

# Lack of interest may end bowling league formation

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The Carolina Union Bowling League may end before it begins because of a lack of interest, said Bob Faber, co-supervisor of Union Underground.

Only seven four-person teams have applied, while 30 teams are required for a league.

Although the deadline for applications was set for Sept. 12, the Union has decided to extend the deadline until all slots for the teams are filled. An organizational meeting has been postponed until Sept. 23 at the bowling alley.

Publicity mailings have been sent

to student organizations and departments to encourage participation.

The bowling league existed until just two years ago, but was forced to stop competition due to faulty equipment. The Union Underground now has a maintenance worker, which assures the teams of constantly working lanes.

Anne McKee, the Union's operations manager, hopes the bowling league will help transform the Union into "an alternative to Franklin Street," in conjunction with other Union Underground programs like the Union Cabaret.

The Union's fall bowling league is more economical than local bowling

alleys, costing \$80 for eight weeks of competition. The cost covers use of lanes, bowling shoes and the awards at the end of the season.

The league is open for anybody in the community, not just students and faculty. McKee said experience is not needed since the teams are arranged according to handicaps.

The basic goal of the fall bowling league is to let people be aware that bowling is more than just a physical education course, McKee said. UNC also offers a bowling team for the more experienced bowler. Interested parties can call 962-4131 for more information.



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Efforts to organize a Union bowling league may fall short without an increase in student interest

# Town Council postpones decision on land bond referendum

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The Chapel Hill Town Council voted 8-1 Monday to postpone a \$5 million bond referendum that was originally scheduled to be considered in the November election.

The bond, which would be used to buy land for parks, greenways and open spaces, now will probably be voted on in March, following a public

hearing on Jan. 23, 1989.

Citizens representing several groups endorsed the bond proposal, which was originally introduced on Aug. 22 by council member Jim Wallace.

Most agreed that more time was needed to consider the issue, but that the process needed to move along steadily.

Margaret Taylor, president of the

Alliance of Neighborhoods, said rescheduling the bond referendum will give the public more information about it, and will prevent a conflict with the bond referendum being held by the county.

Orange County has a \$30 million bond referendum scheduled for Nov. 8. Some people had expressed concern that if the town placed another bond on the same ballot, the chances

of the county bond passing would be hurt.

Herschel Slater, chairman of the Parks and Recreation Commission, also said the public needed to be informed about the bond package. But he said the bond needed to be considered at the "earliest feasible date."

But former council member R.D. Smith expressed some concern about the bond, saying it would make an already expensive place to live even more expensive by raising taxes.

The town manager's office has estimated that the issuance of the bonds would raise the town's property tax rate about 4 cents per \$100.

"As you consider adding bonds to bonds passed a few years ago, be aware of the fact that in spite of our efforts to promote affordable housing, we may be promoting the bankruptcy of younger people who will be paying higher taxes in the future," Smith said.

Council members generally agreed that the measure needed to be postponed, although there was no definite decision on what the new date for the referendum would be.

Wallace said the postponement would give the town more time to "analyze and inventory needs," but he said there was still a degree of urgency in putting the bond to a vote.

Joe Herzenberg said the proposed new date for the referendum, March 14, 1989, was a poor one because the University will be on Spring Break and voters will not turn out for the election.

After some discussion about a new date, the council finally decided not to settle on a definite date.

David Godschalk was the only council member to vote against postponing the referendum, saying the town has many other needs to consider.

"To single shot this issue at the expense of everything else does not do justice for us as a governing body," Godschalk said.

# Downtown businesses renovate

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Increasingly concerned with improving their image and tailoring their services, several downtown businesses are renovating and remodeling.

These businesses include Record Bar, University Florist and Gift Shop, and Troll's Bar.

The decision to remodel and renovate Record Bar came from the company's headquarters in Durham, store manager Richard Layne said.

"We changed for two main reasons," Layne said. "One, the store was getting run down. Two, we needed to change the focus of our fixtures to allow for more compact discs (CDs)."

The recent explosion of CD sales

at the store led to a style that would allow for more CDs and cassettes and fewer albums, Layne said.

One advantage of the new front is that it allows more people to see inside the store, which has increased store traffic, he said.

Layne said although some students had commented that the store has lost some of its collegiate charm, he does not think the high-tech style was chosen to change the look of Franklin Street.

Charles House, owner of University Florist, is also owner of the building occupied by his shop and formerly occupied by Grump's Bakery.

After Grump's left, House said he decided to expand into and renovate the entire building.

"This gives us an opportunity to

expand what we do in one location," House said. Besides allowing more space for arrangements, the expansion and renovations have created more room for displays, he said.

Troll's co-owner Gary Hughes said the interior of the bar is being remodeled because the bar had become run down, and the owners are interested in drawing back more of a college crowd.

Hughes said he and co-owner Roger Meyland initiated the remodeling, which includes new television and sound systems and a new bar.

"We still have weeks worth of work to do," he said. "We're trying to make it a real nice place for game weekends."

# Pit Stop no longer takes cards, but new store in Union will

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The Pit Stop no longer accepts student meal cards because officials expected construction to be complete on a new store in the Student Union that will accept the cards, according to food services officials.

William Dux, Carolina Dining Services director, said Tuesday that construction on the Union store is far behind schedule, and the food service

is "caught in the middle of the plan."

The new Union store will be located in the area under construction next to the TV lounge on the main floor, Dux said.

"The new site will have a more extensive menu than the Pit Stop has," he said. "There will be items such as a deli section and fresh cookies. It is also designed to operate until 11 p.m."

Tom Shetley, director of Auxiliary Services, said a delay in the delivery of pipes has slowed the construction. Also, asbestos in the area must be removed.

"My projection is that the new store will be finished and operating by the beginning of next semester," Shetley said.

Mike Freeman, snack operations manager, said Student Stores has received complaints but it is too early to tell if sales at the Pit Stop will

be affected by the change.

Some students said Tuesday that the change was inconvenient.

"I usually use my meal card when I'm on campus," junior Anne Duehring said. "To have to keep cash on me is a real inconvenience. If the new store isn't coming until next semester, it seems like they could put the card machine back in."

Freshman David Kessel said he agreed. "A lot of times I don't have any cash on me to buy snacks with."

Dux said officials probably did not replace the machine because it would have to be taken out again when the construction is done.

"Although I can't answer for Student Stores, my feeling is that they did not want to put the machine back in for two or three months just to have it pulled back out when the new store in the Union is ready," he said.

# Tuition

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to students who now receive aid.

Jay Robinson, UNC's vice president for public affairs, said simply raising tuition may not be the answer to increasing the funds the University receives from the state because of the way the system works.

"This is kind of a delicate and difficult issue," Robinson said. Tuition revenue goes into North Carolina's general fund like tax revenue does, and there is no guarantee that funds from increased tuition would be kept by UNC, he said.

The legislature budgets more for the UNC system annually than the schools are expected to use, and the state relies on the funds left over as a financial cushion, either to compensate for a current shortfall or to use in the next year's budget, Robinson said.

If one department does not spend all it was budgeted, that money is returned to the state's general fund and cannot be spent in another

department, he said.

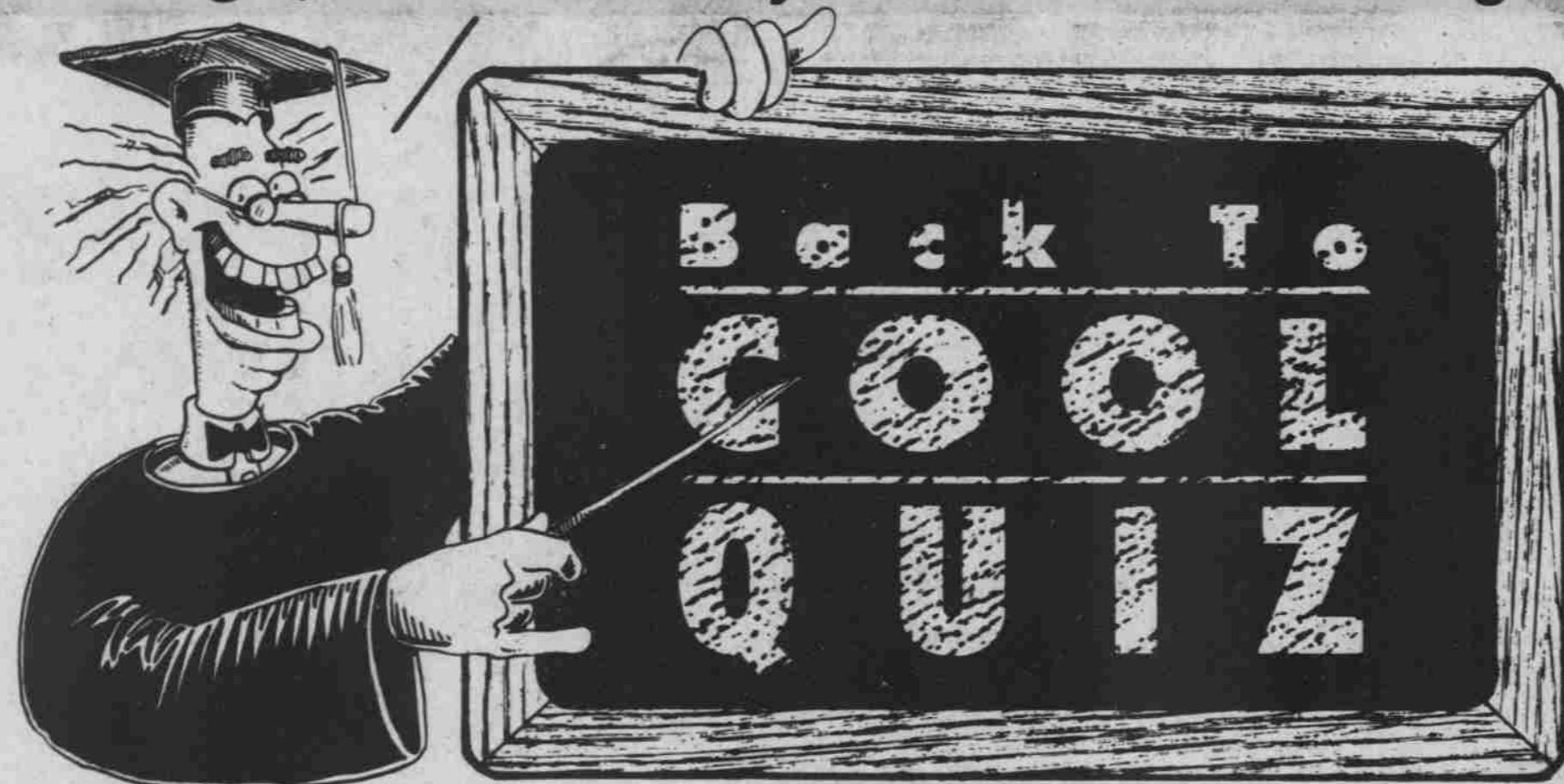
The state defends this method of budgeting by pointing to North Carolina's constitutional requirement for a balanced budget, but critics argue the system discourages saving money and is too inflexible.

Hardin has suggested that instead of following the "line-item" system so strictly, the tuition increase could be paid directly to UNC-CH. Or, the state could appropriate extra funds back to the University in a lump sum.

Robinson said he does not think the General Assembly is moving toward such flexibility. "It would be ill-advised to raise tuition without first changing the way the University is funded," he said.

Robinson also said he was concerned that if legislators granted a tuition increase, they would reduce future subsidies, reasoning that UNC could receive the funding it needed from students and would not need additional state funding.

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