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Judge sets October date for Fenner's trial

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Derrick Fenner, former record-setting running back at the University of North Carolina, will be tried for murder beginning Oct. 26 in Upper Marlboro, Md., a Prince George's County circuit court judge determined Monday.

Last Friday, a \$100,000 bond was set for Fenner, who was charged with murder in a drug-related shooting. The 20-year-old Fenner was indicted June 30 on murder and five other charges in connection with the May 23 shooting of 19-year-old Marcellus

Leach in Hyattsville, Md. Leach died a day later.

Police said Leach was shot during a drug "turf war" in the courtyard of Kirkwood Apartments. Fenner is charged with the attempted murder of Kenny Robinson, 17, who was wounded during the incident.

Fenner has been held in the Prince George's County Correctional Center in Upper Marlboro since being arrested June 2.

Pretrial motions hearings in the murder case are set for Sept. 21 and 22.

Fenner also faces charges of

possession of cocaine and transporting a handgun stemming from an April 9 arrest in Clinton, Md. A .38 caliber revolver was found in the truck Fenner was driving and 25 vials of a white powdery substance were discovered in a coat he was wearing.

A trial date has not yet been set for those charges of cocaine possession and transporting a deadly weapon.

In all, Fenner faces a maximum of two life sentences, 47 years in prison and \$27,500 in fines.

Approximately 20 of Fenner's relatives, friends and former

coaches attended Friday's bond hearing.

Prosecuting attorney Mary I. Scherstrom urged Judge Jacob Levin to set no bail, emphasizing that Fenner had been free on his own recognizance in connection with the April 9 arrest at the time of the Leach shooting.

"I asked the judge if he was inclined to set a bond, to set a high bond," Scherstrom said. "I thought the judge was very fair."

The \$100,000 bond requires a non-refundable \$10,000 deposit. According to Joel Worshtil, Fenner's lawyer, attempts were

being made to raise the money.

"Family and friends are seeing what they can do over the weekend," Worshtil told the Durham Morning Herald. "It's a lot of money. We'll have to see."

Scherstrom said she has asked Levin to try the cases chronologically, handling the drug and weapon case first.

Defense attorneys told Levin Friday that Fenner was 30 minutes away from the Kirkwood Apartments at the time of the shooting and that they have 10 witnesses

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Commemorative Olympic banners stolen on campus

By **RON CRAWFORD**
University Editor

Although the U.S. Olympic Festival is barely underway, souvenir hunters have already stripped the campus of many decorative Olympic Festival banners.

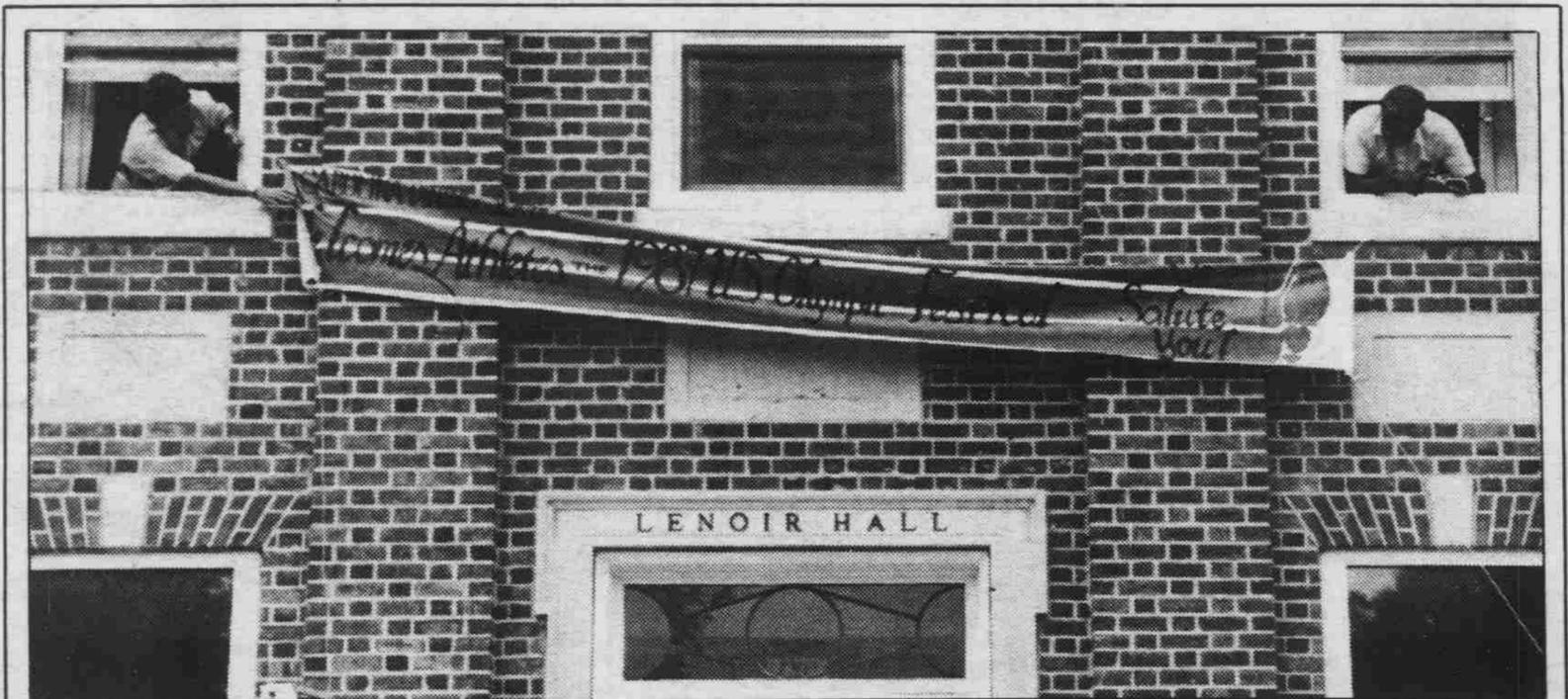
"We started putting them up on Friday and had 40 up by Saturday afternoon," said Allen Reep, director of promotions for N.C. Amateur Sports, "and half of them were gone by Sunday."

The banners, which were specially designed for competition sites, feature yellow and purple abstract designs on a green background, and come in two sizes, 30 inches by five feet and 30 inches by 10 feet. The banners that were stolen were hung about 12 feet above the ground, Reep said.

Paul Hoolahan, UNC athletic fitness director, said Tuesday that the banners had been replaced, but this time they were hung at least 20 feet above the ground.

Reep said the banners will be sold as souvenirs after the festival for \$10. The banners cost \$28 originally.

"We expected some theft because they're attractive and make great souvenirs," Reep said. "We just would like for them to have stayed up a while longer."



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Sign-up

Employees of Carolina Dining Services hang a welcome banner in front of Lenoir Hall Monday afternoon. Carolina

Dining Services is in charge of providing meals for the Olympic Festival athletes who are housed on campus.

New admissions standards put on hold

By **RON CRAWFORD**
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The UNC system Board of Governors has decided to postpone plans to set admission requirements for UNC-system schools after hearing a report saying nearly half of the state's high school students could not meet the requirements.

The new requirements, which would prescribe common minimum standards for admission for all 16 campuses, were adopted in February of 1984 and would have taken effect in 1988. Now, implementation of the policy will be delayed until 1990.

A recent survey of 2,045 N. C. high school juniors revealed that 48.7 percent of them were so far off schedule or off track that the

requirements could not be met by the time they completed twelfth grade.

Among black eleventh graders, the proportion was 67.7 percent, while the proportion of white eleventh graders who were off schedule or off track was 41.1 percent.

At the same time, a telephone poll of an additional 1,559 eleventh graders showed that 49 percent of those polled were unaware the requirements were being changed.

C.D. Spangler, UNC-system president, said the new standards will result in students being better prepared for college work and will improve the admissions standards of the UNC system as a whole.

"We're going into a universal

standard, so it's an increase in standards from where we've been in the past," Spangler said. "Different campuses have always had standards higher than the minimum, but this (policy) raises standards across the board."

The new requirements will require incoming freshmen to take 12 specific courses in high school: four units of English; three units of math, including algebra I, algebra II, and one other higher level math course; two units of social studies, including one U.S. history course, and three units of science, including one biology course, one physical science course, and one lab course.

Presently, UNC-CH requires entering freshmen to complete only one unit of science, and one

unit of social science.

Anthony Strickland, assistant director of undergraduate admissions, said the new course requirements would help high schools students to plan ahead for future careers.

"The (new requirements) may start people thinking earlier about what they're going to do with their lives," Strickland said.

However, he said, the new requirements need to allow room for flexibility. "I would like to see some provision for making an exception if the student seems to justify it," he said. "I would hate to see the addition of the requirements be done so inflexibly that we would not have any options."

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