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## Birth control pills recalled

## by Laura Scism Staff Writer

All Modicon birth control pills have been recalled by their manufacturer, Ortho Pharmaceutical Corporation, following the discovery of discoloration in some pills, Dr. Donald E. Harris, Student Health Service, health educator, said Sunday.

pills may be less effective as a means of birth control, Harris said. Women taking the pills should not panic, he said, because the discolored pills are not dangerous.

Harris said there is no way to determine how many UNC women will be affected by the recall. The Student Health Service has prescribed Modicon, as have many private doctors, he said.

Most doctors prescribe the lower-estrogen pill when necessary for medical reasons, he said, and the Student Health Service follows the same procedure.

Women using Modicon should complete their present cycle of pills and use another means of contraception at the same time, Harris said. They should also contact a physician to get a prescription for another product.

The estrogen component in the discolored pills did not meet company standards, Harris said. The company specifies that Modicon contains 35 micrograms of estrogen, but some of the discolored pills had as little as 22.3 micrograms, he said.

The lower estrogen level may increase the

## Correction-

In a story in Friday's DTH concerning public beer sales it was incorrectly reported that Police Attorney Jean Boyles said she believes local ordinances restricting public consumption of beer and unfortified wine conflicts with state law.

Also, the quote attributed to UNC public law professor Ben Loeb should have read, "I

chance of pregnancy, Harris said. "But there are birth control pills sold on the market today that contain as low as 20 micrograms of estrogen, and they are effective contraceptives. So the lower estrogen level in the discolored pills does not necessarily mean that pregnancy will occur."

All Modicon tablets have not become discolored, but the company decided to But the company's only concern is that the recall all the pills until the cause and effects of the discoloration could be determined. Harris said. The Food and Drug

by Art Eisenstadt

Staff Writer

Administration Committee approved by

consent Sunday the nomination of Graham

nominated Bullard, a junior chemistry major

from Wilson, Friday, to succeed Mike

Bullard has served as assistant treasurer

since September and was acting treasurer

while O'Neal challenged in Student Supreme

Court his dismissal by Bates. His

nomination is scheduled to be brought

Bates originally nominated Bullard for

treasurer shortly after firing O'Neal, but the

Administration Committee tabled the

nomination pending the outcome of

authorized Bullard to sign requisitions, but

Bullard refused to do so, saying the court did

not have the constitutional authority to issue

such an order. At that time, Bullard said he

was considering leaving Student

"I was assured by Bill Bates that the office

of the treasurer would not be so subject to

capricious dismissal or anything like that,"

Bullard said Sunday. "It had been my

Before hearing the case, the court

Bullard for student body treasurer.

O'Neal in the treasurer's office.

before CGC Tuesday night.

O'Neal's suit against Bates.

Government.

The Campus Governing Council

Administration is aware of the situation but did not request the recall.

Modicon is the only Ortho-manufactured pill affected by the recall. Ortho-Novum 1/50, Ortho-Novum 1/80 and Ortho-Novum 2 Milligrams will still be sold, he said.

Since Modicon has only been on the market approximately 18 months, the number of women using Modicon is relatively small compared to those using other pills.

## Board approves Bullard

In a related development, the CGC Rules and Judiciary Committee approved Thursday legislation to require CGC approval for a president to dismiss a constitutional officer.

If approved by CGC, the bill would Student Body President Bill Bates require a constitutional amendment, and must also be approved in a student referendum before going into effect.

Committee chairperson Ben Steelman said Sunday the bill would prohibit constitutional officers from being removed from office except by resignation, CGC impeachment or dismissal with the majority consent of CGC. It would also require the nomination of student attorney general to be approved by two-thirds of CGC, like the treasurer, instead of the current majority approval.

"We felt removal should be momentous enough that it requires deliberation, not be done hastily or for personal reasons," Steelman said.

The bill was co-authored by Steelman and CGC Rep. Dick Pope. Steelman, who was co-plaintiff in O'Neal's suit against Bates. said, "This wasn't done for purely personal reasons. The case of O'Neal vs. Bates presented obvious conflicts that could be involved in the future."

Bates criticized the bill saying, "CGC is raising its arms because it feels it doesn't



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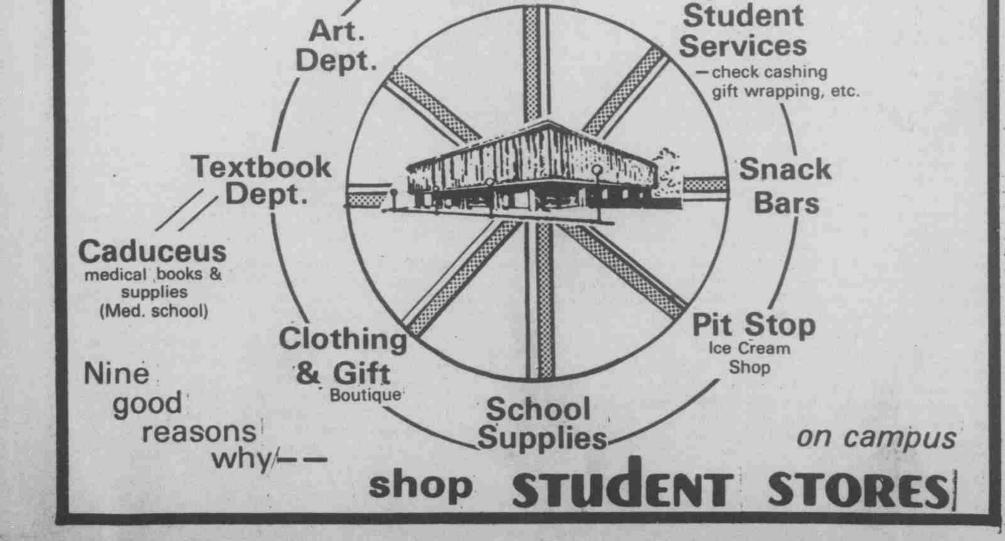
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think the town is trying to circumvent (the state law) by using the 'consumption,' " not "I have doubts the town is trying ....'

concern as a result of the court ruling that the treasurer could be dismissed anytime he disagreed with the president."

have any power." The student body president should have control over members of the executive branch, he said





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