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SRC Shut Due to Flooding

BY JENNIFER BURLESON
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The Student Recreation Center will remain closed indefinitely during clean up and repairs after weekend flooding, SRC officials said Tuesday.

Because of the heavy rain on Sunday that poured into the building, many of the weight machines and other exercise equipment needs to be either cleaned, repaired or replaced, officials said.

In addition, many of the cardiovascular machines with electric motors will have to be thoroughly dried out before they can be used.

More than 12 inches of rain accumulated in the weight room area. Most of the water has been removed, but all carpet in this area may need to be replaced.

Lauren Mangili, director of the SRC, said she had spoken to an architect about the possibility of making renovations to prevent future flooding. She said she was unsure if further action would be taken.

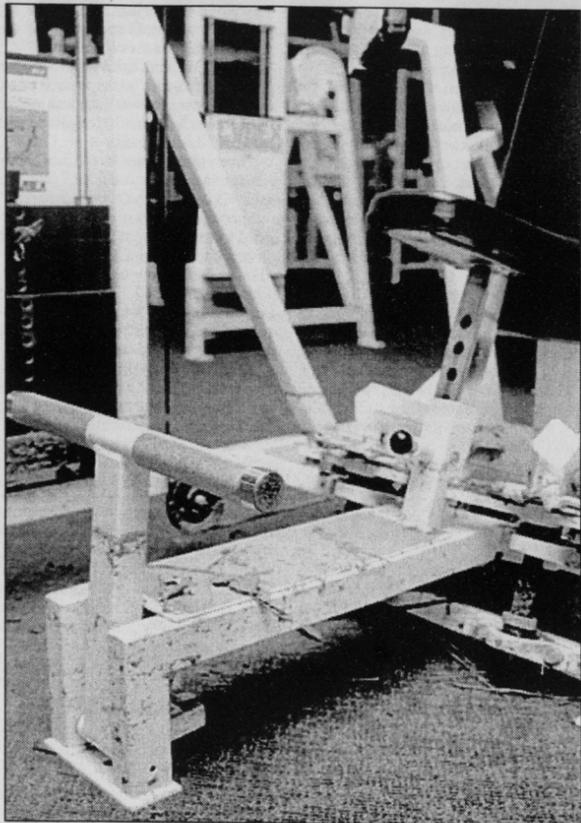
Mangili said she understood that many people were upset and that the SRC staff was working to reopen the facility as soon as possible.

"I know a lot of people are frustrated and angry," Mangili said. "Nobody obviously had any control of the situation."

Rob Burnish, manager of Spa Health Club in the Village Plaza, has offered students the use of that facility Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Students are invited to take advantage of any classes or equipment in the club except the treadmills, he said.

"We have a sign up sheet for the treadmills, so I'm going to give current members



Exercise machines in the SRC bear water marks from the flood Sunday night. The SRC's indefinite closure has upset many patrons.

preference," Burnish said. "I want to keep my current members happy."

Burnish said students and faculty wishing to use the club would need to show their UNC ONE Card or Gym and Pool privilege card at their first visit. Then, they would be given a temporary membership card. The membership would be good until the SRC reopens, he said.

"I just want to offer it to extend a little

hand of help," Burnish said.

SRC users also are encouraged to use the equipment in Woolen Gym during regular hours.

Steve Flippen, a sophomore from Charlotte, said he was disappointed with the situation. "What happened to the SRC is a disaster," Flippen said. "It's nice that there are other alternatives, but nothing is quite like the SRC."

N.C. Laws May Contribute To Falling Abortion Rates

BY ERICA BESHEARS
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The number of women in North Carolina who had abortions in 1994 fell for the fifth straight year, and this trend is expected to continue as legislative funding cuts and the state's new parental consent law take effect this year.

Doctors performed 31,875 abortions in North Carolina during 1994, the lowest figure since 1982. The abortion rate, or the number of abortions per 1,000 women, was 19.5 in North Carolina. The Orange County rate fell from 22.5 in 1993 to 21.8 in 1994.

Janet Colm, executive director for Planned Parenthood of Orange and Durham counties, said the lower numbers were good news, but warned against comparing data.

"It can be misleading to compare year to year," Colm said. Colm said the falling abortion rates meant that communities have identified prevention education as a priority.

"In Orange County, (the statistic) means the community is doing a good job of helping women prevent unintended pregnancies," Colm said. "Our numbers have been lower. The community sees unintended pregnancies as an issue we need to be working on."

Colm said Planned Parenthood's main goal was to get information about birth control and pregnancy prevention to those who need it, but she said some people were more likely to educate themselves than others.

"Women who have higher self-esteem, education and career goals are more likely to get information," she said.

Barbara Holt, president of North Carolina Right to Life, offered different reasons for the lower abortion numbers.

"Of course, there are a variety of reasons," Holt said. "One, more than ever before, there are pictures of unborn children on television shows."

Holt said the exposure that abortion procedures have received on news magazine television shows had helped to inform the public about what it really means to have an abortion.

"We know that when a woman sees her humanity, then that woman thinks twice about having an abortion," she said. "She knows that it is human life."

Whatever the exact reasons for the steady decline in both total abortions and abortion rates, those numbers can be expected to fall further in the future because of recent legislation.

The North Carolina General Assembly passed two key pieces of legislation during the summer session that affect abortion. One

Abortions in North Carolina

The number of abortions across the state has decreased steadily over the past five years.

	Total abortions '94	Abortion rate per 1,000 women
North Carolina	31,875	19.5
Wake County	3,286	24.9
Durham County	1,671	32.7
Orange County	706	21.8
Tyrrell County	5	6.2

SOURCE: STATE CENTER FOR HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL STATISTICS DTH/ALANA SMITH

is the Parental Consent law, which requires women under age 18 to have written consent from one parent, grandparent or a judge in order to have an abortion.

Rep. Robin Hayes, R-Cabarrus, who is campaigning for the 1996 gubernatorial race, said the legislation let parents participate in their daughters' decision-making processes.

"I voted for that, and am very much in favor of it," Hayes said. "Parents have to be involved in their children's lives."

However, Hayes said he understood the plight of teen-agers who come from unsupportive or abusive families and cannot talk to their parents about abortions.

Holt said she agreed with the legislation, and said the law should have been passed long ago.

"The Parental Consent law is common-sense legislation," Holt said. "Parents were shocked to find out their children could have an abortion without their knowing about it."

Holt said she expected the teen-age pregnancy rate to go down as a result of the law because rates have fallen in other states after they passed similar laws.

"It's good legislation; it's been proven," she said. "It makes teen-agers re-think sex."

Colm said she saw the legislation differently. She said teen-agers who cannot talk to their parents might try to get an abortion in another way, leading to possible illegal abortions or abortions performed in other states.

"The parental consent measure has the potential to be very dangerous," Colm said. "Most people who have abortions talk to their parents. The ones who don't have a good reason."

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DA Files Motion to Get Williamson's UNC Records

■ Carl Fox has requested that the law school and UNC Hospitals turn over medical and school records of Wendell Williamson, who will mount an insanity defense.

BY WENDY GOODMAN
CITY EDITOR

Orange-Chatham District Attorney Carl Fox filed motions in Orange County Superior Court Monday requesting student and medical records of the UNC law student accused of killing two Chapel Hill residents in a Jan. 26 shooting spree.

Fox asked for Wendell Williamson's records shed light on the defense's claim that Williamson was in an unstable mental state at the time of the shootings.

In the first motion, Fox asked that his office be allowed to inspect UNC's records of the suspect's history of psychiatric treatment. Williamson's lawyers plan to mount an insanity defense when the trial begins in late October.

The records contain Williamson's history of counseling sessions at UNC Student Health Services and UNC Hospitals.



District Attorney CARL FOX has asked that the dean of the UNC Law School be ordered to turn over transcripts on Williamson.

Fox described an incident in the law school parking lot two years ago where Williamson "was reportedly seen slapping himself in the face." That event was witnessed by several law students, and a police report was filed, he said.

In another incident outside a law class in 1994, Williamson reportedly said he could read other people's thoughts.

Fox also asked that the dean of the law school turn over the history of counseling sessions, outbreaks during classes at the law school and grade transcripts, which will help determine the validity of the defense's use of the insanity plea.

Dean Judith Wegner said she could not comment on the motion or the incident which Fox cited.

She also said she could not comment at this point on whether the law school would turn over the records.

She said such requests were routine in trials of this nature.

"That is the way the statute allows them to get information under the privacy act," she said. "It is a routine motion to file."

Williamson is charged with two counts of first-degree murder in the shooting deaths of UNC student and lacrosse player Kevin Reichardt and Chapel Hill resident Ralph Walker. He is also charged with 13 counts of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill.

A psychiatrist at Dorothea Dix Mental Hospital had previously testified after extensive examination of Williamson that he was "actively psychotic" at the time of the shootings.

The psychiatrist testified that Williamson "was laboring under such a defect of reason that he was incapable of distinguishing between right and wrong."

Smoking on South Campus Balconies a No-No

BY MELISSA MILIOS
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Smokers on South Campus who retreat to the balcony to light up may actually be violating University policy, according to the campus-wide smoking ban in University facilities.

Director of Housing Wayne Kuncel said the residence halls on South Campus may be enforcing different policies according to each hall government's interpretation of the smoking ban set forth by former Chancellor Paul Hardin two years ago.

Hardin announced in October 1993 that the University would comply with the Orange County Board of Health's Smoking Control Rules, thereby prohibiting smoking in University facilities, except residence hall rooms.

The ban specifically addresses smoking inside University buildings, but rules about smoking on balconies are unclear.

Kuncel said he had recommended that the residence hall area directors address the balcony smoking policy at their weekly meeting Thursday.

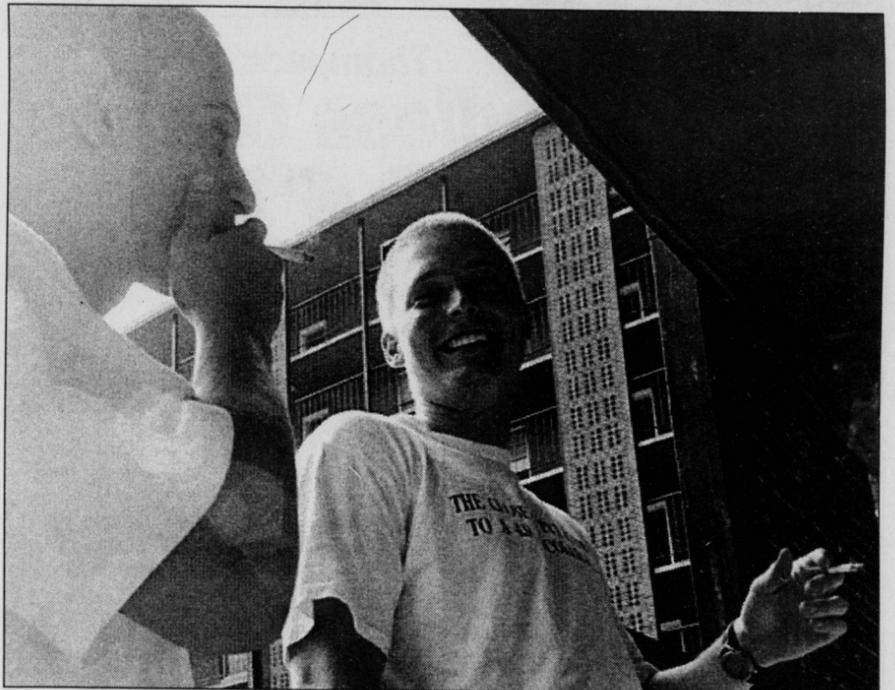
"I think that some people will have strong feelings (about allowing smoking on the balconies), either one way or the other," he said.

Kuncel said he hoped the area directors would come up with a policy consistent for all South Campus residence halls.

Each residence hall's government is responsible for determining its own policy on smoking on the balconies, Kuncel said.

He said they may choose to ban smoking on the balconies because of the mess made when students throw their cigarette butts off the balcony.

"(The butts) create an eyesore on the base of the building which the housekeepers then have to deal with when they clean up the grounds," Kuncel said. "(Not smoking) is a courtesy issue that affects employ-



Sophomores Brian Cohn, left, and Tim Kelsey take a smoke break Tuesday afternoon outside their suite in Morrison. Although smoking is illegal on the balconies of all South Campus dorms, many smokers choose to ignore the rules.

ees as well as the students who live in the buildings."

Residence Hall Association President Jessica Godwin said she was not aware of the University's policy on smoking on the balconies, but had not yet needed to ques-

tion the issue. "(The area directors) haven't brought any problems to my view so my understanding is there haven't been any problems with that," Godwin said.

Andy Sloan, a sophomore from Mooresville who lives in Hinton James,

said he usually smoked on the balcony with his roommate and suitemates. "I can see how people might be offended if I went into their room and lit up, but there should be no problem if we just want to smoke outside on the balcony."

UNC Web Usage Aug. 20 - Aug. 27:

- 60,895 users logged on, an average of 362 per hour, or six users per minute.
- At peak times, upwards of 3,000 log-ins per hour were observed.
- Average time spent logged on at a session: 18 minutes.
- Number of users at UNC who publish World Wide Web homepages: 451.
- Mail messages received since Aug. 20: 198,348.

SOURCE: OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DTH/CHRIS KIRKMAN

Students Can Make Own World Wide Web Homepage

BY J. C. JOHNSON II
STAFF WRITER

The superhighway of information, known as the World Wide Web, through the University, is being placed in the hands of students and faculty alike, Office of Information Technology staff said.

Isis, the system by which UNC accesses the Web, recorded 60,895 users logged on during the week of August 20-27 alone. According to Jeanne Smythe, associate director of OIT Systems Integration, access to all kinds of information can be obtained through the Web.

"There will be an increased demand (for Web access) as time goes on," Smythe said. "You can access other's information and publish your own."

Smythe said a growing number of students had created their own homepage on the Web, a rela-

tively new technological capability.

As of Sunday, the number of campus users who had set themselves up to publish WWW home pages was 451. Approximately 27 percent of that number has successfully created an actual page.

"We assume a certain amount of computer literacy," Smythe said. "You (can) start with Isis and follow the instructions on-line."

Another way of setting up shop on the Web is through a universal resource library. The address, <http://www.unc.edu/about/provider/>, gives users a prompt: Creating WWW pages at UNC-CH. Once users have accessed the prompt, the directions are self-explanatory.

"Every faculty, staff and student is designated up to five megabytes of space for their own personal use in Web publishing," said Linwood Futrelle, director of OIT services. "It's free to you,

but we (UNC) are paying a lot of money for it."

The Web is one of the most efficient ways of distributing information to the public, Futrelle said.

There are no guidelines to follow when putting up information on the Web. "People can put up anything they want to," Smythe said. "(They) may put up interests or pointers; information about themselves, pictures or cartoons."

Futrelle said the Web could also be used to help professors distribute information to their students.

"A few faculty are putting their syllabus on the Web," Futrelle said. "Course readings and written assignments have also been posted by some of the faculty."

When users access the Web at UNC's homepage, See WEB, Page 2

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If you enjoy the paper and are interested in joining the staff, applications are available in our office at Union Suite 104.

We will hold two general interest meetings—today at 5 p.m. in Union 224 and Thursday at 5 p.m. in Hamilton 100.

If you have any questions come by the office and look around, or give us a call at 962-0245.

—The Editors

Weather

TODAY: Sunny; high 85-90.

THURSDAY: Sunny; high 85-90.

Never let a fool kiss you or a kiss fool you.

Joey Adams