

SHS adds X-ray, lab fees

By SARAH CAGLE
Staff Writer

Student Health Service (SHS) will begin charging students for lab work and X-rays this year, services that in the past were considered pre-paid in student fees.

The charges were necessary to raise income and make the labs more efficient, said SHS director Judith Cowan. The charges — of \$3.50 for lab work and \$10 for X-rays — cover only about 20 percent of what the work actually costs.

"Essentially we're not asking students to support the full cost of these services, but to co-pay with us," Cowan said.

SHS officials also said charging for these services would discourage students from requesting unnecessary lab tests.

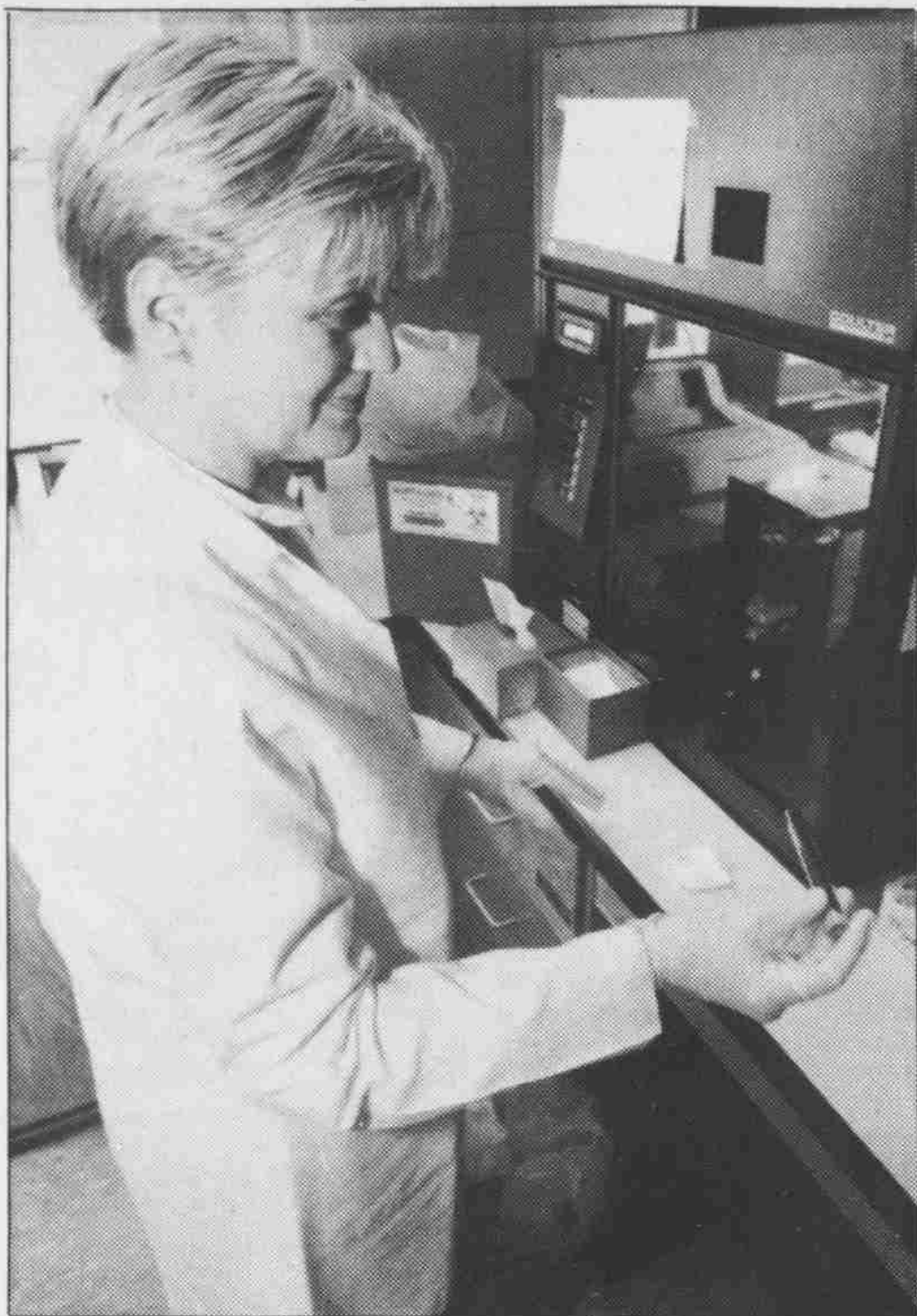
Rising medical costs and the N.C. Board of Governors's refusal to raise the student health fee by \$5 made these charges the most viable option to cover operating costs, she said.

"Most university health services are facing this dilemma," Cowan said. "In the past six to eight years, medical costs have escalated between 15 and 20 percent. Without getting health fees out of sight, the only way to raise revenue is to charge for services."

SHS does not receive state funds. Instead, it receives 75 percent of its revenue from the \$101 student health fee required of every student, and 25 percent from service fees.

Most health insurance policies cover lab work and X-rays. "For that reason, this is the option many health services would think of first," Cowan said. "It doesn't require student money out of the pocket."

Sue Goerlich, a junior from Philadelphia, said she was concerned that the fee would discourage people from seeking treatment. "Most students are not under their parents' insurance any more," she said. "It (the lab and X-ray charges) will be a burden for people, so some won't go." Goerlich



Jo Westbrook, SHS lab technician, tests blood samples

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said she thought student fees should be raised instead.

Natasha McConnachie, a junior from Hendersonville, said she thought the fees were reasonable. "Not everyone uses the lab, so maybe it's better to charge individually."

Students still can receive medical care at the physical therapy clinic,

student psychological services, gynecological services, the primary care clinics and after-hours clinics free of charge. Services at specialty clinics such as the ear, nose and throat clinic and the orthopedic clinic require a fee because specialists from outside SHS perform those services under contract.

Group to battle sexual assault

By JOEY HILL
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About one of every four women will be victims of sexual assault or attempted sexual assault while in college. To combat this problem, student, faculty, and community groups have united to form an organization called "ALLIED ... For A Safe Campus Community."

"We've decided to come up with an umbrella approach to all the services we do," said Kathleen Benzaquin, associate dean of students and chairwoman of the Rape Awareness Committee.

All services provided by a member group will carry the ALLIED logo, she said, to show a united front against sexual offenses. "It's the University's approach to dealing with these issues. We work together; that's one of the strengths of our program."

ALLIED will work to prevent sexual assault and to aid its victims, said Kristina Groover, coordinator of community education at Orange County Rape Crisis Center.

"We want to deal with the issue in terms of education," Benzaquin said. A freshman program stressed the

effects of alcohol on sexual assault, resources available to students and "that it does happen here," Benzaquin said. "We also stress communication in terms of relationships."

Latest statistics show one in every four women will be sexually assaulted while in college. "It's hard to tell if sexual assault is on the rise," Benzaquin said. "We know there is an increase in aggressive behavior."

But there has been an increase in reported incidents of sexual assault and harassment, Groover said. "When you have an increase in reporting, I tend to think it is through education. More people are willing to come forward and to get some help."

"I think that the societal myth that victims of sexual assault are somehow to blame has kept people from coming forward to report and get help," Groover said. "The myth is being slowly eroded. They are becoming more aware that what has happened to them is not their fault."

Freshman Adell Gray said the assault prevention training she received during orientation and Carolina TOPS reinforced what she already believed. She also benefited

from the program about date and acquaintance rape. "I can tell a guy 'no' and mean it, and he can't cross that line."

Freshman Christie Parks said she learned how to protect herself at orientation. "I learned a lot at C-TOPS." The campus police and Rape Crisis Center are good resources for victims of violence, she said.

Kevin McWilliams, a sophomore from Franklin, said there was not enough publicity about incidents of assault and harassment. "You don't hear about it, so you don't think about it. I think more publicity would make people a little more conscious, a little more aware."

Gary Stahlberg, a sophomore from Springfield, Va., said he was not aware of sexual assault as a problem because it is not publicized enough. "You hear rumors, but you are not actively aware of what's going on. Fear is a stronger motivator than some sense of moral outrage."

Resources available to students on campus include Safe Escort Service, which will begin operation later this semester, and Orange County Rape Crisis Center.

BCC enters new school year slating expansion of programs

By SHERRY WATERS
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Last year's goals are still on the agenda for the Black Cultural Center (BCC) as it gears up for the 1989-90 academic year's new programs, Margo Crawford, BCC director, said.

"Our major aspiration this year is to co-sponsor programs and activities with every department the University has," Crawford said.

The BCC recently received a \$25,000 grant from the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation to help support programs for the upcoming year, she said. The foundation, a philanthropic organization, is the largest and the oldest of the seven Reynolds family foundations.

The BCC will continue to try to meet the needs of black students on campus and give black and white students a chance to get together and learn about one another's cultures, Crawford said. "The BCC is a guardian of black culture, so it will continue to grow as a permanent component."

The center will also work this year to bring the community and University together and allow church groups to present their programs to students, Crawford said.

The BCC planning committee, composed of both faculty members and students, will launch three black cultural programs to increase black ethnic awareness in the University and the community, she said.

Lectures designed to inform audiences about black culture will be given one Monday a month from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Cross-cultural communication workshops will be held every Wednesday from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. These workshops are designed to "facilitate black and white student faculty, staff, and community interaction and sharing of cultures."

The BCC will also host "Black Music Experience" one Thursday a month from 8 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. This program will express the musical experience of the black community.

The BCC is also planning an

outreach program to black students in local high schools this year, Crawford said. "There is still a need to reach out to the community, because of the lack of black culture knowledge among the local youth."

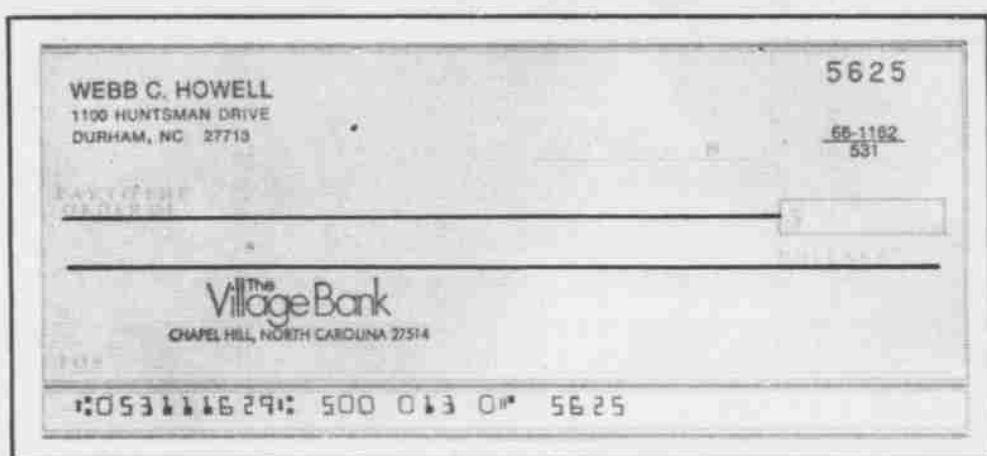
The BCC is hoping to establish a permanent advisory board to complete the BCC bylaws, Crawford said.

The BCC opened in 1988 and "is the focal point for the expression and advancement of black culture," Crawford said. "The BCC is an excellent way of giving students a chance to know how to communicate across racial lines."

Associate Vice Chancellor Edith Wiggins said the center has been a success. "If the second year is anything like the first year, the Black Cultural Center will have been fully accepted by the University."

"The Carolina campus has proven to be an environment ready to accept a Black Cultural Center and to make it a part of the fabric of the institution."

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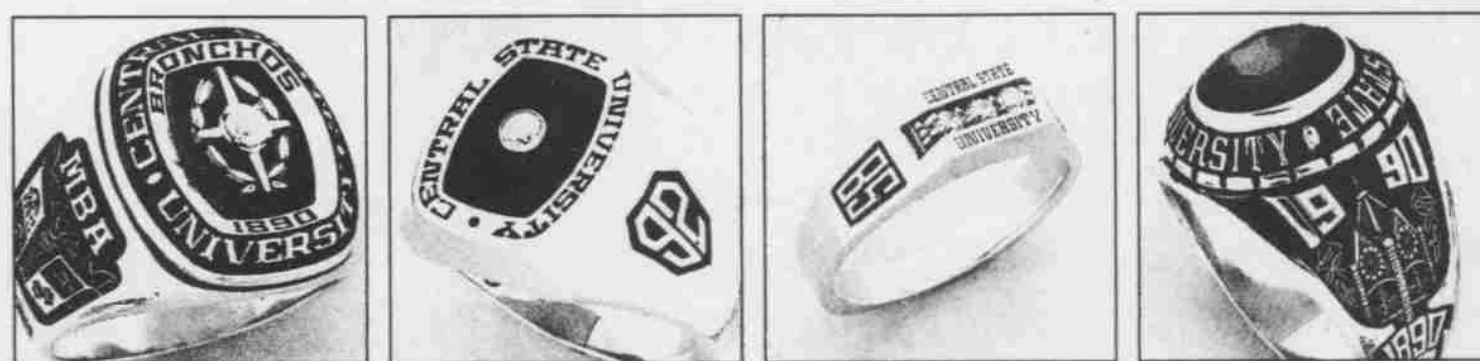


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