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## Congress approves \$13K post

### NEW OFFICE MANAGER TO INCREASE EFFICIENCY FOR EXECUTIVE BRANCH

BY LIZZIE STEWART  
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In a near-unanimous vote, Student Congress allocated \$13,000 of the Student Activity Fee to its operating budget this weekend to oversee the hiring of an office manager for student government.

The amendment to allocate the money to the executive branch failed, but Congress allocated the money to itself to allow for more oversight.

"It shows that they are forward-thinking," Student Body Treasurer Alexa Kleysteuber said. "It is kind of sad that they don't trust the executive branch to make a request and follow through with it."

The office manager will perform a variety of duties to make the day-to-day running of the office smoother. Such duties will include basic office tasks such as answering the phone and addressing questions from the host of students who come into the office

everyday. "There's been a need and a desire for an office manager for as long as I can remember," Kleysteuber said.

The office manager also will facilitate the transition period between administrations. "This new person is coming in, and they don't know how to set up their calendar or how to set up their voice mail or what appointments they're on," Kleysteuber said. "They are also concerned with picking their officers and Cabinet."

She said the new position will create an increase in efficiency. "The productivity of the office is going to expand," she said.

The executive branch is working with Student Union Director Don Luse to secure

approximately \$15,000 of the Student Union's budget to add to the \$13,000 that Congress already has allocated. This would make the office manager a full-time paid employee earning \$15 per hour.

Although Student Congress officials had concerns about using the Student Activity Fee to fund a non-student salary, Kleysteuber said, a student could not do everything necessary of the position due to time constraints. "I think there's a sense of responsibility and longevity that we want this position to have," she said. "It would be contrary to the goals of the office manager if it were a student."

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## Judicial branch stipend rejected

### Congress wary of setting precedent

BY LIZZIE STEWART  
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Student Congress was reluctant to allocate funding to the judicial and executive branches of student government at its annual budget weekend because of a pending referendum that would allocate student fees permanently to the branches.

The proposal will be on the ballot Tuesday and, if passed, will allocate automatically 3 percent of the Student Activity Fee to the executive branch and 5 percent to the judicial branch of student government. Currently, the two branches must request all funding from Congress.

Student Attorney General Jonathan Slain attempted to secure a \$2,700 stipend for an honor system outreach coordinator but was unsuccessful. Slain said the judicial branch will create the position without the stipend.

The outreach coordinator will be responsible for informing teaching assistants and incoming students about the honor system.

The debate about the justification of a stipend for the new position dealt with a lack of precedent to judge the potential effectiveness of such a coordinator.

Another issue of debate in Congress was comparing the possible duties of the coordinator to those that the student body president and other executive officers already carry out.

"Basically, we're looking at it from a comparative standpoint," Congress Speaker Pro Tem Charlie Anderson said.

Given that the student body president receives a stipend of \$2,400, Anderson said, giving the honor system outreach coordinator \$2,700 would be "ridiculous."

Slain said they would discuss the stipend further at the budget committee's next meeting March 23.

"They will consider the debate on stipends in terms of all the student officer positions, not just the honor system outreach coordinator," Slain said.

Anderson supported an amendment as a compromise to Slain's proposal by allocating \$1,350 as a stipend for the position, but it was not passed by Congress.

"Getting a stipend would hold them accountable," Anderson said. "Once you're getting paid, you're held on a shorter leash."

Rep. Parker Wiseman said the issue of stipends had to be addressed.

"At this point the only solution is to address the (Student) Code,"

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## ASG finds its footing with funds

BY CLEVE R. WOOTSON JR.  
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The draft budget of the UNC-system Association of Student Governments for this year reads like a lobbyist's MasterCard commercial. Advocacy book: \$8,000; travel expenses: \$2,831; office space in state capital: \$12,800.

It's been almost two years since the ASG received a six-digit increase in its allowance, and leaders say the money is helping the organization evolve from a hodgepodge group of student politicians to a legitimate advocacy organization.

ASG President Jonathan Ducote admits the organization has had its share of problems. Last year, an investigation by The Daily Tar Heel showed organizational lapses during the first year the ASG received funding from student fees. At some meetings, the association grappled with questions of quorum. Members even disagreed about the legitimacy of the person filling one of the ASG's top posts.

The association has rebounded but still has room to improve, said UNC-Chapel Hill Student Body President Matt Tepper. "You have to expect a whole new level of services from the (ASG)," Tepper said. "It's just gearing up right now. ... I think it's yet to be seen how effective it is."

Ben Ruffin, a member of the UNC-system Board of Governors who was board chairman when the BOG voted to increase the ASG's funding, said it has "a clean order — that means they're appropriating the funds properly."

The ASG's expected revenues went from about \$165,000 to less than \$150,000, as questions about the \$1 fee were clarified. But Ducote said the association has made strides with that money, as evidenced by the increasing presence of students at the Legislative Building in Raleigh.

That's part of Amanda Devore's job. Devore is the ASG's vice president for legislative affairs and was behind the organization's most recent project, a book that showcased personal stories about the impact of recent tuition increases.

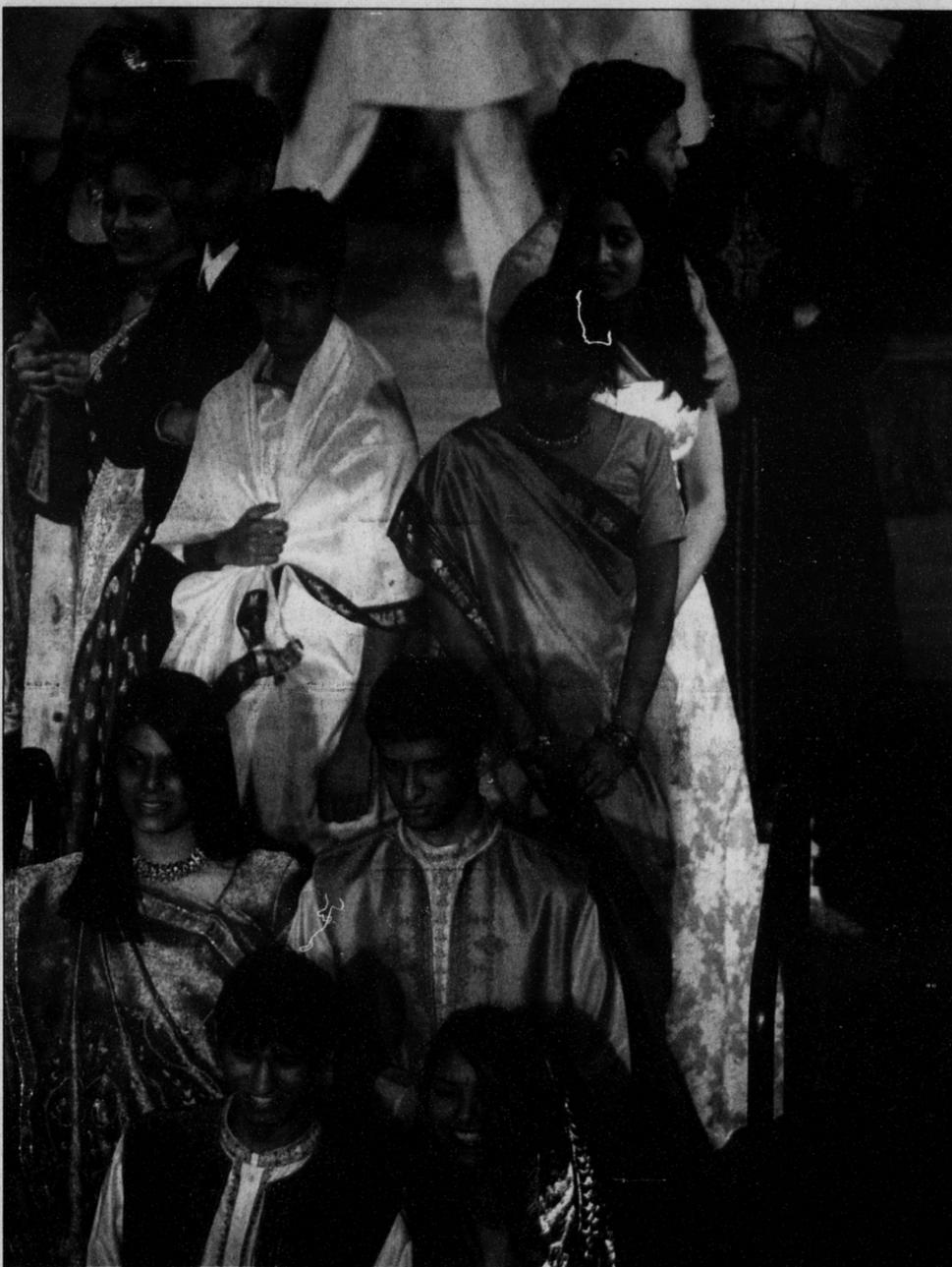
She says the impact of the fee can be seen most of all in the increasing impact students are able to have on the N.C. General Assembly.

"I guess the saying is true, that money talks," Devore said. The ASG gave her office and the office of public affairs more than \$18,600. "(Money is) the means and resources that you have to come across to lawmakers because they have so many people talking to them."

Ducote said the students having those conversations with legislators are coming from all parts of the state, a marked improvement from two years ago when the organization's biggest problem was lax participation from smaller schools and those in the state's outlying areas. The asso-

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## MASALA FASHION SHOW



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Members of Sangam leave the stage Saturday during the Masala Fashion Show while other members of the group dance behind them. Sangam, one of 13 organizations that performed at the annual show, is a South Asian aware-

ness organization and is the largest international group on campus with more than 200 members. Other performances during Saturday night's event included students from Asian Students Association, Bhangra Elite, CHisPA and Carolina Concepts.

## Court date set for Dorrance civil suit

BY BRIAN MACPHERSON  
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The apparent failure of settlement negotiations in a civil suit against North Carolina women's soccer coach Anson Dorrance could necessitate a jury trial in October to resolve allegations of sexual harassment.



North Carolina women's soccer coach Anson Dorrance was sued for sexual harassment by two former players in 1998.

The two sides had been working toward an agreement outside of court, but attorney Daniel Konicek said Friday that he saw little chance of reaching a settlement before an Oct. 4 court date set in January.

"There were some disagreements on some material terms of the settlement agreement related to programs that would be instituted by the University, programs

that Coach Dorrance would be required to participate in and attend and fines or sanctions if they failed to comply with the terms," said Konicek, who is representing former UNC soccer player Melissa Jennings.

A court date originally had been set for April, but an extended peri-

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## Hearing today on UNC growth

BY EMMA BURGIN  
CITY EDITOR

Residents will be able to raise concerns and questions tonight at a public hearing about the Horace Williams Citizens Committee recommendations to the Chapel Hill Town Council for the Carolina North development.

On Jan. 28, the Town Council received a report on principles from the committee. Today's meeting, which starts at 7 p.m. in Town Hall, will provide an opportunity for the public to respond to the suggestions.

The citizens committee formed in October 2002 to advise the council in its deliberations with the University regarding plans for Carolina North, the 963-acre Horace Williams tract to be developed during the next 50 to 70

years. The development will consist of research, residential and retail space.

"There's not a lot that seems controversial," said Ruby Sinreich, who serves as vice chairwoman of the citizens committee. "So much of it is stuff they're going to address anyway ... because it's in the University's best interest."

In the recommendations, the committee calls for "one bed for every head" in the Carolina North development to address the current shortage of student housing.

Members also reiterate the need for preserving open space, suggesting 75 percent of the tract remain undeveloped. The committee includes a stipulation that roads should not subdivide environmentally sensitive tracts.

Members also maintain that

"It's always hard to get people interested ... until it's being built in their backyard." RUBY SINREICH, COMMITTEE VICE CHAIRWOMAN

the University needs to center its transportation plan around Chapel Hill Transit rather than single occupancy motor vehicles.

"People will be looking at what they do about transit because it will have a huge impact on the town," Sinreich said.

Joe Capowski, a member of the citizens committee, said the lack of a school site and too much parking space within the development could incense the public.

Perhaps the largest change to the committee's principles was the request to rezone the entire tract to Office/Institutional-2. The

committee's vote on this change was split 11-5 against letting the tract's zones remain the same.

Land zoned as OI-2 is subject to special use permits for all buildings more than 20,000 square feet. The University would have to ask the town for each permit.

"OI-2 is a placeholder," said Capowski, who voted against the stipulation in hopes that the tract be zoned Residential-1 so office space could not be built.

The recommendation goes against the University's desire for

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