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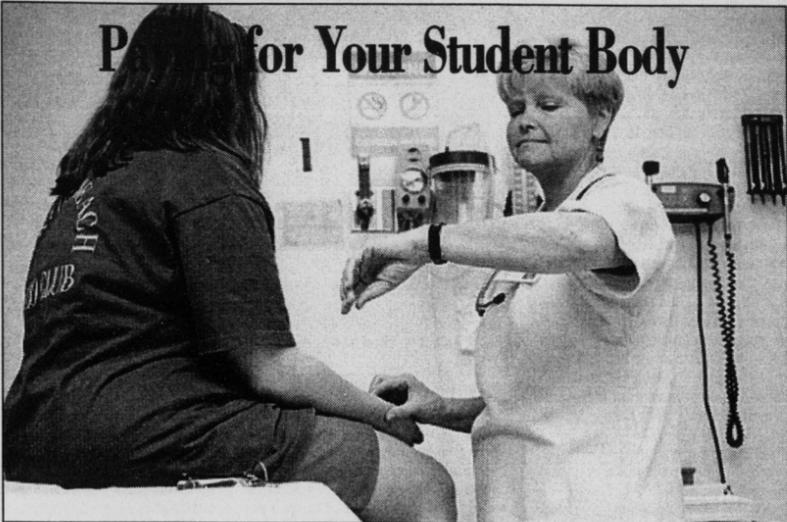
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Health Care at UNC:

Plan for Your Student Body



Ginny Brown, an allergy nurse at Student Health Services, attends to a student at one of the clinics. More than 5,000 University students buy the insurance policy offered through SHS.

SHS Study Claims Students Get Bargain

BY RUTH BORLAND
STAFF WRITER

The \$132 per semester students pay to Student Health Services through student fees is a bargain when compared to private health insurance costs and treatment at local hospitals, according to the results of a SHS study. Drs. Judith R. Cowan and Jane M. Hogan, directors of SHS, compared the cost of health care at SHS to the cost at local hospitals and at private practitioners for four common injuries and illnesses: urinary tract infections, pharyngitis, psychotherapy and sprained ankles. The re-

sults, released last March, found that students saved more than \$3 million by using SHS.

The report makes only general comparisons and does not make any specific references to alternative health services such as hospitals or private practices.

The report was prepared for the Student Health Services Advisory Board last spring when SHS was requesting a \$10 increase in student funding. An \$8 increase was approved.

"It is a major way for students to have direct input into

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BY CAM NGUYEN
STAFF WRITER

With health care costs rising at double digit rates and university tuitions increasing, some UNC students must choose between getting an education or getting insurance.

Many choose education, which can mean financial doom for students when a serious illness or accident occurs.

Skip Woody, a representative of the brokerage firm that represents the UNC student insurance plan, said only about 5,000 of the more than 24,000 students at UNC take advantage of the plan each year. This year, about 80 percent are graduate students. Insurance is optional at the University for all but international and medical students.

Other students have independent insurance plans or are insured by their parents' employers.

But many students do not have these options. Judith Cowan, director of Student Health Services, said about one in five college students in the nation does not have health insurance.

"I can't afford it," said Diem-Thi Tra, a senior chemistry major from Charlotte who has no insurance coverage. "Right now, I'm more concerned about tuition and day-to-day expenses."

Woody said plans offered through many employers have risen in cost in recent years and students are often ineligible for parents' plans after a certain age.

"They have started to increase the premiums for children, or they have changed to plans which kick kids off earlier," Woody said. "Some force you off as early as age 19."

June Milby, public information officer for the N.C. Health Reform Commission, said sometimes students' belief that they will not need health care turns them away from buying insurance.

"There is some sort of built-in belief system that (students) are invincible," she said. "When in fact very bad things can happen to them ... serious conditions develop, and they can never be covered."

All UNC students pay \$132 per semester to SHS as part of their tuition costs and are eligible to receive some health care services. Cowan said these services included visits to the SHS medical clinics and to physical therapy, but did not cover visits to specialty clinics like those of dermatology, allergy and orthopaedics.

Cowan said charges were usually three-fourths of what would be paid on the outside market.

Erin Stinson, a junior communications major from Greenville, is insured through her parents' employer. After she graduates, she said, the company most likely will cut off her insurance coverage.

"(Getting insurance) is not really a priority," she said. "It

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Residents Protest Landfill Site OC-17

BY LESLIE KENDRICK
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Around 120 residents of Orange County attended the first public hearing of the Landfill Owners Group at Chapel Hill High School Thursday evening to voice concerns and fears over the possible site of the new landfill.

Many speakers at the hearing represented one of the four sites the LOG is considering for a future landfill in Orange County. Of these, OC-17, a site in the Duke Forest area north of Chapel Hill, is the preferred site.

Some speakers came out in support of the Landfill Search Committee's findings and spoke in defense of the other three possible sites: OC-2, OC-9 and OC-11.

OC-2, the LSC's second choice, located in Bingham township in southwestern Orange County, was eliminated because it stands too close to Cane Creek Reservoir, the source of drinking water for two out of three Orange County residents.

OC-9 and OC-11, both in Hillsborough in northern Orange County, had transportation drawbacks and would impact the most working families and natural resources.

However, many residents near OC-17 disagreed. The site, near Eubanks Road and Millhouse Road, is adjacent to the present landfill which Orange County established in 1972. Residents at that time were promised that when the landfill closed it would be turned into a park and new facilities would be located elsewhere.

"Promises aren't about what's convenient or technically feasible," said Ken Brooks, an Orange County resident. "I want to see Chapel Hill keep its promise to these residents."

Parents of children at Emerson Waldorf Elementary School on Millhouse Road also raised their concerns about the landfill at OC-17. "We're having a hard time explaining to the kids what risks there are if OC-17 is chosen," said Elise Marshall, a parent. "This would in all likelihood close the school down. We can't have kids next to a pile of garbage."

Duke University is also disputing the possible selection of OC-17 because it is part of its Duke Forest property, an area it uses to do research. But Duke's intentions were not allowed to be presented at the meeting.

"We have a letter from Duke's attorneys which says it is impossible to render Duke's views on this issue in 180 seconds," said Orange County Commissioner Don Wilhoit, LOG chairman. Duke has threatened legal action if OC-17 is selected.

The LOG intends to make its final decision on Oct. 9 and send its findings to the Orange County, Carrboro and Chapel Hill governments for official ratification of the site.

Environmental Group Gives 3 Candidates Nod

Kevin Foy, Mark Chilton and Richard Franck will now receive campaigning help from the Sierra Club.

BY TODD DARLING
STAFF WRITER

One Chapel Hill mayoral candidate and two town council candidates received a new base of support as the N.C. Sierra Club announced its endorsements for the upcoming election Thursday.

"We needed to be much more active in

the campaigns," said Greg Gangi, political chair of the local chapter, when he announced the endorsements.

In past elections, the organization only endorsed one candidate whom it felt best supported environmental issues. Gangi said this was the first year the Sierra Club had endorsed several candidates.

Gangi said he was uncertain if the group would provide financial support to the candidates, but said plans were being made for circulating campaign literature as well as campaigning at Festfall.

Kevin Foy, candidate for mayor, was endorsed because of his stance on the future development of Chapel Hill. Gangi

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said he had confidence in Foy's positive stance on downtown revitalization. "Chapel Hill serves all its citizens by keeping a healthy downtown," Foy said.

He also stressed the need for the council to better relations with the University. "They are partners in the community," Foy said. "We are neighbors, and therefore we should be neighborly."

The Horace Williams and Mason Farm tracts were issues brought up in negotia-

tion with the University. Gangi said he thought Foy would best represent the Sierra Club when dealing with the University on these issues.

Mark Chilton and Richard Franck also received endorsements for Town Council. The Sierra Club said it particularly supported their views on the issues of transportation for downtown. "Chilton has been a leader in pushing for transportation alternatives to the automobile," Gangi said.

Chilton said he advocated the addition of bus routes while maintaining low costs for the residents. "Mass transit has reached

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Committee Reduces Funds For Minority Recruitment

BY SUZANNE JACOVEC
STAFF WRITER

An old controversy about minority recruitment programs resurfaced Wednesday night when the Student Congress finance committee met to discuss funding for campus groups.

A bill for the funding of minority recruitment programs drew heated debate, with committee members split on the issue. The bill requested \$3,583, and the committee recommended \$978 to the full Congress.

Rep. Vince Rozier, Dist. 16, argued in favor of the act to amend the 1995-96 budget to include funding for minority recruitment. A minority recruitment program would increase the number of African American and Native American students at the University, Rozier said.

"This is a program where we invite students who are National Merit scholars to attend recruitment programs where they are informed of different things on campus, including programs regarding potential classes and their majors," Rozier said.

After much discussion, the committee cut funds requested in the bill and recommended it to Congress without prejudice, which means the committee remained neutral.

Reps. Jason Jolley, Dist. 17, and James Kilbourne, Dist. 1 spoke against the bill, and Rep. Jeremy Miller, Dist. 11, spoke in favor of it. Most representatives said they voted according to their constituencies.

"The executive branch in the past has

been allocated money for minority recruitment," Rozier said. "Eighty-two percent of people who come to the program usually end up coming to the University."

The recruitment program provides information on various scholarships and opportunities not otherwise available to incoming students from the scholarship office on campus, Rozier said.

However, Rep. Steve Oljeski, Dist. 4, said he thought there were many reasons the bill should not be passed.

"This should be something that is handled by the University administration because they're the ones who handle admissions and prospective students," Oljeski said. "I don't think Student Congress needs to be appointing money for that."

"No matter how you look at this bill, student fee money is being used primarily for events for persons who are not yet students here," he said. "The definition of minority is really being selectively enforced. What about Hispanic students? Asian students?"

The bill is limited to two ethnicities, Oljeski said. If Congress renamed the bill to include people of all colors, and all quality students were invited to come to the University, it would be different, he said. "It basically says (to non-recruited students) that their culture and diversity is not worthy of efforts to recruit them to the program," he said.

Rozier said he thought the bill followed guidelines set by the state and University

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MAKING A MARK

Despite facing the daunting task of building a Division I women's lacrosse team from the ground up, head coach Jenny Slingluff feels she's got the players and the attitude to make a winner. That's why she's got

HIGH HOPES

BY OLIVIA PAGE
STAFF WRITER

OK, so maybe lacrosse is not a typical southern pastime; but at UNC, it's picking up steam. That's because, for the first time ever, the school will field a women's lacrosse team. And at the helm will be someone who has made lacrosse her life.

Head coach Jenny Slingluff, who originally hails from Maryland, has been playing, and loving, the game of lacrosse since she was six years old.

"I started throwing and catching really young, plus I grew up in a neighborhood of boys, and we played lacrosse together all of the time," Slingluff said. "Everyone loves the game; it's kind of the unofficial state sport."

Slingluff has not stopped playing team lacrosse since she began in the sixth grade. She played through junior and senior high school and then went on to be a star player at Virginia.

There, she played a leading role in Virginia's 1991 lacrosse national championship as well as its Final Four showing the following year. She was also a member of the U.S. National Team during that time.

All of this experience and hard work is paying off nicely for Slingluff. Although being the pioneer of a new sports program is not a simple task to undertake, Slingluff said she felt that playing lacrosse had given her the confidence she needed to handle her new position.

"I think lacrosse has made me the best that I can be at this time," Slingluff said. "I'm self-directed, motivated and self-assured—qualities I think I gained from playing lacrosse."

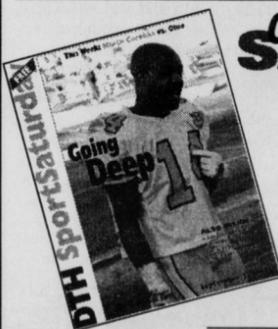
Others who know Slingluff seem to feel the same way, and are confident that she has the abilities necessary to initiate a strong program and make it a success.

"Jenny is dedicated to the sport,

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First-ever women's lacrosse head coach Jenny Slingluff (holding lacrosse stick) has coached field hockey and lacrosse at Georgetown University.



Coming SATURDAY

SportSaturday: The DTH sports staff previews North Carolina's football tilt with Ohio U. Inside this issue, look for features on wide receiver Marcus Wall and tailback Jonathan Linton, an in-depth look at the Kenan Stadium expansion project as well as analysis and predictions on Saturday's game.

Weather

TODAY: Breezy; high 78.
SATURDAY: Partly sunny; high 70-75.
SUNDAY: Partly sunny; high mid 70s.

INSIDE

African Enterprise: Two UNC students are organizing a scholarship to send ten rural children in Zimbabwe to boarding school.

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The world is a madhouse, so it's only right that it is patrolled by armed idiots.

— Brendan Behan