

Congress won't beef up budget with more fees

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In the wake of Student Congress' budget woes, student officials said they will not champion efforts to increase student fees to cover the financial shortfalls.

"We have a lot of money," said Daneen Furr, chairwoman of Congress' Finance Committee. "Denying someone funding because we have to budget does not mean we have a lack of fees."

At its budget meetings this weekend, Congress had to cut funding for some speakers, as well as printing and publicity costs, because of a lack of funding for the increased number of groups that applied.

But Furr noted that a messy surplus would result if student fees were raised, potentially creating more harm than benefit.

"I've decided not to go through with that," she said. "It's not good fiscal management."

With concerns and complaints rising from various student organizations — particularly those that were denied money for speakers — Furr instead said she wants to change the funding process.

"I want there to be more flexible money in subsequent appropriations for speakers," Furr said.

The philosophy behind allocations this year was a commitment to review each request with a broader picture in mind, leaders said.

"We have to fit each individual group and their needs as we see them into that whole," Furr said.

But she said Congress also must prioritize funding to established organizations, as outlined in the Student Code.

"There are standards that we operate on," said Speaker Charlie Anderson. "Some are through the Student Code, and some are through precedent."

Among those standards are three central points that Anderson said lie at the heart of Student Congress' allocation policies: an organization's cultural and educational value, vitality and specialization.

Congress decided last weekend that magazines requesting fees would only receive enough money to print their first issues. "There is a glut of publications on campus," Anderson said. "Publications specifically had fairness issues."

For this reason, it's really just survival of the fittest, he said.

"Some proposals are good, but they are just too much to fund," he said. "We had a lot of those."

For organizations such as the Carolina Athletic Association that need to fulfill mandates spelled out in the Student Code, a certain level of experience and research is key to writing better proposals, said CAA Treasurer Ginny Franks.

"We're the only student organization that's codified," Franks said. "I think they have a better sense of our funds and where the money is going."

While Anderson and Furr encourage groups to resubmit their funding proposals in the fall, both realize the complexity of the issue at hand.

"It's a double-edged sword," Anderson said. "People are asking for the right things. They know the Code."

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SOWING SEEDS OF LEARNING



DTH/RACHAEL HYDE

First-grader Natalie Martin works on a sewing project at the Montessori Community School on Monday. Students were taking part in crafts hour, which provides time to explore different

media. The school's plans for expanding its facilities received heavy support from parents, neighbors and faculty at Monday's Chapel Hill Town Council public hearing. For the full story, visit www.dthonline.com.

Carolina Union board names new president

BY KATE LORD
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The Carolina Union's board of directors recently selected a new face for the 2005-06 school year.

Jonathon Benson, who has two years of experience on the Carolina Union Activities Board and who served this year as the CUAB representative to the board of directors, was chosen Feb. 13 as the group's president-elect.



President-elect Jonathon Benson will take CUAB's reins next year.

He was the community committee chairman for CUAB in 2003-04 and the comedy committee chairman this year.

The Carolina Union president heads the Union's board of directors and CUAB. The board manages the Union's budget and policy and the general operations of the building, while CUAB is in charge of student programming.

"The Union president is the main representative of the students' voice for the Union," said Ada Wilson, CUAB's creative outlets committee chairwoman and a member of the Union board of directors.

Although Union Director Don

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JONATHON BENSON, CUAB PRESIDENT-ELECT

Luse did not vote in the board's decision, he said Benson is well-qualified for the position.

"I think people were impressed with his skills, what he's done, his general knowledge of how to get things done," Luse said.

Benson's experience and enthusiasm made him stand out to board members, Wilson said.

"Jonathon had a passion for the Union that was really inspiring," she said. "It was only natural for him to be a great candidate for Union president."

The process for choosing the new president consisted of a written application, followed by a two-tiered interview process: a screening interview with a small sample of board of directors' members and a final interview with the entire board.

"I think the board looks for leadership ... for people who can be creative problem solvers and have an insight into campus and are not just focused on the Union," Luse said.

Benson said one of his main

goals is to reach out to the University community.

"One goal this year was to increase visibility," he said. "I just want to do bigger and better, really extend the reach of the Union and CUAB, and have as many people and ideas included as we can."

"The Union is a representation of all students on campus, and we want to try to make that true."

Applications for CUAB committee chairmen will be available Wednesday at the Information Hub in the Union. The applications are due March 30.

Applicants will be interviewed April 1 and 2. The new board will be announced the following week.

Benson said he is excited about the new position and is ready to take on the association's ultimate leadership role.

"The Union is an organization I really care about, and I wanted to be part of it as much as I could."

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POLICE LOG

FROM STAFF REPORTS

■ Chapel Hill police arrested an East Chapel Hill High School student at 6:45 p.m. Sunday and charged him with one felony count of speeding to elude arrest, one misdemeanor count of driving with a suspended license and one misdemeanor count of not having liability insurance, police reports state.

According to reports, Andre Imani Beller, 19, was arrested on N.C. 54 near Bethel Hickory Grove Church Road for speeding to elude arrest after failing to stop for officers from three separate agencies.

Reports state that Beller also was charged with other traffic offenses, including reckless driving, speeding, failing to stop for lights, aggressive driving and driving left of center — all misdemeanors.

No drugs or alcohol were involved in the incident, reports state.

Beller was issued a \$2,500 secured bond and is scheduled to appear March 15 in Orange County District Criminal Court in Hillsborough.

■ Chapel Hill police arrested a UNC freshman at 8:15 a.m. Sunday and charged him with one misdemeanor count of driving while impaired and one misdemeanor count of using a provisional license, police reports state.

According to reports, Jonathan Choi, 19, was in a one-car accident on New Parkside Drive near New Stateside Drive when his car ran off the road and struck two trees.

Reports state that police smelled a strong odor of alcohol on Choi and that he admitted to drinking.

Choi was transported to UNC Hospitals, where he was later released, and results on Choi's blood alcohol content are pending analysis, reports state.

Choi is scheduled to appear June 7 in Administrative Traffic Court in Chapel Hill.

■ Chapel Hill police arrested a Durham high school student at 10:45 a.m. Friday and charged him with one felony count of breaking and entering, one felony count of larceny and one misdemeanor count of resisting arrest, police reports state.

According to reports, Carmelo Perez-Toledo, 16, turned himself in to Chapel Hill police with his father for the listed charges.

Perez-Toledo was released on a written promise was set to appear Monday in Orange County District Criminal Court in Hillsborough.

■ Chapel Hill police arrested a UNC employee at 11 p.m. Friday and charged him with one misdemeanor count of driving while impaired, police reports state.

According to reports, John Michael Brady, 56, was stopped for speeding and arrested on the driving while impaired charge on Fordham Boulevard near Columbia Street.

Reports state that Brady was transported to police headquarters, where his blood alcohol content was measured at .09 percent on an Intoxilyzer 5000 test.

He was released on a written promise to appear April 26 in Orange County District Criminal Court in Hillsborough.

■ The Crown Fast Fare gas station at 1400 W. Main St. in Carrboro was the victim of larceny at 6 p.m. Friday, Carrboro police reports state.

Reports state that a subject driving a light-colored Ford van left without paying for \$28 worth of gas.

■ Carrboro police arrested a homeless man at 1:15 a.m. Monday and charged him with one misdemeanor count of second-degree trespassing, police reports state.

John Arthur Holman, 56, was arrested at the Harris Teeter at 310 N. Greensboro St, reports state.

He was issued a written promise to appear April 11 in Orange County District Criminal Court in Hillsborough.

CORRECTIONS

■ Due to a reporting error, the photo caption accompanying the Feb. 21 article "The British are coming" stated that the photo depicted a Revolutionary War reenactment in Carrboro.

The event actually took place in Hillsborough.

■ Due to a reporting error, the Feb. 21 column "Overlooked bullpen key for UNC" inaccurately identified a UNC baseball player who sat out last season with a shoulder injury.

His name is Matt Danford, not Mike Danford.

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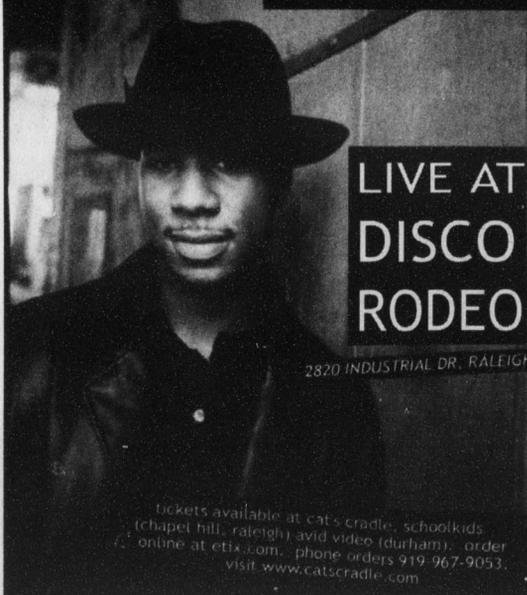
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2005 Carolina Jazz Festival

Wednesday Feb. 23

Meet the Artists Discussion/Concert

7:00 p.m. Panel Discussion: Thinking in Jazz
8:00 p.m. Jam Session
both at Carolina Union Cabaret
Marcus Roberts Trio, Dave Stryker, guitar,
Ray Vega, trumpet
UNC Students free with ID
\$5 General Public

Thursday Feb. 24

Phi Mu Alpha High School Jazz Festival

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Carolina Union Great Hall
and Carolina Union Cabaret
Contact jketch@unc.edu
for complete schedule

North Carolina Jazz Repertory Orchestra

8:00 p.m.
Hill Hall Auditorium
Guest artists: Marcus Roberts Trio,
Dave Stryker, guitar, and Ray Vega, trumpet
\$5 All Students
\$12 General Public / \$10 Seniors
Tickets available at Union Box Office
(919-962-1449)

Jazz After Hours

Music beginning at 11:00 p.m.
Talulla's
Jam sessions open to musicians and the public

Friday Feb. 25

UNC Jazz Combos in Concert

4:00 p.m. East Chapel Hill High School
500 Weaver Dairy Road, Chapel Hill
Guest Artists: Dave Stryker, guitar,
Ray Vega, trumpet
Free

Marcus Roberts Trio in Concert

8:00 p.m. Hill Hall Auditorium
\$32 General Public / \$18 Students
Tickets available at Union Box Office
(919-962-1449)

Jazz After Hours

Music beginning at 11:00 p.m.
Top of the Hill
Jam sessions open to musicians and the public

Saturday Feb. 26

NC High School Jazz Region East Clinic Bands

3:00 p.m. East Chapel Hill High School
500 Weaver Dairy Road, Chapel Hill
Free

UNC Jazz Band

8:00 p.m. Hill Hall
Guest artists: Marcus Roberts Trio,
Dave Stryker, guitar, and Ray Vega, trumpet
UNC Students free with ID

Jazz After Hours

Music beginning at 11:00 p.m.
West End Wine Bar
Jam sessions open to musicians and the public