

NCSL provides experience in legislative process

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Members of the North Carolina Student Legislature do more than talk about problems. They do something about them.

The North Carolina Student Legislature (NCSL) allows students to learn more about the legislative process through participation in a model General Assembly, and it provides the avenues through which the ideas may come to life.

Jim Hunt, former N.C. Governor and NCSL alumnus, said the NCSL "capitalizes on one of North Carolina's most valuable resources — our youth. The Student Legislature increases awareness of our state's problems and potential."

Sharon Campen, NCSL state publicity chairwoman and UNC chapter vice delegate, said, "NCSL wants to be the voice of the students, because we are the voice of the future. The point of our main goal is to improve self, state and world."

Students involved in NCSL, the oldest active state student legislature in the country, participate in debates on resolutions related to certain policies. NCSL members from across the state attend a five-day Annual Session in Raleigh where bills written by members are debated and ratified. At this annual meeting, the NCSL splits into a bicameral body.

Each college and university sends two senators and as many as 18 representatives. When the bill is approved by both the NCSL House and Senate, it is then presented to the North Carolina Legislature.

NCSL members also participate in lobbying. A liaison committee mandates the resolution or proposal to someone who would be most affected by it and someone who would support the student legislature by taking the resolution seriously. Campen said the Speaker of the House, Daniel Blue, was very support-

ive. About 40 percent of the proposals by the NCSL have been passed. However, due to the legislative process, they are usually not passed until a year after the Student Legislature has submitted them.

Virginia Hewitt, the University NCSL chapter president, is in charge of recruiting and fund raising, as well as publicity. "The whole delegation worked hard this year," she said. "My effort would not be successful without an enthusiastic group of people to lead."

Becca Norton, the State Planning Committee vice chairwoman, said the committee was responsible for evaluating the spirit, direction and organization of NCSL. She coordinated the Inter-Council meeting which was co-hosted by Campbell University and UNC in November.

"It's the happiest I've been since I've been in college," Norton said. "NCSL is the best student organization I've been involved with."

At the annual assembly this year, the UNC chapter of the NCSL won several awards. Hewitt won the Best Delegate Chairperson of the Year, and Norton won Best New Delegate of the Year.

The University won the Best Bill from a Large School award for a bill that would raise the taxes in the \$50,000-and-up bracket by 1 percent. This money would be used to create a higher education trust fund that could be used by the Board of Governors with approval from the General Assembly. This bill was proposed in response to the budget cuts in the University system.

The bills are written by students. Members must submit the topic they wish to present in September. By November a rough draft is due, and in January the bill must be completed. The final draft is due in February and is debated in the Student Legislature's Annual Session. If the bill is approved, it will be submitted to the N.C. Legislature.

The UNC chapter of the NCSL holds



Members of the UNC NCSL display the awards they received at the Annual Session in Raleigh this year

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weekly meetings on Monday nights. Once a month, members participate in a state-wide Interim Council, attended by about 60 to 100 students. Debates take place during both meetings.

Norton said even though some debates were very intense, members of the NCSL were able to cultivate friendships despite different opinions. "One of the things about NCSL is that we leave the issues of debate on the floor," she said. The UNC chapter has grown over the

past year from eight members to 20. The only requirements students must meet in order to join are an open mind and enthusiasm, Campen said.

At the Annual Session in March, the delegates present the researched bills to the NCSL body in Raleigh. Once the bill has been passed by both the House and the Senate of the NCSL, it is compiled into a compendium and is then presented to the General Assembly. Gaines Weaver, a junior from Char-

lotte, said, "I feel good in that we're doing something positive. It's not just talk — we do try to get the General Assembly to act on something we uphold as important."

"A lot of times, the needs and views of students are overlooked. We don't have a lot of political pull. It is important for students to take an interest in political issues that affect them. We deserve to be considered as much as any other group."

Campus Calendar

WEDNESDAY
2 p.m. PC SAS session #4 is in 02 Manning until 3:15 p.m.

3 p.m. A Walk-In Exam Prep Clinic will be today until 4 p.m. in 104 Phillips Annex by Dr. Victoria Faherty and Christine Kelly.

3:30 p.m. "Tidy Heads and Hands: African-American Midwives in the South," a lecture by Barbara Harris of the Women's Studies Department will be in 308 Alumni Building.

3:30 p.m. FREE TAX HELP! in 222 New Carroll today until 5 p.m. Call 932-3361 for more information. Sponsored by MACSA.

4 p.m. "Celebration for Certificate Recipients" will be in the Toy Lounge of Dey Hall until 6 p.m. Barbara Harris of the Women's Studies Department will be the speaker.

A Walk-In Study Skills Clinic will be today until 5 p.m. in 104 Phillips Annex by Dr. Victoria Faherty and Christine Kelly.

SPSS PC + session #4 is in 02 Manning until 4:15 p.m.

5 p.m. FREE VEGETARIAN DINNER: Homemade meals!! All are welcome today and every Wednesday until 7 p.m. at McCorkle Place (Franklin Street across from the post office).

The Asian Students Association will have its weekly meeting in 206 Union. All interested students

are invited to attend. AIESEC, Association of Students in International Economics and Commerce, will meet in the Union. Check the desk for the room number. Everyone is welcome!

6 p.m. The Wesley Foundation, located on Pittsboro Street behind the Carolina Inn, welcomes you to join them for dinner which will be followed by a workshop on self-esteem.

The RAMS group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets tonight and every Tuesday night in Chase Dining Room B. This is an open meeting. All interested are welcome.

6:30 p.m. Voulez-vous parler francais avec La Maison Francaise? Vous devez assister a notre reunion a Lenoir Hall (North Dining Room) at 7:30. On discute des actualites, des Francais et de tout ce que vous aimez! Questions? Donnez un coup de fil a Laura (933-1003).

7 p.m. "Race and Identity in the Caribbean" will be the topic today in 101 Greenlaw by Rex Nettelford, Univ. of West Indies.

Do you want to be a lawyer? Ready to find out why so many people want to leave the profession? Dorothy Bernholz speaks on why many lawyers hate their jobs and what you can do to avoid their situation. Come to this UNC Prelaw Club meeting in 206 Union. Presentation by Campus Concepts will be held in

209 Hanes. UCPPS

SEAC meeting tonight in 211 Union. Learn about UNC's plans for campus development and SEAC's upcoming trip to D.C. All are welcome!

The Carolina Comic Book Club meets tonight at the Franklin St. Pizza Hut. All comic book fans are invited!

Student Leaders: Use delegation to develop members in your organizations. Come to the workshop in 209 Union. Sponsored by the Office for Leadership Development. Call 966-4041 for more information.

8 p.m. Carolina Indian Circle will hold a meeting in 205 Union. All members are encouraged to attend.

ATTENTION SENIORS!

See the Raleigh-Durham Skyhawks as they make their first home appearance against the Barcelona Dragons 8 p.m. Saturday, April 6. Tickets are just \$7 and are available in the Pit or the Senior Class Office Tuesday-Thursday. Also look for more information Week 1991, April 6-13!

ITEMS OF INTEREST

The Tar Heel Voices are promoting their Spring Concert by selling tickets and singing in the Pit today

at noon. A cappella madness has hit Carolina and we are here to perform for you. Concert is April 6 at 8 p.m. in PlayMakers Theatre.

JUNIORS: Find out what you can do over the summer to prepare for your senior year job search. Attend JOB HUNT 101: JUST FOR JUNIORS, either 3:30 Wednesday, April 10 in 210 Hanes or 2:30 Tuesday, April 23 in 306 Hanes. Sponsored by UCPPS.

Tax Seminar for Foreign Students and Scholars will be held 4-5:30 p.m. Thursday, April 4 in 101 Greenlaw for students and 6:30-8 p.m. for Scholars. Anne Day from the Internal Revenue Service and Barry Childress from the NC Department of Revenue will discuss tax issues concerning international students and guides students in completing their tax forms which are available at the workshop. All international students who earned money in 1990 are required to complete a tax form by April 15. For more information, contact the International Center at 962-5661.

"Sharing Our Faith with Those of Other Cultures" Pastor William Peery, a retired Lutheran missionary, will give a presentation to the Lutheran Campus Ministry 6-7:30 Thursday, April 4 at the Campus Ministry Center. Call 942-2677 for more information.

Budget Cuts Do Not Heal! Join the fight against the \$59 million in budget cuts. Come to the meeting to mobilize for the March on Raleigh (April 10) 7 p.m. April 9 in the Union.

The UNC Pauper Players will present their spring musical theatre production, "Chicago," on Thursday and Friday in the Great Hall for an evening of jazz, murder and sex. Tickets may be purchased for \$5 in the Pit or at the Union box office.

Course Offering: Dynamics of Effective Leadership (Special Studies 91P) 2-3:15 p.m. Thursdays, one credit, pass/fail. This course will focus on leadership theory and the development of leadership skills. For more information or to register, contact Cindy Wolf Johnson, 966-4041, 01 Steele.

Applications for Campus Y Co-Chairs are available in the Campus Y, Union, and Chase Hall. The

deadline for applications is April 10. Interviews will be scheduled soon. Everyone is encouraged to apply.

The Interfaith Council Emergency Shelter (The Homeless Shelter) is seeking donations of old clothing, personal hygiene products (shoes, socks, razors, toothpaste, combs, etc.) Please bring any of the needed items to one of these drop sites: South Campus Jobs, Mid and North Campus Area Offices. Thank you in advance for your support. Sponsored by Zeta Amica.

Interested in ticket distribution? Then pick up an application for the 1991-92 CAA Ticket Committee in the CAA Office, Union or the Black Cultural Center. Applications are due by noon, April 4. Interviews are April 4-5. Questions? Call the CAA at 962-4300.

Phi Mu Sorority is sponsoring the Second Annual Phi Mu Classic Golf Tournament, April 20 at Finley Golf Course. Proceeds benefit the Children's Miracle Network. Pick up your applications in front of the Post Office. \$1000 prize for a Hole-In-One.

This is your LAST CHANCE to have your portraits taken for the 1990 Yackety Yack! If you have an appointment call toll free 1-800-873-7591. Portraits are being taken in room 213 Union.

Order your copy of 1991 Yackety Yack. Stop by the Pit or 106 Union to get a subscription form.

Yes, the 1990 Yackety Yacks are finally here! The staff would like to express our sincere gratitude for your patience. Come by 106 Union to pick up your yearbook.

Tar Heel Voices will be selling tickets and singing in the Pit for their Spring Concert. Come by the Pit at 12:15 and be captured by our a cappella sound. The concert is 8 p.m. Saturday, April 6 in PlayMakers Theatre. Be there!

"Ceremony: A Spiritual Journey" will be presented in Bingham Hall April 10-14. Co-sponsored by the Carolina Union Performing Arts Committee and the Department of Speech Communication. Tickets are available at the Union box office.

Class of 1994: Show your Pre-Bicentennial Spirit tonight at Players! Tickets are on sale in the Pit. UNC African Students' Association presents

"Dance Africa," an evening of African food and music Friday, April 5. Dinner from 7-9 p.m. and dance follows. Information: 968-8725 or 933-7258. Location: Palace International, 117 West Parish St., downtown Durham. Admission \$8; funds will go to the African Students' Scholarship Fund.

GET INVOLVED! Student Government interest forms and interview sign-ups are now available in Union Suite C. Interviews will be held April 1-5. No experience necessary!

FREE TAX HELP! Wednesday afternoons from 3:30-5 p.m. in 222 New Carroll and 5-7 p.m. April 1 and 8. Call 932-3361 for more information. Sponsored by MACSA.

The Student Government Tutoring Program is accepting applications to receive pass/fail credit to tutor in one of the following subjects for fall semester, 1991: MATH 22, 30 & 31, ECON 10, STAT 11 & 23, CHEM 11, BIOL 11, French 1-4, Spanish 1-4. Applications at the Union desk.

Deadline for submitting petitions/transcripts for approved academic credit internships is noon today. You must have an appointment with the Experiential Learning Coordinator before submitting the above materials. Information available at UCPPS, 211 Hanes.

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