

Computer network to relay campus-wide information

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A campus-wide computer network that will provide information about campus activities and organizations should be in operation by next fall, said Stephanie Ahlschwede, chair of Student Congress' Student Affairs Committee.

The project is sponsored by Student Congress and the Academic Computing Center.

The system will contain information about student, faculty and staff activities, with information classified by topics, group reference and specific group names, Ahlschwede said.

Students and faculty members will be able to access the system at several on-campus locations, including the Student Union, libraries and computer labs.

Ahlschwede said the congress hopes eventually to place information like class listings, undergraduate bulletins, sports schedules, newsletters and the telephone directory in the system.

The system will also reduce a need for printed material such as the UNC phone book, the Carolina Week-by-Week calendar, sports schedules and pamphlets published by other campus organizations, Ahlschwede said.

The congress will form a student group that will eventually control the input of student information into the system, Ahlschwede said.

The group will be autonomous, and Donald Boulton, vice chancellor and dean of student affairs, will serve as its adviser.

Ahlschwede said a computerized information system would help cut

down on the amount of information that is lost or scattered because it is published in so many different campus publications.

Computer center officials studied a similar computer data system at N.C. State University for ideas and formed a steering committee to oversee the development of the system. A member of the steering committee helped to develop a similar system at Syracuse University, Ahlschwede said.

Ahlschwede said the congress plans to send out letters to campus organizations to get their ideas on the system.

Congress members will hold a meeting on Feb. 23 to explain the system to students, faculty and staff

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members, Ahlschwede said.

Kathleen Benzaquin, associate dean of students and adviser to Student Government, said the system

is designed to increase the circulation of information on campus by joining the academic and extracurricular activities.

The computer system will also reduce the duplication of information in different publications, she said.

Benzaquin said the computerized information system is an innovative project, but the key to its future growth and success depends on whether other departments enter information into the system.

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