the popularity of the fare-free U-bus is undeniable, the source of funds to continue the program next year is still undecided.

Based on data compiled from Aug. 15 to Sept. 15 by the Department of Transportation and Parking and Chapel Hill Transit, use of the U-bus has risen dramatically since last year.

The average weekday ridership for the U-route last year was 1,228. The weekday average for the first month of this semester was 2,618 — an increase of 113 percent.

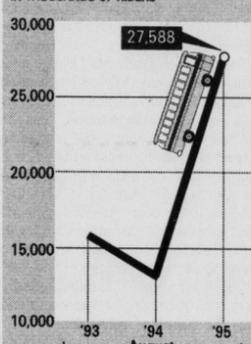
The U-bus is currently funded by the University's Department of Housing, but the department does not intend to continue paying for the \$60,000 program, Associate Director of Housing Anne Presnell said.

"We are funding it this year with the plan that there will be a different source of funds for next year," she said.

The Department of Housing had only agreed to fund the project in its first year, said Randy Young, the DTP's marketing specialist.

### U-Bus Ridership Soars

The popularity of the shuttle has skyrocketed since fares were eliminated. IN THOUSANDS OF RIDERS



SOURCE: CHAPEL HILL TRANSIT AUTHORITY DTH/ALANA SMITH

"It was proposed that this would be funded as a one-year pilot project by (University housing)," Young said. "They wanted to see what the students' response would be."

This year's free U-bus project was intended as a short-term test to measure

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## Town Looking to Prevent Future Flooding Problems

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After determining estimated costs and damages caused by the August flash flood, Chapel Hill town officials are working to be better prepared for even the slightest possibility of future floods.

Town engineering director George Small said officials were looking into detention/retention facilities that would reduce peak flows, impervious surface limitations and localized flood proofing measures.

He said localized flood proofing would include raising and moving buildings, and waterproofing on an individual basis.

"A report will be submitted to the Town Council on Wednesday outlining these measures," Small said. "If they have no

problem, we will begin an investigation working with engineers on these options. We will wait and see what the council wants."

Town Manager Cal Horton said the town spent an estimated \$42,600 in municipal cleanup and repairs. Horton said this figure included wages for work crews, damages to greenways and cleanup at apartment complexes.

"We don't have any estimates of damage done to private property," Horton said. Plans are being made to work with the council to find ways to reduce the potential of such extensive damage happening again, Horton said.

"I don't know that this particular problem can be prevented," he said. "There is always a chance that a rainstorm of that intensity and duration could flood those

particular areas (again)."

The Aug. 27 flood caused extensive damage to much of the town. Most of the damage was concentrated along the Bolin Creek drainage area. There was also damage in Umstead Park along the Bolin Creek trail and around University Mall.

As a result of the intense rain, sections of the Bolin Creek trail were closed to the public for cleanup as well as pavement repairs. Those sections were reopened last week.

The Orange County Red Cross played a key role in helping flood victims. The Red Cross reported that it offered shelter for 13 victims after the flood.

The Red Cross has replaced beds, supplied food, washed laundry, provided clothing, and assisted with rent and relocation for flood victims.

## Still Getting a Kick out of Kid Stuff



Lee Brinson, Nicole Bridges and Hoppy Sell take time out to see if they can color within the lines. According to Sell, coloring helps him reminisce about old times, when coloring books, cartoons and Kool-Aid were an everyday thing.

Whether they are watching cartoons, coloring or playing with toys, some students just refuse to act their age.

BY DAVID SILVERSTEIN  
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For some students, childhood can mean a lot more than just hazy memories of kindergarten because, in high-stress college life, being a kid again can often be a welcome break from the day's hustle and bustle.

Whether for the sake of creativity or nostalgia, many students make that proverbial pilgrimage to their youths with coloring books, cartoons and other vestiges of childhood.

Sophomore Meghan MacLain from Whitesboro, N.Y. has been coloring in coloring books since she was 4. She said she considered herself a coloring person.

"I color a lot," MacLain said. "I'm a big Disney fan. I usually send them to my boyfriend so the letter isn't so boring. His whole wall was decorated with my artwork."

MacLain said color caught her eye. She said she would notice a television ad more if it were animated than if it were not.

"I like anything colorful," she said. "I guess it's the kid in me."

MacLain is not the only Disney fan on campus. After seeing Disney's "The Lion King," Kai Monast, a fresh-

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### Coming WEDNESDAY

Are you unsure of what you want to do after graduation? Do you need help with your resume? The DTH's **Career Fair 1995**, published in conjunction with career fairs Wednesday and Thursday, will try to answer those and other questions.



### Weather

TODAY: Breezy; high 65-70.  
WEDNESDAY: Sunny; high 75-80.

Support wildlife. Throw a party.

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