

Student Attorney General Not Funded by Fees

George Oliver said the source of his stipend had not affected his accountability.

BY JOHN PATTERSON
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Although funding for the student attorney general's stipend currently comes from the University, his ultimate responsibility still lies in serving students.

Student Attorney General George Oliver, whose term ended Wednesday,

said that although Student Congress would not grant him a stipend last year, he petitioned the Office of Student Affairs for a stipend and got it. The Finance Committee in its annual budget hearings recommended that the Office of Student Affairs fund the stipend again in 1996-97.

Oliver said the \$200 monthly stipend did not make him any more accountable to the administration than to the students, despite the fact it came from student affairs, not from student fees.

"I don't think if I was paid by the students I would be any more accountable to them than I already am," Oliver said. "As

far as accountability, I was nominated by the (student body) president and approved by congress."

Julie Gasperini, finance committee chairwoman, said the committee's decision regarding a stipend for the student attorney general was based on precedent, not on accountability.

"The money was there from the University last year, so the rest of the committee was satisfied by an outside source providing the funds for a stipend," Gasperini said. "In terms of accountability, we are worried about the students' money, and in this case we decided that money from the

University would benefit the students." However, Associate Dean of Students Margaret Barrett said stipend money for the student attorney general should come from student fees.

"My preference would be for stipend money to be funded through student fees," Barrett said. "We never have more than a one-year commitment to fund the stipend, but if we need to we will request the money from the University again next year."

Student Body President-Elect Aaron Nelson, who could receive a \$2,400 stipend if congress approves the legislation, said all student leaders were ultimately

responsible for student concerns. "Working thirty to forty hours a week with student government is my job from now on," Nelson said. "Student leaders get a stipend because service makes it nearly impossible to hold another job."

Oliver said he agreed. "If I had to get a part-time job, it would completely take away from what I could do in student government," Oliver said. "When appointed student attorney general, you stay during the summer, and that keeps you from getting any type of job to pay for college. You basically lose a lot of money."

POLICE ROUNDUP

University Wednesday, Feb. 28

A dead opossum was found on the water fountain of the Old Well on Cameron Avenue, according to police reports.

The opossum was found at 8:30 a.m., reports state. The animal appeared to have been struck by a vehicle. Animal Control was called to remove the animal, according to reports.

Tuesday, Feb. 27

A UNC student reported the theft of her key-holder purse from Greenlaw Hall, according to police reports.

According to reports, Heidi Brown of Cobb Residence Hall had a key-holder purse stolen from 319 Greenlaw Hall. Brown had left it in the room and when she returned she was unable to locate it, reports state. The purse contained \$30, an N.C. driver's license, a MasterCard credit card, a Wachovia ATM card, a dorm key and a house key, reports state.

A UNC student reported the theft of a wallet from Davis Library, according to police reports.

Reports state that Bryant Welch of Finley Golf Course Road had a wallet stolen from Davis Library on Sunday night. Welch said he put his wallet in his backpack and then went to the bathroom. When he returned, his backpack was unzipped and his wallet was gone, reports state.

Stolen were a black eel-skin wallet, \$100, two employee checks from University Florist, an N.C. driver's license, a UNC ONE Card, an Amoco gas card, a Wachovia ATM card, a Social Security card and a Federal Communications Commission license.

Monday, Feb. 26

A UNC student suffered injuries due to a seizure, according to police reports.

A resident of Craige Residence Hall was found to have a large amount of blood on him, reports state. Emergency Medical Services personnel checked him over but were able to determine he had suffered a seizure and had struck his nose on something during the episode, according to reports. Reports state he refused transportation by the rescue squad. The resident assistant on the floor said she would check on him periodically, according to reports.

A UNC student was injured while playing tennis at the Hinton James tennis courts, according to police reports.

Erin Elizabeth Price of Hinton James Residence Hall was transported to the emergency room at UNC Hospitals for treatment of a possibly broken ankle, reports state.

A Navy Field storage shed was damaged but nothing was taken, according to police reports.

Reports state someone had taken a metal rod and knocked the doorknob off the storage shed. The report said that entry most likely was gained but that nothing was missing.

Saturday, Feb. 24

A student from East Carolina University broke his leg while roller-skating down Skipper Bowles Drive, according to police reports.

While the student was roller-skating, he skidded and fell on the curb in the parking lot and broke his left leg at the knee, reports state. According to reports, the victim was transported to the UNC Hospitals Emergency Room.

Four males were engaged in an altercation near Aycock Residence Hall, according to police reports state.

A large group of people gathered in front of Connor Residence Hall to observe the fight in progress, reports state. Observers said three of the men involved in the fight headed toward Franklin Street. A police officer approached the men and asked for information about the incident.

Reports state that the men were intoxicated and that their information was inconsistent. One of the men had a torn shirt and scratch marks, which was determined to be damage done during a previous argument.

Police directed all the parties to leave the premises and to return to their residences, according to reports.

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Wednesday, Feb. 28

Larceny from an auto was reported at Walden at Greenfields apartments, police reports state. According to reports, a suspect broke the window and pried the lock of a parked car.

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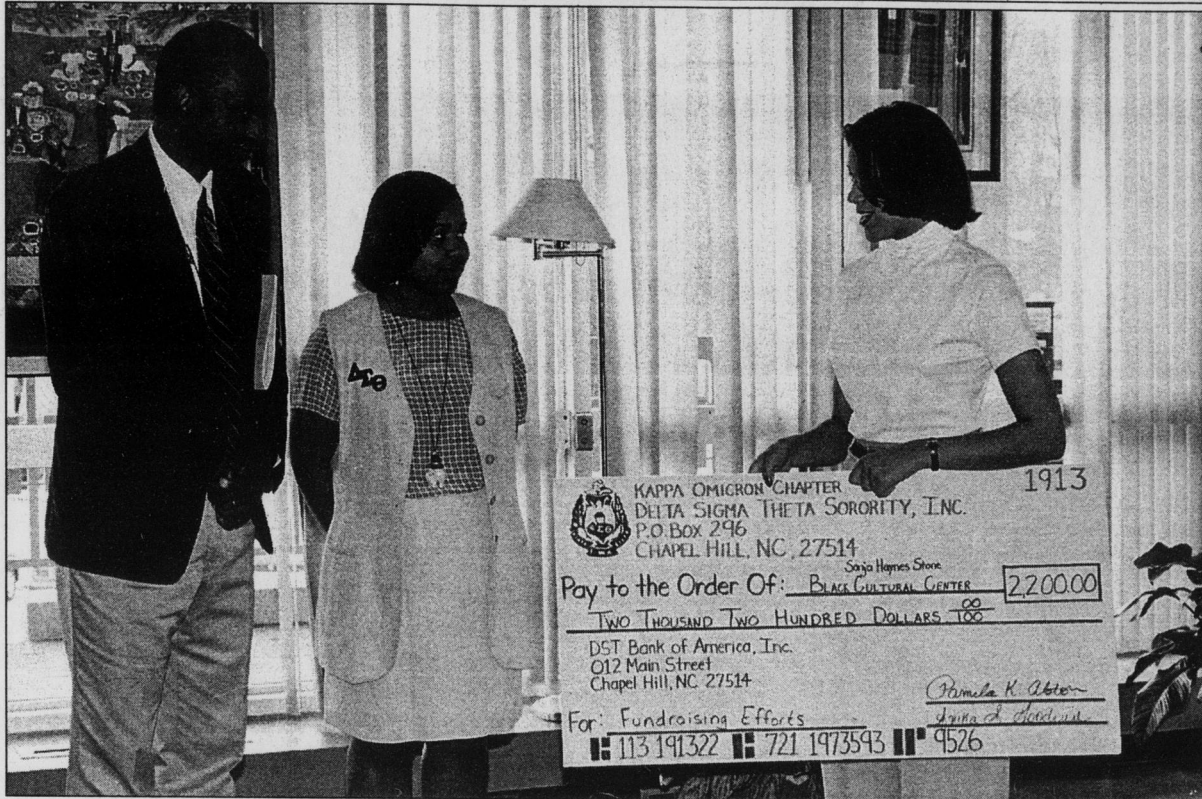
Police responded to a report of larceny from a business, reports state. A suspect could not produce identification requested by the store clerk at the Glenwood Exxon at 1200 Raleigh Road, reports state. The suspect took a pack of cigarettes valued at \$1.79 and \$6.65 in gas, according to reports.

Larceny of a purse was reported to police. According to police reports, a purse was stolen at Barr-EE Station, 149 E. Franklin St.

The purse was valued at \$45, reports state. \$75 in prescription medicine, a \$10 gift certificate and \$10 in cash was in the purse, according to reports.

Police responded to a report of larceny from an automobile at a home on Kingston Drive, reports state.

According to reports, a suspect broke into the car and stole three pairs of sunglasses. The value of the sunglasses was estimated at \$350, reports state.



Kappa Omicron chapter President Pamela Alston presents a \$2,200 check to Gerald Horne to support the Sonja H. Stone Black Cultural Center. The check was given by the local chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Students Give BCC Fund Raising \$2,200 Boost

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The Kappa Omicron Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Inc. sorority donated \$2,200 to the Sonja Haynes Stone Black Cultural Center Wednesday, one of the largest donations by a student group to the center's fund-raising efforts.

"In terms of students this is probably the most substantial contribution we have received," Director Gerald Horne said. "We recognize this is an indication of things to come."

Pamela Alston, president of UNC's

Delta Sigma Theta chapter, said the group wanted the donation to symbolize their commitment to the BCC. "We have been firm supporters to the Black Cultural Center and its fund-raising efforts for a long time," she said. "We recognize the need for student involvement with fund-raising efforts so that the cultural center could reach its goal."

Horne said fund-raising efforts were "inching closer" to \$2 million of the \$7.5 million needed to construct the center.

"Fund raising in the past six to eight weeks has gotten quite a lift," Horne said, citing BCC T-shirt sales in the Pit and

several unpublicized but large donations. "We expect even larger gifts in the very near future. I think fund raising has turned the corner."

Alston said the chapter began accruing funds for the \$2,200 donation last year. However, the chapter chose to donate the money this year so as to give a large and symbolic amount. "The \$2,200 is in honor of our 22 founders," Alston said. "Our chapter began our fund-raising efforts last year in hopes of making a substantial contribution to the center."

Alston said the chapter raised money through donations, ticket sales to the

chapter's annual Sweetheart Ball, held Saturday, and other fund-raisers.

Horne said this donation was particularly important because of the message the donation sent to potential donors. "Large donors see student participation, and it reinforces in their own minds that students of all kinds want this BCC," he said.

Alston said the chapter hoped other student organizations would follow Delta Sigma Theta's lead.

"This is not the end of our efforts. We hope that our effort will spur other students and student organizations to make donations."

Student Congress Votes To Fund Religious Groups

InterVarsity Christian Fellowship received \$1,100 after a University ruling.

BY JOHN SWEENEY
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The issue of allocating student fees to religious groups finally came to a head at the Wednesday night meeting of Student Congress, as congress voted to allocate money to the InterVarsity Christian Fellowship.

The move follows the ruling by University legal counsel Susan Ehringhaus last week in which she said congress could not withhold money from IVCF or Overcomers International, another religious group. Both groups have religious requirements for leadership positions. Ehringhaus said a refusal to fund those groups would violate their First Amendment right to freedom of association. Congress did not fund IVCF in November because many representatives felt the group discriminated against non-Christians.

The money requested in Wednesday night's bill was meant to fund speakers at IVCF meetings throughout the semester. However, because the semester is nearly one-half over, IVCF President Daniel Vandergriff requested that some of the \$3,000 he was asking for be used as a retroactive allocation to fund speakers who

had already appeared.

Student Body Treasurer Nathan Darling said such a decision required a two-thirds majority to vote in favor of it. An amendment by Rep. Vince Rozier, Dist. 16, split the bill to allocate \$800 retroactively to IVCF for previous speakers, printing and publicity, and \$1,100 for subsequent speakers, printing and publicity.

While the retroactive appropriation failed by a vote of 9-8-2, the allocation for subsequent speakers passed 11-3-4.

Student Congress Finance Committee Chairwoman Julie Gasperini, who voted against the first allocation and for the second, said she thought approving allocations after the fact set a bad precedent.

"I just don't think it's appropriate to start retro-spending," Gasperini said. Rep. Monique VanderMarck, Dist. 8, who opposed both allocations, said she believed funding for religious groups violated students' rights.

"My understanding is that fees create a public forum. Therefore you can't censor what (groups) have to say," VanderMarck said. "But you shouldn't be forced to contribute to such a forum, either."

VanderMarck said she had thought a great deal about the issue over the past several months, and she felt a fee refund system was necessary. "This has nothing to do with discrimination," VanderMarck said. "I think fees should go to religious groups, but only if students can take back the money if they want to."

'Intifada' Highlights Issues Surrounding Rape

A group of audience and cast members debated the implications of the play.

BY LILLIE CRATON
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Cast and audience members met in the Lab! Theatre Wednesday to discuss the production and implications of "Intifada," a courtroom drama about date rape written by UNC junior Mac Rogers.

"This is not the kind of political theater that takes an audience and sends it out feeling empowered," Director Dan Kois said.

"This makes people angry or frustrated, but at least it leaves people thinking about things they might not have thought about before," he said.

Liz Vaughan, stage manager of the play, said she considered the amount of audience reaction to be a compliment to the play's power.

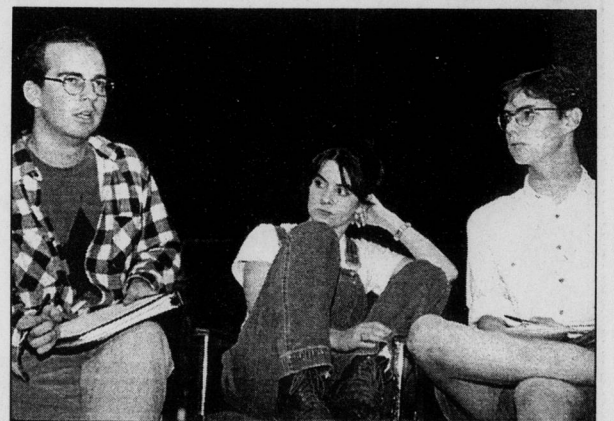
"Almost everyone that came up to me after the play has said, 'I want to talk to you about this,'" Vaughan said.

Kois said the play was not intended as a comment on any specific case or even on rape in general.

"It becomes a matter of generalized versus specific crime," he said.

The play focused on one specific scenario that should not be considered typical, he said.

Adam McKible, a graduate student in English, said he thought there were implications in the play that the accuser had never been raped.



Playwright Mac Rogers and members of the cast of "Intifada" participate in an open discussion of the play Wednesday afternoon in Graham Memorial Hall.

"It was a further justification for the idea that rape is just a female fantasy," he said.

"I wonder if we don't have an obligation to question the onslaught of (media) representations of women crying rape."

"This was a really well-constructed, well-acted play; but politically, it was a very troublesome play."

Cast member Alia Smith and many others said they thought it was clear the character had been raped.

"I don't think (the play) is about crying rape at all, but about the fact that society so often doesn't listen to women who have been raped," said Smith, who played the

character Jamie.

Assistant Dean of Student Affairs Margaret Barrett said she thought the play, which dealt with a trial in the fictional Meridian College Honor Court, provided an interesting perspective on UNC's student judicial system.

"It is true that the Honor Court here at UNC does hear sexual assault cases," she said.

"Our Honor Court has handled since 1990 about four cases which went into full hearings."

Barrett said the Honor Court had investigated another three or four cases which did not go to the hearings process.

Exchange Students Use Break to Explore World Beyond UNC

BY AUSTIN GELDER
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An Australian, an Irishman and an Englishman were headed in a rental car from Chapel Hill to Panama City.

Waiting for the punch line? You'll have to wait until after Spring Break when these exchange students get back to school.

Exchange students from the Netherlands, Spain, Scotland, Russia and many

other countries have spent the past semester or two in Chapel Hill getting a taste of American culture.

Next week, many of the foreign students will venture into the microcosm of 20-somethings out into the real world, where body piercing isn't all that cool and you can actually park your car without getting a ticket.

Brenda McCorry, an exchange student from the University of Ulster at

Jordanstone, plans to cram her duffle bag into the trunk of a rental car Friday and head for Panama City, Fla.

The car will be packed with four other people, including students from England, Australia and Vermont. She said they would meet more students in Panama City, where they will spend the week.

"I'm going to lie in the sun, relax and have a good time," she said.

McCorry said that although she was

looking forward to the trip, she was worried about the driving. "Where I'm from, we drive on the other side of the road," she said. "I'll have to be careful."

Jonathan Turney, an exchange student from Edinburgh, Scotland, will have to forgo a Spring Break trip because he spent all his money last week at Mardi Gras. He went with about 16 other students to New Orleans for a few days of jazz, Mardi Gras beads and pre-Lent partying.

Laure Granger, a student from Lyon, France, will head even farther south than Panama City. She is flying with two American friends to Cancun, Mexico, on Saturday.

Granger said she hoped to check out some Mayan ruins while in Mexico.

Danny Bell of the UNC Study Abroad Office said he encouraged foreign exchange students to explore while they were in the United States.