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Merger of food services may end \$100 meal plan

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The \$100 mandatory meal plan for resident students may be eliminated in two years because the UNC Food Services Advisory committee recommended the consolidation of the University's two food services last week.

The recommendation is one of several suggestions concerning food services that the committee decided on Friday and will forward to Chancellor Paul Hardin, who must approve the recommendations before sending them to the UNC Board of Trustees.

The recommendation comes in the wake of a student government motion to eliminate the meal plan, which the

committee turned down March 23.

The original motion called for elimination of the plan contingent on the consolidation of food services and athletic concessions run by Marriott and Ogden, respectively.

The merger would create a broader revenue base for a company running the two services, according to the motion.

The University would select a food service company to head the operation through a bidding process to be held two years from now, when the contracts of Marriott and Ogden expire, according to the recommendation.

The proposal differs from the student government motion because it calls for a trial period of one year

or more to precede any elimination of the meal plan. The period will be used to monitor the amount of money brought in by the consolidation and will determine if funds from the meal plan are still needed.

"If (the merger) proves that the meal plan is not necessary to keep food services financially afloat, the meal plan will be eliminated," Student Body President Brien Lewis said.

But James Cansler, chairman of the committee, said, "It must be demonstrated that food services is a healthy, prospering program on campus before the plan can be eliminated."

Lewis added that the meal plan could not be eliminated for at least two years. The plan is part of

Marriott's contract.

The revenue base of the consolidation will persuade at least a dozen food service companies to bid for the contract, said Tom Shetley, director of auxiliary services. Because of the competition, the bidders will be forced to submit "proposals that are enticing to the University."

William Dux, director of Carolina Dining Services, said Marriott would bid for the contract, but he said he was not sure the consolidation would offset the losses of an eliminated meal plan.

"We're talking about a business move, and nobody knows what impact that move will have until it

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Abortion protesters convicted

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Eight anti-abortion demonstrators who protested in front of a Chapel Hill abortion clinic in January were found guilty of trespassing Wednesday in Orange County District Court.

On Jan. 21 eight people protested in front of the Triangle Women's Health Center because they had reason to believe abortions were scheduled for that morning.

Bryan Carl Brenner, son of William Brenner, the doctor who performs abortions at the center, was in

charge when the protest occurred.

Bryan Brenner, the main witness for the prosecution, said he asked the eight to leave in the presence of a Chapel Hill Police officer, but they refused.

When the demonstrators refused to leave after Brenner's first request and then after requests from two different policemen, they were arrested on charges of second-degree trespassing.

Elaine Marie Foster, Teresa Marie Jones, John Owen Franklin Long, Lynwood Bryant Ray and Mark Stephen Yavarone chose to defend themselves. Attorney Norman Ecker defended Mary Martin Godowitch,

John Michael Hickey and Ronald Alan Lewis.

All of the defendants pleaded innocent on the grounds that they felt they were trying to prevent the murder of human lives and concentrated their defense on the issue of abortion instead of the trespassing charge. They said in a statement they did not support abortion and were not concerned with the sentences.

"It is our hope that someday soon the courts of this country will protect all human beings from conception until natural death," the statement said. "But, until that time, we will continue to struggle for the basic right

of every person to be allowed to live."

Toward the middle of the trial Judge Lowery Betts said that he recognized the controversy over abortion, but that the purpose of the trial was to determine whether the defendants were guilty of trespassing.

"I realize the issue of abortion is a very troublesome one for many people. Nevertheless, we have rules concerning abortion, whether they be right or wrong."

The maximum penalty for second-degree trespassing is 30 days in jail and a \$500 fine. The defendants were

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A big wet kiss

Margaret Johnson, a freshman from Durham, paints an advertisement Wednesday in the Pit for Circle K's 'Kiss the Ram' fund-raiser.

Cross-campus march to raise rape awareness

By KAREN ENTRIKEN
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It's midnight. A UNC student has just finished studying at Davis Library. She walks home alone. She is raped.

Unfortunately, this scenario happens too often at UNC. Tonight the Campus Y and the Women's Forum invites anyone concerned about rape at UNC to join a "Take Back the Night" march around campus and a rally in the Pit afterward.

The march will attempt to publicize rape and sexual assault at UNC, especially following two recent attacks — an assault near Joyner Residence Hall and a rape near Finley Golf Course during Burnout on March 31 — said Gretchen Knight, co-chairwoman of the Women's Forum. The march is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. between Davie Hall and the Arboretum.

"Everyone who disagrees with the concept of rape should be there. We want to change the tone toward rape on campus.

"Now all women live within the context of rape. The new attitude should be, 'If you do this you are an outcast on our campus,'" Knight said.

The march route is designed to include sites of past and potential attacks. Marchers will start in the Arboretum, an area noted for attacks, then go on to Morehead Planetarium, near where UNC student Sharon Stewart was attacked in 1985, Knight said.

"We are going through the Planetarium parking lot to recognize that one of our own, Sharon Stewart, was kidnapped, raped and murdered — a girl who was doing all the right things. She was walking to her car in a well-lit area with a friend, and it wasn't too late, only about 11 p.m."

"The point is that it can happen to anyone."

The march will continue down Franklin Street, Columbia Street, Cameron Avenue, into the Big Woods and down a path leading to South Campus. "We want to draw attention to the particularly unsafe

area of South Campus," Knight said.

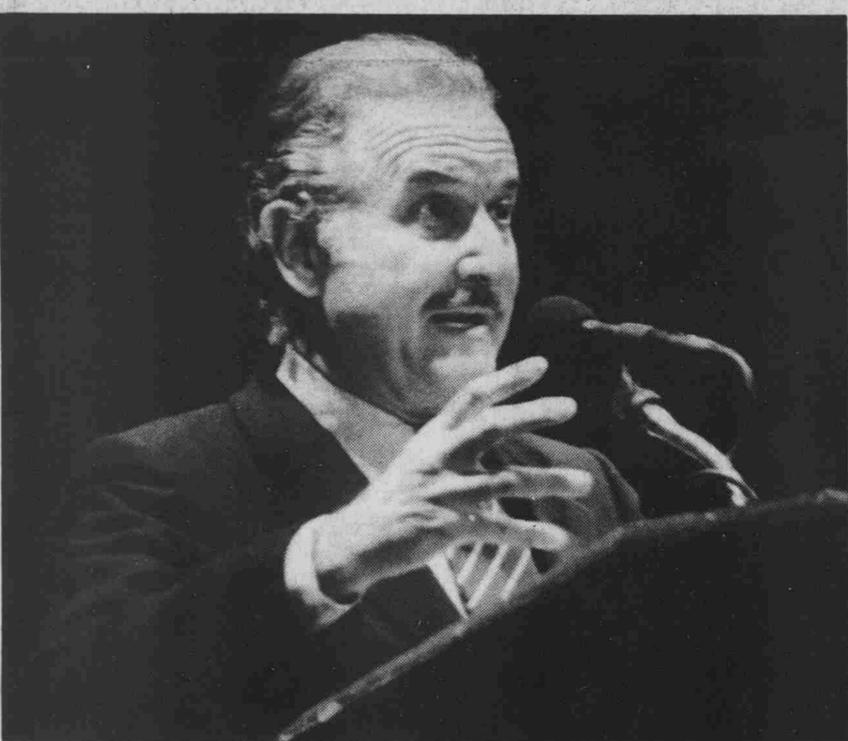
At last year's march, almost 120 participants chanted all along the course, "However we dress, wherever we go, yes means yes, no means no." When they reached the Morehead Planetarium parking lot, they chanted, "Remember Sharon Stewart."

Marchers will stop in the Pit for a rally and to hear speakers from the Women's Forum. The Orange County Rape Crisis Center will distribute information and answer questions, Knight said.

Marching is not the only way to prevent rape on campus. Sgt. Ned Comar of the University police said reporting rapes to police was the best defense against repeat offenses and also deters potential attackers from raping.

"We (University police) have done everything we can with training to be sensitive if we get sent to deal with a rape victim, all in hopes that women will come forward and report rapes

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Carlos Fuentes, noted intellectual and author, speaks in Memorial Hall Wednesday night

Mexican author discusses Latin American literature

By JASON KELLY
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The Spanish-American writer lives under the pressure of writing everything history has forgotten, a leading Mexican intellectual and writer said Wednesday.

Carlos Fuentes spoke to a full Memorial Hall about the duties and conflicts facing today's Latin American writers in a speech sponsored by the Carolina Union's Human Relations Committee and the Institute of Latin American Studies.

Fuentes described his own childhood growing up in Washington, D.C. "My father made me know all of Mexico — the good and the beauty and the victories, but also the bad and the defeats. Mexico became a vital part of my imagination. My writing was inspired by the search for Mexico and being separated from it. I was always the

wanderer."

Fuentes decided he must write in Spanish because it was the language of his ancestors. "I knew I must write in Spanish, the language of my fathers, not in English, the language of my teachers."

He added there was a need for Spanish writers to articulate the Spanish-American tradition. "Whenever English falls asleep and needs a new writer, an Irishman comes along to wake it up. But Spanish has been asleep with no one to wake it."

Fuentes began writing in the 1950s, and he said he liked to write about men and women interacting in a historical context, but with an emphasis on language. In the works he read at the speech, he used many plays on words and double entendres.

New World literature demands

nomination, voice and justice, Fuentes said.

He referred to a great need to name and clarify things, experiences and the unique position of the Spanish-American. "Latin America is a misnomer in itself. The French made it up to include themselves. It should be called Ibero-Indo-Afro-America."

The Spanish-speaking Americas need a voice of their own, Fuentes said. "Who should speak, and in what language, is a pertinent question. The Indian languages are dead and English is foreign. Spanish is the politically superior but culturally suspect."

"There is so much silence coming out of Ibero-America — the silence of the beaten Indian empires and the silence of the imported black slaves. The Indian languages were

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Fusion projects under way locally

By CHUCK WILLIAMS
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UNC, N.C. State University and Duke University are all conducting experiments similar to the nuclear fusion projects that have created a stir in the scientific community during the past two weeks.

The fusion experiments involve a process that some scientists believe could virtually solve the world's energy problems by using seawater as an inexhaustible energy source.

Stanley Pons of the University of Utah and Milton Fleischmann of the University of Southampton, England, announced last month they had used a simple tabletop apparatus to achieve fusion at room temperature.

Previous fusion experiments had focused on using temperatures of millions of degrees, and the researchers' announcement was met with immediate skepticism from the scientific community. This skepticism has grown over the past several days, as other research teams were unable

to reproduce the experiment successfully.

But researchers at the Georgia Institute of Technology and at Texas A&M University both announced Monday strong evidence of fusion in their own experiments. Fusion can produce a great deal more energy than is put into it.

Area schools are attempting experiments similar to the University of Utah's this week.

The same type of experiment is in the works at UNC, said Eugen Merzbacher, UNC Kenan professor of physics and astronomy.

Merzbacher wouldn't say the results of the other experiments definitely showed fusion. "There could be some internal processes going on. At this point, results are not consistent."

NCSU researchers began a similar experiment Wednesday, said John Gilligan, an NCSU associate profes-

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I did it — in the hall with the revolver. — Mr. Green