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Carolina Review request not fulfilled Iraqi planes challenge no-fly zone, turn away

Two conservative groups asked for funding totalling more than \$75,000.

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The Student Government Finance Committee denied two conservative campus groups the more than \$75,000 in funding for the fall semester they originally requested.

At its meeting Wednesday night, the committee debated for over an hour and one-half whether to give the Carolina Review the \$35,000 it requested, but in the end the publication received just \$1,300. Common Sense, which brings conservative speakers to campus, originally asked for \$43,120, but amended the request to \$8,620. They received no funds.

"We have every responsibility to make

sure student fees are well-spent," Rep. Michael Holland, Dist. 6, said. Student Congress had \$19,585 to appropriate at the start of the meeting.

Review publisher Bill Heeden represented both the Review and Common Sense. "I'm more than aware we won't get what was promised," he said when he spoke to the committee. "Any funding we receive is helpful."

Last spring former publisher Charlton Allen withdrew the Review's request for funding, saying student government did not respect the right to free speech.

Holland called the Review's request an "absolute fantasy," and cited the Review's poor quality as a reason not to grant its request.

"I want to see that a publication produces something that articulately expresses a particular viewpoint and expresses it well," he said. "This is not conservative versus liberal; this is quality versus a waste of time."

In the past, the Review has printed the same articles repeatedly and has printed unnecessary copies of the publication, Holland said.

This spring, the Review received national attention when it printed an issue with a cover deemed to be anti-semitic by many. The magazine, distributed the night before student elections, portrayed then-Student Body President candidate Aaron Nelson with horns and a pitchfork.

Heeden said his organizations were not treated fairly by the committee.

"What we witnessed was biased, given what we had to go through to get funding for the Review. If every group was held to the scrutiny the Carolina Review and Common Sense were, there would be an abundance of student fees for distribution."

Common Sense did not present enough information to the committee about how they would use the money,

Holland said.

"The way you get speakers is you make contact with the speakers and find out how much they charge," Holland said. "We don't as a general rule give money to groups with no clue."

Committee members said other campus publications operate on much smaller budgets than the one the Review proposed for itself.

"We're supposed to be funding things that are reaching students," Holland said.

The finance committee also heard requests for funding from several campus groups, including the UNC School of Pharmacy Senate, the Cellar Door, the Arnold Air Society and the Black Student Movement.

These groups mostly received full approval of their funding requests. The full Student Congress will now vote on the appropriations at their Sept. 11 meeting.

Marva Hinton contributed to this story.

WASHINGTON — U.S. military strikes against Iraq left Saddam Hussein "strategically worse off," President Bill Clinton said Wednesday, but Iraqi forces still challenged American air patrols in the newly expanded "no-fly" zone over southern Iraq.

Clinton, speaking with reporters in the Oval Office, declared the twin U.S. cruise missile strikes against Iraqi air defense sites this week a success. They had been sparked by Saddam's attacks on the Kurds in the north.

"I'm satisfied this mission has achieved the objectives we set out for it," Clinton said in his first assessment of the U.S. moves, which included enlarging the so-called "no-fly" zone in southern Iraq.

Saddam now "knows there is a price

to be paid for stepping over the line," the president said. "He is strategically worse off."

Even so, Iraqi forces confronted U.S. flyers twice as they began their patrols Wednesday over the expanded "no-fly" zone that Washington unilaterally declared Tuesday.

An Iraqi air defense radar site illuminated an Air Force F-16 with its signal, a potential precursor to firing a surface-to-air missile. The "Fighting Falcon" responded by unleashing an anti-radar missile, and the site went silent, Defense Secretary William Perry told reporters.

Two Iraqi MiGs also apparently tried to "lock on" to U.S. jets conducting a routine patrol, but turned away as they

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'Tobacco grower' N.C. might sue FDA

A lawsuit challenging the new FDA regulations could be filed later this week.

BY WENDY GOODMAN
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The battle lines have been drawn in the war on tobacco, and neither side is inching closer to a compromise.

N.C. Gov. Jim Hunt says he adamantly opposes nicotine's classification as an addictive drug. He says the classification would be devastating to the state's economy because tobacco is North Carolina's number one cash crop.

But President Bill Clinton disagrees, saying the Food and Drug Administration's new regulations are the only way to stop teenagers across the country from lighting up at a young age. Other opponents say the lawsuit will only add to the heaping number of suits that have been filed by other state governors, tobacco growers and companies.

Regulations that could destroy the backbone of the state and the livelihood of its people cannot be allowed, Hunt says.

More than a quarter of a million people in the state derive their income from the sales, manufacturing or farming of tobacco, said Ernie Seneca, a spokesman for the Department of Agriculture. Farmers across the state make an average of \$1

billion a year on their tobacco crops. North Carolina doesn't want to lose this source of revenue.

Hunt announced a week ago that the state would file a lawsuit to halt the new FDA regulations. The lawsuit is still pending and is expected to be filed later this week.

Hunt has vowed to press on and put an end to what he calls "devastating regulations."

"We have a big stake in this decision to regulate tobacco as a drug and we are going to fight the federal government every step of the way," Hunt announced in the middle of a tobacco field in Greenville last Wednesday.

When Hunt asked the state attorney general to file a lawsuit, he noted that the state can pursue several options. North Carolina can either join another state's lawsuit, or it can file a suit on its own as a "tobacco grower."

The state is considered a tobacco grower because it owns 138 acres of tobacco through N.C. State University, Seneca said. This tobacco crop is worth about \$195,000 a year.

John Conley, a professor at the UNC School of Law, said the state had sufficient legal standing to file a suit as a tobacco grower.

"If N.C. State University has tobacco — because it is a state-owned institution — then the state is a tobacco grower,"

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Democrats say they support Hunt's decision

BY ERICA BESHEARS
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Last week Gov. Jim Hunt had to decide which was more important: state or party loyalty.

When he announced last week that North Carolina would sue the Food and Drug Administration over tobacco regulations, he chose state loyalty.

The Democratic governor of a tobacco state was criticizing the actions of a Democratic president, Bill Clinton. But what do other N.C. Democrats think about Hunt's decision?

"I think the governor would be doing it whether the president was a Republican or a Democrat," said Elaine Marshall,

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Democratic candidate for state Senate ELEANOR KINNAIRD said she understood Hunt's motives.

FAIR SAILING



Catherine Gamon, a field director for the council on International Education Exchange, provides information and advice to Matthew Carroll, a freshman from Charlotte, at the Study Abroad Fair. See story page 3

Low fat, high price: diet habits linked to income

Americans of lower socioeconomic standing are less healthy.

BY CHARLES HELLWIG
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While Americans' eating habits have improved over the last 30 years, a study released by the UNC School of Public Health on Wednesday suggested that the improvement falls along socioeconomic lines.

"Lower socioeconomic status blacks and whites have not increased their healthful consumption at the same pace (as higher socioeconomic groups) and now lag far behind the higher-income groups," said Barry Popkin, UNC professor of nutrition.

The report, which covered the period from 1965 to 1991, looked at total diet content and broke new ground. The study compared dietary trends among blacks and whites of varying socioeconomic status and included responses from over 36,000 people.

The responses came from three separate U.S. Department of Agriculture surveys from 1965 to 1991. It was the first to examine major dietary trends over time for the nation as a whole and the first to look at differences among races and income groups.

Popkin said their findings were both positive and negative. "All groups increased intake of lower-fat food products and decreased intake of higher-fat products," said Popkin.

In the 1960s the researchers were surprised to learn that lower-income blacks and whites actually consumed a healthier diet than higher-income blacks and whites. The researchers attributed this to the fact that poorer people could not afford the more expensive foods with higher-fat content.

Over 30 years, the trend reversed. Anna Maria Siega-Riz, research assistant professor and co-author of the study, said, "It is alarming that ... among lower socioeconomic groups, we are not seeing enough shifting to the types of foods being recommended for reducing obesity, heart disease and cancer risk."

When asked why the higher and lower socioeconomic groups have flip-flopped over the past 30 years, Popkin said, "Higher-income, higher-educated groups (were) in a position to take a much greater advantage of information that came from the media about diet and health and (had) greater access to the better quality, more healthful foods."

Pamela Haines, associate professor of nutrition and co-author of the study, said she believed that many lower-income Americans shied away from fruits and vegetables because they were often more expensive than other types of food. Haines



Anthony Alston, a junior from Siler City, takes a break Wednesday afternoon for some Chick-fil-A chicken at Lenior Dining Hall.

emphasized the importance of these foods and recommended people try nontraditional sources of produce. "Consumer taste preferences traditionally do not include fruits and vegetables," Haines said.

All three doctors agreed that money was a major factor in influencing taste preferences. The government spends money on nutrition education. Food corporations spend money on advertising.

"The key is reaching children with a healthy diet, and as times have changed, we haven't had the (government) resources to change the message," Popkin said.

The report did show that higher-income blacks and whites are getting the message about eating right.

The researchers said nutritionists are concerned over the "Snackwell Syndrome," or people eating more of a snack because it is lower in fat content.

"Nutritionists fear that people will choose to eat a nonfat potato chip over an apple," Haines said. Many people also see low-fat foods as an excuse not to exercise and again miss out on better health. Popkin said, "All in all, this shows a positive trend, but we have a long way to go."

Council race heats up as state employee enters ring

BY MEEGAN P. SMITH
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A state employee formally announced her intentions to seek the vacant Chapel Hill Town Council seat Tuesday.

Town attorney Ralph Karpinos confirmed that Louise Stone, director of publications for the N.C. Department of Labor, became the second resident to submit an application for the vacant town council seat. Stone's application follows that of Edith Wiggins, UNC interim vice chancellor for student affairs.

Stone has been a resident of Chapel Hill for five years. She described herself as a "pragmatic liberal," and "pro-education, pro-arts, pro-environment and pro-choice."

Before relocating to Chapel Hill, Stone was heavily involved in city government in Philadelphia and Washington, D.C., including managing various campaigns and serving on school boards.

Although she has only lived in the area for five years, she said she was certain her experience in city government would help her serve the town council well.

"Everyone is faced with the same problem of crime and education," she said. "Some problems are common to the city and the village."

One local issue that Stone has been concerned with since she moved to Chapel Hill is that of development and the loss of greenspace. "I am opposed to policies that would destroy the quality of

life in Chapel Hill," she said. "The greening of our town must not be replaced by the browning of overdevelopment."

Currently, Stone serves as a member of the Durham Arts Council and the N.C. Jazz Foundation.

The seat the two women are competing for was left vacant by the death of four-year council member Barbara Booth-Powell, who died July 7 after a lengthy battle with cancer. She was noted for her involvement within the minority community and her support of the unemployed.

Chapel Hill Mayor Rosemary Waldorf said race would be an important factor when the council considers the applicants.

Ideally, Waldorf said she and other members of the town council sought to appoint someone who would reflect the diversity of the Chapel Hill population and interests. "It is essential that we appoint an African American," she said.

Karpinos said applications were still being received. "There is still another week before the deadline," he said. Karpinos said that an individual interested in the council seat must be "a qualified voter and resident of the town not otherwise ineligible to hold public office."

Stone, Wiggins and any other applicant will appear before the council at the Sept. 25 public hearings. At the hearings, all applicants will make a brief presentation to the council. An appointment might be made at that same meeting.

You can't hold your head high with your hand out.

Yiddish proverb