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PFM withdraws from food contract

By Sherry Cathcart

The food service company that runs the cafeteria and snack bar has asked UNCA to release them from a three-year contract signed in 1984, according to Sharyn McDonald, Highsmith Center director.

Jack Merriman, director of food service, declined to comment on why Professional Food Service Management (PFM) asked UNCA to terminate their contract.

However, Jerry Clark, division manager of PFM in Charlotte said that the company was "very sad about doing that (withdrawing their contract)."

"We submitted the withdrawal for financial reasons, nothing more," he said.

Clark added that PFM was in its second five year contract with the state. The contract was set up to guarantee the first three years with an option for PFM to remain each of the final two years.

This is the second year of the latest contract, according to Clark.

He said that at any time a company may notify the university to withdraw services after a school year has been

completed.

He also said that PFM had submitted a bid for the upcoming selection, but added "We're not too confident of being successful."

Referring to Merriman's refusal to comment, Clark said, "I don't blame him--he didn't want to put himself in a bad position."

A Food Service Selection Committee will begin accepting bids for a new food service company May 8, according to McDonald. Possible changes by next fall include offering residents a choice in meal plans and a more nutritional menu.

Healthier kinds of foods will be available, she said, "but we're not eliminating hamburgers and french fries--there will be choices on either side."

Because many students are conscious of dieting and high blood pressure, McDonald said the next food service company will have to prepare meals with low salt, sugar and fat.

Furthermore, officials would like for the next food service program to offer students at least two different meal plans next fall.

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(Photo by Jonna McGrath)

M5C MEMBER Tom Atkins takes his turn in the second annual "Bowl for Kids' Sake" fund-raising drive organized by Big Brothers/Big Sisters. Five UNCA groups participat-

ed: the Mud 500 Club, Theta Chi, Alpha Xi Delta, Delta Beta and several economics professors. Unofficially, Theta Chi has raised the most money for Big Brothers.

Side Door policies enforced after party

By Julie Ball

The administration will begin enforcing stricter rules at the Side Door because of "flagrant abuses" at Theta Chi's Thursday Night Drinking Club (TNDC) and "a heightened awareness of new alcohol laws," according to John Quigley, program coordinator.

The new enforcement follows Theta Chi's March 13 party in the Side Door.

"Up until that time (March 13), Theta Chi and others who used the Side Door were not blatantly abusing the privilege," said Quigley.

The Side Door is an area in the basement of the Highsmith Center that students may use for parties and other events.

Quigley would not comment on the specific abuses, but Robert Chason, a member of Theta Chi, said Quigley told him "some girls had been seen that looked as if they

had too much to drink."

But Aaron Clark, president of Theta Chi, said there was "no one major incident. I wasn't told of one."

According to Chason, Quigley also told him someone who had attended the party received a DWI on campus.

Dr. Cissy Petty, assistant to the vice chancellor for student affairs, said she thinks the new enforcement of the rules stems from the increase in the drinking age and an increase in the awareness of the university's liability in case of an accident.

The stricter enforcement requires that the group using the Side Door have their advisor present during the event, or they must pay a security guard to monitor the event.

Referring to Theta Chi, Quigley said, "In essence

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Weekend Weather

The UNCA Atmospheric Science department provides this information to the campus community each week in the Blue Banner.

Thursday: Mostly sunny with a high in the mid-50s.

Friday: Fair with a low near 32 and a high in the upper 50s.

Saturday: Sunny with a low near 35 and a high near 60.

Sunday: Fair and warmer with a low in the upper 30s and a high in the mid 60s.