

Congress to Support TPAC Restructuring

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Members of Student Congress said Tuesday that they plan to draft a resolution to call for the restructuring of the Transportation and Parking Advisory Committee.

Congress members said the resolution also might include an admonition of TPAC Chairman Bob Knight, who admitted misrepresentation in his statement to the committee last week.

At last week's TPAC meeting, Knight announced five budgetary directives that he said came from Chancellor James Moeser. He later admitted that the directives did not come from Moeser but were his own. Knight said he hoped the guidelines would pressure TPAC into agreeing on a budget for the

Department of Public Safety, which is facing a \$2 million budget deficit for the 2002-03 fiscal year.

Student Body President Justin Young, who also is a TPAC member, said at Tuesday's Congress meeting that TPAC members do not trust Knight.

He also said last week's events are proof that the person who fills the role of chairman for TPAC should not come from University administration.

"I think (TPAC members) felt forced to make a decision on something inappropriate," he said. "There's too much meddling from South Building."

Decisions made by TPAC have to be approved by Moeser and by the UNC Board of Trustees before they are enacted.

Young encouraged members of Congress to draft a resolution support-

ing the reorganization of TPAC, possibly including equal representation for students, faculty and staff and an overall downsizing of the committee.

These points were suggested at a Monday meeting between student leaders and Nancy Suttentfield, vice chancellor for finance and administration.

Young said student government leaders would applaud any action taken by Congress.

"To say we had an interesting fiasco (last week) would be an understatement," he said. "Whatever action Congress takes, a resolution would be greatly appreciated."

Congress Speaker Mark Townsend suggested that Congress consider admonishing Knight for his actions at last week's TPAC meeting as part of the resolution.

"I think we need to say that it's not

OK that (Knight) did this," he said.

Ethics Committee Chairman Dave Ruddle will be drafting the resolution.

Congress also voted not to override Young's veto on a bill involving funding for student organizations. The bill, which would take away money from inactive or unrecognized groups, was vetoed when it was discovered that the Italian Club had been included in the bill by mistake.

Congress also passed several financial bills involving funding for student organizations. The bills will provide funding for Shakespeare's Sister, the Undergraduate Art Association, Carolina Mock Trial and the Thai Student Association of UNC.

A bill to provide funding for The Impact Movement was postponed.

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Developments in the War on Terrorism

Confession May Not Bring Conviction

Islamic militant Ahmed Omar Saeed Sheikh's public confession that he was involved in the kidnapping of Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl might not be enough to convict him, the case's chief prosecutor said Wednesday.



Bush Administration Makes Pledge on Behalf of Hostages

The Bush administration, in a policy shift, pledged Wednesday to "make every effort" to gain the release of all Americans kidnapped overseas — including private citizens. But the administration ruled out paying ransom or making other concessions.

Pentagon: Office Won't Spread Lies

Pentagon officials on Wednesday denied planning to use a new Office of Strategic Influence to plant false information in the news media to promote U.S. war goals. Exact limits of the office's mandate have yet to be defined.

Courts to Decide Fate Of May Primaries

The Associated Press

SMITHFIELD — A state judge agreed Wednesday to allow the appellate courts to decide whether to stop the May primary legislative elections, a week after he ruled new districts unconstitutional.

Superior Court Judge Knox Jenkins said holding elections in state House and Senate districts that had been declared unconstitutional would be illogical but stopped short of delaying the May 7 primaries.

He issued an order that would change the election schedule but deferred to the North Carolina Court of Appeals or state Supreme Court. Either court has the authority to halt the elections until the unconstitutional districts are redrawn.

Last Friday, Jenkins said he wasn't inclined to stop the elections for state House and Senate seats under new maps drawn last fall.

However, his order Wednesday clearly envisions that they could be moved and new maps drawn before elections.

House Minority Leader Leo Daughtry, R-Johnston, one of the plaintiffs in the

lawsuit, said the ruling was surprising in light of Jenkins comments last week.

"I'm very gratified he did that and had the courage to do that. I can't speak to what the Supreme Court will do," said Daughtry. "I'm hopeful they will do what we believe the law is. They'll have the opportunity."

Republican legislators filed the lawsuit in November, contending the new legislative districts violate a provision of the state constitution which forbids dividing counties. Tom Farr, a lawyer representing the Republicans, said he would file a petition with the state Supreme Court asking for an expedited review.

State attorneys argued that the U.S. Voting Rights Act invalidated a constitutional requirement not to split counties.

The GOP countered that the requirement of the Voting Rights Act not to dilute minority voting strength could be met while following the North Carolina Constitution.

The House plan divides 70 of North Carolina's 100 counties to form 112 districts. The Senate map divides 51 counties to establish 46 districts.

Campus Calendar

Today

6 p.m. — Theta Nu Xi multicultural sorority Inc. would like to invite all interested women to a "Get to Know You" fun activity in 210 Dey Hall. For more information, please contact Alicia

East at east@email.unc.edu.

7:30 p.m. — Need a refresher course in sex ed.? Come to a round-table discussion hosted by Choice USA about contraception and related pro-choice issues with Dr. Gunter, OB/GYN in 202 Dey Hall. For more information contact Choice USA at unchoiceusa@hotmail.com.

8 p.m. — Sept. 11 — New York City. Come and hear one man's story who witnessed the tragedy firsthand. The talk, sponsored by Campus Crusade for Christ, will take place in Hill Hall auditorium.

Friday

5:30 p.m. — Bicyclists unite! Take back the streets with your bike during the fun-filled and completely legal ride en masse down Franklin Street, hosted by the Student Environmental Action

Coalition. This month's exciting ride will start at the sundial in the Morehead Planetarium's parking lot, located behind the Graham Memorial building.

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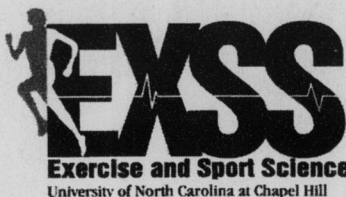
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In the Feb. 20 article "BOG Begins More Specific Tuition Talks" incorrectly quoted UNC-system Board of Governors member Jim Phillips as saying "All right, here is our ante — max it." The quote should have read "All right, here is our ante — match it." The Daily Tar Heel regrets the error.



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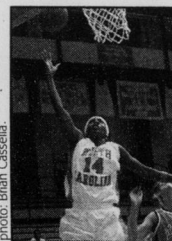
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