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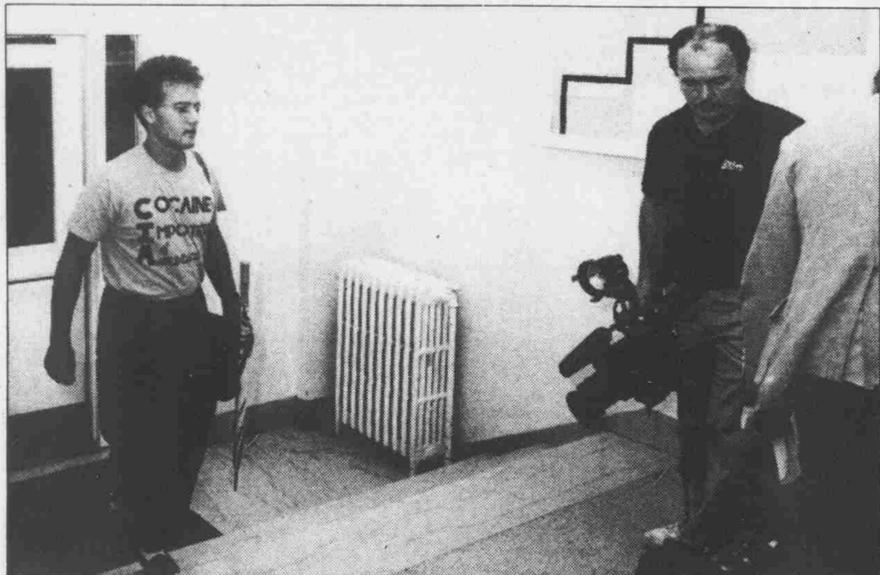
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McKinley found guilty on 2 counts



Dale McKinley enters Bingham Hall for his hearing Tuesday

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The Graduate Student Court early this morning found campus activist Dale McKinley guilty of trespassing and of willfully obstructing the operations of the University in an April 15, 1988, anti-CIA protest at Hanes Hall.

He was put on definite probation through Spring 1990, meaning that he can't represent the University in any extracurricular activities.

McKinley was found not guilty of disorderly conduct during that protest and not guilty of willfully obstructing during a Feb. 23, 1988, protest at the University Motor Inn.

"It really doesn't concern me whether or not they found me guilty or not guilty," McKinley said. "What does concern me is that it contributes to an environment where people are afraid to speak out, to dissent, to challenge the University. I do not regret what I did, and I would do it again."

The five-member court — including chairman David Fisher — deliberated for about an hour after the nearly five-hour long hearing, which included testimony from six witnesses. They returned the verdict at about 12:15 a.m.

McKinley is the second CIA Action Committee member to be found guilty

by a student court because of the April 15 incident in two days. The Undergraduate Court sentenced senior Jerry Jones to probation Monday night.

Although McKinley pleaded not guilty on all counts, he did not present evidence contradicting the charges, instead citing the illegality of the CIA as justification for his protests. "I am not here to dispute any technical evidence," McKinley said during questioning by the court. "I am not here to dispute what actually took place."

McKinley said he wanted the trial to be a place for people to learn about the CIA.

But Graduate Student Attorney General Todd Harrell, the investigator in the case, maintained in his closing statement that the CIA should not be the focus of the court's deliberation. "The CIA is not on trial here tonight. The question still is, did the defendant in any way infringe on the rights and opportunities of members of the University community?"

Harrell called three witnesses, Maria Poplin, a senior from Ahsokie and a former CIAAC member; Amanda Harding, director of placement at the law school; and Sharon Wiatt, associate director of UCPPS, to testify to McKinley's presence at the protests.

Throughout the trial, Harrell also tried to determine, with mixed success, whether McKinley was leading CIAAC during the protests.

Harding, who drove the first interviewee to the University Motor Inn for the canceled Feb. 23, 1988, interviews, said McKinley was the only student she could recognize in the crowd at the motel, but said that it was because of his previous media exposure, not his behavior.

Wiatt, who asked CIAAC members to leave during the April protest, said McKinley's actions singled him out as the group's leader. "I noticed you initiated the singing of songs," she said to McKinley during questioning. "You were doing 90 percent of the talking."

But McKinley said Wiatt's testimony was "absolutely erroneous." He said that he had never held a leadership position in the CIAAC and that the group does not have a hierarchical structure headed by one leader.

Poplin agreed with this in her testimony. "Dale McKinley was not the leader of the CIA Action Committee. We had no leader."

The court recessed for 10 minutes to determine the relevance of the testi-

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Animal rights pamphlet targets UNC lab reform

By BETH MECKLEY

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People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) has made UNC's labs the topic of a newsletter recently distributed in North Carolina.

The national animal-rights group recently distributed 96,000 pamphlets describing alleged cruel treatment of research animals at UNC, said PETA National Director Ingrid Newkirk. The newsletter included reports of electrically shocking animals, heating cats to 115 degrees Celsius to study respiration, paralyzing animals and making them run by placing electrodes in their heads, and other painful procedures. Animals are being taken from animal shelters and used for research tests instead of simply being put to sleep, the report said.

Statistics from 1987 show that 770 dogs, 623 cats, 111 primates, five goats and tens of thousands of rats, mice, guinea pigs, hamsters, as well as ferrets, pigs, sheep, chickens, geese and ducks were used at Chapel Hill

that year, the pamphlet said.

Animal research is common in the rest of the country, said PETA member and UNC student Andrew Peterson, but to his knowledge UNC has the worst standards of any university in the country.

Unless Chancellor Paul Hardin faces this issue soon, "we're going to lose a lot of credibility really fast," Peterson said.

But Provost Dennis O'Connor said, "I think the animal treatment on this campus is excellent and has followed all of the standard norms."

O'Connor said, "Chancellor Hardin has faced their issue. They simply have different opinions about how that should be resolved."

PETA's main purpose is to show that using animals for medical research purposes is wrong and should be stopped, Peterson said.

Most of the animals are being used by graduate students who are performing experiments that have already been done and are unnecessary, Peterson said.

"No worthwhile research is coming out of it."

One alternative PETA proposes is experimentation with tissue cultures. This would not only stop animal research, but would also cost less money, Peterson said.

But James Pick, director of laboratory animal medicine, said animal use in research was sometimes necessary. "Any scientist who has an alternative method will use it; but if an alternative method does not exist then they can't."

O'Connor agreed with Pick. "Tissue cultures can be very informative, but I think that there are a number of important research activities that require animals."

Despite efforts by PETA, Hardin has not acted to make any changes in the situation, Peterson said. "It was interesting in this case how Chancellor Hardin was not interested at all in what they're doing."

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Meal card idea includes downtown restaurants

By JASON KELLY

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Students may soon be able to devour that late-night bucket o' bones on Mom and Dad's account, Student Congress leaders said this week.

Mark Bibbs (Dist. 12) and Mark Shelburn, co-chairmen of the Student Congress Meal Card Subcommittee — an ad hoc subcommittee run by the congress — have started researching the idea of having meal cards recognized by Franklin Street merchants.

Bibbs said he had been trying to find a way to give students the option of using their meal cards more, and the more their cards are used, the more they make.

Managers at the Rathskeller, Time Out, Ben & Jerry's and Shoney's are enthusiastic about the idea, Shelburn said. "I talked to the managers of the Rat and Time Out, and they were visibly excited about the idea."

The plan will only involve restaurants, not other businesses, Shelburn

said.

Bibbs added that once the plan was operational, with a few businesses involved, the subcommittee would try to expand the number of restaurants accepting meal cards. "We're targeting a few businesses now, but we hope to expand it once it gets going."

Shelburn said he hoped the plan would benefit everyone involved. "The plan won't take away from Marriott because if you want a Gambler (from the Rathskeller) or Ben & Jerry's ice cream, you'll go there anyway. Marriott will benefit because students will use their meal cards more, and the more their cards are used, the more they make."

"Restaurants cannot lose money on this. No matter what happens, their business will not fall, but only stands to increase."

Chris Derby, director of Carolina Dining Services, said he was not familiar with the plan. "I have not been approached by any member of Student Congress or any official at the University level. It's hard to comment on

something I know nothing about."

The Marriott-Domino's relationship is working well, Derby said, but Marriott is not actively seeking business on Franklin Street.

Bibbs said the meal card plan would encourage students to spend more on Franklin Street. "The meal card would be better than getting money out of a bank machine because subconsciously you don't think you're spending money. And parents know the money is going for food. Not many parents would deny their kids food money."

Shelburn said the odds of the proposal succeeding were fairly good. "This is not a crazy, off-the-wall plan. It has precedent with Domino's, and Marriott is very cooperative. This seems like something that could get off the ground well."

The goals of the plan were to provide more variety for the students, he said. "It's like introducing capitalism. The card will be somewhat like Duke's flex-card, which can be used to buy just

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Task force meeting focuses on student aid

Student Stores profit loss to cut scholarship funds

By MIKE SUTTON

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A severe drop in Student Stores' net profits this year — from about \$1 million in fiscal 1988 to \$600,000 — means that substantially less money will be available for the stores to donate toward undergraduate scholarships, a University official told the Financial Aid Task Force Tuesday.

"The decline took us all by surprise," said Ben Tuchi, vice chancellor for business and finance.

He said that traditionally Student Stores had given 50 percent of each year's net profit — about \$500,000 —

to the UNC Office of Scholarship and Financial Aid. Of that total, about \$290,000 has gone to undergraduate need-based scholarships and \$210,000 to graduate and professional school students.

Tuchi said that factors such as recent extensive renovations, increased labor costs and the Umstead Act had contributed to the drop in profits. The Umstead Act is an N.C. statute that prohibits state institutions, such as Student Stores, from competing with private enterprise. The Student Stores are now banned from selling non-University-related items such as greeting cards and stuffed animals.

However, this year only \$300,000 was available for scholarships, Eleanor Morris, director of the Office of Scholarship and Financial Aid, said graduate and professional students would "receive the lion's share" of the money, because Provost Dennis O'Connor said he could not make a commitment to dividing the \$300,000 in the same proportions.

"In short, Mr. Chairman," Tuchi told Student Body President Brien Lewis, who presided over the task force meeting, "that's not a good message. I guess I'm a better problem framer than solver."

The University distributes about \$1 million in need-based scholarships each year, Morris said. About 25 percent of that comes from Student Stores and trademark licensing. Student Stores have been the largest single source of unrestricted undergraduate scholar-

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Financial aid office requests added staff

By SARAH CAGLE

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The Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid is understaffed, and any possible improvements in the financial aid process must be preceded by staff additions, Eleanor Morris, director of financial aid, said Tuesday.

UNC's Financial Aid Task Force met for about six hours to determine ways to improve financial aid at the University. The task force — formed by Student Body President Brien Lewis and made up of students, administrators and financial aid officials — will submit its recommendations to Chancellor Paul Hardin next month.

The task force agreed that any proposals for improvement would require additions to the financial aid staff. The office already has had difficulty meeting deadlines in the application process.

The office has a staff of six people who must see about 12,000 students every year and answer about 150 telephone calls daily, Morris said.

"Given our case load and the number of calls we receive, we're not able to be as effective as we would like."

Aside from processing applications and determining award packages, the office must comply with extensive federal regulations. The office is supposed to verify every student's enrollment each month and interview all students who receive a Guaranteed Student Loan, she said.

Morris told members of the Financial Aid Task Force the office needed three more staff members to help process applications, make award decisions and serve as counselors. More than three new staff members are needed,



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Student Body President Brien Lewis chairs the Financial Aid Task Force meeting Tuesday

but the office is too small, she said.

The office is located on the third floor of Vance Hall. Morris has also requested additional space for the office on the second floor.

Task force members also identified a need to improve communication between students and the financial aid office. A monthly newsletter from the office was recommended to inform students about deadlines, changes in financial aid policies and new financial aid opportunities.

Another problem the task force

addressed is an increasing loan burden and declining participation in work-study programs among UNC students.

Although the number of UNC students taking out loans to finance their education is decreasing, the amount being borrowed is growing.

"Students are borrowing more money than necessary," said Mary Garren, director of work-study programs.

Undergraduate in-state students at UNC borrowed a total of \$3,300,753 this year, compared to last year's \$3,286,643. Out-of-state students have

also borrowed more money this year. Statistics presented at the meeting showed that \$742,912 was borrowed by out-of-state students in 1988-89, compared to the \$724,814 borrowed in 1987-88.

Meanwhile, the number of work-study participants has declined since 1986, from 1,034 to 676. Students who choose not to participate in a work-study program instead are missing a valuable experience, Garren said. "Work-study jobs are often jobs a student could not get otherwise."

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Always remember to phrase your answer in the form of a question. — Alex Trebek