

Asbestos Being Removed From Steele

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In the past two weeks, work has been done to remove asbestos from Steele Building because broken vinyl asbestos floor tiles were found underneath the carpet. "The carpet and the tiles were removed," said Don Willhoit, director of health and safety for the University. Willhoit said that the carpet in Steele Building was being replaced and that some of the tiles had stuck to the carpet and broken. "There is a small potential for releasing the asbestos fibers," he said. "Respiratory protection was worn by workers. "When the tiles break, it becomes a problem," Willhoit said. "If you can re-

move the tiles without breaking them, then there is no need for an asbestos removal project." Asbestos is not a serious danger unless it is disturbed, he said. "We have very few asbestos problems on campus," he said. Willhoit said asbestos could be disturbed by construction inside or around buildings. Asbestos is a naturally occurring, fire-proof fiber that is used as an insulating material and a binder, he said. Pat Griffin, a maintenance supervisor at the UNC Physical Plant, said asbestos could be found throughout the campus. "There's asbestos in every building on campus," he said. Griffin said asbestos had been used in

the construction of campus buildings because of its durability. Asbestos can be found under carpet and above ceilings, Willhoit said. Inhalation of asbestos is hazardous and can lead to cancer of the lungs. Asbestos can also be treated with a chemical spray, he said. Willhoit said the Health and Safety Office examined the buildings by taking samples of carpet and tiles. "Projects are going on continuously," he said. The information is then given to the Physical Plant, which is called to remove the asbestos. Physical Plant workers attempt to solve any major problems caused by asbestos, Griffin said. "If they encounter it and believe it poses a health risk, then we will have it abated."

Student Supreme Court Halts Finance Committee Investigation

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The Student Congress Finance Committee's investigation of the executive branch of student government was halted — at least temporarily — Dec. 7 when Wendy Sarratt, chief justice of the Student Supreme Court, ordered a temporary restraining order against the committee, thus canceling two hearings regarding financial records of the executive branch. Tom Lyon, chairman of the finance committee, said the investigations of student government records began in October. He also said last semester that hearings would be held Monday and Wednesday regarding questions about student government financial records. Lyon said the restraining order was not valid because it had been established in response to "an alleged invalid act of a legislative body." He said no such act had occurred. "We are not a legislative body. What

we do is make recommendations, not laws," Lyon said. The restraining order requires that all hearings concerning the financial matters of the executive branch of student government end. It also requests a trial before the Student Supreme Court. Lyon said he believed that Student Body President George Battle was responsible for the order because Battle appointed Sarratt chief justice. "George Battle appointed Wendy Sarratt. Her job is basically to do what Battle tells her to do, but it is not Sarratt's job to play political games. That is what this is — a political game." Lyon also said he would not allow the restraining order to remain intact. "I'm going to talk to Wendy, and if she can't justify this I will ask for her resignation. Something is going to happen in Student Supreme Court — maybe an impeachment trial." Lyon said the restraining order made the executive branch look bad. "It's almost

like they are trying to block justice." Battle said there were several reasons for his request of the order. "We want to find out what exactly is being investigated. I've never received a list of what is being investigated," he said. "We should at least be able to see the evidence." The investigations were being held in order to discredit the name of the executive branch and were an unnecessary waste of time, Battle said. "I see this as an attempt to smear the reputation of the executive branch and me personally," Battle said. "This investigation is taking the time that could be used to work on the legacy of this government, which will outlive us," he added. "I don't like to get emotional about things, but when I think of members of my branch working day and night, it just makes me mad. I can't put it any other way." The executive branch agreed to allow an audit by a professional auditor through the Student Activities Fund Office with results that will be made public.

Campus Calendar

TUESDAY
4 p.m. **Study Abroad!** You really can! Come and find out how. A general information session will be held in room 208-209 of the Union. Don't miss the opportunity of a lifetime!
5:30 p.m. **Newman Catholic Student Center** will host its first Student Night of the year at the center. Come join us for a meal followed by Comedy/Improv night!
6 p.m. **International Festival** planning meeting will be held in the Frank Porter Graham conference

room on the second floor of the Student Union.
WEDNESDAY
6 p.m. **WESLEY** - The Methodist Student Campus Ministry — invites all students to dinner for only \$2 and a Yoga/Relaxation program at 214 Pittsboro St.
7 p.m. **POWER**, People Organized for Women's Empowerment and Rights meeting will be held in the Union.
Big plans are in the making, so start the year off right and join **POWER!**

7:30 p.m. **Phi Sigma Pi** executive meeting will be held. The location should be posted in the Student Union.
ITEMS OF INTEREST
Athletic Passes - Students will not receive printed athletic passes for the spring semester. All information previously contained on the passes is now on the UNC One Card.
All other guidelines for student ticket distribution remain the same. For more information, call the CAA at 962-4300.

Board Lays Future Plans At Retreat

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The Carrboro Board of Aldermen will conclude its annual retreat Monday after discussing plans for the next year and beyond.

The board briefly discussed several topics each alderman brought to the meeting. Topics included the future of the Midway business community and the possible loss of revenue if the N.C. General Assembly repeals the state intangibles tax.

"The way these retreats go is that subjects individual board members bring up are discussed briefly and the other board members are given a chance to ask some questions," Alderman Jay Bryan said. "We really don't go into that much depth."

Despite the absence of Alderman Michael Nelson, who was sick, Alderman Hank Anderson said he thought the annual retreat had been productive.



Carrboro Alderman **HANK ANDERSON** wants to focus on the Midway area.

"It was a great retreat," Anderson said. "We got a lot done in a short time."

Anderson said he was concerned about the loss of revenue Carrboro would bear if the intangibles tax were repealed because revenue from it brings Carrboro \$170,000 annually. The intangibles tax is a tax levied on stocks and bonds.

"We are looking at what the governor said about a replacement tax," Anderson said. "Either we'll have to find it elsewhere or I won't tell what else we might have to do."

The loss of revenue could mean cutting back town services or raising taxes.

Alderman Jacquelyn Gist said the budget for next year would be unpredictable until state and national governments acted on possible tax cuts.

"God knows what's going to happen with that with what's happening in state and national government," Gist said.

Anderson said he was especially concerned about the future of Midway's development and the lack of affordable housing in the town. He said he hoped the board would come up with an incentive for builders to provide land for affordable housing.

"My list concerned the Midway development proposal and affordable housing," Anderson said. "Right now in the Midway development I don't like all those fences around the buildings."

Bryan said he was concerned with barriers of communication Carrboro residents might have between themselves and city services and between each other.

He said the board would be considering a new method of resolving conflicts between residents.

"We are looking at a way to address difficult issues through public forums instead of public hearings," Bryan said.

Also, Bryan said the board would be considering establishing a consumer service office that would be able to provide residents with assistance while regular town services were on vacation.

GRADES

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after each class's final exam. Lanier said they tended to stretch it to 72 hours after the last exam scheduled before they turned the grades in to the office.

"A lot of grades came in after the deadline," Lanier said.

"The faculty may have been a little slower this time."

It is normal that all grades are not in by the first mailing, but this year more grades than usual had to be held for the second and third mailings, he said.

Spring semester usually does not present as many problems with delayed grades because there is a lot more pressure on the faculty to turn them in on time as a result of graduation, he said.

"It's a different situation in the spring," Lanier said. "There is more compliance with deadlines."



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