

Task force to examine student aid

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In an effort to research problems and improve the student aid process at UNC, Student Body President Brian Lewis has established a financial aid task force.

"There are so many different components of the financial aid pie," Lewis said. "We need to sit down and be aware of who is putting in what ingredients. We don't want to throw money in an area where need doesn't exist."

Problems with the financial aid process do exist, Lewis said. Although the financial aid office does its best to serve students, a lack of staff members hinders its efforts, he said.

Uncertainty about the amount of funds students receive is also a problem Lewis wants to address. "I want

to see a greater degree of certainty so people aren't working all summer and then discover when they get back to school that they still don't have enough to pay their bills," he said.

The task force — made up of members of various student groups and several vice chancellors — formed because of the tuition increase, a decrease in federal aid, the loss of some funds available through the University as a result of the food service consolidation, and the Umstead Act, which limits the number of items Student Stores can sell, Lewis said.

Members of the task force will research problems involving financial aid and will offer a list of recommendations addressing current and future problems to Chancellor Paul Hardin. The committee will meet on Oct. 17.

"It's really looking at every angle

and seeing what tangible goals we can set," Lewis said.

Eleanor Morris, director of the Office of Scholarship and Student Aid, said the problem was not financial aid, but a shortage of funding, particularly with the tuition increases. "If the process can be improved, that's a bonus."

Increasing awareness of the lack of funding in the community and state would help alleviate the problem, Morris said. A way to explain the problem and identify available funds is important in ending the shortage.

UNC Provost Dennis O'Connor said the financial aid office at UNC does a good job and the focus of the task force needs to be locating existing funds.

"There are students whose family situation would prevent them from attending Carolina without financial

aid. We need to help those students." Students also deserve awards for outstanding merit, he said.

The task force will have a difficult time finding the needy people and the available funds to help them, said committee member Ruffin Hall.

"I would really like to see this become as important as the parking issue was last year," Lewis said. "It's the bottom line issue of all issues."

Students from the Black Student Movement, Graduate and Professional Students' Federation and Student Congress, as well as several members of the administration, will serve on the task force.

Lewis and Hall were pleased with the administration's interest. "If the administration didn't feel there was a real problem with financial aid, they wouldn't spend an entire day discussing it," Hall said.

Campus Police Roundup

University police made several alcohol-related arrests and citations early Monday morning.

• Neal B. Sullivan, 18, of Ramsgate Apartments, Carrboro, was cited for underage possession at 12:32 a.m. at Hill Hall parking lot.

• Also cited with underage possession were Randolph Knox Tate, 17, of 211 Alexander Residence Hall at 1:28 a.m. on Cameron Avenue; Bill R. Robertson, 20, of 303 E. Franklin St. at 2:46 a.m. at the Morehead Planetarium parking lot; and David Harold Potat, 20, of 204 Connor Residence Hall at 3:30 a.m. at Alumni and Cameron streets.

• Stephen Graham Robinson, 22, of 805 E. Catawba St., Belmont, was cited for public consumption at 1:28 a.m. on Cameron Avenue.

• Robert Joseph Hewitt, 20, of 1209 Seabrook Ave., Cary, was arrested at 2:06 a.m. on South Columbia Street and charged with driving while impaired. Additional charges were filed against Hewitt for driving the wrong way on a one-way street and driving with no operator's permit.

• Three people stole \$1,518 worth of furniture from Ruffin Residence Hall on Aug. 18. Police were alerted to the incident after the three suspects asked a passer-by

to help them load the truck. The person notified the police at 2:55 p.m.

• A man walked into the rear wheel of a moving concrete mixer/delivery truck on Cameron Avenue Aug. 21 and reported injuries to his foot and elbow. There was no damage to the truck and police filed no charges.

• A ball point pen valued at \$16 was stolen Aug. 21 from a woman's purse while the purse was unattended in an unlocked file in an unlocked office in the Medical School.

• Police responded to a tip at 6:10 p.m. Aug. 27 and found a man in the cemetery near Connor Residence Hall in possession of a bong which had residue of a "green vegetable substance." Police asked the man to leave.

• Eric Gordon Helsel, 20, of 134 Ridge Trail, was arrested at 2:57 a.m. Tuesday at Cameron Avenue and Columbia Street and charged with unsafe movement; driving with a revoked license; traveling 45 mph in a 25 mph zone; displaying a fictitious tag; driving a non-insured vehicle; driving a non-registered vehicle; and driving a vehicle with an expired inspection. He was released on \$600 unsecured bond.

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Air Force ROTC building new program

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Student cadets in UNC's Air Force ROTC, recovering from a deactivation of their detachment last year, are improving the detachment's academic and training programs in hopes of avoiding future deactivation.

"These changes are designed to make our cadets more well-rounded individuals as well as improve the detachment as a whole," said Tony Cortes, corps commander and leader of the improvement effort.

The detachment was deactivated in January 1988 by the U.S. Air Force as part of a nationwide cutback in small ROTC programs that were not producing large numbers of officers. "We had nothing," Cortes said. "We had to give away all money and material

resources in our detachment. Our morale was extremely low."

Student cadets were given the option of transferring to another university having Air Force ROTC programs or dropping out of Air Force ROTC. "It was a really bad time, but we stuck with it, hoping that the detachment would pull through," Cortes said.

In April 1988, the Air Force reactivated the detachment after giving it a second look. Building the corps from that point was difficult, Cortes said, with only 14 freshmen joining the detachment in the fall of 1988. But this fall, more than 30 freshmen are joining the detachment — 11 of them on scholarship.

The Air Force will evaluate the detachment's progress in one year —

an inspection that will determine whether the corps will stay open or shut down.

"We are really motivated to make this detachment the best it can be," Cortes said. "We're hoping to motivate these incoming freshmen so they can, in turn, motivate others and keep the corps strong."

At the beginning of the summer, Cortes and his seven-member cadet staff met with the detachment staff to identify ways to improve the ROTC program. One change will be a shift from physical training to leadership skills training.

"We want to get away from all the drilling exercises and teach more leadership skills, which the cadets will need most of all when they become officers," Cortes said.

The detachment is also working with the UNC Center for Teaching and Learning to implement "leadership scenarios" in junior- and senior-level courses, said Capt. Donald Humphries of the detachment staff. "We hope to construct hands-on, leadership situations that the cadets can really learn from."

The detachment is also working with the Center for Creative Leadership in Greensboro to include recent theories of management in course material.

"Our goal is to have a program that is worthwhile for the students, that reflects well on the University and that serves the Air Force," Humphries said. "If we can achieve all of this, I think our staying open will come automatically."

HRC, Cobb-Joyner areas consolidated

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Henderson Residence College (HRC) and Cobb-Joyner housing areas merged in late July to form Cobb-Henderson-Joyner, now one of the largest university housing areas, UNC housing officials said.

Cobb-Henderson-Joyner has 1,073 students and is second in size to Scott Residence College housing area, which has 1,238 students. Of the 1,073 students in Cobb-Henderson-Joyner, 630 live in Cobb-Joyner and 443 live in HRC, which comprises

Winston, Connor and Alexander residence halls.

The merger resulted from a series of area director shifts that took place when Olde Campus Area Director Roger Nelson left his position to become assistant director of orientation, said Wayne Kuncl, director of housing.

HRC Area Director Jim Weaver took Nelson's place as Olde Campus area director, leaving the HRC position vacant. Housing officials, who needed to have all area directors in place by Aug. 1, did not have time to

hire someone to fill the HRC vacancy, so they made Cobb-Joyner Area Director Leslie Foster the HRC area director as well — a move that merged the two areas.

The merger will not affect any residence hall services, said Al Calarco, associate director of housing.

"Some people were worried that the main desk at Winston would close and that everyone would have to check in at the Cobb desk, but that's not the case," he said. "The only change is that Leslie will now be

supervising two housing areas instead of one."

"My staff is real excited about the merger," Foster said. "I think the change has been very positive and will continue to be."

A merger of the areas' two governments would be up to the student representatives of Morehead Confederation and Henderson Assembly, Calarco said. "The two governments have worked well together in the past and will probably continue to do so as one housing area."

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