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Student Protests Cuts on Capitol Hill Proposal Could Level Lenoir, Increase Fees

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WASHINGTON, D.C. — Senior Dan Kois testified before a group of congressmen and senators Thursday that federal student aid had enabled him to attend UNC and that proposed cuts could eliminate opportunities for students like him.

"UNC has provided me with opportunities I would not otherwise have had if not for federal student loans," Kois said. Thursday's House-Senate Democratic Caucus hearing was one of a series organized by the Democratic Policy Committee to discuss Republican budget proposals. Sens. Patty Murray, D-Wash.; Edward Kennedy, D-Mass.; and James Exon, D-Neb.; and Reps. David Skaggs, D-Colo., and Zoe Lofgren, D-Calif., attended the conference, which was covered by the national media.

Kois' testimony stressed the importance of student loans for thousands of students from middle- and low-income families. A drama major from Milwaukee, Kois

said a combination of Stafford Loans, Pell grants, Perkins Loans and federal work-study had enabled him to attend his first choice university. He added that both his mother and brother had recently graduated from college thanks to federal loans.

"I've had the opportunity to act in shows, to direct shows, to write shows and to crew shows that I wouldn't have had at another university," he said.

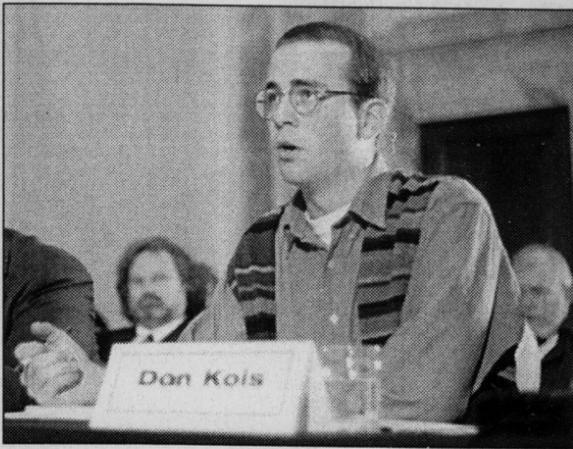
Kois said he chose UNC over the less expensive University of Wisconsin because of the superior drama program.

Half of all college students receive financial aid, and 75 percent of it comes from the federal government, according to DPC documents.

But Kois said his plans to attend graduate school could be affected if the \$4.5 billion cut proposed by Republicans passed.

At stake is the issue of direct vs. indirect loans. Forty percent of U.S. universities — but not UNC — participate in direct lending programs. That means the federal gov-

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Senior Dan Kois tells a House-Senate Democratic Caucus Committee that federal student aid enabled him to attend UNC's superior drama program.

BY MARVA HINTON
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A bill proposed by Student Body President Calvin Cunningham to totally revamp UNC's dining services came under fire at Wednesday night's Student Congress meeting because it could require substantial increases in student fees.

As an alternative to current dining options, the bill proposed the demolition and rebuilding of Lenoir Dining Hall, the expansion of Chase Dining Hall and renovations to the Student Union that would provide food services in the existing lounge area and the Cabaret.

Changes to food services needed to be made now, Cunningham said. "We're at a point now where we have to make decisions," he said. "We have got to get this on the spring ballot."

It is important that students make decisions concerning spending, especially because the Board of Trustees is considering a \$31 increase in the education and technology fee, Cunningham said.

Cunningham said he feared dining services would be inadequate when the University hosts the 1999 Special Olympics.

"We have a small window open now, and if we miss this opportunity to make changes we will not be able to make any changes until after 1999," he said.

Speaker Roy Granato said he was troubled by the idea of funding the changes with a mandatory freshman meal plan. "Just last year, the Student Congress and the student body president asked the BOT to eliminate the mandatory meal plan," Granato said.

The BOT eliminated the mandatory

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Carolina Court Sanitation Rating Upped to 'A'

BY JAMIE GRISWOLD
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Following a reinspection by the Orange County Health Department Tuesday, Carolina Court regained an "A" sanitation rating, General Manager of Carolina Dining Services Scott Myers said Thursday.

The dining hall received a "B" at its initial inspection on Dec. 7.

"When we got the 'B' back in December, by that afternoon we had corrected enough points to regain an 'A,' but you have to wait for a reinspection," Myers said.

The reinspection was delayed because of the University's closure over Winter Break and the recent snow storm, Myers said.

The health department found Carolina Court deficient in 11 areas during the December inspection. Problems included improper cleaning and degreasing of oil containers and inadequate sneeze guards in self-service areas. Following the inspection, Carolina Court management violated N.C. state law by failing to display the dining hall's sanitation grade.

Myers said the worker who failed to display the grade was undergoing disciplinary procedures, including counseling and training.

"He is being held accountable for his actions," Myers said.

Student Body President Calvin Cunningham, who introduced a bill that would totally revamp University food services at Wednesday night's Student Congress meeting, said he was unaware of the updated grade.



Student Body President CALVIN CUNNINGHAM said he needed student input on the plan.

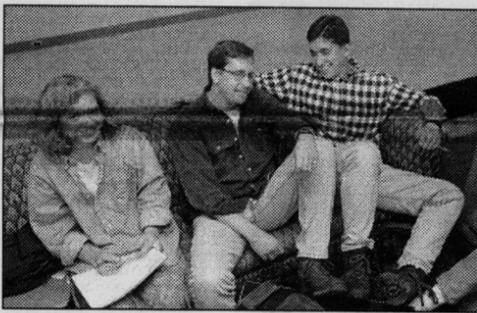
MAKING A MARK

InterVarsity Christian Fellowship Director Rich Henderson has spent nine years teaching UNC students about Christianity and bringing them closer to God.



Rich Henderson serves as both a leader and a friend to those students involved in InterVarsity Christian Fellowship. He graduated from Stanford University in 1979 with degrees in psychology and economics.

Guiding the Faithful



Rich Henderson discusses plans for InterVarsity roles with Amy Nelson and Matt Osman.

BY JENNIFER BURLESON
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Who are you?

Have you ever stared into the mirror and asked yourself that question? Have you ever awakened in the morning and found yourself trapped in a nightmare of confusion?

For nine years, students in this situation have been able to look for guidance in Rich Henderson, director of the InterVarsity Christian Fellowship at UNC and a man known to some as "spirit leader."

Henderson shuffled his hands as he spoke about himself. "In InterVarsity, I want to be available to students who are already Christians to help them grow in their faith," he said. "I also want to be available to students who aren't already Christians and are curious about spiritual things."

In Henderson's nine years with IVCF at the University he has met individually with students and was a leader of the Granville Towers small group.

Henderson was reluctant to talk about himself, but he said he believed he influenced people mostly by being a Christian leader.

"In the context of a Christian group, I feel like I help people grow closer to Jesus," Henderson said. "I try to develop leadership skills in people, to help them shape or reshape their value systems, to give them a person in their life with whom it is safe for them to be real, honest and open."

Henderson explained how he strived to live a Christian life. "Jesus calls us to be generous or take risks, be vulnerable," he said. "I feel like I model that for students in how I live my life."

One of the students who has been influenced by Henderson is senior Rush Chewning from Richmond, Va., who has met individually with Henderson for the past four years. During those meetings, Chewning

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Medical Examiner Rules TA's Death Was Suicide

BY DAVE SNELL
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The November death of a 29-year old University graduate student and philosophy teaching assistant has been ruled a suicide, according to an autopsy report issued by the Chapel Hill medical examiner's office Jan. 11.

Robert Harris Michels died sometime between Nov. 13 and 15 from an overdose of the prescription drug propoxyphene, reports state. Michels was found dead in his apartment at 129 Windsor Circle on Nov. 17.

Pathologist Thomas Clark III said the overdose of propoxyphene, more commonly known by the brand name Darvon, had resulted in "respiratory depression and suffocation."

Clark said he did not know why Michels was in possession of the drug. He also said alcohol found in Michels' body by the medical examiner was irrelevant to the cause of death.

Michels was wearing a bracelet giving instructions to be carried out in the event of his death, reports state.

Chapel Hill police found Michels' body after receiving a phone call from his ex-wife, Elizabeth Lee Michels, who lives in Irvine, Calif., told police she had not heard from her ex-husband since Nov. 13, when he was last known to be alive, police re-

ports state.

Gerald Postema, chairman of the philosophy department, said Michels, who taught bioethics, had a unique rapport with his students and "went the extra mile" for them.

"He was very strong and had good evaluations from his students," Postema said.

"The suicide doesn't fit his profile at all."

After recovering from a burn sustained in a March 1992 fire at Woodbridge Apartments, Michels volunteered at the N.C. Jaycee Burn Center at UNC Hospitals.

H.D. Peterson, director of the burn center, described Michels as "very quiet and bright" and said he was "dedicated and concerned" when it came to the patients with whom he worked on a daily basis.

"He really cared," he said. "He would help us in the OR (operating room) and did independent reading on the care of sick people."

The discovery of Michels' body "was a real shock to the family," Peterson said. He said he had seen no indications of depression or strange behavior prior to Michels' suicide. "While he was here, he never behaved any different than he had before," Peterson said.

Michels was the director of the UNC undergraduate program in philosophy and had been nominated for a teaching award. Michels was buried in his native California on Nov. 21.

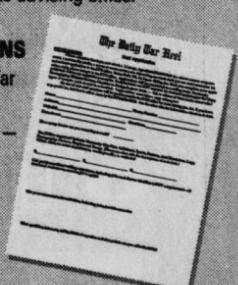
Seniors: Want to Graduate in May?



Then you better jump to it, because today is the last day to file for May 12 graduation. If you plan to walk through Kenan Stadium and pick up a diploma this spring, run over to the third floor of Steele Building and fill out the form in the undergraduate advising office.

LAST CHANCE FOR DTH POSITIONS

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Carrboro Police Seize Small Amount of Crack in Raid

BY MATT MESMER
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Two Carrboro residents were arrested and drugs and paraphernalia were seized Tuesday night after police raided a suspected crack house on Alabama Avenue.

"The location has been under surveillance for several months," said Carrboro police Capt. John Butler. Police served a search warrant Tuesday on the residence and completed the operation without incident or injury, Butler said.

Police seized a "small portion" of crack cocaine and numerous paraphernalia items, Butler said. No monetary assets were confiscated in the bust.

The house had been a continuing problem for the area and there had been several complaints, Butler said. The crack house is in an area made up mostly of residential homes.

Butler said the house had been attracting drug buyers from Orange and Chatham counties.

Valerie Atwater, 40, of 203 Alabama Ave., and Gwendolyn Richardson, 20, of I-2 Old Well Apartments, were arrested during the raid on Atwater's home.

Richardson was charged with possession with intent to sell and deliver crack cocaine. She was released on \$3,000 bond, Butler said.

Atwater was charged with maintaining

a dwelling for the sale of a controlled substance and was released on \$2,000 bond, Butler said.

Atwater and Richardson have not yet appeared at a probable cause hearing or before an Orange County grand jury.

"This was entirely a Carrboro operation," Butler said. He also said that the Carrboro police also had some assistance provided by a Chapel Hill police officer with expertise in such operations.

"We often work closely with Chapel Hill," he said.

Butler said Carrboro police had received several complaints about the Alabama Avenue residence and had also been given information by contacts in the

community about possible drug activity. "All of our facts came together (Tuesday), and we acted," he said.

"We always have our areas under surveillance," Butler said, adding that future action in the area is possible.

"We may raid tomorrow, or we may raid three months from now. We're always working."

The operation Tuesday was not connected to a September bust of a Eugene Street crack house.

The earlier bust, in which four people were arrested, was aided by the Federal Drug Enforcement Administration. That drug bust was a first for Carrboro law enforcement.

The trouble with some women is that they get all excited about nothing — and then marry him.

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