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Student Body President Mike Vandenbergh, who voted against each of the bills, told the council that student government "should not be in the carnival business."

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"I think that the Student Government is not the best group to organize social events for summer students," Vandenbergh said in an interview this week. One-third of student fees go to the Carolina Union, he said. The union is in a better position to put on social events than Student Government is, he added.

Student Government treasury laws prohibit "expenditures for parties, banquets, picnics, social events or entertainment." But exceptions may be granted by the Finance Committee, the laws state.

The summer CGC Finance Committee is comprised of CGC members Dan Bryson (District 18) and Lori Dostal (District 5). Bryson was the only committee member present at the meeting last week.

CGC member Diana Baxter (District), who voted-in favor of both the bowling and supper bills, said Tuesday she felt her votes were unfair because they were inconsistent with the way she voted on bills during the regular CGC session.

"I don't think I did the right thing by voting the way I did," she said.

Baxter said the treasury laws should be applied for summer students the same way they are applied during the regular school year.

But Bryson said "the summer and fall (CGCs) are completely different."

"It really isn't different," Baxter said. "It shouldn't be different because the same rules that worked for 20,000 people shouldn't be changed for 12 (thousand)."

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Student aid stable despite '82 cuts but funds to be tighter in 1983

By BONNIE FOUST Staff Writer

Even with the cuts included in the federal budget adopted by Congress June 18, the financial aid outlook for 1982-83 remains good.

But if Congress accepts President Reagan's proposals for 1983-84, there could be a drastic reduction in federal money, leaving a substantial number of students without aid, according to Thomas Langston, associate director of student aid at UNC.

"We're in pretty good shape," Langston said. "Congress passed the budget, but not all of Reagan's proposals were met. Therefore, we got more money than expected. But things are going to get rougher in 1983-84," he said.

Although UNC received no budget reductions, the allotted funds may not be enough. "We still have about the same amount of money we had last year, but our needs are greater," Langston said.

One of those needs is providing aid to graduate students, he said. Because undergraduates are given first priority when awarding funds, there may not be enough money available for needy graduate students.

"We may be able to provide some loan money for graduate students, but some grad students will have to apply for the Guaranteed Student Loan," Langston said.

While the crisis over financial aid 1982-83 seems to have subsided somewhat, the 1983-84 crisis is about to begin. If Congress passes President Reagan's proposed 45 percent reduction about 2,600 students would not receive aid, Langston said.

But Langston said that the figure was purely speculative and it was unlikely that Congress would pass the proposal. Federal money could be still drastically cut, he said.

UNC President William Friday also said he doubted that Congress would grant Reagan's wishes. If the proposals are passed, they will affect smaller North Carolina Schools more than larger ones, he said.

"If they (the proposals) become law the smaller campuses will be hurt more because they have more students on financial aid and they have less students," he said.

But the proposals have little chance of approval, Friday said again.

"Frankly, I do not believe they have the votes to pass," he said. "There will be some cuts but not anywhere near the ones Reagan proposes. In my work with Congress 1 have reason to believe we have made a few friends," he said.

Student Body President Mike Vandenbergh agreed that Reagan's proposal would not be approved but said he believed "the compromise which Congress will make considering Reagan's proposals will cause considerable damage."

The federal government justifies the cuts in the financial aid program by arguing that reductions are necessary to eliminate wastes, such as undeserving students who receive aid and students who are delinquent in repaying loans, Vandenberg said.

While he is not against cleaning up the program, he does not see evidence of the cuts solving the problems in the system.

"I'm in favor of making sure that the money goes to the people who need it, but I'm against using that argument and carrying through with it," he said.

Instead of solving the problems directly, the President proposed an across-theboard cut in hopes of eliminating waste, Vandenberg said.

Community Colleges are also suffering from reductions in federal aid. Because of a 16 to 20 percent reduction in funds, community colleges will have problems in continuing the Adult Basic Educational fund.

But the program is not in danger of extinction, according to Tom King, Vice President of Financial and Administrative Services for the Community College Association. If funds are reduced for Pell Grants, many students could be hurt, King said.

If Reagan's economic plans go through intact, the ABE and Pell Grants could be reduced dramatically, King said. But he said he anticipated that the schools will shift from federal to state funding because of the importance of the ABE program.

"With the exception of reductions in Pell Grants and ABE, I do not see anything that will dramatically affect our institutions," he said.



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