

Student Infirmary fate still undetermined

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As this school year comes to an end the fate of the Student Infirmary is yet undetermined.

A new director has not been chosen; health goals have not been outlined and accepted by the consumers, providers and administration; and steps have not been taken to insure students active involvement in the health program.

The Infirmary evaluation submitted to Chancellor J. Carlyle Sitterson last month confirmed the need for a new infirmary. A new building, at an estimated cost of more than \$2.4 million is already in the planning stages.

The present building housing the Infirmary is woefully inadequate, the report states. And the space the Infirmary has, though limited, is not utilized as efficiently as it could be.

The report recommends that the Infirmary take an active role in outreach programs for the students.

Satellite clinics might be established closer to centers of student density (residence halls, student unions, etc.) to provide referrals, screening and health education. The report suggests these could be staffed by nurse clinicians or community health aids.

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In planning the new building, the report states, services which could be provided better and more economically and efficiently by other departments should be contracted out by the infirmary. Inpatient beds, clinical laboratory and the X-ray department may be expensive duplications.

The study emphasizes the importance of the new building as a part of the overall planning and

claims a new director must have a major voice in planning this aspect of the program.

Dr. Sorrow and the Search Committee, appointed by Sitterson to select a new director, have not made their recommendations.

Sitterson said the committee had decided to await the consultants' report before making their final selection. They have not done so to date.

The consultants' report suggests that, due to changes in the University Administration, it might be necessary and desirable to appoint an acting director until a specific definition about the commitment of the University Administration can be made.

"The importance of the director's position to the overall program can not be over-emphasized. This is a person who, with his or her staff, working with administration and students, must develop the details of health planning.

Until the course of the Infirmary program is agreed upon, the appointment of a permanent director may need to be delayed."

In the rest of the report, the consultants made recommendations concerning the future direction of the health program. Among these was active student input.

They recommend that a student advisory committee or board be selected immediately. This committee or board might serve in an advisory capacity to the director and must have voting power and help establish policy.

The consultants stressed the strained relationship between students and the present Infirmary staff, and advised physicians to respond in a meaningful way or risk consumer protest and alienation.

So as the situation stands, the future direction and goals of the Infirmary must be decided. The Search Committee must select a new director, however, they should know what the direction of the health services is before they can choose the most appropriate and qualified person.

The consultants' report states that a director must play a key role in determining the future of

the Infirmary. The director must also work with students and administrators.

Students have demonstrated their desire for a voice in the area of health care. The report recommends they be allowed to participate as advisers to the director. But the students desire to have a voice in the selection of the director as well as the future direction of the health service.

It is the task of the Chancellor to appoint a new director and it is in his power to create a student advisory board.

The office of the Chancellor, however, is changing hands also. Sitterson may make the decision or the task may be handed over to the new chancellor.

The school year is ending. A new chancellor must be appointed; a new Infirmary director must be chosen; students must be given an active role; and the future health goals must be outlined and accepted by all.

Which comes first, the health program or the director, and where do the students come in?

5 per week

Union sets summer flick series

by Marc Shapiro
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The Carolina Union Activities Group has made arrangements for five free flicks a week during the 1971 summer session to highlight their summer program of activities.

The movies to be shown every Sunday through Thursday will be featured in the Great Hall as usual and include such films as "The Guns of Navarone," "Cool Hand Luke," "MacKenna's Gold," "The Subject Was Roses," "Stolen Kisses,"

"John and Mary," "Lilith" and "Rachel, Rachel."

Other activities already scheduled include some jazz parties... the Union Snack Bar on Friday nights, duplicate bridge at the Union on Mondays similar to the Fall and Spring sessions and watermelon parties later in the year.

In addition, there will be an art sale and exhibit at the Union on June 22 and a series of encounter tapes consisting of introductory materials such as tapes and the movie excerpt from a Carl Rogers encounter group, "Journey Into Self."

Interested people will then be able to

form into Union sponsored encounter groups.

Tentative programs include modern dance classes in body movement, yoga sessions and possibly a concert by Josh White Jr.

Union President Chuck Patrizia says the programs are still flexible. He noted that last year weekend programs proved to be unsuccessful since many students preferred to go to the beach.

He added it was very difficult to hold programs for people attending the summer sessions because the students

compose a very diverse group, such as public school teachers coming to UNC to take extra courses.

Patrizia hopes students attending summer classes will help to make up a summer activities board better suited to program ideas that will be better suited to the particular students in attendance.

For these reasons, Patrizia said current Union plans are to wait for the summer session to begin and, with the students' help, make plans for the programs that "will cater to the tastes of the people" then in school.



Wolfe winners

Margaret Highsmith (l.), Drucie French and Dean Crawford (r.) won second, third and fourth place respectively in the Thomas Wolfe Creative Writing Contest sponsored by Pi Kappa Phi. William B. Debois, the first place winner, was absent from the presentations Wednesday. (Staff photo by Leslie Todd)

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