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Students to vote on Union renovation cost

■ A fee increase would help add 40,000 square feet to the Student Union.

BY NAHAL TOOSI
UNIVERSITY EDITOR

Students will have the opportunity to decide for themselves whether to pay for the Student Union's planned renovation.

After almost two hours of debate, Student Congress passed a resolution Wednesday to place a referendum on the Feb. 10 student elections ballot for a student fee increase of up to \$29.09 starting in the year 2000.

In addition to the \$2 Student Union debt service fee students pay now, a passed referendum will call for an

increase of \$8 per semester in the 1999-2000 school year.

Up to \$21.09 more will be added for the next school year. The final fee will be payable for 20 years.

The money will help construct 40,000 square feet more space in the Union and will finance a copy center, a 24-hour computer lab and other services in the Union.

The resolution passed by a vote of 21-



Student Body Treasurer **MARC MCCOLLUM** said the fee increase figures presented were concrete.

3 after three attempts to amend it, one of which passed and cleared up some wording.

Rep. Marayo Orija, Dist. 11, who helped introduce the resolution said students should pay for the renovations to retain control over the Union.

Outside funding could give privileges to those not in the student body and leave less space for students to meet, she said.

"If we want to serve the student body, this can't happen," she said.

An ever growing number of student groups necessitates better facilities, she said.

Amy Lawler, president of the Carolina Union, agreed.

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AMY LAWLER
Carolina Union President

Rep. Jim Seney, Dist. 2, introduced an amendment Wednesday night that would start the fee increase at "up to \$21.09 in 1999-2000."

Students who vote for the referendum would be passing off the major part of the fee increase to another class, unless the original resolution was amended, he said.

"It's a very popular way to get this to

pass," Seney said.

But Student Body Treasurer Marc McCollum said the figures and time estimates were recommended by the University's Office of Business and Finance.

"The numbers that we brought before you were brought for concrete reasons," McCollum said.

An amendment to Seney's amendment failed before the resolution passed.

In other action, Congress approved the selection of junior Rebecca Hockfield as student body secretary and approved the allocation of funds to several organizations, including the National Lawyers Guild. The guild plans to host an affirmative action forum on Feb. 2.

Congress also approved the creation of a Freshman Focus Council.

Fans ready with tents for Duke tickets

■ Despite the CAA's rules, students plan to line up before 5 p.m. to camp out.

BY MONICA DEV
ASSISTANT UNIVERSITY EDITOR

The UNC men's basketball team is only three weeks away from a shot at beating its arch rival Duke University, and student sports fans would kill each other to get a ticket.

"The last thing you want to do is hurt people, but then there are the tickets," Greg Blomberg, a junior from Alameda, Calif., said.

Because it could be the biggest home game of the year, many students are expecting chaos at Friday's ticket distribution.

The Carolina Athletic Association is setting up a camp-out for the Feb. 5 home Duke game and distributing numbers at 6 p.m. in front of the Smith Center.

Organizers do not want students to line up for the distribution until 6 p.m., but many students plan to drag their tents, sleeping bags and radios out to the parking lot by the Smith Center as early as Thursday night.

"Even though there's not supposed to be a line (before distribution), there will be a line anyway," Ryan Buckholtz, a freshman from Columbia, Md., said.

The CAA plans to patrol the area before University Police arrives at 6 p.m., asking students who are lined up early to leave. "We can't make (them) leave, but we will ask (them) to," CAA Executive Assistant Brian Elliot said.

Some students do not expect the CAA's crowd control to be very effective in light of past problems with basketball ticket distribution.

During ticket distribution this fall, many students had been lined up across the street before distribution began, but they rushed the tables, dodged a U-bus, and crushed a table when it was announced that numbers were ready.

"There'll be a mob there, the police will be controlling it, not the CAA," Buckholtz said.

University Police plans to have 4 or 5 police officers and security guards to assist with the distribution, Events Services Manager LaBron Reid said.

"We're not expecting the same volume of people as the Florida State game," he said, referring to the Nov. 8 UNC-FSU football game.

In addition to University security, Elliott said CAA would hire a few security guards from off-campus to assist in crowd control.

CAA co-presidents Charlie Roederer and Jason Reynolds could not be reached for comment.

Hands join in spirit of unity, reflection

■ Dean Smith and Michael Hooker backed affirmative action at the campus rally.

BY MARISSA DOWNS
STAFF WRITER

The voice of Martin Luther King Jr. filled Polk Place on Wednesday as students and faculty members joined hands in commemoration of the civil rights leader.

Wednesday's presentation started with a small circle of linked hands that silently grew in size as students and faculty joined and concluded with a recording of King's "I Have a Dream" speech.

The University's "Show of Hands" was one of many presentations this week to celebrate King's legacy — a legacy that many believe lives on.

"You came here not to celebrate



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Students of all races join hands in a symbol of unity for the "Show of Hands" ceremony Wednesday on Polk Place.

something or someone who died before you were born, but to celebrate a living spirit," said Reginald Hildebrand, chairman of the advisory board for the Sonja H. Stone Black Cultural Center.

"Martin Luther King is not dead. I see you, and I see him." Affirmative action was one topic addressed by various speakers throughout Wednesday's program.

Several speakers discouraged people from misusing King's message of judging people by "content of character" and not by "color of skin," as a case against affirmative action.

"(King's message) was a dream for the future, not a statement of the present," Chancellor Michael Hooker said.

Hooker also said King's dream could be achieved by enhancing discussions.

Former men's basketball coach Dean Smith, who also spoke Wednesday, is a long-time supporter of racial integration and civil rights in the South.

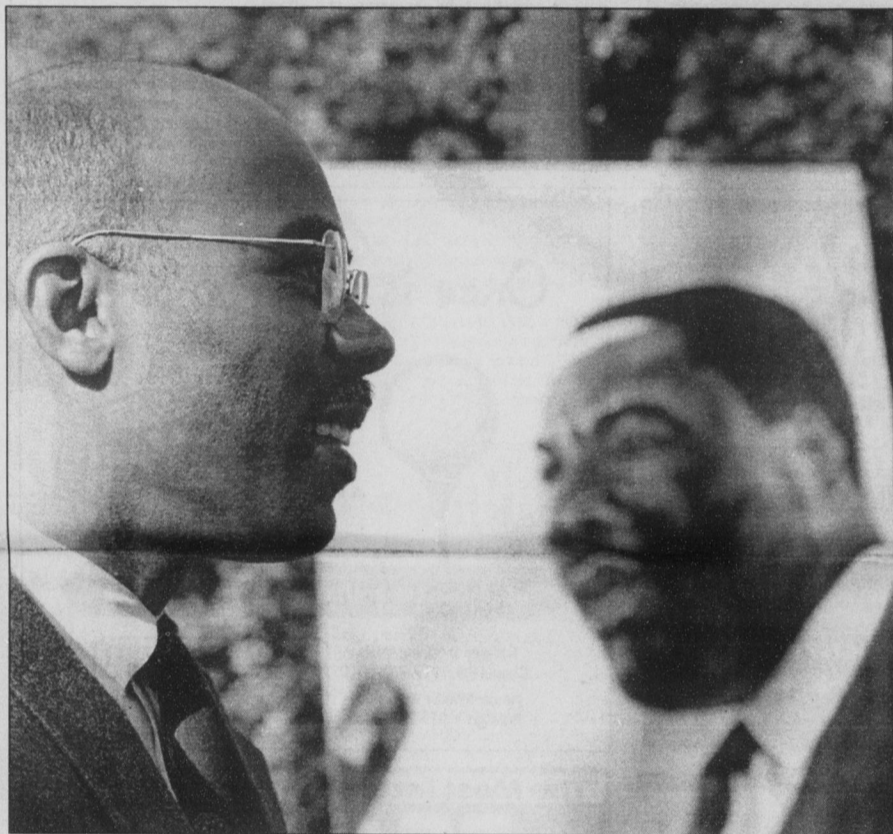
Smith, who brought the first African-American basketball player to the University in 1967, said basketball provided a "common denominator" for students of different races to unite.

He encouraged others, especially those in the racial majority, to find similar common interests with others despite differences in ethnicity.

"The majority have to take the initia-



Reginald Hildebrand, chairman of the advisory board for the Sonja H. Stone Black Cultural Center.



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Professor Reginald Hildebrand speaks with a student after the "Show of Hands" ceremony for unity Wednesday. The painting of Martin Luther King Jr. was created by Sabrina Tillman, a senior art major.

representative, also encouraged members of the audience to recommit themselves to King's dream by challenging their own actions.

"What is your vision?" Hendrix

asked. "Who do you associate with? Who do you hang out with? Who do you talk to? Are you making Dr. King's dream come true?"

Council hears Board's idea on parking

■ The town's planning board came up with four amendments on parking.

BY JEFFREY WONG
STAFF WRITER

Proposed changes to downtown parking provisions might help provide additional parking in Chapel Hill in the near future.

In its Tuesday night meeting, the Chapel Hill Town Council heard recommendations for changes to the Chapel Hill Development Ordinance and Town Code regarding downtown parking.

The Chapel Hill Planning Board, in a memorandum prior to the meeting, proposed four amendments to the current options which developers could follow to comply with off-street parking space requirements.

The board's director, Roger Walden, said the proposed changes were drafted

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BEAN THERE, DONE THAT



DTH/MISTI MCDANIEL

Sarah Myers, a senior from Raleigh, tries her luck at a bean-bag toss set up in the Pit during a sports membership drive Wednesday.

Counselors help students face abortion dilemmas

BY MATT DEES
STAFF WRITER

An unexpected pregnancy can turn a college student's life into one of confusion and turmoil.

According to statistics compiled by the Alan Guttmacher Institute, women aged 20-24 obtained 33 percent of all abortions in 1997, and teenagers had 22 percent of them, making college-aged women recipients of nearly half the abortions performed last year.

Today, 25 years after Roe vs. Wade legalized abortion, many organizations exist that make it their mission to help women cope with this dilemma by outlining all their options, including abortion.

"Most women are under an incredible amount of pressure when they find out they're pregnant without wanting to be," said Ingrid Byker, client services coordinator for Pregnancy Support Services in Chapel Hill.

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INGRID BYKER
Pregnancy Support Services coordinator

"We want them to have as much information as possible and have someone there to listen to them."

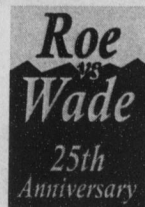
Byker said almost all of her clients had a certain amount of fear about their pregnancy and needed guidance to help make the difficult decisions involved in this situation.

The most difficult decision is whether or not they choose to keep the child.

"We explain how abortions are done and the physical and emotional risks involved," Byker said.

"We obviously respect people's choice and would never stand in the way of their decision, we just want them to be aware of all their options."

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INSIDE Thursday

Tar Heels tame Wolfpack
No. 2 North Carolina defeated N.C. State 74-60 behind Antawn Jamison's 36-point performance. *Page 11*

New thespian on the block

Senior Barry Wyner's play premieres tonight care of theater group Company Carolina. Wyner wrote the music and the script in Israel. *Page 5*

Spring broken

Most local travel agencies have already booked all open spots on Spring Break travel packages. *Page 2*

Today's weather

Cloudy;
low 40s
Friday: Showers;
low 50s

Life is too short to stuff a mushroom.

Shirley Conran