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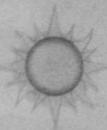
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New Child-Care Funding Package Will Fall Short

Even with UNC funding, 30 children will remain on the waiting list, according to committee estimates.

By JOY BUCHANAN
Staff Writer

The University's agreement earlier this month to match funds raised by an increase in student fees will allow the child-care referendum passed Feb. 12 to fund 24 additional children, officials said Tuesday.

But while officials say the plan is a positive step, especially for student par-

ents, it still won't provide coverage for all the members of the University community in need of child-care resources.

As of now, 42 UNC students receive child-care assistance from the University and the Child Care Services Association, a nonprofit agency based in Chapel Hill.

Teresa Smith, a member of the Child Care Advisory Committee, said that even with the University funding, 30 children of students would still remain on the waiting list for funds.

"(Child care is) one of those needs that's never fully addressed, but we try to work to get more resources," Smith said.

This year, the committee requested and received administrative approval for a plan that has the University match-

ing the \$36,000 that would be raised by a 75-cent per semester student fee increase scheduled to begin next fall.

While the committee has made progress in securing additional funds for student parents, it is still looking for increased funds for faculty and staff who need child-care subsidies.

The committee also asked for a 30 percent budget increase, which would be used to generate an additional \$15,112 to fund employee child-care subsidies.

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TERESA SMITH
Member of Child Care Advisory Committee

If the committee also gets approval for the employee increases, the total subsidy allocated to students would be \$50,625, and the faculty and staff subsidy allocation would be \$65,487.

CCAC members say the increases are necessary to keep pace with the rising costs of child care in the area.

According to data from the CCAC, child-care costs have increased an average of 6 percent each year since 1996, the last year the committee received a

budget increase.

Fewer students have received child-care subsidies for the last six years because the CCAC's steady budget and the increase in child-care costs. The committee's last budget increase was for the 1996-97 fiscal year. The \$20,000 increase raised the committee's total budget to \$120,000 annually.

CCAC Chairwoman Ellen Peisner-Feinberg said the additional funding is also important because many student parents are not eligible for local or state child-care subsidies. She said most child-care funds are given to working parents, so a student parent would not qualify.

Smith said aid awarded to student families is based on need. The CCAC

determines how much a family can afford to pay for child care and gives them enough funding to pay for the remaining costs. The money from the CCAC goes directly to the child-care provider.

Despite the fact that the additional funds will still not cover all student parents who apply for child-care subsidies, CCAC members are optimistic about the changes.

"I was very pleased," Peisner-Feinberg said about the University's decision to match the funds. "I thought passing the request at this time when the state is not in good shape... showed (the University's) commitment to child care."

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UNC Conducts Wide Range of Live Research

Many Experiments Use Animal Subjects

By LIZZIE BREYER
University Editor

Behind closed doors in laboratories across campus, thousands of animals live to serve science.

As students go about their daily business, many UNC faculty and staff conduct cutting-edge medical research — with the help of mice, dogs and other mammals.

The world of animal research on campus was thrust into the spotlight April 18, when People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals released a video filmed by a member of the organization who worked undercover in UNC's labs.

The video, which shows several instances of alleged mistreatment toward mice used in the Thurston

Bowles labs, drew immediate fire from animal rights groups and has prompted an investigation into the practices in the labs.

But research practices and topics on campus involving animals go far beyond the mice shown in the PETA video and span a wide range of medical purposes.

Tony Waldrop, vice chancellor for research and graduate studies, said that in the 2000-01 academic year, there were 1,260 active protocols involving animal subjects.

Waldrop said most of the research conducted on animals is medical in nature, involving procedures from drug trials to anatomical studies. "Most are dealing with disease and cures for diseases as diverse as you can imagine," he said.

Dwight Bellinger, the interim director of the Division of Laboratory Animal Medicine, which provides daily care and veterinary services to laboratory animals, said animal experiments are applicable to almost any study that could be done at the University.

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Rats and mice, like the ones pictured above, are used throughout campus for medical experiments on a variety of topics. About 60,000 mice are used on campus in various laboratories, including those in the Thurston Bowles building (below), which houses many mice used by the Center for Alcohol Studies.

Students Participate in a Number of Medical Studies

By LIZZIE BREYER
University Editor

It's no secret that most college students are constantly strapped for cash.

Common ways of solving that problem include taking part-time jobs, selling CDs back to secondhand music stores and the ever-popular calling home for money.

But junior Karl Schmid has found his own way to resolve his financial woes — every six weeks, he

treks to UNC's Environmental Protection Agency site to undergo a bronchoscopy.

The three-hour process entails the insertion of a flexible tube with a camera on the end into his nose and through his bronchial tubes so that researchers can pass a liquid through and collect cells.

Schmid collects \$300 for the process, which he calls "kind of uncomfortable, but really easy and not too painful at all."

Schmid is among many students who volunteer for the myriad of medical experiments conducted

on campus each year that use human subjects.

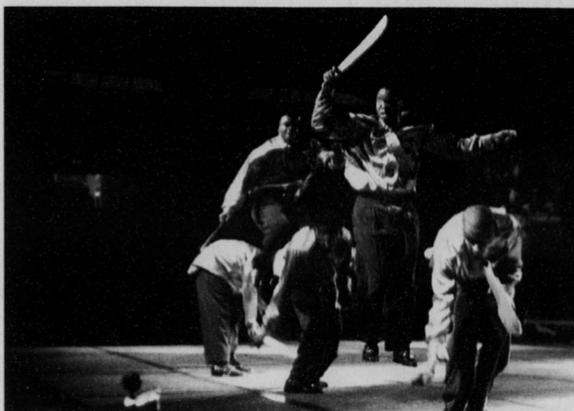
But the range of research tested on humans goes far beyond the occasional study for which the average undergraduate can volunteer — experiments range from simple to sophisticated and use a wide range of subjects.

The only thing they have in common is that all are overseen by various institutional review boards, which monitor all protocols involving

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The Gainesville Outlaws from the University of Florida perform Saturday in the Greek Freak Step Show sponsored by Alpha Phi Alpha.

Show Aims to Step Up Awareness

By PHILISSA CRAMER
Staff Writer

Flashing lights and flashy outfits distinguished the annual Greek Freak Step Show and After Party hosted Saturday by Mu Zeta, UNC's chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity Inc.

Step teams from six universities throughout the Southeast convened in Carmichael Auditorium for the show, hosted by DJ Amos Quick of 102 JAMZ.

The teams, fielded by National Pan Hellenic Council organizations, competed in front of more than 3,000 spectators.

Ralph Mensah, Greek Freak 2002 coordinator, said the 13 members of Mu Zeta planned all year for the event in an effort to raise HIV/AIDS awareness.

Teams used a variety of props and

costumes to ornament their performances. The University of Florida team donned blindfolds and swung swords as part of its act, while the Winston-Salem State University sorority adopted an '80s theme, complete with halter tees and stonewashed jeans.

Judges evaluated teams on both style and technical skills.

The Delta Sigma Theta sorority team from Duke University took first place, and the top-rated fraternity step team came from Florida's chapter of Iota Phi Theta.

Spirits remained high even within the competitive atmosphere, with Greek audience members cheering loudly for the teams that represented their organizations. During the intermission, impromptu performances crowded the stage area.

Mensah said that even though only six of the nine UNC Pan Hellenic Council Greek organizations participated in the invitational, the competition still improved performance quality. "The stepping was of high caliber," he said.

Brad Picot, Mu Zeta's coordinator of Project Alpha, said the event's focus on HIV/AIDS awareness was integral to the fraternity's mission. The Center for Healthy Student Behaviors helped Mu Zeta design a campaign to raise awareness about AIDS prevention.

"AIDS: Get to Steppin'" was the second campaign funded by a grant from the American College Health Association, said Marcie Fisher, the center's advocacy and diversity coordinator.

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If you obey all the rules you miss all the fun.

Katharine Hepburn