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SAC seating dispute ends in compromise

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Student Body President Mike Vandenberg announced a settlement this week of the controversy over student seating arrangements at the planned new Student Activities Center.

"The Steering Committee that oversees the construction and funding of the center passed a proposal that answered most of the grievances that we found with the original plan," Vandenberg said.

Vandenberg explained that the proposal did three specific things:

- unified the seats allotted to students
- got the seats allotted to students specifically defined
- gave the students the possibility of getting more seats at center court in the future.

"The Steering Committee felt that Mike Vandenberg and the rest of the students who presented their case had done some good planning," said Robert Eubanks Jr., who sat on the subcommittee created by the Steering Committee to look into the students' complaints.

Both Eubanks and Vandenberg said that

the students had been given significant support in their efforts to alter the original seating plan from Coach Dean Smith.

"Coach Smith has been very insistent that the students get as good seating as possible," Eubanks said.

The proposal that was passed in the July 1 meeting of the Steering Committee ended a controversy that began in March of this year. On March 19, Vandenberg and Carolina Athletic Association President Perry Morrison went before the entire Steering Committee to express concerns that had been voiced by a number of students that had organized under the title of "Students Have Pride Too." The organization led by Steve Leventhal and Ross Powell had originally threatened to express their dissatisfaction with the proposed seating plan by having fans remain silent for the first ten minutes of the nationally televised Carolina-Duke basketball game.

The original objections had been several according to Vandenberg. The problems were:

- There were fewer seats on the court relative to Carmichael allotted to students.

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Will Owens, a UNC News Bureau photographer, munches a hot dog ... at CGC picnic in the Pit Wednesday

U.S. fighting move to reopen UNC decree

By BONNIE FOUST
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The U.S. Justice Department has asked a federal judge in Washington to reject a request that federal officials renegotiate desegregation agreements reached with five states—including a 1981 agreement with the University of North Carolina system.

The NAACP Legal Defense Fund filed a motion in U.S. District Court in May asking that Judge John H. Pratt order the federal Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights to renegotiate the agreements and better enforce agreements with five other states.

In a brief filed earlier this month, the Justice Department, arguing on behalf of the Department of Education, said the policies for desegregating public schools and univer-

sities were unique to each state and required flexibility in enforcement.

The agreements were reached under a set of desegregation guidelines known as the Adams Criteria, established in 1978 to aid states in creating programs to rectify past discrimination.

The 1981 agreement with the 16-member UNC system, which includes the Chapel Hill campus, prevented a threatened cutoff of almost \$100 million in federal funds received by the system.

The Legal Defense Fund has yet to respond to the Justice Department brief. Until then, the case is still pending litigation.

The litigation surrounding desegregation began in 1970 when, in a case known as Adams vs. Richardson, the NAACP sued the

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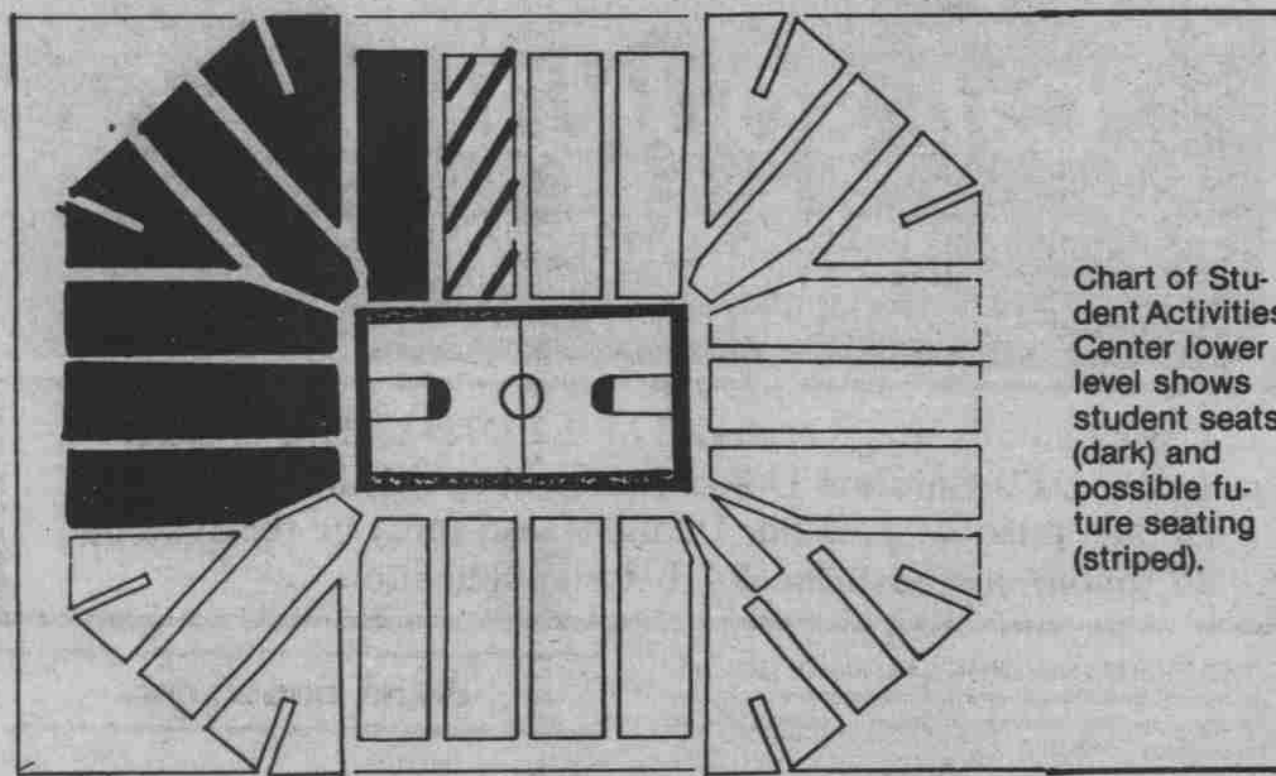


Chart of Student Activities Center lower level shows student seats (dark) and possible future seating (striped).

Liquor busts nab bar employees

By TOM CONLON
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Employees at 17 Chapel Hill restaurants and bars were charged with serving mixed drinks to a minor this week.

Robin Cornacchio, a 19-year-old Chapel Hill police trainee and another local officer visited 19 of Chapel Hill's establishments authorized to serve mixed drinks. Seventeen establishments served her a mixed drink; the other two—Jordan's and the White Horse—asked for identification.

Employees involved were served misdemeanor warrants and released. The maxi-

mum sentence they could receive is two years in jail and a \$500 fine. Bars could have their permits revoked or suspended or could be fined if faced with a state ABC Commission hearing.

"I feel that it was a point well taken. We need to check ID's more carefully," said Sioux Hassol, manager of Colonel Chutney's. "However, I don't like how they went about the situation. I hope it doesn't go any further. I don't think they should fine or prosecute those involved under the circumstances," she said.

Other bar owners agreed. "We're going to try to be thoroughly diligent in serving our mixed drinks," said David Bacon, owner of

Pyewacket's Restaurant and Bar on Franklin Street. "Ask everyone for their ID, and if they don't have one they don't get served," he added.

"Running any business is hard work, especially in a college community," said Jim Bartlett, owner of Jordan's, an establishment which did not serve Cornacchio after checking her ID.

Other establishments where employees were charged included Breadmen's, Carolina Coffee Shop, Crooks Corner, Four Corners, Four Thieves, Holiday Inn, Hotel Europa, Molly Maguire's, Mario-Costa, Papagayo, Peking Garden, Rathskeller, Spanky's, Tijuana Fats and Slugs at the Pines.

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