Student Congress to grant funds

By JUSTIN McGUIRE

This year's Student Congress budget process is underway, and campus organizations that want their share of the almost \$500,000 pie that the congress divides each year should start filling out forms now, Neil Riemann, finance committee chairman, said Monday.

"Most of that (\$500,000) is to groups that have the money constitutionally allocated, like the the Carolina Union and The Daily Tar Heel," Riemann said. Smaller organizations must request funding from the congress, he said.

Organizations that want to request funding must fill out budget request forms outlining specific fund requests and characterization forms describing the group's activities. Riemann said. Both types of forms can be picked up in Suite C of the Student Union.

All forms must be turned in to Suite C by 5:30 p.m. March 20. To be fair to all organizations, no late requests will be accepted, Riemann

"We must also have a copy of an organization's constitution and bylaws before we can accept their requests," he said.

Organizations will be given first priority in funding if they are open to all students, and if they hold programs that involve many students, Riemann said.

"The main priority is that they

provide a valuable service," he said. "Political groups can't receive funding. This includes groups like the College Republicans and the Young Democrats.'

The finance committee will hold hearings to determine whether funding should be granted, Riemann said. The finance committee will submit its recommendations to the full congress, he said, which will meet on April 11 or 12 to hold its final budget hearing.

Some student groups rely heavily on the congress for funding, while others depend more on other funding sources.

Mike Nelson, treasurer of the Carolina Gay and Lesbian Association, said the CGLA receives approximately two-thirds of its budget from the congress. Congress allocated them \$905 out of a total budget of \$2,700 last year, he said.

"We use congress funds as a base for the rest of our fund raising," Nelson said.

The congress usually allocates money fairly, Nelson said. "It's a good system and I like working with it," he said. "It works well with most organizations."

Stuart Gansky, treasurer of the Campus Y, said his organization is almost completely self-sufficient. "We only rely on (congress) funding during the summer to keep the Y open," he said. The organization's money comes from fund raisers and an endowment fund interest, he said

Sales tax bills would save N.C. money

By LEE ANN NECESSARY

Two bills in the N.C. House of Representatives, proposing the consolidation of state and local sales taxes and replacing property taxes on automobiles with a higher sales tax, could save North Carolina \$35 million a year.

The bills, sponsored by Rep. Joe Mavretic, D-Edgecombe, would generate money for county and city governments, with the state receiving no additional revenue, Mavretic said.

House Bill 98 would combine four sales taxes the general state tax, a one-cent local option tax and two half-cent local option taxes creating an additional \$20 million, which has not been collected in the Mayretic said.

Although the additional revenue would go to the counties, the N.C. Association of County Commissioners Board of Directors expressed concern during a recent meeting on the proposal of House Bill 98, said Debra Holley, director of information for the association.

"Suppose a new General Assembly comes in and wants to use these revenues for state projects, with these being state-collected taxes there would be nothing to keep them from doing that, leaving the counties with only property taxes to generate their revenue," Holley said.

The second bill "would remove personal automobiles as a class of personal property from ad valorem and would increase the 2 percent sales tax on purchased automobiles to 4 percent," Mavretic said.

Most of the counties support the bill because it would insure automobile tax collection, Holley said.

Citing the 17-year history of the problems with the collection of automobile property taxes, Mavretic said the sales tax is the fairer and

People who fail to list the car or list it and then move cause collection problems, Mayretic said.

At year's end 10 percent of vehicles, according to license plate sales, have not had any personal property tax paid on them and "90 percent of the people who are honest are carrying those 10 percent," he

to pay a 4 percent sales tax to the automobile dealer, removing the \$300 cap now in effect. The state would distribute the additional 2 percent to counties and cities on the basis of where the car is located, Mavretic said.

The removal of the cap would create additional revenue because the more expensive the purchase, the more expensive the tax.

"Today if you buy a \$15,000 pickup truck you pay the same as someone who buys a Mercedes-Benz. There is a real equity question," Mayretic said.

The counties would receive complete replacement of revenue plus the 10 percent they had been losing because of collection problems, Mayretic said.

past due to loopholes in the system, (in proportion to the value) tax base, The bill would call for a car buyer Martin appoints Kirk to new chief of staff position

By MICHAEL A. KOLB

Gov. Jim Martin said in an announcement last week that Phillip Kirk Jr., former secretary of the Department of Human Resources, would fill the newly created cabinet post of chief of staff. Martin made several additional changes in the cabinet.

Kirk served as secretary of the Department of Human Resources for Martin and former Republican Gov. James Holzhouser.

Martin made the changes to

governor's office, said Tim Pittman, said. the governor's press secretary.

"He (Martin) was urged to do it in 1985, but he wanted to get a handle on state administration first," Pittman said. "Now that he understands it, he wants to hand it over. It's a matter of timing."

The chief of staff for a governor has essentially the same function as a chief of staff for a president, said Thad Beyle, UNC professor of political science.

"He acts as a filter and lets the

streamline and better organize the governor have time to govern," Beyle

Three other administration members changed posts.

Martin's former Secretary of Administration, Grace Rohrer, moved to the cabinet-level post of director of policy and planning. James Lofton, the governor's former executive assistant, took over

Rohrer's post, Pittman said.

The creation of a chief of staff is a normal thing for governors to do after their first few years in office, Beyle said.

"At first, new governors tend to be free-wheeling," Beyle said. "It's a hub and spoke way of advising, with the governor as the hub. Usually it takes a year or two to find out they can't operate like that."

Dr. Paul Kayye, the former director of the Division of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services was appointed to be the interim Secretary of Human Resources, Pittman said.

Two other administration members received new titles, Pittman said.

Gates withdraws name as CIA director hunt goes on

From Associated Press reports

WASHINGTON - Newly installed White House chief of staff Howard Baker announced Monday that Robert Gates' nomination as CIA director was being withdrawn at Gates' request and said that President Reagan was ready to tackle the Iran-Contra problem head-on in a speech to the nation.

Baker said the "original plan" was for Reagan to announce a new nominee at the same time Gates' withdrawal was announced.

Soviet arms plan previewed

GENEVA — American and Soviet arms control negotiators met in a special session Monday, and the Soviets previewed Mikhail Gorbachev's new proposal to eliminate medium-range missiles in Europe.

The Gorbachev proposal drops

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a condition the Kremlin had set since the Reykjavik summit in October that any arms accord be a package deal.

Lawmaker discovers abuses

TRENTON, N.J. - A lawmaker who got a job at a state mental institution even though he used the name of a dead convicted rapist said Monday he found patient abuse and incidents that "made 'One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest' look like a picnic."

State Sen. Richard Codey said he watched employees corral and prod patients with a pointer, heard a co-worker brag of assaulting sleeping female residents and was ordered not to intervene when a disturbed patient stuffed cigarette ashes and butts into his mouth.

Union director search expected to end by April

By NANCY HARRINGTON

With one more candidate to interview for the position of Student Union director, the Office of Student Affairs expects to end the search and announce the new director in early

The spot is being left vacant by Union Director Howard Henry, who is retiring from the position after 29 years of service.

More than 50 people applied for the position, according to Edith Wiggins, associate vice chancellor of Student Affairs. But a search committee has narrowed the list to five candidates, she said.

Mark Appelbaum, a professor of psychology and a search committee member, said the committee will try to choose someone to continue Henry's "excellent" Union programming.

"We have a wonderful set of candidates who have been visiting the Union," he said. "The ones we've talked with have offered us some very innovative ideas."

According to Donald Boulton, vice chancellor and dean of student affairs, the new director's move into office July I will not be difficult because students have been involved in the selection process.

"We've had over 30 students working directly with and in the search committee," Boulton said.

Henry said he has been happy as Union director. "(But) it's time to start a new career." he said. Although Henry said he isn't sure of his immediate plans, he plans to take time to relax before beginning another career.

For the Record

In the March 2 article, "Suit to question length of congressional term," the Daily Tar Heel incorrectly stated that Guy Lucas was filing suit with the Student Supreme Court to nullify three bills passed by the 68th Student Congress. Lucas wants to nullify two bills, not three. The DTH regrets the reporting error.

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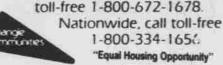
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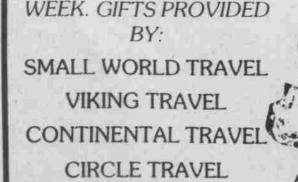
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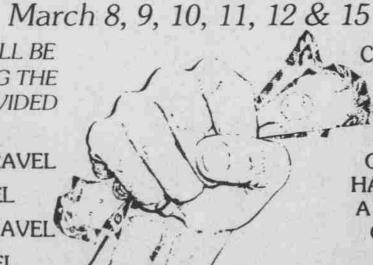
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