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Cloudy; lower 60s  
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## Funding a question for women's rowing

■ The athletic department has allocated \$100,000 to fund the women's varsity rowing team.

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Despite a \$100,000 budget, some people worry that women's varsity rowing — formerly known as women's crew — will not have adequate funds to keep the new program afloat.

After the Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Student Fees rejected a \$10 student fee increase that would help pay for the new varsity sport, the Department of Athletics was forced to seek alternative sources of funding.

But Associate Athletic Director Beth Miller said women's rowing had been allocated an adequate amount of money. "Considering what we give to other sports, that is a lot of money," Miller said.

At an interest meeting Tuesday, Miller told rowing members, "I don't anticipate you having to pay out of your own pocket." Alumni donations will provide additional funding, she said.

Lucienne Papon, a junior on the rowing team, said the budget would not be sufficient to launch the program, but an increase in student fees was not the answer.

"We're excited about varsity status, but student fees is not the way to go," Papon said.

"It's not right for everyone to pay \$10 so I can represent the University of North Carolina in a racing jersey."

"I think the athletic department has the money

but is just looking for the easy way out," she said. Martina Ballen, associate athletic director for business and finance, helped propose the student fee increase.

Ballen said the increase would have primarily supported women's sports.

"We thought it was a legitimate reason and would provide students with benefits," she said.

The athletic department argued that student fees should provide some funding for women's rowing to support the University's efforts to comply with Title IX, a measure to provide equality in men's and women's sports.

Ballen said the athletic department presented the proposal after conducting research at other schools, such as the University of Virginia, who had recently instituted new women's rowing programs.

Julie Gasperini, former Student Fee Audit Committee chairwoman, said the committee pushed for rejection of the proposal because the athletic department was not clear in presenting what the increase would be funding.

"They provided us with very little idea of where the money would go," Gasperini said. "We stood up for fee accountability."

"When we asked them 'why do you need this money?', they would mention the building of the stadium one time and women's crew the next."

Gasperini said the proposal was presented to the SFAC before it went before the Chancellor's advisory committee on student fees. Gasperini said the SFAC wrote a letter of recommendation to the Chancellor's committee, urging it to reject the proposal.

"The students were so against it," she said. "It was unanimous."

### BRICK MAN



Brian Keck continues the grand tradition of perpetual brick walkway repair on campus Tuesday morning.

## Committee bylaws source of debate among members

■ The Student Advisory Committee to the Chancellor selected next year's members Tuesday night and will inform them today.

BY BRIAN MURPHY  
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With today's announcement of new members to a student committee that has a direct line to the chancellor, some leaders question the bylaws that lead to their selection.

Because the outgoing chairman gets to pick two selection board members, the Student Advisory Committee to the Chancellor could become "self-perpetuating," said Kristen Sasser, Student Congress president pro tem.

Katherine Kraft, Graduate and Professional Student Federation president, said that because the chairman also serves on the committee, that person's beliefs would hold the majority of the five spots on the selection committee. "I disagree with one person, the outgoing chair, choosing a majority of the committee," Kraft said.

The bylaws, rewritten each year, state that "The selection committee will be comprised of the outgoing chair, the incoming chair, a designee from the outgoing GPSF president and two members of the committee (undergraduate and graduate) to be selected by the outgoing chair."

Lindsay-Rae McIntyre, former student body vice president and outgoing SACC chairwoman, dismissed any possibility that selections could be personally motivated. "I don't think this has as much potential as Kraft thinks it does," she said. "If my two best friends were on the committee, and I picked them to perpetuate my ideas, if you were a random person (on the committee), wouldn't you challenge that?"

Student Body Vice President Chris Yates said outgoing committee members were a good resource.

"It was very helpful to have outgoing members of SACC on the selection committee," he said. "Their insight and concerns reflecting on a year's involvement with the chancellor are unparalleled and have been a great help to me."

Part of the selection process hinged on new bylaws requesting diversity among the SACC's membership. The diversity clause states that the "committee shall be reflective of the diversity on campus population (i.e. race, sex, etc.)."

McIntyre said the clause does not promise representation. "That clause still doesn't ensure representation for those who have been historically denied representation," she said.

The bylaws originally stated that "three non-white" members should be included. However, the clause was changed to "must be reflective" and then the present form after the Student Congress Student Affairs Committee suggested these changes.

The group's composition in regards to organizations versus at-large students also changed. Last year, eight specific organizations were assured a representative and four at-large students were chosen. This year, any six organizations' representatives and six at-large students will be chosen.

Yates, selection committee chairman, said more than 50 students submitted applications.



Graduate and Professional Student Federation President KATHERINE KRAFT said the way selection board members were chosen was wrong.

## Reading days to be split by exam days

■ The new schedule for exams is a result of calendar changes proposed by the General Administration.

BY MARVA HINTON  
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Because of the addition of four days to the school calendar and the way holidays fall this year, the two reading days at the end of the fall 1997 semester will be split.

The school calendar includes one reading day on Saturday, Dec. 6, before classes end on Monday, Dec. 8. Another will fall in the middle of the exam period on Wednesday, Dec. 10.

David Lanier, University registrar, said the day of the week Christmas falls on this year caused a reading day to be held before the end of classes.

Under the 1997-98 schedule, fall semester exams

end Tuesday, Dec. 16.

Professors have until Friday, Dec. 19 to turn in exam grades, because deans must determine student's eligibility by Monday, Dec. 22, the last working day for University employees before the Christmas holiday.

"We need about four or five working days after the last exam to get the eligibility rosters out," Lanier said.

Lanier said students should not have to worry about having a reading day before the end of classes in future school years.

"When (the calendar committee) did this strange thing this semester, I promised (students on the committee) that we would not do it again," Lanier said.

The decision to include a reading day in the middle of the exam period also came about to combat the perception that students use reading days to

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### Reading between the lines

Reading days will not be held consecutively during the 1997-98 school year in an effort to allow students to break up their study time. In the past, there was concern that students were using reading days as "mini vacations."

May exams	Dec. exams
Wednesday April 23 Classes end	Saturday Dec. 6 Reading day
Thursday April 24 Reading day	Monday Dec. 8 Classes end
Friday April 25 Reading day	Tuesday Dec. 9 Exams begin
Saturday, April 26 Exams begin	Wednesday Dec. 10 Reading day
Saturday, May 3 Exams end	Tuesday Dec. 16 Exams end

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## House bill aims to clarify open-meetings law

BY LAURA GODWIN  
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One N.C. lawmaker wants to clarify some issues in the ongoing debate about the N.C. Open Meetings Law.

N.C. Rep. Leo Daughtry, R-Johnston, filed a bill Monday that calls for clarification of an agreement that opened University committee meetings to the public.

The bill would reverse the settlement by considering faculty and students "professional staff." Currently, any committee composed of more than professional staff is a public body that must open its meetings.

Another provision states that only specific items of correspondence which constitute matters of public record are open to the public. Daughtry said the bill was a response to a letter received by UNC-system President C.D. Spangler, Chancellor Michael Hooker, N.C. State University Chancellor Larry Monteith and N.C. Central University Chancellor

Julius Chambers.

The letter, written by the News & Observer's Executive Editor Anders Gyllenhaal requested the newspaper be allowed to read the University officials' mail, he said. Gyllenhaal was unavailable for comment.

"I don't think that papers ought to have unbridled access to people's mail," Daughtry said.

Spangler said the bill would provide clarification. "I think (the ongoing debate) is because there are some ambiguities in the laws as they are written now," he said. "I think (the open meetings law) is a natural source of conflict,



UNC-system President C.D. SPANGLER said the bill would provide much needed clarification of the N.C. Open Meetings Law.

and there is nothing unusual about that."

For example, Spangler said if Hooker had a meeting with a student, there is confusion as to whether that meeting would be considered an open meeting. "The problem is that it is confusing as to what can be released," Spangler said.

North Carolina Press Association Attorney Hugh Stevens said the bill was not a cohesive rewrite. "It's a hodge-podge ... a collection of open meetings and public records issues, all of which the universities have taken issues with in the past," he said. "On its face, it is an attempt to simply amend the law to read the way the universities want it to read. It's kind of a shopping list of university-related issues."

A similar bill could be introduced in the N.C. Senate as early as April 17. N.C. Sen. Howard Lee, D-Orange, said he wants to meet with all parties involved in the debate, including members of the NCPA and the UNC system.

"I'm not one that believes you should hit someone over the head with a two-by-four," Lee said. "Certainly I want a bill that will reflect the clarity of everyone's thinking."

Lee said if he introduced a bill, it would provide boundaries that all sides could work with.

"I'm still frankly trying to understand the matter myself."

## Follow the money

BY ERICA BESHEARS  
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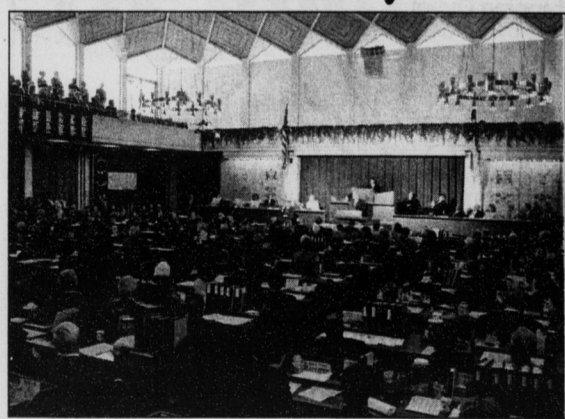
It can take a tragedy to catch the attention and dollars of the N.C. General Assembly.

The May 12 fire that killed five students at the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity house provided part of the impetus for state legislators to fund sprinkler installation in residence halls.

This year's state budget could include money to fund sprinkler installation in three UNC residence halls — Morrison, Carmichael and Spencer — part of a Board of Governors construction budget for UNC-Chapel Hill.

"I think that without that tragedy, the whole sprinkler idea would not have happened," said N.C. Sen. Howard Lee, D-Orange, chairman of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Education.

But Chancellor Michael Hooker said the University had planned to install sprinklers in all residence halls for years, adding that the fire might



The N.C. General Assembly crowds into the House chamber in joint session to hear President Bill Clinton speak about education.

have sped up the process.

"We had the project under way when the fire happened," Hooker said.

Lee said that, normally, sprinkler appropriations would not be an item of priority in a tight budget year.

State legislators seem committed to providing the money to put sprinklers

in residence halls across the UNC system, but the changing nature of the state budget process throws some doubt as to how much money the state will be able to provide this year. Lee said he didn't know if the money would be there for the sprinklers because he still hadn't seen any

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Spiro Agnew