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Senate may seek job cuts at UNC

By JENNIFER WING
Staff Writer

The N.C. Senate appropriations committee is proposing a bill to eliminate 346 UNC-system staff positions, which include almost 100 jobs in the University's Academic Affairs and Health Affairs departments, despite UNC officials' objections to the cuts.

The present draft of the bill requires that staff positions that are now empty will be eliminated to prevent layoffs. But C.D. Spangler, UNC-system president, said that even though the positions are vacant at the time, the University still needs the positions.

"Part of it (the problem) stems

from the fact that there are always vacant positions because we are recruiting people. When this is adequately understood, we will get support."

The positions to be eliminated are those that support the faculty, not faculty and administration positions, he said. But he said that if 100 of these positions were eliminated, the University might not be able to handle the adverse effects.

Because UNC must compete with the Research Triangle Park, it cannot compete in salaries and, as a result, has a difficult time filling the vacant positions, he said.

But he said the state legislature would probably realize this when the

UNC-system representatives presented this argument. "I think there is some give-and-take (with the legislature). We have to cooperate the best we can, but we must put the best foot forward," Spangler said.

Wayne Jones, acting vice chancellor of business and finance, said several different types of positions will be eliminated. "They are all staff positions, not faculty. They really run the gamut from housekeeping to clerical to accounting to personnel."

The first positions to be cut will probably be the 50 positions frozen last semester, but the broad range of cuts will minimize major impact on

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Homosexual group bill low legislative priority

By MARK FOLK
Staff Writer

The N.C. General Assembly's vote on a bill that would outlaw the use of student fees and tax dollars for homosexual groups on UNC-system campuses may be delayed until the assembly's short session in June 1990 unless the bill is voted on by May 11.

The bill, introduced earlier this month by Rep. Stephen Arnold, R-Guilford, is now behind about a dozen bills that are set to go before a UNC-system subcommittee of the House Education Committee some time next week, said Rep. Alex

Warner, D-Cumberland, chairman of the subcommittee.

If the subcommittee passes the bill, it would go to the House Education Committee and then to the full General Assembly. It must go before the Assembly by May 11 to avoid being delayed.

Warner said it was possible that the bill might not go before the subcommittee by the May 11 deadline because of the number of bills ahead of it.

Arnold said in a telephone interview Tuesday that he would do everything possible to get the bill before the General Assembly if

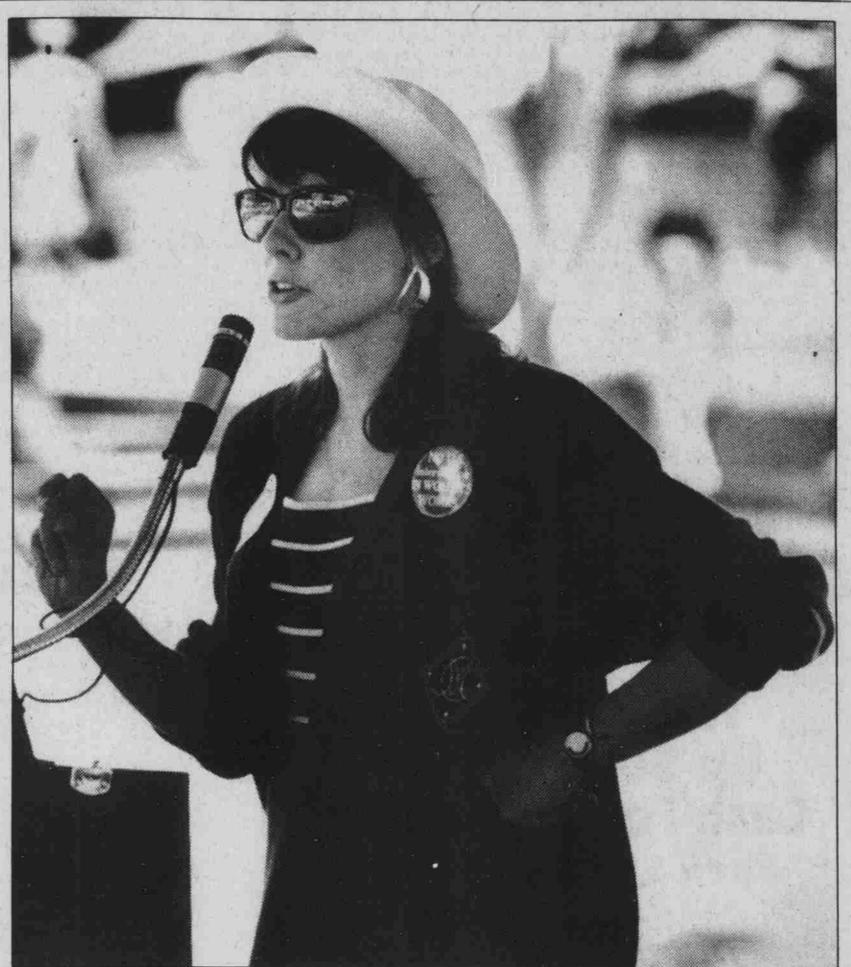
neither the subcommittee nor the Education Committee passed it.

He said he would either put it on as an amendment to another bill or ask that the General Assembly rules be waived so it could go before the full House without first getting through the committees.

"I'm really encouraged about its (the bill's) significance," Arnold said. "I'm going to do everything I can to get a vote on this bill by the full House."

Although Arnold said he was skeptical about the bill's chances in

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Debate of choice

Mary Townsend, a member of the National Abortion Rights Action League (NARAL) argues

a point Tuesday afternoon in the Pit during an abortion debate. See story, page 6.

Students offer views on research, teaching

By NANCY WYKLE
Staff Writer

Student Body President Brien Lewis and Karin West, outgoing Order of the Bell Tower president, met with the Board of Visitors (BOV) Saturday to make a presentation about some of the problems of research from students' perspectives.

The BOV is a 120-member organization that advises the chancellor and Board of Trustees on University affairs.

A BOV task force investigating research did not consult undergraduates in the original draft of recommendation it submitted to the entire BOV, but students are concerned

about research interfering with teaching, West said.

"In our experience, we found the University community has been placing great emphasis on research."

The task force was working from the Fisher report, which said students had relatively few complaints about the research aspects of the University,

West said.

The main problem is that incentives exist for research but not teaching, Lewis said. Good teaching must be rewarded, he said.

"Incentives to teach must come from the top."

More teaching awards need to be established for teachers, he said.

The task force failed to address the effects of priorities that place research ahead of teaching, he said.

"Research is where the money and prestige is."

Research grants offer money that professors need to conduct studies, West said.

"Professors are pressured in the

number of roles they have to fulfill."

Teachers are in a position where they must do research to progress in their field, Lewis said. They sometimes must also do it to justify the salaries they receive, he said.

Demands are made of faculty

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4 arrested after protesting cost of AIDS treatment

By GLENN O'NEAL
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RESEARCH TRIANGLE PARK — Four protesters from the New York-based group AIDS Coalition To Unleash Power (ACT UP) were arrested Tuesday after they allegedly

entered the Burroughs Wellcome building illegally and barricaded themselves in a third-floor office.

A spokesman for ACT UP in New York said the four were protesting the price of the AIDS drug azidothymidine (AZT).

"They were asking for a 25 percent

reduction in the cost," said Michael Signorile, media coordinator for ACT UP, in a telephone interview. "Wall Street analysts say Burroughs is making an 80 percent profit."

The protesters — Lee Arsenaull, 41, Blane Mosley, 24, and Peter Staley, 28, all of New York City; and

James McGrath, 32, of Providence, R.I. — allegedly entered the building Tuesday at 10 a.m. and barricaded themselves in the office, said Kathy Bartlett, spokeswoman for the pharmaceutical company.

They were not armed and were asked to leave, she said. When they

refused, deputies from the Durham County Sheriff's Department arrested them, Bartlett said.

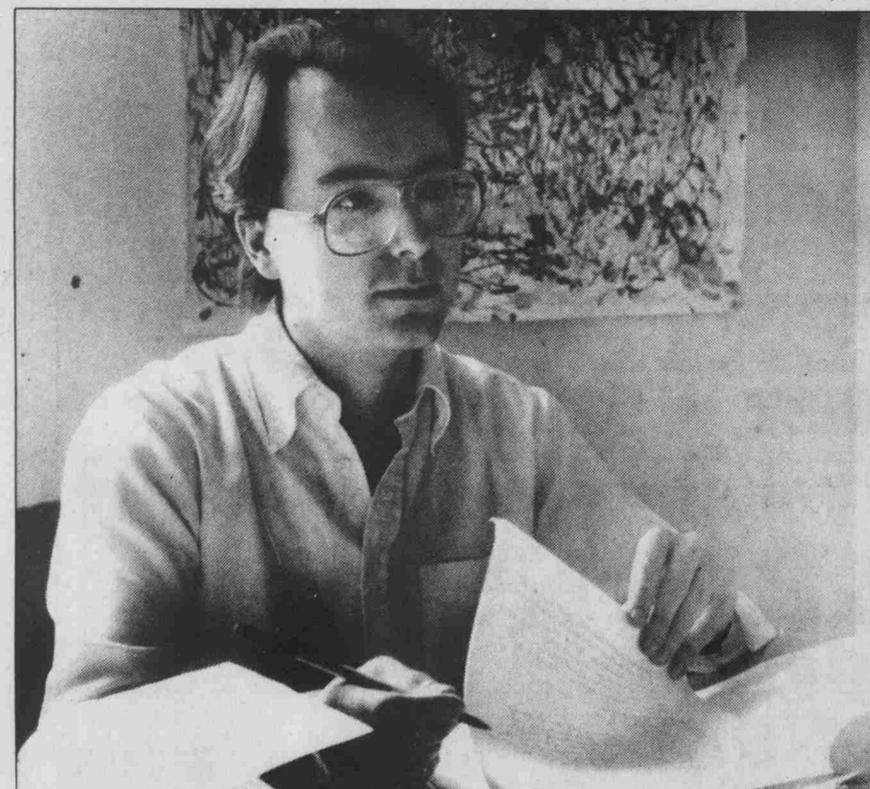
McGrath, one of the protesters, said the four were released from the custody of the Durham County Sheriff after each posted \$5,000 bond.

The protesters' first court appear-

ance is scheduled for May 4 in Durham, McGrath said in a telephone interview from a Durham motel.

The protesters said Burroughs was making too much money from AZT

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English professor Reid Barbour grades papers Tuesday afternoon in his office in Greenlaw

Faculty lured with better offers

Editor's note: This is the second of three articles examining the problem of low faculty salaries and poor benefits at UNC.

By WILL SPEARS
Staff Writer

UNC is losing some of its most distinguished and valuable faculty members as a result of low salaries and poor benefits.

Because other universities have been able to recruit faculty members from UNC's ranks, many University departments are in danger of having their hard-earned reputations tarnished.

Two of the more notable losses this year have been in the political science and art history departments. Merle Black, a political science professor, has accepted a position at Emory University. Richard Shiff, a former assistant chairman of the art history department, left UNC after last semester to accept a position at the University of Texas at Austin.

"It was a tremendous loss to the University, the department and the community," Mary Sheriff, director of graduate studies for the art history department, said of Shiff's departure. "It will hurt recruiting at both the faculty and the graduate student levels."

Shiff said his decision to leave UNC for the University of Texas was not hard to make. The decision was based on professional, and not personal, reasons, he said.

Faculty in Flight

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"The real matter here is that there wasn't a choice to be made. It's a question of having an opportunity and taking it."

UNC's attitude toward faculty research helped Shiff make his decision, he said. "It was the attitude toward faculty who do research (that affected my decision). They were much more receptive of my ideas and interests here (at Texas)."

The total package Texas offered Shiff — salary, research money, a research assistant and benefits — was double what UNC offered, he said.

"My research wasn't being supported by UNC. Someone else came and supported me."

UNC made a counteroffer, but Shiff said he did not accept it because it came too late. "When this kind of thing happens (faculty being recruited by other institutions), UNC feels it can just turn around and make a counteroffer. Still, the fact that you were here (at UNC) for 10 years and they made no such offer before makes you distrust them. That's why faculty gets stolen away so easily."

"UNC tends to get interested only because someone else is interested. By

then it's too late."

The art history department will feel the loss of Shiff in a number of areas, Sheriff said. "Richard is someone who is on the forefront of the field. To find someone to replace him will be difficult."

"Richard was someone who, because of his prominence, was highly visible. He participated in the intellectual life of this University."

Sheriff said the department would hold Shiff's position until January

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When a subject becomes totally obsolete we make it a required course. — Peter Drucker