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## College campuses refuse to dispense RU-486

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Colleges across the country have already announced that they will not offer the recently approved RU-486 abortion pill in campus health care centers.

UNC Wilmington is among many other universities, including Emory University, The University of Georgia at Athens, Boston University and Florida's entire public university system, that will not dispense RU-486. The universities that have refused the drug cite either moral or logistical reasons, such as not having the personnel and trained physicians required by the Food and Drug Administration stipulations.

"It's not something that we would carry. We would never get into [carrying and administering RU-486] in any respect, strictly based on medical reasons. We are not equipped to give that level of care here," said Albert Abrons, M.D. of Westside Health Center at UNCW. According

to Abrons, the drug is expected to be covered by insurance companies eventually.

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*-Albert Abrons, M.D.*

RU-486, also known as Mifepristone, is a steroid hormone that closely resembles the structure of the naturally produced hormone progesterone and effectively terminates pregnancy in the first nine weeks. Created for use in a French pharmaceutical company in 1980, RU-486 is one of the first creations of a new breed of birth control drugs

known as antiprogestins.

The procedure of administering RU-486 involves a medical screening before a doctor at the clinic gives the first dose of RU-486, typically three tablets. 48 hours later, the woman must return for a second dose of prostaglandin to complete the abortion. Over the next 10 to 12 days bleeding equivalent to a heavy period occurs.

The drug works by preventing the progesterone receptors in a woman's uterus from gaining progesterone. Without the hormone, the lining of the uterus breaks down and simulates normal menstruation. The drug also causes the cervix to contract thereby pushing out the embryo.

RU-486 has been used in France since 1989, as well as in multiple other European countries and accounts for a significant amount of foreign abortions.

"We really feel [the arrival of RU-486] is a historical moment much like the introduction of birth

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## UNC system awaiting bond referendum results; \$3.1 billion at stake, \$108 million for UNCW

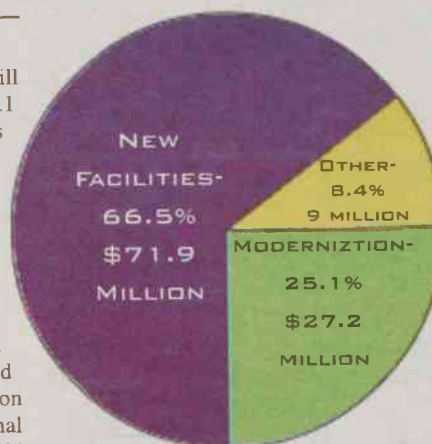
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Citizens across North Carolina will vote next Tuesday, Nov. 7 on the \$3.1 billion higher education facilities bond. If approved, UNC Wilmington would receive more than \$108 million over the next six years. The university would spend nearly \$72 million for new facilities, more than \$27 million for the modernization of several existing buildings and more than \$9 million for other proposed projects.

The university's top priority would be a new building to house the Watson School of Education and Educational Resource Center. The building would allow UNCW to almost double the 315 teachers it graduates annually.

"Southeastern North Carolina needs more teachers," Chancellor James R. Leutze said. "It's part of UNCW's mission to serve our area, to work with pub-



lic schools and produce excellent teachers who will go into the classroom. That's why the facility for the Watson School of Education is a pressing concern."

The new School of Education building is planned as an 80,500-square-foot, three-story building that would cost \$18.7 million. It would also house the Office of Service to Public Schools, the Principal Fellows Program, the Professional Development System serving schools in Southeastern North Carolina, the Center for Teaching Excellence, the Curriculum Materials Center, the Science and Math Education Center and other support and outreach activities.

According to Dr. Cathy Barlow, dean of Watson School of Education, the building will give the program much needed space to serve the community and campus.

"Currently we have to find places off-campus to hold meetings and conduct training," Barlow said. "We also have

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