

Voter registration drive successful

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The voter registration drive held last week was the most successful ever held by a student group, said Brock Dickinson, chairman of the UNC Voter Registration Committee.

UNC Student Government and the Campus Y Women's Forum solicited a total number of 849 new registrations, he said.

"That's a lot more registering this time than in the past," said Student Body President Bryan Hassel, who was involved with the drive. "I think the main factor was having students

as registrars.

"I think it's really important for students to vote because there are many issues now that will affect students," Hassel said.

Student Government had eight randomly selected students serving as registrars and one registrar, Joe Herzenberg, from the Orange County Board of Elections. The board of elections deputized the students and conducted a training seminar which they had to attend.

The Campus Y Women's Forum also conducted a drive for the first time. Members went to women's

dorms and set up tables, resulting in the registration of 150 students.

"I didn't know what to expect, but, all in all, I think it went great," said Patty Hurst, co-chairman of the forum. "We had hoped to reach all the women's dorms, but we only got to eight out of the 11."

According to the National Student Campaign for Student Voter Registration, nearly 18 percent of those who register to vote actually vote. This number rises to 29 percent if some kind of reminder is sent to them. Student Government will be conducting a follow-up program to encourage people to vote, Dickinson

said.

"In the next couple of weeks we'll be advertising how students can go about getting absentee ballots," he said. He added that many students said they didn't register because they were going to cast absentee ballots in their hometowns.

Elizabeth Morrah, a sophomore from Morganton, was one of the many who registered last week. She said she did so because of the strong voter registration drive on-campus.

"I also decided that I needed to become more aware of what's going on in politics," she said.

U.S. trade deficit hits all-time high of \$34 billion

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Since the early 1980s the United States has been importing more goods than it has been exporting. The result has always been damaging to the economy, but perhaps never as much as this past quarter when the U.S. trade deficit hit a record \$34 billion.

The United States was a large exporter until 1980 and since has experienced a heavy trade imbalance, according to Dr. James Ingram of the economics department. "We're importing more than we export by the largest amount ever," he said.

Both Ingram and Dr. Dennis Appleyard, also of the economics department, explained there are two major causes of the trade deficit.

One cause is the fiscal policy of the Reagan administration; the other is the rise in the value of the dollar over foreign currency during the same period.

Reagan's fiscal policy included tax cuts in 1980 which had both negative and positive effects, said the economists. While tax cuts did raise the average U.S. income, they also encouraged Americans to spend their U.S. dollars on less expensive foreign luxury items.

The tax cuts also created an internal budget deficit. In an attempt to offset this budget deficit, the United States sold bonds on the open market, causing an increase in interest rates.

Foreigners bought many of these bonds and the demand became great for the U.S. dollar. Thus, the value of the dollar became extremely inflated. The results of this also had ill effects on the U.S. economy.

In 1980, for instance, one U.S. dollar could buy 180 Japanese yen. In 1985, the same dollar could buy 250 yen. The buying power of the dollar on foreign soil was too great for the Americans to resist, according to Ingram, and the result was a great demand for Japanese and other foreign goods.

Other countries have benefited from the fluctuation in the exchange rate as well.

"Competition in the world is very intense," said Appleyard.

In addition, both economists agree that the superior quality of foreign items may cause consumers to lean toward foreign markets.

But Appleyard said the United States is starting to improve standards of production to become more competitive with foreign products.

One such improvement can be seen in the textile industry, he said.

By giving such industries more freedom in the world market, the United States could become more competitive, which could eventually help to lessen the trade deficit.

Some experts say the scales could be tipping in favor of the United States already. Since 1985, the yen has begun to rise in value. In 1986, \$1 would buy only 153 yen, the economists said.

Some economists believe this is the strongest hope for the U.S. trade pattern.

"We hope that soon, the trade statistics will begin to show favorable changes," Ingram said. "The big hope for turning this (deficit) around is the exchange rate."

Appleyard agreed the dollar should be allowed to drop further, but he said some feel that too much of a fall could cause a recurrence of the inflation rates typical of the 1970s.

"I'm not particularly worried though," said Appleyard, "there is a fair amount of slack in the (U.S.) market."

UNC tuition increases

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Tuition costs in the UNC system have gone from an average of \$583 in 1980 to \$757 this past semester, with a 4.1 percent increase in the past year alone, according to the Data Collection and Reporting service at UNC-CH.

The total increase in tuition for the past year for UNC-CH was slightly lower than the system average, at 2.7 percent.

Out-of-state students in the UNC system saw a whopping 11 percent increase in tuition from last year.

This figure is substantially above the average inflation rate of 4 to 4.8 percent over the past six years.

The increases in student costs are particularly painful since student aid has been substantially cut back. Eleanor Morris, director of student aid, said those students "who were already at their aid limit" were hit hardest, since there simply isn't any more aid available.

She went on to say that most other

institutions, both public and private, are having even greater increases.

Sam Barnard, university cashier, said the reason most states are charging more is because "(North Carolina) supports its institutions more than other states."

He went on to say that last year the state paid \$5,376 on the average for every student in the UNC system.

According to Dr. Farris Womack, vice chancellor of business and finance, the decision to raise tuition and other expenses was completely up to the state legislature.

Womack also said that although the legislature makes a "conscious effort" to keep costs as low as they can, there obviously had to be some sort of a "trade-off" between what the state pays and what the student pays.

Although inflation was definitely a factor in increased costs, Womack said many other things, such as increased building costs and renewed expansion inside the system were also responsible.

Chancellor Christopher Fordham said that although tuition raises were up to the legislature, UNC has "lent its influence to keeping tuition costs down."

Reagan vows to seek arms control at Iceland summit

From Associated Press reports

WASHINGTON — President Reagan, embarking on his second summit with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, vowed to seek progress toward nuclear arms control, but said his goal is not to "dash off a few quick agreements."

Reagan said the hurry-up summit "can be a step, a useful step and, if we persevere, the goal of a better, safer world will someday be ours and all the world's."

Increase seen in cocaine use

WASHINGTON — The number of Americans using cocaine jumped from 4.2 million to 5.8 million between 1982 and 1985, according to a government survey released Thursday.

Dr. Otis R. Bowen, the secretary of health and human services, said those figures and other findings in the survey "confirm once again that high historic levels of illicit drug use persist in the United States."

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But the survey found abuse of most drugs either leveled off or dropped from 1982.

Nicaragua agrees to return bodies

MANAGUA, Nicaragua — The Foreign Ministry said Wednesday that it would allow U.S. Embassy officials to see the American who survived when Sandinista troops shot down a supply plane, and that it would return the bodies of the dead Americans.

Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Angela Saballos read a protest statement over the government-run radio that said embassy officials could question Eugene Hasenfus.

But Saballos did not say where Hasenfus was being held or when American officials would be allowed to see him.

Failure to get shots causes withdrawals

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College students across the state have been withdrawn from school because they have failed to get immunized against childhood diseases such as polio, measles and diphtheria.

At N.C. State and UNC-Wilmington, students who do not meet the immunization requirement after 30 days in class will be suspended for the semester.

"If you don't have your immunization we want you to get the heck out of here," said Jim Bundy, registrar at N.C. State.

Bundy said 14 students at NCSU have been withdrawn because of the law. Of these, eight were graduate students, two were freshmen and four were transfer students.

Readmittance will be handled on an individual basis at NCSU, he said. Two of the graduate students withdrawn have already informed the university that they will not attempt to reapply, Bundy said.

"We had problems with the out-of-state students whose high schools did not automatically send immunization records like North Carolina schools did," Bundy said.

At UNC, the students who had not complied were withdrawn, but not suspended. Thirty students were mailed withdrawal notices Oct. 1, said David Lanier, University registrar.

"We're not allowed to have a student who is not in compliance," Lanier said.

Since the notices were received by the students, eight have been readmitted. Lanier said there was a lot of paperwork involved if a student was to be readmitted, but if the student got his shots, he should not

have any trouble getting back into UNC.

A student who has been withdrawn should get his shots as soon as possible, Lanier said. If not, he said housing contracts and financial aid might be canceled.

Lanier said the majority of UNC's withdrawn students were also graduate and transfer students. These two groups made up 23 of the 30 students originally withdrawn, he said.

The number of students at UNC without immunizations has dropped dramatically since approximately 700 students were notified of their deficiency 20 days after classes began, he said.

UNC-Charlotte is taking a different approach because their 30-day limit ends Friday, said Barbara Blaney, registrar at UNC-C.

The auditors from the N.C. Division of Health Services will be at UNC-C Monday and Tuesday, she said. Students who still need shots will be notified after the auditors leave, she said.

Blaney estimated that 400 to 600 students still had not gotten their shots as of Wednesday.

At Duke University, there were still 122 students who were not in compliance with immunization requirements Wednesday, said Harry DeMik, Duke registrar. The students have been notified at least five times each, he said.

DeMik said he hopes a clinic on campus will reduce the number of cases.

"One of the problems is that this is the first time through," DeMik said. He said some of the students did not take the problem seriously.

The purpose of the law is to reduce epidemics on college campuses.

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