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Organ power

Dr. Elizabeth Mann, UNC Medical School Dean of Admissions, signs an organ donor card in the Pit Tuesday afternoon to kick

off "Donor Awareness Drive." The event was sponsored by the Alpha Epsilon Delta Pre-Med Honor Society.

Corporations bidding for University food contract

By Brian Golson
Staff Writer

Several corporations are now bidding for the University's dining service contract, but the selection process cannot be discussed until after the award is made, said Rutledge Tufts, UNC Auxiliary Services director.

Tufts said that bids are due April 29 and that he expected a decision to be made within six weeks after that.

"The bids are evaluated within the University and by the Office of State Purchase and Contracts in Raleigh," he said. "The authority to issue a contract rests with the state, so they have the final say."

Marriott Corporation, which has held the contract for five years, will submit

another bid.

Tufts said he could not elaborate on the process that will be used to choose the new food-service corporation because it could unfairly influence the information presented in the bids. "We are trying to provide a level playing field so the proposers will enter their bids with an equal amount of information," he said.

All information about the process will be made public after the contract is awarded, Tufts said. About six companies will apply for the contract, he said.

Gary Johnson, food-service advisory committee chairman, said the committee would play an important role in the decision process. The committee is com-

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Speaker: no personal agenda for Congress

By Soyia Ellison
Staff Writer

Newly-elected Student Congress Speaker Tim Moore, the former state chairman of a national political organization, said he had no personal agenda for congress this year.

Moore, a junior transfer from Campbell University, said his task would be to officiate congress meetings, not to advance any political ideology.

In 1989, Moore served as the state chairman for Students for America, a conservative group founded on Judeo-Christian values. He was named the SFA Activist of the Year in 1989, said Paul McDonough, executive director of SFA's national headquarters.

McDonough said the organization holds to the four conservative principles of traditional family values,

strong national defense, a strong free enterprise system and limited government involvement.

Moore's conservative political views have raised some controversy in congress. Members said Moore planned to cut funding of the Carolina Gay and Lesbian Association and the Black Student Movement.

Moore denied that he had any plans to cut these funds. "I basically don't want to and can't defund organizations," he said.

Tim Allen, who was recently appointed to the Student Union Board of Directors by Moore, said Moore had talked about cutting funds to The Phoenix because it had failed to interest most students.

Moore said he had not made any official statements about The Phoenix, and that the Student Government Code did not allow him to give his opinion

about legislation.

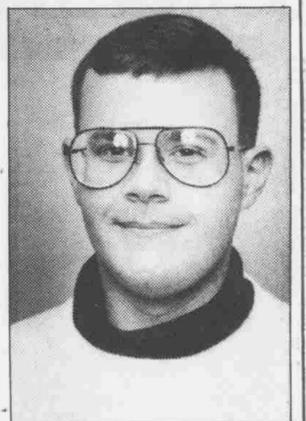
One student congress member, who asked not to be identified, said that some newly-elected congressional representatives said they had decided to run for office after talking to Moore. "They said he said that he would help them with their posters if they would vote for him for student congress speaker."

Moore denied this, saying he had told friends where to go to get things done for their campaign, but had not worked on posters or asked anything of them in return.

Eric Pratt, Dist. 22, said he did not think Moore's political opinions would affect his work as speaker. "Even though he's conservative, he's not trying to force his views on anybody," he said.

Moore said he recently resigned from

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Tim Moore

New York students take over campus buildings in protest of budget cuts

Editor's note: This is the third segment of a five-part series examining the effects of state budget cuts on higher education across the United States.

By Dacia Toll
Assistant State and National Editor

In the pre-dawn hours of April 15, frustrated N.Y. students mounted the steps of a key campus building, seizing control of the complex in a last-ditch effort to protest against rising state tuition costs.

At 2 a.m. the following morning, several Lehman College administrators, accompanied by 60 armed security guards, crept through subterranean and forced the surprised students to disperse.

Two days later, the students recaptured the building. Similar protests, during which students chained and barricaded themselves inside campus buildings, disrupted normal academic activity at more than half of the 21 campuses in the City University of New York system (CUNY). On five campuses, student actions forced administrators to formally cancel all classes until further notice.

Faced with a 60 percent tuition increase in less than a year, students at CUNY thus turned to rebellion as their last resort.

Students are enraged at N.Y. Gov. Mario Cuomo's proposed annual tu-



Education

Student leaders stress the need for a unified effort to protest these budget proposals and to avoid the destruction of the higher education system. "Students united will never be defeated," said Ian McGowan, editor of the Lehman newspaper and a leading student protester.

Student outrage is compounded by the fact that this represents the second round of simultaneous tuition hikes, financial aid cuts and budget slashing to hit CUNY and SUNY in just six months. "Our message is that we're not happy with the proposed tuition increase and budget cuts, and we're not going to take it," said Raffael Alvarez, the day student body president at the City College campus (CCNY) and one of the leaders of the CCNY Takeover movement.

"What [Cuomo] is doing is closing the doors to access for thousands of students in the CUNY system. If students can't make it at CUNY, where else can they go? Tell me where?" Alvarez said.

CUNY is the urban state school that serves many of the minorities and underprivileged students in the N.Y. metropolitan area. With the proposed tuition increase on top of cuts to financial aid, "minority students will be locked out of higher education," said Alvarez. Cuomo, in his proposed budget, calls for cuts to the Tuition Assistance Program that will cost students up to \$400, which is compounded by elimination of

the Regents Scholarship Program, the STEP and C-STEP scholarship programs and cancellation of the governor's own much-publicized Liberty Scholarship before even the first was given.

The economic impact of the tuition increase, exacerbated by the reductions in financial aid, may force some students out of the classroom and into the workforce. Alvarez estimates that more than 6,000 of the 14,000 CUNY students will have to decide between working a paying job or dropping out of school.

Faced with these economic realities, students envisioned little alternative to their drastic actions. "We're not afraid," Alvarez said. "When there is so much at stake, we're prepared to stay and fight for as long as it will take."

Their efforts have been successful in completely shutting down five CUNY campuses: City College, Hostos Community College, New York City Technical College, York College and Borough of Manhattan Community College, according to Rita Rodin, spokes-

woman for the CUNY chancellor's office.

Two SUNY campuses, Stony Brook and Purchase, have joined CUNY protests in a show of solidarity and support for their fellow N.Y. students.

Students at the SUNY Purchase campus have occupied their campus' main administration building since Monday, April 15.

However, academic life at Purchase has not been disturbed, symbolizing an important distinction between the protests there and those at the CUNY campuses.

"We have not shut down any aspect of university life," said Purchase student Roger Newton. "Academics are the whole point of all this."

Budgetary problems, in addition to crippling many campuses, may cause the permanent closing of some upstate colleges, said Nancy Katz, news director for the SUNY Stony Brook campus. All of these proposals are still tentative, with final decisions pending the resolution of a budgetary conflict between Cuomo and the state legislature. The fiscal year for New York state ended April 1, and the entire state apparatus has been operating on temporary budget resolutions until a final proposal can be passed.

Much of the legislative indecision, as well as the drastic nature of the budget proposals, must be viewed within the context of the most serious financial

crisis in most states since the Great Depression, according to D. Bruce

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TODAY: Partly sunny; high 70-75

THURSDAY: Sunny; high mid-70s

ON CAMPUS

Pre-Grad School forum to discuss graduate school admission procedures at 4 p.m. in Gerrard Hall.

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The only normal people are the ones you don't know very well. — Joe Anlis