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Student fee requests increase 100 percent

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Ninety-seven student organizations have applied to receive funding from Student Congress for the 1997-98 academic year, an increase of more than 100 percent over last year.

Only 46 organizations completed the process to apply for funding in 1996.

"I think it's good to see a bunch of different groups getting involved," said Jason Jolley, finance committee chairman.

But Student Body President Aaron Nelson said the increase in the number of groups applying for funding from student government could lead to less money being available for each group. "It's going to be difficult," Nelson said. "We have a limited amount of money."

Nelson said one of the reasons for the increased number of student groups applying for funding could be the fact that student government has exposed more groups to their funding options this year. "I think that Jason and (Student Body Treasurer) Julie Gasperini did more publicity about (funding options) this year," he said.

Another reason for the increased number of applications this year is the funding needs of many graduate student organizations.

Jolley said he felt the efforts of Graduate and Professional Student Federation President Katherine Kraft to inform graduate student groups about

funding options may have led to the increase in applications.

Kraft said she felt it made more sense for graduate student groups to seek funding from Student Congress. "(Graduate student organizations) have very legitimate funding needs, and they're completely justified in going to Student Congress," she said.

"There's no reason graduate student groups shouldn't be treated as equitably as undergraduate groups or even mixed groups."

Kraft said the GPSF was not able to give funding to all of the graduate student organizations using the money in its budget. "Traditionally, all of these groups had come to the GPSF. We don't get enough money to support the needs of all graduate student groups."

She also said she had been encouraging graduate student organizations to seek funding from Student Congress, despite the fact that Student Congress has given limited funding to graduate groups in the past. "(Student Congress) has an unfortunate history of not funding graduate groups."

One part of this history is the controversy concerning funding for Town and Gown, a student organization that publishes a magazine geared toward graduate students.

At the time of the controversy, graduate student representatives said Student Congress was reluctant to fund groups that did not specifically target undergraduates.

Student elections issues

The \$400 question

BY SARA FRISCH
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It takes more than a solid platform, a firm handshake and a winning smile to campaign for student body president. Candidates need some pretty deep pockets, too.

The spending limit is set at \$400, and conventional wisdom says candidates will need every penny to ensure a victory.

According to the Student Code archives, spending limits for campuswide campaigns have been in place for more than two decades.

The limits attempt to keep the race accessible to all students and level the playing field for candidates. The cap for the student body president's race — one of the most expensive — has been \$400 for at least 10 years.

This limit has turned into an unofficial guideline for budgeting a successful campaign. "You'll see most serious candidates finishing around \$350," said John Dervin, president of the Association of Student Governments and a veteran of four campaigns.

Informed observers remain suspicious about the candidates' financial integrity, however. Senior Sean Behr ran for student body president in 1996. "I think there are definitely people who can get around the system," he said.

The "system" for campaign finance is governed by the Elections Board. Candidates must provide documentation for out-of-pocket expenses and even donated goods and services.

"You have to claim fair market value for everything," Dervin said.

The Elections Board verifies prices that look suspiciously low by getting quotes from local businesses.

"It's not very likely that someone would get around the rules," Board Chairwoman Ange Dicks said.

The knowing falsification of a financial statement is grounds for disqualification from the election and constitutes a violation of the Honor Code.

Violations might be more common than the board thinks. A UNC graduate who has advised many student campaigns and wished to remain anonymous said, "Every candidate spends more than \$400."

He knows of past student body president candidates who reported exceptionally low printing costs and failed to report donations of masking tape. "One of the most important decisions a candidate makes is selecting her treasurer," he said. The treasurer is usually someone close to the candidate so that "if any numbers are wiggled, only two people know about it," he said.

Mark Bibbs, a member of the UNC Board of Governors and two-time candidate for student body president, recalled similar violations.

"My campaign found individuals on other

Capping campaigns

Although spending limits for student body president campaigns have increased during the past 20 years, the increases do not reflect inflation. Campaign insiders debate whether the limits discourage candidates or make the campaign accessible.



SOURCE: UNC STUDENT CODE

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campaigns who were cutting costs," he said.

He said that with the help of a treasurer who kept meticulous records, he reported all campaign expenses to the authorities. "There were some (candidates) who did not," he said.

How many candidates cheat? "A good number," Bibbs said. But he believes that all the winning candidates from 1989-95 stayed within the \$400 limit.

He said the losing candidates often kept a watchful eye on the finances of the winners. "The Elections Board doesn't care unless somebody raises a red flag about it," he said. And because campaign workers spend so much time shopping around for good prices on campaign materials, they can easily spot false reports, he said.

Bibbs remains skeptical about the method of enforcement for campaign rules. "It is almost

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Plans set for Lenoir's close

BY DANA SPANGLER
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As students shut their textbooks after final exams, another campus landmark will be closing.

With the Lenoir Dining Hall renovation set to begin in May, UNC has established an interim plan to keep supplying the 50,000 meals per week that come out of the dining hall.

Administrators say this plan will be a necessary inconvenience. "I think that all of us have to do things that are an inconvenience for a year for the greater good," said Susan Kitchen, vice chancellor for student affairs. "It was a balancing of what was available."

Scott Hammack, student services co-chairman, said the interim plan would be in place until renovations are completed in the summer of 1998.

The plan includes:

- Expanding the hours of Chase Dining Hall to include breakfast and lunch and encouraging more people to attend.

- Opening a mini-mart in the Carmichael ballroom similar to the South Campus mini-mart, with prepared dishes and snack food.

- Moving snack items out of Union Station and into Student Stores.

- Expanding Union Station and the adjoining lounge into a food court with several venues.

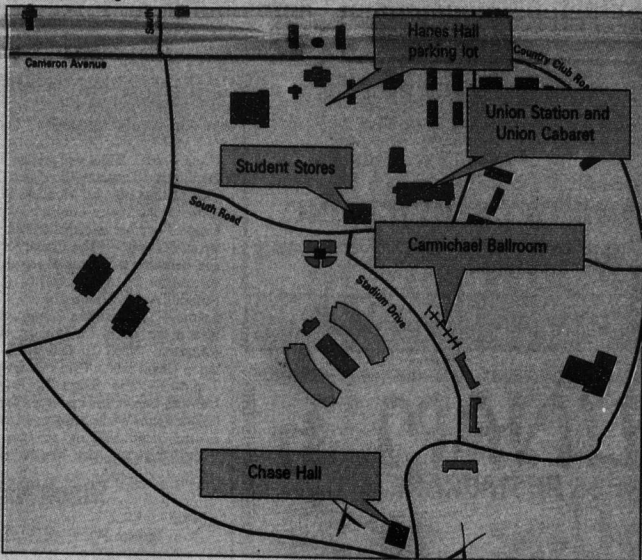
- Building a dining pavilion in the Hanes Hall parking lot that will house a Chick-Fil-A and a traditional food venue.

Rut Tufts, director of auxiliary services, said the Union would need extra space for the interim services. "We will probably build a pavilion on the Pit-side of the Union," he said. "This will hold about 200 people."

The Union Cabaret will also open for lunch, he said.

Where's the beef?

A number of UNC food outlets will expand their offerings during renovations to Lenoir Dining Hall.



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Hammack said another dining pavilion might be built in another location, depending on the cost.

Concession trailers, like an Oscar Meyer hot dog cart, will also be brought to campus, Tufts said. He said these would change for variety.

Tufts said the interim plans should be able to accommodate the same number of people as the dining service currently does. "Under the new scenario we can serve 43,000 meals at one time, and this is just at one time."

Tufts said meal plans would definitely change, though he was not sure of what the changes would be.

Hammack said brochures would be sent out to students to inform them of the changes.

Administrators agreed that these plans

would be an inconvenience.

"There will not be the variety we have now, and the lines will be longer," Tufts said. "This will call for patience on everybody's part."

Hammack said he did not think this was the ideal plan. "The ideal plan wouldn't have restrictions on money," he said. "I think this is the best possible plan with the budgetary constraints we have."

Tufts said the interim plan resulted from input in the form of where customers spent their money. "We have taken the most popular venues and done whatever we could to reproduce that," he said. "Through a community effort we have arrived at a solution that is not perfect but is as good as you can get given the contradictory demands."

UNC leaders focus on future

BY FORREST ANDERSON
STAFF WRITER

Student leaders detailed the latest plans for the renovation of Lenoir Dining Hall, Internet wiring, legislative funding and deferred rush to a crowd of about 25 students Sunday night.

"These issues we are talking about are important because what we implement will not necessarily occur during our term, but will take effect for future student governments," Student Body President Aaron Nelson said.

Nelson's office planned its first student body meeting to answer questions about these issues of importance.

The future of UNC's dining services after Lenoir closes in May drew the most attention. Scott Hammack, chairman of food services, revealed a five-point plan to accommodate students.

First, the food services committee wants to lure more students to Chase Hall by expanding its dining services. The other points include turning Carmichael ballroom into a mini-market and taking snack foods out of Union Station.

The new Lenoir will be one story taller. The basement will house the main kitchen. Students will be able to pick up a meal from Lite Bites or several other eateries on the first floor. The new, second floor will feature an all-you-can-eat area.

"Lenoir will be the best food facility in the country when done," Hammack said.

Due to all of the construction going on around the Lenoir, the passage way between the Pit and Davis Library will be blocked off for safety, said Lacey Hawthorne, student body secretary.

Along with Lenoir's construction, work crews will also continue to provide Internet connections for residence halls.

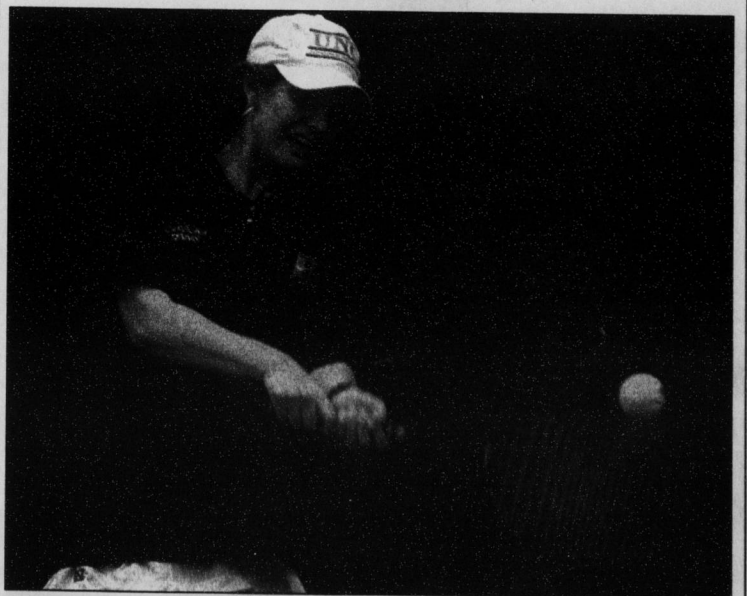
Graham and Aycock residence halls, which will be closed next year to be connected, will be wired to the Internet when they reopen. Old East and Old West are already connected to the Internet, and South campus residence halls will be by December.

"South campus was supposed to be wired for the Internet this summer, but it didn't happen because they ran into a problem with asbestos," Nelson said.

Student government has also worked to foster a better relationship between students and the N.C. General Assembly, said Reyna Walters, the external relations committee chairwoman. "Right now, we are trying to foster more of a relationship between the legislators and UNC, so they will know people from Chapel Hill," Walters said.

Finally, student leaders addressed the possibility of deferred rush. Currently, the Chancellor's Committee on Greek Affairs is not recommending deferred rush.

DOUBLE TROUBLE



DTH/ERIC PEREIRA

UNC senior J.C. Biber returns a shot during Friday's women's tennis match vs. Richmond. The Tar Heels beat the Spiders on the strength of a doubles sweep. See story, page 7.

Ordinance urges drivers to back out of front yard

BY ANNE LYFORD
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Residents living close to the University could have to take their cars out of park if a new town ordinance goes through.

A proposed ordinance by Town Manager Cal Horton would offer ways to regulate front yard parking, deemed unsightly by many residents, in areas near the University.

Mayor Rosemary Waldorf said she has not decided whether she would support this proposal, but said she supported efforts to eliminate front yard parking.

"I think it's unsightly and not in character

with the neighborhood," she said. "We need to respond to this problem somehow."

Town Council member Joe Capowski said the proposed ordinance was still in its primary stages.

Many questions remain unanswered, including what fraction of the yard would be allowed for parking, whether the ordinance applies to single family or multifamily



Council member JOE CAPOWSKI said the ordinance was in the planning stages.

homes, and which areas the ordinance should encompass, he said.

The areas closest to campus, the historic districts — including the Westside, Northside and Gimghoul neighborhoods and the Cameron/McCauley district were designed before everyone had cars, Capowski said.

"Chapel Hill is not equipped to handle 24,000 UNC students with 24,000 automobiles."

The ordinance models Greenville's regulations on front yard parking. Also a college town, Greenville faced problems providing

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Chastity is its own punishment.

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