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## 20 student groups face frozen funds

To receive student funds, student groups have to be University-recognized.

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Student Body Treasurer Marc McCollum froze 20 student groups' funds Monday because they were not officially recognized by the University. The Rules and Judiciary Committee of student government asked McCollum to freeze the groups' funds because they had failed to complete their applications for official University recognition.

The Student Supreme Court, Pauper Players and Zeitgeist magazine were among the groups to have their funds frozen.

"The Student Code requires the Rules and Judiciary Committee to verify that groups receiving student funds are recognized student groups," said Dan Thompson, committee chairman.

Student groups have to apply for University recognition by Sept. 30, McCollum said.

"This weekend, the committee told me what groups were not officially recognized and I had to freeze their funding," McCollum said.

Calvin Cunningham, the chief justice of the Student Supreme Court, said, "I think the rules and judiciary chairman has an itchy trigger finger."

Zeitgeist magazine editor Emily Gorman said, "My application didn't pass at first because my statement of openness to all members was incomplete."

She said it was cleared up a week ago and she did not understand why her magazine's funds are currently frozen.

Adam Seipp, the chief administrator of Pauper Players, said, "The application itself was somewhat confusedly-worded of the date it was due."

"There were a couple of dates that seemed contradictory. A whole bunch of groups turned the application in three days late."

It was possible that the lists the committee was using were not completely up to date, Thompson said.

"It may just be there was a mistake made some place else and they didn't appear on lists," he said.

The groups whose fund were frozen are: the African Students Association,

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## Student quits, cites disability services error

Sara Laufer said she was promised special services for her hearing problems.

BY ASHLEY STEPHENSON  
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A UNC graduate student has withdrawn from the University because she said she was denied disability services.

Sara Laufer, a student from University of California at Berkeley who is hearing impaired, said administrators in the Department of Disability Services gave her incorrect information regarding UNC's facilities for the hearing-impaired prior to her enrollment.

Laufer said a "loop" listening system

allowing her to hear others during group sessions was a critical part of criteria in selecting her graduate schools. Laufer said Jim Kessler, director of disability services, led her to believe these particular systems existed at UNC.

But upon arriving, she found the systems did not exist, Laufer said.

In a letter to Laufer dated Sept. 26, Kessler denies having told Laufer the listening systems existed.

"I am at a loss as to how I would have indicated that there were auditoriums on campus that are (loop-) 'wired' for FM systems when there has never been one," Kessler wrote.

Laufer said that in October of 1996 Kessler said the campus was equipped to handle people with disabilities.

"There was nothing in writing,

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SARA LAUFER  
Former UNC graduate student

because I thought it would have been improper of me to ask," Laufer said. "I trusted (Kessler) — I had no reason not to."

"I wouldn't have moved 2800 miles if (UNC) didn't have the right facilities."

Kessler said Monday, "We have never denied a student reasonable accommo-

dations based on their disabilities."

Kessler said it was normal protocol to have such close contact with disabled students after they are admitted.

Laufer said after several attempts to contact Kessler regarding the situation, they had a meeting Sept. 10.

"During the meeting, Kessler allowed us to be interrupted six times and said I was a 'real problem' and a 'bad person' when I tried to make arrangements on my own," Laufer said.

Kessler responded to Laufer's accusations in his Sept. 26 letter.

"I support advocacy for rights to access, and stated I thought that sometimes, individuals who advocated for themselves are sometimes perceived as a bother," Kessler wrote. "My use of the term 'a bad person' was illustrative and

not directed at you."

Laufer said because she felt Kessler had not made any progress, she spoke with Susan Kitchen, vice chancellor for Student Affairs, on Sept. 19 and put her specific request for the "loop" listening device down on paper.

Kitchen was unavailable for comment Monday.

Laufer said she received a list of the facilities for hearing impaired students from Kessler, but nothing that indicated his department had been working on the problem.

She said she felt frustrated after being thrown "one curve ball after another."

"I came here to be a grad student, not a civil rights activist," she said. "If I had been given accurate information, I never would have even applied to UNC."

## Reaching beyond the walls

BY JESSICA GALAZKA  
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Academics, often seen as permanent residents of ivory towers in the sky, are taking firm steps down to confront the

everyday problems of the state.

Faculty members at UNC are eagerly looking to work with the state to make people's lives better through research.

Thad Beyle, a Thomas Pearsall professor of political science at UNC, quoted an often-used adage of higher education to describe the move, "The boundaries of the University are the boundaries of the state."

### Research for the people

Many researchers at UNC are taking this motto to heart and sticking with a key interest of the University — serving the people of North Carolina.

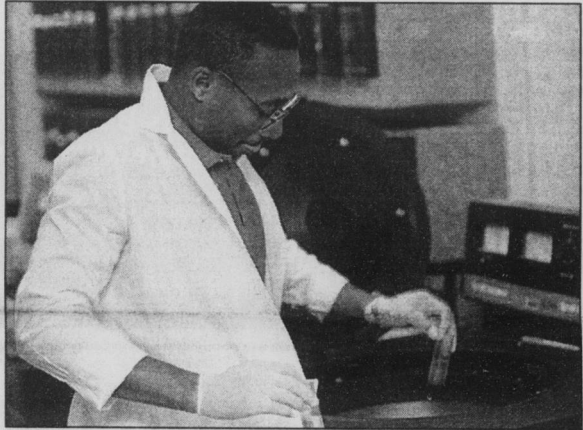
"Faculty see value in doing work the state wants done," said Robert Lowman, director of research services.

Lowman said professors often contracted with state organizations to do research.

"The state agencies have needs for certain projects, and the state knows the University has the ability to do the work," he said.

Stressing the importance of research and North Carolina residents, N.C. Rep. Robert Grady, co-chairman of the General Assembly appropriations subcommittee on education, said, "We're happy they do research, and we're happier when they do good research that benefits the state."

And some faculty members are more than willing to comply. Dr. Eugene Orringer, a hematologist researching sickle cell anemia, said UNC and the state work together in a close and effi-



Research technician Edward Donnell Ivy uses a centrifuge in the General Clinical Research Center to isolate red blood cells Monday.

A five-part series exploring the importance of research at UNC.

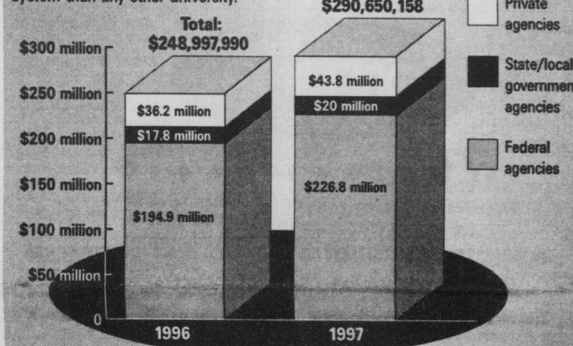


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- Today: The politics of funding research
- Wednesday: Where do professors get support to balance teaching and research?
- Thursday: The differences between various departments' research.
- Friday: The private sector's influence.

### Rackin' in the research

Research funding to the University increased over the last fiscal year. The UNC system ranks third among U.S. public university systems and gets money from federal sources, state and local government agencies, and private sources. The University brought in more money to the system than any other university.



SOURCE: UNC OFFICE OF RESEARCH SERVICES

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cient partnership — the state provides the facilities and the University provides the research.

He said they have worked toward ensuring the work is of direct benefit to North Carolinians.

"That's what we're here to do," Orringer said.

Just how many UNC researchers are working in this direction is unknown. The Office of Research Services did not

start collecting data on how the work benefits the state until this year.

"An awfully high percentage of research done here benefits the state," Lowman said. He added that state residents could take part in the studies and get new treatments or they could directly benefit from proven findings.

Beyle said the AIDS research done

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## Aristide: Search for new ways to deal with poverty

The former president of Haiti shared his own efforts to eradicate Haiti's poverty.

BY HEATHER MITCHELL  
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Proposing a return to cultural values, Jean-Bertrand Aristide urged listeners Monday night to seek new ways of combating world poverty.

"We must move beyond statistics," he said. "This is the challenge of the next generation."

The former president of Haiti, Aristide spoke at Memorial Hall on "The Persistence of Poverty in the Age of Globalization."

Aristide said his personal journey toward solving poverty problems in Haiti began when he and his wife brought street children into their home.

"There are millions of children living on the streets," he said. "We welcome in our house Haitian children from the streets."

He said there were always different ways to fight poverty that had not yet been implemented.

"Each time I address a new group I am struck with the same questions, to find new ways to fight poverty," he said.

The recent destruction of Haiti's military and the creation of a new police force were the first step to controlling the country's poverty level, Aristide said.

"By disbanding the army, not by vengeance, we are creating a way of

(stopping) the misery," he said.

He said women were central to changing economics and policies because they were mothers of the world's children, and they teach human values such as love.

"Women must be the subjects, not objects of history," he said.

Aristide also proposed the reform of democratic governments to involve the people in both the government and the economy.

"We try to democratize democracy," he said.

Aristide said he believed that there was a drive to remedy poverty for this generation.

"There is a wealth of spirit here, and yes, it will persist," he said.

Positive changes in poverty levels took effect in Haiti after the military breakdown of 1994. He said he knew world poverty could be conquered with the same perseverance shown in Haiti.

"The impossible became possible (in Haiti), with you we can do the same. I'm hopeful, yes we can do it," he said. "If poverty persists, the challenge to fight poverty persists," he said.

The world can learn many lessons from the poor, Aristide said. "If we listen closely, these children have a message for the world," he said. "The poor have a message for us as well."

Aristide said since the 1980s, many Third World countries had moved away from poverty in their economies, through the help of growing technology.

He asked, "How long will it take us to change it, to improve the quality of life?"

## Students, faculty question Aristide

BY KAREN LEANZA  
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Jean-Bertrand Aristide, former president of Haiti, stressed compromise, cooperation, tolerance and the democratic process at an informal discussion Monday in Davis Library.

Aristide met with students and faculty and answered questions about the United States' role in Haiti, the role of religion in Haiti, Haitians' definition of democracy and his experience with

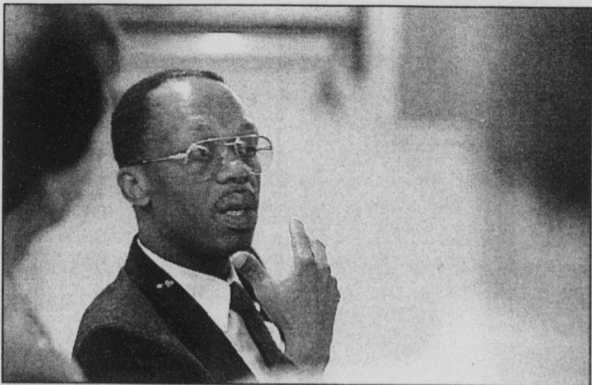
democracy in the United States.

Don Nonini, associate professor of anthropology, asked Aristide to describe the United States' efforts in Haiti.

Aristide said, "Whenever I see the United States defining democracy in the big press, it is on elections."

Haitians think there is more to democracy than elections, Aristide said.

"I think the Haitian government and the U.S. government have to listen to the people," Aristide said. "(Haitians) will tell us how to address these issues."



Jean-Bertrand Aristide, the former president of Haiti, answers questions at an informal discussion for faculty and students in Davis Library on Monday.

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## INSIDE Tuesday

### A night without stars?

Chicago Bulls captain and ex-UNC player Michael Jordan's injured toes will keep him out of Friday's exhibition matchup with the Philadelphia 76ers in the Smith Center. Page 11

### Searching for shelter

The Crisis Intervention division of the Interfaith Council is looking for a new place to call home since the church they're based in is relocating. Page 4

### Students take new route

After a two-month delay, the McColl Building opened for classes Monday. Page 3

### Today's weather

Partly sunny;  
mid 60s  
Wednesday: Cloudy;  
low 60s

Experience, which destroys innocence, also leads one back to it.

James Baldwin