## GPSF Senate meeting ends early; Rural AIDS cases concern to doctors changes to treasury laws up in air

BY LEAH HANEY

The Graduate and Professional Student Federation Senate adjourned its Tuesday night meeting without voting on changes to the currently inoperable treasury laws because only 27 of the 29 members needed to vote were present at

After about an hour and one-half of debate over specific changes to the trea-sury laws, members decided to adjourn the meeting, realizing they did not have the necessary number of senators for vot-ing on the changes. Thirty-six senators were present at the start of the meeting. Katherine Kraft, president of GPSF,

said fiscal mismanagement over the past two years had made it impossible to allocate GPSF funds as the laws currently require because the money is not avail-

"We simply can't allow fiscal irresponsibility endemic to the current treasury laws," Kraft said. "Regardless of how the senate feels, it cannot stay the same. History has proven that our former

Over the past two years, the current treasury laws have caused the GPSF to have a deficit of \$7,000 per year. The current treasury laws allow the senate to allocate \$3 per graduate and professional student, \$75 per department with 25 or fewer students and \$4,000 for special

projects.

The GPSF's money comes from 25 percent of all graduate and professional student fees.

Because of the previous mismanage-ment, the GPSF does not have that much

money.

The amount available for allocation will have to be reduced. The laws must also be changed to ensure responsible management of money in the future,

'We have to implement controls, guidelines and checks because we want to be a responsible organization that is allowed to exist," Kraft said.

Chandra Guinn, speaker of the senate, urged members to discuss problems before the meeting in the future, so drawnout discussion would not take place next

time and cause members to leave early.

"We've been talking about this since April. I caution you against going another month without doing anything,"

No funds can be allocated until the take place before its next meeting Dec. 3.

#### **Campus Calendar**

Wednesday

11 a.m. — The Departments of Physics and Astronomy will present a seminar titled "On the Biological Advantage of Chirality" featuring Gideon Gilat of Wake Forest University in 277 Phillips Hall.

11 a.m. to 3 p.m. — The UNC Mountain Bike Club will recruit by the Pit. Check it out. Erre tubes to all new members.

Bike Club will recruit by the Pit. Check it out. Free tubes to all new members. noon — The Cell Biology and Anatomy Department will present a seminar titled "Protein Tryosine Kinases in Lymphocyte Function" featuring Dr. Andrew Chan of Washington University in 124 Taylor Hall. noon — Charles McKinney will host the Sonja H. Stone Black Cultural Center's Around the Circle program. Today's topic is titled "Hi, I'm a Black Republican."

BY WHITNEY MOORE

Slowing the spread of HIV infection is a daunting task in the Southern United States, where the rate of infection is almost five times higher than the national

average.
But an even loftier goal, particularly in North Carolina, is to provide adequate health care for those already infected.

Dr. Allison Heald, an associate in medicine at Duke's infectious diseases division, said better is a necessity.

"Right now, care for most rural pa-tients in North Carolina is very fragmented," she said.

That's why medical centers at UNC-Chapel Hill, East Carolina University and Duke University announced Monday a joint effort to help AIDS patients in eastern North Carolina obtain more efficient health care, said Dr. Kate professor at Duke's Center for Health

Policy Research and Education.

Whetten-Goldstein, director of the project, said the effort would combine resources at the university hospitals and in the various counties with a five-year, \$2 million grant to provide better overall benefits to Medicaid patients. More than 1,000 AIDS patients at

UNC Hospitals will benefit from the project, said Dr. Joseph Eron, director of UNC's Infectious Disease clinic.

The idea of the grant is to take people who are very needy and coordinate services for them," he said. "(The project) will give people who are HIV-positive a **AIDS cases in North Carolina** 

In 1995, the national AIDS infection rate was 27.2 out of every 100,000. In the South the rate of infection was 126 out of every 100,000.

Total deaths **Total reported cases** Jan. '85 to Dec. '89 statewide 998 Jan. '90 to Dec. '92 statewide 1,719 1,404 3,900 1,874 Jan. '93 to Sept. '96 statewide through Sept. '96 in Orange County 3,680 through Sept. '96 in eastern N.C. 6,771 4.276

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road map on how to get into the system and show them how to tap in to the services they need."

Patients will be able to seek care from either the university medical center closest to them or from various health care providers in their county. Each county will have a manager who distributes in-formation about area doctors who treat HIV-positive or AIDS patients.

Patients will have a case coordinator who will ensure that the university hospi tals and local providers work together effectively. The case coordinator will also

help patients with Medicaid, housing and transportation to medical appointments.

"It's very needed in North Carolina, and it's the first project in America to try to combine social services and health care," Whetten-Goldstein said.

She added that more people would

She added that more people would obtain medical attention under this plan.

"Confidentiality in rural areas is a terrible problem," she said. While some doctors refuse to treat

For the Record The Nov. 12 article, "Panelists say

even in rural areas."

privatization requires balancing act," should have identified the director of the John Locke Foundation as John Hood.

AIDS and HIV-positive patients because

of health risks, others will provide care, although they take precautions.

The focus on eastern North Carolina as the area in which the study would operate came as a result of the influx of

AIDS and HIV-positive patients.
"We do have a fairly dramatic impact

of AIDS in our eastern rural areas," said Delbert Williams, head of epidemiology and special studies within the HIV/STD section of the N.C. Department of Environment, Health and Natural Resources.

'It will provide them with better care,

The DTH regrets the error.

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