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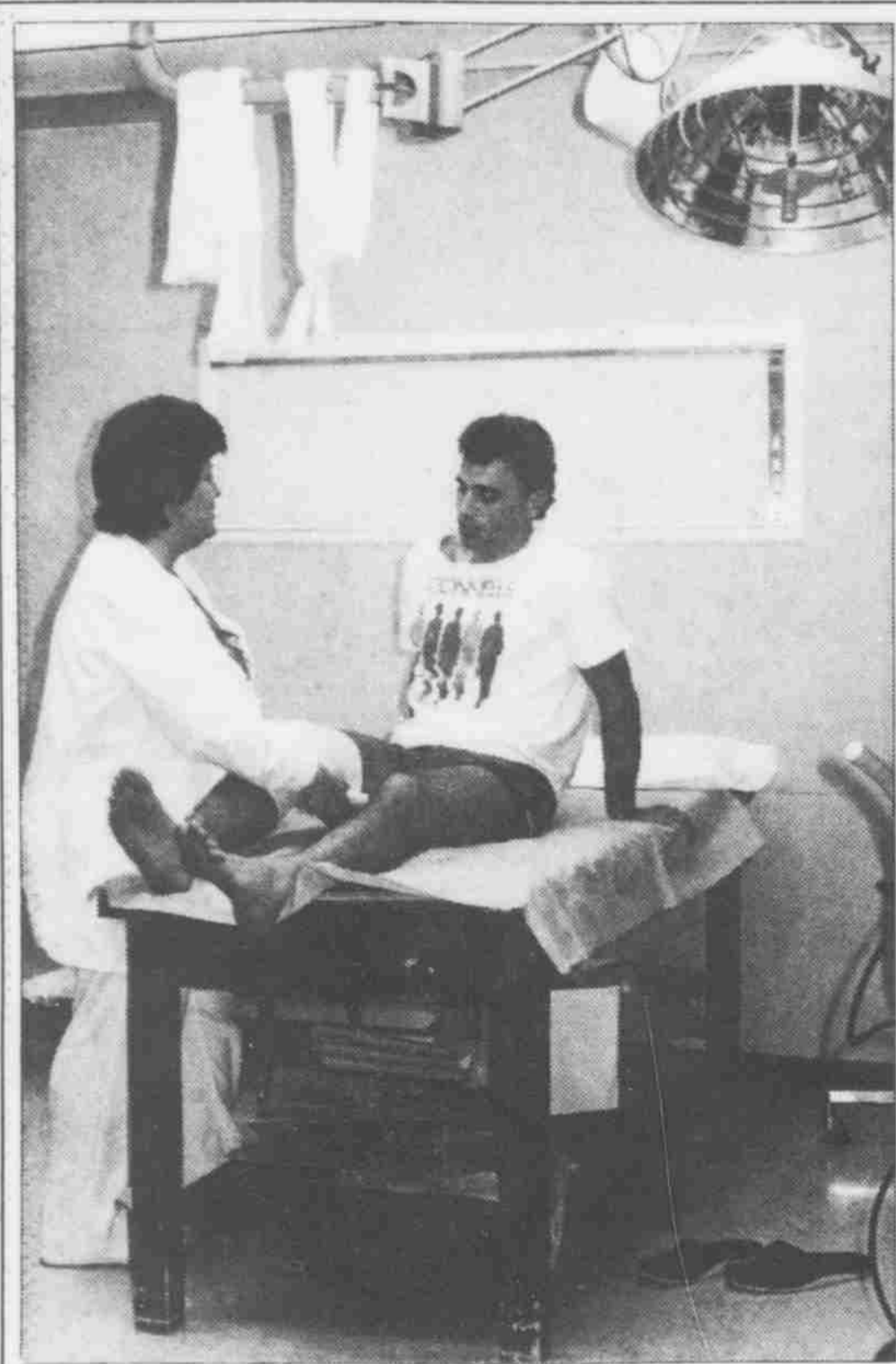
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Nurse Judy Adcock wraps Andrew Cohen's injured knee at Student Health Service Monday afternoon.

Student Congress, officials examining proposed fee hikes

By STEPHEN POOLE

Staff Writer

Two proposals that could result in a \$21 increase in student fees are now being debated by Student Congress members and University officials.

One proposal calls for a \$10 per semester increase in the Student Athletic Fee, which is now \$25 per semester, said Martina Ballen, director of finance for the Athletic Association.

The other proposal would require students to pay an extra dollar each year to finance a student-funded financial aid plan, said Student Body President Brien Lewis.

The proposal to raise the athletic fee stems from a decision made early in the 1980s to raise it over a two-year period. The second increase never happened, Ballen said.

In 1980, the Board of Governors authorized the athletic department to introduce a two-phase increase in the fee. Under the first phase, the fee was increased from \$17.50 per semester to \$25 in 1982, she said. The second phase, which would have raised the fee from \$25 per semester to \$30 in 1983, was never implemented.

"The athletic department chose not to implement the second phase at that time," Ballen said.

The Student Athletic Fee finances the maintenance costs of University athletic facilities and covers the cost of tickets to basketball and football games. The proposed increase is a response to the rising costs of operating and maintaining athletic facilities, Ballen said.

The UNC Board of Trustees will vote on the proposal later in the year, at which time Lewis anticipates the increase "will meet general support considering the comparatively low student fee (as to that of other schools)."

If the increase is approved, it will go to the Board of Governors for a final vote, Lewis said.

Under the second proposal, students may have a chance to vote Feb. 20 on a referendum requiring a 50-cent per semester increase in student fees. The money would go toward the University's financial aid fund through a program known as the Student Body Scholarship Fund, he said.

The proposed referendum will go before the Student Congress Rules and Judiciary Committee Wednesday. If the bill passes the committee, congress will vote on it the following week.

If the proposal is approved again, it will be placed on a ballot for the general election, Lewis said.

Lewis, who introduced the increase, said the proposal was largely a symbolic gesture.

Other schools have a much greater student-funded scholarship plan, he said. Lewis cited Cornell University, which draws \$5 from each student.

Most students said they were in favor of the Scholarship Fund, but weren't in favor of an athletic fee increase.

Vipul Nishawala, a sophomore from Saudi Arabia, said he thought a fee increase was a bad idea because of the already increasing student fees as a result of the Student Recreation Center.

Parking deck may put tennis courts in the air

By STEPHANIE JOHNSTON

Staff Writer

Rams Club officials and student organization leaders are discussing the possibility of building a parking deck on the site of the tennis courts behind Hinton James Residence Hall.

Carolina Athletic Association President Lisa Frye said current discussions included possibly rebuilding tennis courts on top of the parking deck or building tennis and basketball courts on top of the deck.

"We don't see a problem as long as students don't lose anything," Frye said. "It could be a nicer facility."

Gordon Rutherford, director of facilities planning and design, is conducting a feasibility study on the site. Rutherford was out of town Monday and could not be reached for comment.

Student leaders said preliminary plans called for the Rams Club to use the parking spaces during football and

basketball games, but for students to use the deck at all other times. Frye said the deck would have at least 200 spaces.

Moyer Smith, Rams Club executive vice president, said that the possibility of using the tennis courts for parking for Smith Center financial contributors was considered several years ago, but that the current proposal was not related to that plan.

Residence Hall Association President Liz Jackson said that she thought the general idea for the deck was good, but that she was concerned about who would receive the parking spaces.

"I'm hesitant to say we're ready to be gung-ho about it because it's so iffy now. If the Rams Club builds it (the deck), they'll want the spaces for football and basketball games. If the spaces are given to people in the dorms, they can't move their cars when there's a game. If it was a commuter deck, they (the cars) would be gone. That still

needs to be worked out. Maybe we could work out a trade for spaces in Rams Head lot."

Frye, Jackson, Smith, Student Body Vice-President Joe Andronaco, and Frederick Mueller, representative for the physical education department, recently met to discuss the possibility of building the deck.

"So much is still preliminary," Andronaco said. "The Rams Club has been very cooperative. A lot of people have an us-against-them attitude, but in this case, it's a cooperative effort."

Mueller said the change in location of the courts should not affect students since the courts would still be available for use.

"We won't lose any space. The courts will still be open for free play. It won't affect classes because all classes are held up here (on main campus)."

John Sanders, chairman of the building and grounds committee, said his

committee would become involved only after concrete plans had been made to build the deck.

"Our one function is to advise the chancellor on sites selected, architects and exteriors. We'd be asked to advise yes or no. It would be up to the chancellor to take our advice or not."

Frye said the students she has talked to so far have reacted positively to the idea.

"The students I've talked with have said if we have the same amount of courts, it (the deck) is fine with them. We'll talk to more (students) once we get some more concrete ideas. We want to be sure students would be playing on a deck."

Smith said the main concern was that the students be happy with the final decision.

"One thing we don't want to do is something that the students don't want."

Teleconference addresses cuts

By ELIZABETH BYRD

Staff Writer

An increased state sales tax and the imposition of a state lottery system were among possible solutions to state budget cuts suggested Monday by UNC-system student leaders during a teleconference between representatives of seven system schools.

The conference was held to discuss the effects of state budget cuts on system schools and to come up with possible solutions. UNC-CH recently had \$2.8 million in funds cut by the state, and other system schools were hit hard as well. Gene Davis, UNC-CH Student Congress speaker and president of the Association of Student Governments (ASG), led the conference.

Representatives from the system's schools will meet with Gov. Jim Martin Friday to request an emergency session of the N.C. General Assembly to tackle school-funding problems.

The teleconference was a forum for leaders to discuss the effects of the budget cuts on individual schools and to look at possible solutions to present to Gov. Martin. Brien Lewis, UNC-CH student body president, took part in the conference, as did representatives from UNC-Asheville, Western Carolina University, N.C. A&T University, N.C. School of the Arts, East Carolina University and Appalachian State University.

"We need to look for creative solutions," Davis said. Otherwise, he said, they could become long-term problems.

"It seems absurd for education funding in North Carolina to be based on how much alcohol is consumed and how many cigarettes are smoked," he said, referring to the current system of



DTH/Catherine Pinkert

Gene Davis (left) and Brien Lewis discuss budget cuts with ECU representatives

allotment employed by the state government.

Davis said he hoped the General Assembly would take action to reverse the effect of recent state budget cuts on UNC-system schools. "We need to let the General Assembly, the governor and the people of North Carolina realize this is a problem. We need to say that higher education is a priority in North Carolina."

"This is our own initiative. It is not being worked through (UNC-system President C.D.) Spangler's office."

Lewis said he feared the real problem may be within the system. "If this has happened two years in a row, it can happen a third year."

Every university's funds were re-

duced by the budget cuts, Lewis said. "It's up to the individual school to decide how to make those cuts."

Effects can be seen in many areas. Schools are limiting access to paper and photocopying equipment and placing restrictions on long-distance phone calls.

The N.C. School of the Arts has been among the hardest hit. It has lost more than half of its maintenance staff, and it can't afford to hire any more. The school has had to drop guest artists and directors from its schedule and has been forced to cut back its number of scheduled performances.

One effect of the cutbacks common to most campuses was a freeze on hiring in both faculty and non-faculty

positions. According to Davis, NCSU has had to dismiss some of its faculty and close class sections. At UNC-CH, lack of funding has not caused any faculty members to lose their jobs, Lewis said, "but there are vacancies which have not been filled."

"One thing I fear is the effect of these cuts on faculty morale," Lewis said. UNC-CH was having a hard time competing with other schools that offer higher pay and more benefits to their faculty members.

"If I were a professor and were told for the second year in a row that I couldn't make long-distance phone calls or photocopy material, I would get very frustrated."

Campaign posters reported removed

By KENNY MONTEITH

Staff Writer

Two candidates for student body president have reported to the elections board that their campaign posters have been found torn from bulletin boards.

Any student caught tearing down or defacing a candidate's poster could be found guilty of violating the campus code section of the Code of Student Conduct and could be expelled or suspended for that violation.

Sophomore Mark Bibbs and junior Bill Hildebolt recently informed Elec-



tions Board chairman David Smith of the incidents after many sightings of missing campaign posters.

Two other candidates for president, junior John Lomax and sophomore Jonathan Martin, could not be reached for comment Tuesday.

Mike Strickland, a sophomore who

has not officially declared his candidacy but has said he intends to run for president, said Tuesday that he has had some posters torn down.

It is against the election bylaws for a student to "deface, destroy, alter or otherwise change any candidate's campaign materials ... No material of any candidate, unless in legally restricted areas, may be removed without the permission of the candidate."

Virginia Mewborne, student attorney general, said a person who broke the Honor Code could be charged with,

according to the Code of Student Conduct, "willfully obstructing or interfering with any normal operation, function, or activity of the University."

The campaign posters are considered the personal property of the campaigner, and thus a person could be charged with "theft of or damage to ... any personal property," she said.

Hildebolt said he believed the incidents involved students just playing around. "You just learn to expect it and

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Dunnington, Taggart to run for Daily Tar Heel post

By KENNY MONTEITH

Staff Writer

Mary Jo Dunnington, a junior geography major from Winston-Salem, and William Taggart, a junior journalism major from Chatham Township, N.J., have announced their candidacy for co-editors of The Daily Tar Heel (DTH).

Dunnington and Taggart said they chose to run as co-editors so that one of them could focus on the editorial page and the other could concentrate on news coverage.

"We approach things in the same way, and we trust each other's decisions," Dunnington said.

They said a main goal of their campaign was to get the student body more involved with the DTH.

"We want to present issues or questions on the edit page and ask the student body what they think of certain issues, kind of like an 'issue or question



of the week," Taggart said.

Dunnington said the responses would be in the form of a letter to the editor. "We've gotten complaints about only running certain sides of an issue, but we've only been working with what we have gotten (from students). We're hoping to get more well-rounded things to run."

Dunnington and Taggart said if elected they did not plan any major changes for the newspaper. They said they planned to maintain the weekly business page and would not separate the arts and features desk.

"We think we have a good, solid paper," Taggart said. "We'll just be

striving to improve it."

They said they planned to revamp the managing editor's position. "The managing editor will focus on long-range planning, and kind of step back and give a fresh perspective to the paper," Dunnington said.

Dunnington and Taggart said they would also strive to get the University to release full and accurate police records to the newspaper. "It's important for us (the DTH) and the students to have full access to police records," Taggart said.

Dunnington has been editorial page editor since spring 1989. Before that, she held positions as an editorial writer and a features writer.

Taggart has served as University news editor and managing editor. He also worked as state and national news editor, assistant state and national news editor and as a staff writer.



Mary Jo Dunnington and William Taggart

History don't mean anything to me. I don't think it will mean anything to the players. — Cliff Ellis