

Student Congress Says Yes to Brook, Newcomb

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Despite modest attendance, Student Congress members tackled a wide range of issues, including approval of a new student attorney general, at their meeting Tuesday night.

The meeting, which less than half of Congress members attended, opened with a push for all Student Congress members to participate in this week-end's Finance Committee workshop, in which Congress members will discuss the budget for the fall semester.

Student Body Treasurer Patrick Frye said Student Congress has a \$13,000 budget surplus heading into the finance committee heading. Frye also cautioned Congress members of the fact that not all campus groups can be supported financially by student fees.

"There are a lot of good programs on campus," he said. "(Student Congress) cannot fund them all. It is important for us to pick and choose our battles carefully. Wisdom comes when you find the group you want to fight for."

Congress members moved to hear a plea by representatives from the Conference on Race, Class, Gender and Ethnicity. The group received funding from Student Congress last year and came Tuesday night to request a \$900 funding increase. The additional money would be used to cover the costs of keynote speakers for the conference.

Some Congress members noted that the lack of additional funding for the conference would not preclude the event.

But other representatives argued that the conference is offering something that the whole campus could benefit from — a greater exposure to issues surrounding

race, class, gender and ethnicity.

After a lengthy debate, Student Congress members voted not to reconsider the Finance Committee's decision to deny an increase of funds for the conference.

Congress members also unanimously approved sophomore Brad Newcomb for the post of student attorney general. "My greatest value is my dedication to the system," Newcomb said. "This is what I enjoy doing, and it is where I make my impact."

As Student Congress members questioned Newcomb about recent attacks on the judicial process, he issued a pledge to make the system more accessible to students. "It's time we stopped being a secret society," he said. "It is important that we make the system more approachable while still maintaining the integrity of the system."

Student Congress also approved junior Chris Brook as a Committee on Student Conduct member. "My love for a student-run judicial system and my knowledge of the Student Code prove that I am a good choice for this position," he said. "The most important thing is that there needs to be better communication from COSC, the attorney general and the Honor Court to students, (The Daily Tar Heel) and Congress about our missions and goals."

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Student Body Treasurer Patrick Frye warns that Congress cannot fund all student groups.

'Mini-Medical School' Explains Asthma

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The first session of UNC's Mini-Medical School Lecture Series was a breath of fresh air to the packed auditorium at the Friday Center on Tuesday.

The lecture, "Breathing Not So Freely," is the first in a series of five, which are open to the general public. Other lecture topics include digestion, fetal therapy, genomics and cancer.

"The purpose of this occasion is to share information that we think is valuable to our community," said Dr. Myron Cohen, professor of medicine.

Three medical gurus were on tap Tuesday to speak about asthma and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, as well as possible prevention and care.

Dr. David Peden, professor of pediatrics, began the lecture by discussing the asthma epidemic.

"Asthma is truly a worldwide problem," Peden said. He said there are about 150 million asthmatics globally.

Peden said that dander and saliva from cats, dust mites' fecal matter and cockroaches are common irritants of asthma. "Cockroach allergy kills people," Peden said. "The people that it kills are primarily children in African American urban settings."

Dr. James Donohue, professor of medicine, continued the lecture by addressing the issue of chronic bronchitis and emphysema, collectively known as chronic obstructive pulmonary disorder.

"(COPD) has become the fourth leading cause of death," Donohue said.

He showed an array of spoof ads criticizing cigarette smoking, including one of two Marlboro men and the phrase, "Bob, I've Got Emphysema."

Donohue also said that COPD is plaguing women in large percentages and that tobacco-related diseases will soon move to the third leading killer.

Donohue cited maternal smoking, low birth rate, serious illness in the first few years of life, uncontrolled asthma and working in a dusty environment as

COPD causes.

But he said there is hope even if someone is diagnosed with COPD. "It is not the kiss of death, but it could be if you keep smoking."

The final speaker, Jeanie Mascarella, pulmonary nurse clinician, focused on ways to limit asthma attacks and increase awareness of new medications that will soon be on the shelves.

"All of the inhalers (currently using chlorofluorocarbons) will be removed from the market over the next few years," she said. "Now what is going to be coming out are dry powder devices and inhalers with a new fluorocarbon."

One Chapel Hill resident, Eleanor Morris, said she was very pleased with the event. "This is the third (Mini-Medical School lecture) that I have come to," she said. "I don't suffer from asthma but I have a granddaughter who does and I learned much more about it."

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Med School 101

UNC's Mini-Medical School Lecture Series gives medical lessons to ordinary audiences.

"New Lives in Jeopardy," Feb. 27.

Doctors will discuss fetal scanning for birth defects and fetal surgery.

"Forefronts in Digestive Diseases," March 6. Doctors will give a presentation on ulcers, reflux and digestion.

"Romancing the Genome," March 15. Doctors will discuss drug discovery in the genomics age.

"Cancer Treatment: Reasons for Hope," March 20. Doctors will discuss less invasive surgery and the new frontiers.

All lectures will take place from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Friday Center. Cost is \$25 for general public, \$15 for teachers/students. Pre-registration is required. Visit www.unchealthcare.org.

Napster Strives to Settle, Offers \$1 Billion

The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Napster Inc. offered \$1 billion to the recording industry Tuesday to settle the copyright infringement suit that threatens to shut down the free Internet song-swapping service.

Under the proposed settlement, \$150 million would be paid each year for the first five years to the major record labels — Sony, Warner, BMG, EMI and Universal — with an additional \$50 million allotted annually for independent

labels.

Napster CEO Hank Barry, flanked by company founder Shawn Fanning, described the urgency of reaching an agreement with the record companies that are suing Napster for copyright infringement.

"We all ought to sit down and settle this case as fast as we can," Barry said. "We're saying this is something consumers really want. Let's do something to keep it going."

Record labels urged Napster instead to accept a federal injunction ordering it

to block copyrighted music from its service.

"This path would be more productive than trying to engage in business negotiations through the media," Hilary Rosen, president of the Recording Industry Association of America, said before Napster made its offer public.

The offer was announced a week after a federal appeals court signaled the end is near for Napster's free service, saying the music industry almost certainly will win its suit against the pioneering digital entertainment company.

Under last week's ruling from a three-judge panel of the San Francisco-based 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, the company was ordered to stop the millions of people who use it as a clearing-house to swap copyrighted music without charge and without restriction.

Napster, whose lawyers have said such action would be virtually impossible, has vowed to appeal to the full appeals court.

Napster has argued it is not to blame for how subscribers use copyrighted material.

Campus Calendar

Today

noon — The Sonja H. Stone Black Cultural Center presents **Around the Circle: "Reparations."**

Does America owe blacks 40 acres and a mule or much more?

Will African Americans ever collect

their debt?

1:30 p.m. — The **Turning Point Road Show** continues with a day of workshops in the Student Union and a street show at 2 p.m. in the Pit.

6 p.m. — **Carolina Global Partners** is a new organization on campus with the goal of uniting international and American students.

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Come to our first organizational meeting in 101 Bingham Hall.

6 p.m. — The Center for Healthy Student Behaviors will sponsor **Body Knowledge**, a free workshop exploring body image, food, weight.

For more information, call 962-9355.

7 p.m. — **Phi Beta Kappa** and the **Johnston Center for Undergraduate Excellence** will co-sponsor a symposium in science and humanities on "**The Ethics of Genetic Testing.**" The event will be held in the Commons Room of the Johnston Center.

A reception will follow the panel discussion.

7 p.m. — "**Carolina Week**" — real news by real students — will bring you the sights and sounds of the student body president victory and the latest

on bringing basketball fan revelers to justice tonight on **Chapel Hill cable Channel 4** or in the residence halls on **Channel 22.**

Catch us at the same time on the same channel Thursday and Friday as well!

7:30 p.m. — Looking for a fun and rewarding **spring break experience?** Come learn about our **2001 Habitat for Humanity spring break work trips** to either Orange Park, Fla., or Camden, N.J., in 101 Greenlaw Hall.

No experience is needed — all those interested are encouraged to attend!

7:30 p.m. — **Masala**, UNC's multi-

cultural organization, will host its annual **Date Auction** in 209 Manning Hall. All proceeds will be donated to the UNC Children's Hospital.

8 p.m. — **Racism and White Privilege Speak Out!**

Come learn how to recognize and combat racism in the Joyner Residence Hall lounge.

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A club with over 40 members, we compete both socially and competitively on a national level. With one of the finest teams that Chapel Hill has seen in years, the UNCRFC is currently 4-0, and ranked #1 in the state.

UNC-Charlotte will be our last league match on Carmichael Field, as we attempt to break into the National Sweet Sixteen for the first time in the club's 35 year history.

Weekend Events

Saturday, February 24

- Carolina Women's Tennis Club vs. Davidson 2pm, UNC Outdoor Education Center

Sunday, February 25

- Carolina Team Handball Club hosts Southeast Conference Team Handball Tournament 8am-3pm, Fetzer Gym
- UNC-CH Women's Club Lacrosse vs. Clemson 1pm, Ehringhaus Field

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