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Windy and cold

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Congress focuses on social problems

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Student Congress approved a resolution supporting student efforts to bring about international arms reduction and provide opportunities for the homeless at its Wednesday night meeting.

The congress also passed an amendment to the Instrument of Student Judicial Governance that would make date rape and sexual and racial harassment violations of the Campus Code under the Code of Student Conduct in the Instrument.

The arms reduction and homeless resolution was passed by voice vote. In adopting the resolution, the congress expressed its support for students wishing to further the peace process between the United States and the Soviet Union.

Congress also "applauds efforts to deal with domestic issues like the

plight of the homeless," according to the resolution.

Specifically, the requests the congress supports include a 50 percent bilateral reduction in intercontinental ballistic missiles; a moratorium on research, testing, and deployment of all space-based weapons systems; and greater recognition of fundamental human rights, according to the resolution.

These arms reductions would give the United States "significant allocatable funds" which could be used to aid the homeless, said Brock Dickinson, an author of the resolution.

The resolution does not specify how the homeless would benefit from these funds, but possibilities include job training, education, and low-cost housing, Dickinson said.

The passage of the bill is an important step in showing the Soviet Union that students' concerns are legitimate, Dickinson said.

"This puts pressure on the embassy to take it seriously," he said. "This tells the Soviets that we're serious and that there's a lot of support for it."

Dickinson said the Student Action Union, a student activist organization, would print a copy of the bill in its publication, The Union. The publication will be sent to 50 college campuses.

Students will also circulate copies of the resolution around campus and request that students sign them. The signed copies will be sent to the Soviet Embassy, the State Department and possibly President Bush, Dickinson said.

This is a good opportunity for students to get involved with a worthwhile cause, Dickinson said.

"Historically, students have been major players in deciding policy," he said. "It's time today's students made that effort and worked for something that's important."

The amendment to the Instrument of Student Judicial Governance would include specific references to date rape, sexual harassment and racial harassment in the Instrument. The proposal, submitted by the Committee on Student Conduct, passed the congress by acclamation. It must be approved by the Faculty Council at its Friday meeting and by Chancellor Paul Hardin.

If approved, the amendment would take effect in 1989-90.

The amendment would bring unwanted sexual contact or harassment, as well as racial harassment, under the student judicial system's jurisdiction, said Robert Byrd, chairman of the Committee on Student Conduct.

"Essentially, this is covered, but not in any specific way," Byrd said. "We felt it (the Instrument) was broad in coverage and this needed to be dealt with fairly specifically."

The Instrument now prohibits inflicting physical abuse or injury upon a person, placing a person in fear of physical injury or inflicting severe mental or emotional distress upon a person.

The amendment will also make students more aware of the problems of sexual and racial harassment, said David Fountain, undergraduate

student attorney general.

"Primarily, it's a means of bringing to the attention of the student community problems that need to be dealt with, problems the student judicial system is dealing with as best they know how," he said. "We want the amendment to be included, to

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Dowling to head Honor Court

By JAMES BURROUGHS
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Ruth Dowling was elected chairwoman of the Undergraduate Honor Court and Michael Hinshaw, Jeff Tracy and Salem Suber were elected vice chairmen by the court Tuesday.

Keeping students informed about the honor code and the functions of the Honor Court will be the most important task of the court in the coming year, Dowling said.

"I think the main issue that I want to concentrate on is really pushing in the area of education," she said.

Stronger presentations of the honor system to freshmen at orientation is the most practical way to increase student awareness since most of the work of the court is kept confidential, she said.

"That's a time when we can give (students) an idea of what the Honor Court does," she said.

Working toward a more serious tone during hearings and consistency in the sanctioning process should also be goals of the court over the next year, Dowling said. In the past, the court has been flexible on many

penalties for Honor Court violations, and a more concrete system is needed, Dowling said.

The court also decided to hold meetings once a month, during which time they can discuss issues relevant to the court's proceedings, she said. Currently, the court convenes only for hearings, she said.

Dowling said the court has achieved a positive image with students this year, especially following the Honor Court hearings of former student activist Dale McKinley.

"I have a pretty good feeling about student perception at this point," she said.

Vice Chairman Suber also said the court must increase student awareness of the honor system in everyday life at UNC.

"We want to make sure we're effective in raising the consciousness of the honor system," he said.

Monthly meetings by the court will improve its effectiveness as a body, he said. "I think the better prepared we are as a group, the better judgments we'll be able to make."

Turnout tallied

Elections Board satisfied with number of students who voted

By JAMES BURROUGHS
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Voter turnout for Tuesday's elections was average, with about 24 percent of students casting ballots in the student body president race, although election board officials projected much larger numbers at one point during the returns early Wednesday morning.

"Considering the weather, I think it was a very good turnout," Wilborn Roberson, Elections Board chairman, said Wednesday. "I felt it was going to be a little larger this year."

The official results will be available Thursday night or Friday afternoon, Roberson said.

Turnout at residence hall poll sites

was unusually large, while turnout at the all-campus sites was below average, which made the projected total turnout misleading, he said. At one point during the morning, when no all-campus site returns had come in, Roberson announced that the number of voters in the election might be twice that of last year's election.

No candidates from Tuesday's elections have filed appeals to the elections board, Roberson said. The deadline for such appeals is 48 hours after the polls close.

The deadline for all candidates' expense reports was 5 p.m. Wednesday, with disqualification being the punishment for late forms, he said. All student body president candidates

who received at least seven percent of the vote will be reimbursed for one-half of all their expenses, he said.

All posters, except for those candidates participating in the runoff, must be taken down by 7 p.m. Saturday, he said.

Another result of the election was the \$1,000 to \$1,500 raised by the senior class for the Make-a-Wish Foundation. The project involved 30 to 40 local businesses and campus organizations pledging a certain amount for every vote cast in the election, said Jeff Hoffman, co-chairman of the senior class philanthropy committee. Much of the tallying process is incomplete, but within a week letters will be sent to

donors asking for their pledges, he said.

The project was the source of much controversy following its creation last semester, mainly because of the idea that raising funds in such a way was an abuse of the right to vote. Since that time, senior class officials kept public awareness of the project to a minimum, Hoffman said.

"We eliminated the publicity of it and the incentive of students to vote," he said. "The money we raised is just a by-product of the elections."

Once the committee collects all the pledges, the senior class hopes to use the funds to sponsor one child's wish, Hoffman said.

Town develops prototype of newspaper rack holder

By BLAKE DICKINSON
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Chapel Hill Public Works employees are putting the finishing touches on the prototype of a structure they hope will solve pollution and safety problems associated with newspaper vending racks.

This is the latest move in an ongoing effort by the town's ad hoc newspaper rack appearance committee chaired by Cassandra Sloop to address the problem of newspaper racks in downtown Chapel Hill.

An October 1988 appearance commission meeting led to the formation of the eight-member committee that met Feb. 2 and discussed several proposals, including a proposed newspaper rack holder.

"It's not even a control; it's just a place to put them (newspaper vending racks)," said Richard Guthridge, Chapel Hill Appearance Commission member and architect of the proposed vending rack holder.

Committee members walked the 100 block of Franklin Street and tried to address some of the committee's concerns, according to Kevin Schwartz, general manager of The Daily Tar Heel and a member of the committee. Schwartz and others removed

racks from open areas and placed them in more acceptable ones, organized rows of racks and notified publications whose racks needed repair or replacement.

At least one member of the group thought this would be the only action taken until the committee met again March 2, and he did not expect the town-made rack holder to be implemented.

"I thought that at the last meeting we had pretty much thrown that idea out," Marty Durrence, director of circulation for The Chapel Hill Newspaper, said.

Placing flowers to hide the racks in front of Taco Bell had been discussed, but he said he was not aware that the proposed drawings by

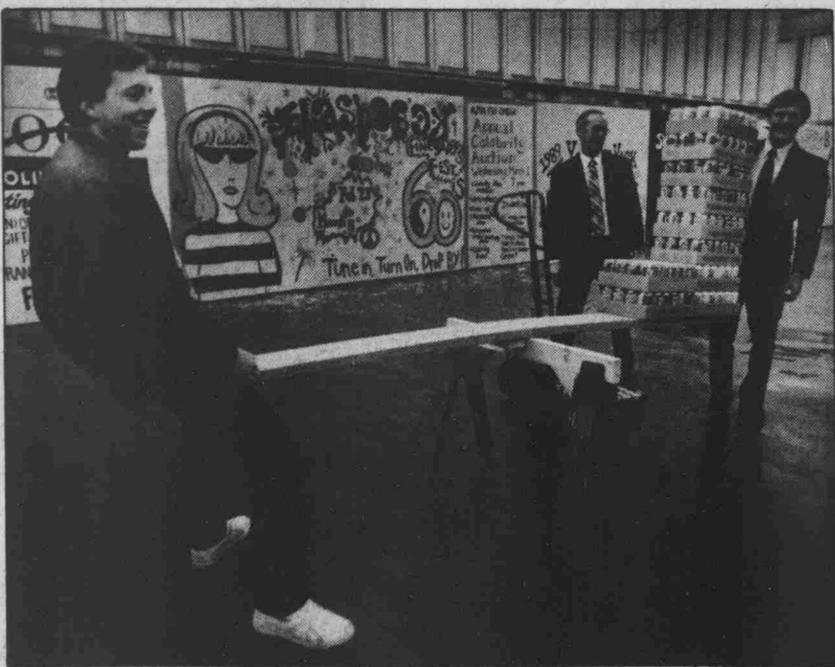
Guthridge had moved beyond the planning stages.

The news rack holder will resemble a picture frame, Guthridge said. The unit will consist of a five-foot beam to the left of the racks attached to a 10-foot beam over the racks and a second five-foot beam on the right of the racks.

The structure would be built with the same extruded aluminum with bronzed finish used by the town for bus stops, Guthridge said. Off-white letters spelling "Newspaper" would be affixed to the crossbeam.

The wooden prototype being built by public works will also have a base for affixing separate racks since the

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Seesaw for soda

Mike Nalevaiko, one of two UNC students to win his weight in Coke products in a Student Stores

drawing Tuesday, balances the soft drink as Wade Bullock and Ed Gross of Coca-Cola look on.

DTH/David Minton

DTH celebrates 96th birthday

Today marks the 96th birthday of the oldest newspaper in Chapel Hill — namely, this one.

The first issue of The Tar Heel was published on Thursday, February 23, 1893, under the auspices of the University Athletic Association.

We like to think we've come a

long way since our humble beginnings, and to celebrate our birthday, we've colored The Daily Tar Heel logo and the front-page quote Carolina blue. We hope you enjoy the change.

And you thought all the fun holidays in February had already passed.

Where the press is free, and every man able to read, all is safe. — Thomas Jefferson