

Congress Shows Restraint in Allotting Funds

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A tighter grip on student fees allocated toward bringing in campus speakers enabled the 82nd session of Student Congress to leave its 2001-2002 budget meeting with a \$4,484.11 surplus.

After a year in which Congress struggled with debt, representatives emphasized restraint in increasing the funds granted to student organizations.

"This is not the year we can afford to grow groups," said Mark Townsend, the chairman of the Finance Committee, in

response to the Conference on Race, Class, Ethnicity and Gender's request for an escalation from its previous funds.

The Black Student Movement received the largest allocation — \$14,066 of the \$21,233 the group requested, setting



Speaker Alexandra Bell said Student Congress could not afford to fund many speakers this year.

a precedent that sparked debate several times throughout the weekend.

Congress attempted to cut its appropriations by withholding money for speakers from organizations that did not have the specifics of their expenses written out.

"It was basically speakers that put us in the hole last year," said Speaker Alexandra Bell. "We decided that this year we will hit the speakers, because its such a wobbly expense."

A stricter policy on appropriating money for speakers prompted a decrease in funding for the conference. The organization received only \$4,157

after requesting \$10,231.92, a cut that prompted lengthy debate among representatives in light of the significant allocation to the BSM.

"The BSM got 25 times the printing and publicity funds as these guys," said representative Greg Wahl. "Since we are a University, academics hold a little more priority to me than parties or congratulations for finishing academic commitments."

But Student Body Treasurer Patrick Frye said the fiscal structure of the BSM, which serves as an umbrella organization, is an effective way to distribute student fees. "The great thing about groups

like the BSM is that they keep costs more efficient for the smaller groups underneath them," he said.

But debate was not reserved for fund allocation. A rider to the budget prohibiting publications funded by student fees from being distributed through the mail provoked the most intense debate.

"Whether it's admitted or not, this rider was proposed based on dislike of the content of the Carolina Review," said representative Brad Overcash. "The Carolina Review is the only publication that sends through the mail."

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ASHLEY STEPHENSON CAA Hopefuls: Use Last Days To Get Dirty

I've watched the race for Carolina Athletic Association president unravel with a mixture of amusement and dismay.

It hasn't been pretty. Most of it borders on downright ridiculous, what with the nefarious e-mails, accusations and the use of the phrase "smoking gun." The aftermath of said nonsense has resulted in hearings with the Board of Elections, a violations and a re-election.

The two chief players are candidates Reid Chaney and Michael Songer.

At the crux of their platforms and this debacle was Carolina Fever. Chaney wanted to keep the Fever kids sweating, Songer promised to give them the boot.

Enter Davin McGuinness, former president of Carolina Fever. Word on the street is that mere moments before students cast their votes for the post, McGuinness supposedly sent out a mass e-mail. The message: Songer is a bad, dishonest dude. Chaney is cool. Vote for Chaney.

The election went to Chaney by five votes. But Songer contested the results, saying the e-mail screwed his campaign. Chaney denied being in cahoots with McGuinness.

Thus, a new election.

What surprises me is that the two candidates are surprised by any of it. I've long touted the benefits of not taking student elections seriously. But despite my warnings, candidates do take it seriously. They put in the time and the money. They miss class and sleep. They treat it like a real election.

Which is why they should not be shocked when real-life election problems like negative campaigning crop up.

We've all seen that nonsense on television when races start to heat up: "Candidate Mike Wilson comforts old people on sunny days and cradles babies with the touch of a mother hen. (Cue ominous music) But his opponent, Lloyd Jennings, likes to KILL babies! So on Election Day, don't vote for the candidate who will fondle your sister. Cast yours for the one who will hold hands with her while skipping through a flower-filled field with a waterfall in the background."

It would be nice if candidates could stand merely on the strengths of their platform and character and let the best man win. But the CAA fiasco has only confirmed suspicions that students on this campus are going to perk up and listen when it starts to get ugly.

Let us revisit the days of yesteryear in February 1996, when SBP-elect Aaron Nelson was depicted with devil horns and pitchfork on the cover of the Carolina Review while being lampooned for his religious beliefs. Or February 1999, when controversy surrounding possible violations by SBP candidate Amanda Greene prompted two election board members to resign in the middle of the election fracas.

And that's just to name a few. Songer has maintained that the negative e-mail made such an impact on students that they did not vote for him.

He should have hit back just as hard. If these candidates want it so bad, they should take off the gloves at the mere hint of impropriety.

Because being the good guy who refuses to stoop down to "that level" isn't going to get you very far with UNC students. Let me remind you these are the same students who voted in two basketball players to Congress posts, who pay attention to the catchiest slogan and flier and whose loyalty can be swayed with one pathetic mass e-mail.

And that's if they even come out to vote. I say get down in the mud and start throwing it with both hands.

Because when it comes to CAA, the student body doesn't give a damn about your character or your honesty. They don't care if you're trying to pad your resume. They don't care if you play with Barbie dolls or if you wear your clothes like pop-sensation Kriss Kross.

The just want their basketball tickets, plain and simple.

I'm not taking sides between Songer and Chaney or even pointing a finger at McGuinness. I don't care that much.

But I say this to the candidates: You have one day left before the election. Make a splash and make it count.

Because students are only going to hear who gets the last word.

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Samantha Richardson and Andrew Locklear, the head dancers at the Carolina Indian Circle's annual powwow, lead dancers in the event's Grand Entry in Polk Place on Saturday.

UNC Powwow Celebrates Culture

By Ann Hau
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Pulsing drum beats, vibrant dancers, and resounding Indian chants cut through the usual quiet on campus Saturday.

Carolina Indian Circle, UNC's Native American cultural awareness organization, held its annual powwow at Polk Place near Wilson Library. The event has attracted people of various ages and races from across the state since 1974.

Saturday's powwow was a smaller version of the many that are held across the state every year. The celebration of Native American culture incorporated singing, dancing and fellowship to increase cultural pride and awareness.

Native American jewelry, art and food vendors also attracted students and visitors to the Pit. Senior Ben Hammonds, event coordinator and president of the circle, said the program was important to increase awareness on campus.

"The powwow is a social gathering with some

ceremonial aspects where everyone can come together and learn about our culture," he said.

The event featured various dances, including a healing dance, and Native American music from three N.C.-based bands. Dancers donned the traditional regalia of a Native American performer. Each brightly colored costume had seven rows of fringe-like metal cones.

Sophomore Larry Nilles, another UNC student at the event, heard about the powwow from his history professor and decided to bring along his 11-year-old brother, Kris, from Knightdale. Neither brother had attended a powwow before. "It's a really interesting, cultural experience," Nilles said.

Nilles' professor, Theda Perdue, also attended the gathering with two of her colleagues — American Studies Professor Mike Green and post-doctorate student Izumi Ishii.

Perdue, a Native American researcher, said she attends powwows every year. "This is a wonderful opportunity for UNC to acknowl-

edge the presence of native students and to learn something about the culture," she said. "The Carolina Indian Circle students really link the University to the broader community."

Lesley Johnson, a graduate student from the College of William and Mary in Virginia, came to witness an Indian powwow for a class. "I had to attend an activity where I would be a minority," Johnson said.

Ray Silva, the master of ceremonies, came from Greensboro with his family to help conduct the activities.

Silva provided the audience with anecdotes and information about the Native American culture and entranced the audience with a live flute performance.

"These powwows help show people that we're still going strong," he said.

"We're still alive, we're still here."

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Doherty, Men's Basketball Gain New 'Disciples'

UNC basketball fans have been christened "Doherty's Disciples" in response to Duke's Cameron Craziess.

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To raise spirit in the Smith Center, a group of 15 students have dubbed UNC men's basketball fans Doherty's

Disciples, a rival to Duke University's Cameron Craziess.

Seniors Will Lloyd, Michael Bucy, Jesse Moore and Will Morris collaborated with several Carolina Athletic Association officials to coin the new nickname, which sprung from a recent Durham Herald-Sun article calling UNC students the Carolina Craziess.

"I refuse to be labeled the Carolina Craziess," said Lloyd, this year's Mr. UNC. "So that is what started the thought process."

The name's religious context developed from an article in Sporting News calling the Smith Center the best place to play in college basketball. "We began thinking, 'The Smith Center is like a cathedral ... like a chapel' ...



Basketball coach Matt Doherty

and then bam! The Doherty Disciples," Lloyd said. "It all came together."

Doherty's Disciples debuted during last week's home game against Florida State University. Prior to the start of the game, students sold all of the 200 shirts they had printed and further promoted the idea by donating free shirts to radio broadcasters such as Woody Durham.

Lloyd said everyone wanted a shirt, including security guards and assistant coaches. "The Florida State game was amazing," he said.

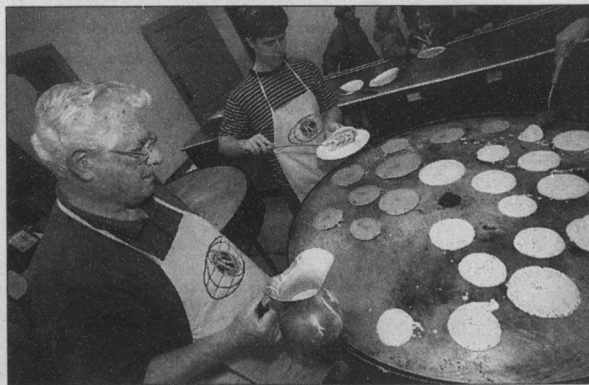
Lloyd said Doherty gave his approval to the idea on WTVD's Inside Carolina Basketball. "(Doherty) said despite the weather, it was the loudest it has been in the Dean Dome in a long time."

Lloyd said the group plans to sell the shirts to students sitting in the riser section and also to fill orders from the assistant coaches during Wednesday's game against N.C. State University.

Shirts have already been given to

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FLIPS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS



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Pancake-pouring Frank Fearington keeps hungry crowds happy and sated at the 41st annual Pancake Jamboree on Saturday. The funds raised will benefit Chapel Hill and East Chapel Hill high school students.

Committee Offers Master Plan Ideas

Projected development for the Horace Williams tract was cut by 255 acres with plans to build up, not out.

By Isaac Groves
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Representatives of the Horace Williams Planning Advisory Committee presented the campus community with a new, scaled-down version of an off-campus development plan during an open forum at Carroll Hall.

At Friday's forum, committee member Jack Evans gave a Microsoft PowerPoint presentation showing conceptual maps and artists' renderings of the projected mixed-use development on UNC's Horace Williams property off

Airport Road.

In this most recent plan, which the committee developed with Ayers Saint Gross, a Baltimore architectural firm, projected development was trimmed from 550 to 295 acres.

"The plan that we're thinking of right now does not in any way exhaust the available land," Evans said. "It is rather going to use it quite sparingly."

Resident Mary Whitton, of 811 Kenmore Road, said she was not concerned about potential runoff going into



University counsel Susan Ehringhaus said on-campus growth will get priority for funding and resources.

Eastwood Lake because this plan takes environmental issues into account. "If the concerned people of Chapel Hill are interested in the Eastwood runoff issue, I don't have to worry about it," Whitton said.

The original plan that firm Johnson, Johnson and Roy designed for the advisory committee in 1998 would have developed 56 percent of the 979 acres available. Evans said that while the total proposed building space was still a little more than 8 million square feet, Ayers Saint Gross was able to reduce the figure to 30 percent by concentrating all new construction into one area and building up and not out.

"We're not going to sprawl as much," Evans said after the presentation. "We're going to build vertically."

But because the concentration of

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