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Gridiron Teammates Plan Carrboro Club

BY WENDY GOODMAN
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A popular UNC trio of the past and another Carolina football star are making headlines once again, but this time the news doesn't revolve around their tackles, hard hits or rushing yards on the gridiron. This time the news involves the beginning stages of a business venture in Carrboro.

Former football teammates John Bradley, Tim Smith, Jimmy Hitchcock and Natrone Means have announced plans to open a new club geared mainly at the 21 and older crowd, tentatively named Diamonds.

Diamonds will be located on East Main Street in the former home of the Ventana Press across from Spring Garden, and the four hope to have the club opened by early November. Bradley said they had talked about opening a club for some time and now they were starting to act on it.

"We've been kicking the idea around since we were students, probably for a good three years," he said. "We wanted to do this for the town because we were students here and it's important."

Bradley, Hitchcock and Smith made waves off the football field in 1992 when they founded the Black Awareness Council, one of the leading student organizations in the push for a free-standing black cultural center.

Carrboro Mayor Eleanor Kinnaird said she had been working with Bradley and the idea of the club for about a year. "I hope we aren't premature in announcing this since it is only in negotiation. This would be a wonderful mix with the Cat's Cradle and a



Former UNC teammates NATRONE MEANS and JIMMY HITCHCOCK will also co-own the club.

great new edition to the downtown."

Diamonds will be a bar and dance club that will provide people an alternative to the drinking scene of Franklin Street.

"There is not a place to just go out and dance, there are just bars," he said. "We wanted a place to hang out and drink with a dance floor and entertainment."

Bradley said he thought his idea was a good one because, although there is a large population who want to drink, there are also those who do not want to drink but do want to go out.

Not only would the club specifically cater to the over 21 college crowd and the general 20-something public, Bradley said the club would also give students another option when going out.

"On certain nights, we'll close down the bar and have a night just for college students even if they are not 21," he said. "This will give them an avenue to have a safe time, not have to drive to Raleigh to go dance and not have to worry about not being 21."



John Bradley and Tim Smith stand outside the proposed site for their new dance club. They are planning for an opening date in early November.

University Officials Oppose Extra Hike

■ After N.C. senators propose a \$500 tuition hike, UNC administrators attack the increase as unfair.

BY WILL SAFER
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A N.C. Senate proposal that would allow UNC-Chapel Hill and N.C. State University to raise tuition in order to increase faculty salaries and financial aid will hurt the very North Carolina families the University is supposed to serve, according to UNC-system President C.D. Spangler.

The proposal would allow the boards of trustees at both universities to tack an extra \$500 onto the tuition of all students. For some professional and graduate schools, the proposal would further allow for an increase of up to \$3,000. Out-of-state graduate-level students in law, medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, veterinary medicine and business administration could face the higher tuition increase.

At least 35 percent of the revenue gained from undergraduates would go to need-based financial aid. The additional funds generated by the professional school tuition increase would stay in each school.

But the extra tuition, Spangler said, would put too great a burden on low-income families.

"That's not where the money should come from — it should come from the

General Assembly," the system president said.

A study cited in the Wall Street Journal indicated that for every \$100 increase in tuition there is a 2.2 percent decrease in enrollment of students whose family income is less than \$30,000.

The N.C. House still has not considered the proposal, which would affect the UNC system's two research institutions. Advocates for the proposal, including UNC-CH Student Body President Calvin Cunningham, are lobbying for the proposal. On the opposite side of the fence, Spangler and the UNC system lobbyists are working hard in Raleigh to convince legislators to kill the proposal.

Chancellor Michael Hooker said he still hadn't made up his mind on the proposal, but that he saw arguments both for and against it.

"We are a very low tuition state," he said. "(But) you don't want to accept the idea that the burden for quality falls on the back of the students. It's a dangerous precedent to set."

Hooker said a "great university" depends on public funding. "It is premature now to concede that principle."

Eleanor Morris, director of the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid, said these school-specific increases could limit options for some students.

"I think it will impact access, the assurance that students can come here regardless of their finances," she said. "Those

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Williams Resigns Before Chancellor Can Fire Him

■ Financial records confirm allegations that the English professor overcharged UNC.

BY ROBYN TOMLIN HACKLEY
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Chancellor Michael Hooker announced last Thursday that he had accepted UNC English Professor James D. Williams' resignation effective Nov. 30, stating that he regretted "the embarrassment to the State and the University caused by this matter."

"The discharge proceedings that I initiated against Professor Williams likely would have lasted well into the fall semester," Hooker stated in a press release announcing Williams' resignation.

Hooker said that tenure regulations required the University to continue paying a faculty member until a final decision on their dismissal case has been reached.

"Obviously, I'm pleased to put the matter behind us," Hooker said in a telephone

interview Tuesday. "It reflected unfavorably and unfairly on the campus. We are all well served by his decision."

David Whichard, who served as chairman of the Board of Trustees during the investigation of Williams, said Monday that the professor's resignation saved the University the price of a long legal fight.

When asked whether the University offered Williams a financial settlement to secure his resignation, the chancellor said, "No, absolutely not. I would not have settled. That would not have been in the University's best interest."

Williams' resignation may end the wrangling over his official status at the University, but new information about his financial improprieties has continued to surface.

Recently released financial records confirmed that the chancellor could have built a strong case against Williams in dismissal proceedings. The University released new information that the professor charged the UNC for travel expenses already covered by sponsors of a Charleston, S.C., confer-

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After Hooker announced his intent to dismiss Williams, the professor responded by saying the chancellor's decision was based on an error in a \$150 travel voucher. Williams said the error was simply the result of a photocopying mistake made by either himself or his secretary.

The new figures present financial irregularities that are significantly higher than Williams ever admitted to. A review of the financial records pertaining to a

February 1993 writing conference showed Williams was reimbursed \$544 by the University for the trip's expenses.

The conference was sponsored by the College of Charleston. Williams was a guest speaker at the conference. The college paid \$127.44 for two nights lodging and waived the \$55 conference registration fee.

Williams attended the conference with UNC student and then-girlfriend Ako Shimada. He charged UNC for the cost of airfare, food, lodging for the two days of the conference, for two additional days in Charleston and for the conference's registration fee, which he claimed was \$35.

Charges of impropriety against Williams first surfaced during the divorce and custody trial between the professor and his ex-wife Ashley Williams. James Williams was awarded custody of the couple's 7-year-old son.

In January, the Orange County District Court ordered Shimada to pay Ashley

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Professor Williams' Time at UNC

After eight years in the English department, James Williams will leave his tenured post, effective Nov. 30.

1987 Williams takes position in English department at UNC.

1991 Williams gives UNC student/ex-girlfriend phone number of friend in California who "periodically paid for sex."

1991 Williams gets \$30,000 technical writing grant from IBM.

August 1992 Williams becomes involved with then-UNC freshman Ako Shimada.

1991-1994 Williams pays six student assistants with IBM grant money. Shimada receives \$2,484 for photocopying and clerical work.

1994 Williams and his wife of nine years, Ashley, separate and begin divorce and child custody proceedings, which sparks UNC and SBI to investigate Williams for misconduct. James Williams wins custody of the couple's son.

January 1995 Shimada is ordered by court to pay Ashley Williams \$10,000 for breaking up her marriage.

June 1995 Investigations are completed and former Chancellor Paul Hardin announces that Williams will receive a reprimand in his file for paying Shimada when they were involved. In a press release, Williams apologizes to University officials. Williams marries Shimada.

July 9 Chancellor Michael Hooker announces that he is initiating dismissal proceedings against Williams over travel voucher discrepancy.

July 21 Hooker accepts Williams' resignation effective November 30.

Helping Future Generations



Gov. Jim Hunt and his wife Carolyn are presented with an award named in their honor July 21 at the Omni Europa. The award recognizes significant achievement in the field of early childhood development.

Third Textbook Store Joins Competition

BY EMILY B. NEWELL
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Students will face much shorter lines this year than in the past when purchasing books for the fall semester due to the opening of two new textbook stores on East Franklin Street. A new Tar Heel Textbooks and Ram Book and Supply will both open in August — in time for the fall textbook rush.

The new Tar Heel Textbooks will be in the same familiar home of the store which closed in March last spring. The new bookstore will have the same name and phone number, but is owned and operated by Gerald Kochan.

Kochan said that the new Tar Heel Textbooks would offer special services that

"I welcome the new Tar Heel Textbooks. Now the students will have three choices. We will listen to the students and give them what they want."

PATRICK KEENAN
Ram Book and Supply Owner

students would appreciate.

"We will offer all required textbooks with price breaks," he said. "Price breaks in that when we buy back more than \$15 worth of books, we will give cash and buy back bucks that may be used on the next

purchase of used books."

His bookstore will benefit students by offering competitive prices and benefits in comparison to those at Student Stores and the other new bookstore opening in town, he said.

Across the street in the former home of TGIF, the Ram Book and Supply store will also provide all required textbooks, said owner Patrick Keenan.

"We primarily are a used textbook entity," Keenan said. "Ninety percent of our stock is used books. We are designed for students on budgets, and we buy back books every day."

Keenan plans to rely on word of mouth of satisfied customers. "Once we get the

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UNC to Maintain Affirmative Action Policies

BY BRONWEN CLARK
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The questions raised by the University of California's Board of Regents will not affect hiring and admissions policies at UNC, according to system and campus administrators.

"I don't anticipate any change," Chancellor Michael Hooker said.

In a controversial July 20 decision, UC's Board of Regents ruled that neither race nor gender could be used as criteria in hiring and admissions decisions.

"One has to keep in mind that this decision is not applicable outside of the University of California system," said James Walters, director of undergraduate

admissions. "And it only applies to nine UC-system schools."

C.D. Spangler, president of the UNC system, said that although this decision would not directly impact the system, it did raise questions which could. "I think this sort of thing does get noticed. We will follow court cases and pay attention to what pertains to our University."

Richard Robinson, legal counsel for the UNC system, said the decision did not come as a surprise to him.

"The California Board of Regents said, 'We don't choose to do that anymore, we're not going to consider race anymore,'" Robinson said. "They are still doing what the law permits them to."

Robinson said that the University of

California, like many universities nationwide, including UNC, had previously used race as one factor in admissions decisions.

"The BOG has an important set of standards. No one is considered for admission without completing a list of core classes,"

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Summer's Over

This issue marks the close of our weekly summer edition. Aug. 21 our registration issue will hit the newstands, and will provide a recap of summer news. The Daily Tar Heel resumes regular daily publication on the first day of classes, Aug. 23. Good luck with exams and we'll see you fall semester.

If it's not one thing it's your mother.
Robin Williams in 'Nine Months'