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Student Congress passes bill opposing federal aid cuts

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Student Congress passed a resolution opposing federal aid cuts by a voice vote at a regular meeting Wednesday night.

The congress also sent a bill back to the Rules and Judiciary Committee for further consideration. The bill asked the University to develop an

emergency evacuation plan in the event of an accident at the Shearon Harris nuclear plant.

The bill to oppose aid cuts was written to show concern about President Ronald Reagan's proposed 45 percent cut in federal aid, said Stuart Hathaway (Dist. 12), who authored the bill. "Student aid is pertinent to all of us as students,"

he said.

The evacuation plan resolution, which was never considered by the Rules and Judiciary Committee, was sent back to the committee because congress members felt more research was needed on the bill.

Neil Riemann (Dist. 12) said there was no special urgency in passing the resolution. The administration is not

likely to look at an evacuation plan if the congress hasn't done proper research on the subject, he said.

Senior Jeff Fleagle, co-author of the bill and a representative of the Coalition Against Shearon Harris, told the congress that the evacuation plan wasn't fullproof, but that it was better than not having a plan at all.

"With some sort of plan in place,

things will go smoother than if there was none," Fleagle said.

Stephanie Ahlschwede (Dist. 14), co-author of the bill, argued in favor of the resolution. "I don't understand why anybody wouldn't want to at least research this," she said.

Wooten urged congress members to find out more about nuclear power. "Nuclear power's a safe,

efficient way of producing electricity," he said. "There hasn't been one death in the United States due to nuclear power."

But Brien Lewis (Dist. 16) said there was more to the resolution than the safety of nuclear power. "It's not a question of whether we're in favor of nuclear power," he said. "It's a question of our own safety."



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Student volunteer John Kempainen takes Michelle Penley's blood pressure

Hospital relies on student helpers

By DEBBIE RZASA
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When UNC senior Rob Anderson, a pre-medical chemistry major, decided to join the volunteer program at North Carolina Memorial Hospital four years ago, he said he wanted to gain work experience for medical school applications and to decide if he wanted to pursue a career in medicine.

But his reasons for volunteering changed in time.

"When I first started, I came up here (to the hospital) because I was considering pre-med," Anderson said. "I needed experience in the hospital, and I was thinking about my resume. I knew volunteers could work in the emergency room or the operating room, and I had thoughts of grandeur — of being able to perform open-heart surgery or something." He laughed.

"I wasn't too far from being wrong."

The volunteer program at NCMH attracts a diverse range of participants, according to Jenny Fisher, assistant director of

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NCMH's volunteer program. But the 350 student volunteers at the hospital have one thing in common — their work is an invaluable asset to the staff and to the patients.

"Volunteers here are just as important as the staff," Fisher said. "The hospital depends on volunteers as much as it does on the staff."

Fisher said during February's snow and ice storms the hospital relied heavily upon volunteers who could walk from campus, because many staff members were unable to make it to work.

Any student can participate in the volunteer program, although many departments in the hospital

prefer that volunteers be nursing, pre-medical or pre-dental students. But she said the program does not discriminate against any prospective participants.

"If someone comes in the office that's an anthropology major, I'm not going to turn him away," Fisher said. "If someone has the interest and the ability, they can do it."

Fisher said she interviews prospective student volunteers after they fill out applications, and checks their backgrounds and majors. Students can work as few as two or three hours a week, or as many as they can handle.

Volunteers designate the departments where they prefer to work, and Fisher said she does her best to accommodate preferences.

During Anderson's four years at the hospital, he has worked for two semesters each in the emergency and operating rooms, as well as one semester each in the hemodialysis program and the

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Phone-in system to ease drop-add woes

By KRISTEN GARDNER
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A system to allow students to preregister and drop or add courses by telephone is closer to reality, University officials said Wednesday, but the system will not be ready for use until spring 1990.

After studying the system for a year, a registration task force recommended in August that the University buy an Information Associates system, University Registrar David Lanier said Wednesday.

But while officials had predicted that the drop-add system would be implemented as early as spring 1988, it probably will not be available for use until spring semester 1990, Lanier said.

It will cost \$418,000 to purchase the equipment and computer software necessary to run the system, which will give students direct access to a scheduling computer through use of a touch-tone phone.

The chancellor's office agreed to fund the purchase of the system, but the registrar's office must pay the money back within 10 years, Lanier said.

Also, the registrar's office will have to pay about \$80,000 a year to maintain the system, Lanier said.

Lanier said he has asked UNC-system officials to add a user fee of \$5 a semester to UNC's tuition and student fees to help pay back the system's purchase price and cover its annual maintenance.

"The fee is still pending," Lanier said. "It may have a bearing on whether or not we actually get the system."

The delay in installing the system has been caused in part by a staff shortage in the registrar's office, Lanier said, slowing the development and implementation of the system.

The new system was recommended because it will alleviate some

problems caused by the system used now, such as closed courses, lines at Woolen Gym during drop-add and the delay between when students request courses and when their choices are confirmed, Lanier said.

The greatest advantage of the system is its speed, Lanier said. "There's no guesswork," he said. "When you hang up, you know what your schedule is."

Donald C. Jicha, associate dean of the General College, agreed. "The system gives instant feedback to students on whether they can preregister for a section of a class," he said. "If a section's closed, the student can preregister for another one right there. There should be less closeout."

And the order in which students are placed in classes will no longer be determined by their social security number, Lanier said. Registration

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Committee meets to consider drug policy for UNC System

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The biggest drug problem on UNC-system campuses is alcohol, several members of the Board of Governors's Ad Hoc Committee on Drugs said at their first meeting Tuesday.

"The single greatest reason students die is alcohol," Vic McIntyre, chairman of the UNC Student Affairs task force on drug education, told the committee. "Other drugs are a problem on our campuses, but much less so."

Committee members are studying the problem of drug abuse on the 16 campuses in the UNC System so they can recommend an overall drug policy to the board. In turn, the board will advise each campus what its drug policy should be.

During the meeting Tuesday, the

committee discussed classifying alcohol as a drug, along with crack, heroin and LSD.

"The biggest concern we have is alcohol," McIntyre said. "That is a huge problem. Alcohol is a drug. It's the drug of choice on campus."

In adopting its policy on drugs, the board should treat violations of alcohol laws as violations of drug laws, he said.

"I wouldn't want you to think the 21-year-old law will do away with the problem of alcohol on campus," he said. "It's kind of a rite of passage (at college). So many young people drink. And they drink beer. It's going to be a problem as long as there are students and there's beer around."

Surveys in North Carolina show that at least 88 percent of UNC-system students drink "somewhat regularly," he said.

But Lloyd Hackley, vice president in the General Administration of UNC, told the committee that alcohol can't hide itself as well as other drugs can.

"We know what people look like when they've been using alcohol," he said. "But most of our people don't have direct contact with people using heavy drugs. I've been around people who later I found out were on cocaine, and I didn't have a clue."

Students who take large amounts of prescription drugs (such as amphetamines) so they can study longer and better are also a big problem on UNC-system campuses, according to several members of the committee.

The committee is developing drug guidelines to comply with federal

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Heels end losing streak with 16-6 victory over Seahawks

By JAMES SUROWIECKI
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How does the cliché go? Something like, "Aesthetics aren't everything, they're the only thing?" Well, not really. At least not with regard to the UNC baseball team's performance Wednesday, as the Tar Heels mauled UNC-Wilmington 16-6 in a game more notable for its length than for its beauty.

The win, which came only after a tortuous three and a half hours, ended UNC's five-game losing streak and upped its record to 17-11. Thanks to the Seahawks' 15th loss of the year, against 15 wins, the Tar Heels maintained their unblemished mark at home.

UNC began its barrage in the first inning, as catcher Paul Devlin smashed a double off the wall in left-center to score Darin Campbell from first base. In the second, Howard Freiling doubled to left to lead off and later trotted home on Chris DeFranco's sacrifice fly.

The Seahawks, though, kept it close in the early going. UNC starter Chris Cornacchio cruised through the first two frames, but ran into trouble in the third, thanks to a pair of passed balls and some less than wondrous fielding.

With one out in the inning, John Catalano spanked a double to score Calvin Garrett, and Mark Mautsby followed with a single. Mautsby then stole second, and UNC's cut-off play failed, as Catalano slid home just beneath Campbell's throw. A passed ball moved Mautsby to third, whence he scored on a gorgeous bunt single by Tim Langmeyer.

At that point, Cornacchio was in serious danger of finding the dreaded hook wrapped about his waist. But he induced Mike Byers to ground into a fielder's choice, and from that effort seemed to derive new strength. He gave up just two hits in the next four innings, and departed after seven, having pitched well enough to get the win.

"I wasn't throwing too well," said Cornacchio, whose last mound appearance came on March 22. "I didn't have the usual pop, so I just wanted to mix up my pitches and get through the fifth inning, because I knew they'd get me the runs."

That they did. The Tar Heels tied the score in the fourth and blew the game open in the fifth, when they picked up three runs and sent Seahawk starter Tony Tillman to an

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UNC first baseman Howard Freiling takes a pickoff throw in vain in the early stages of the Tar Heels' 16-6 victory over UNC-Wilmington

I hate to read new books. — William Hazlitt