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Torbush Dismisses McCain, Ballard

The decision came after the pair failed to meet legal obligations ordered by a judge in December.

By BRIAN MURPHY
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North Carolina coach Carl Torbush dismissed Ricco McCain and Varian Ballard from the football team Friday for failing to meet community service requirements stemming from a Dec. 4, 1997 assault outside Gotham nightclub.

Torbush and Athletics Director Dick Baddour also recommended to the Office of Scholarship and Student Aid

that the players' grant-in-aid be revoked. "I am disappointed they didn't fulfill their legal obligation," Baddour said Sunday. "Coach Torbush and I didn't have any alternative in the matter."

Orange County District Judge Alonzo Coleman ordered both players to complete 24 hours of community service by Aug. 17.

McCain and Ballard could face jail time for not meeting their sentences.

McCain, Ballard and teammate Greg Harris were found guilty of misdemeanor assault of then-freshman David Beyer in May. Former UNC linebacker Kivuusama Mays pleaded no contest to a related simple assault charge.

Teammates Greg Williams and Stephon McQueen were cleared of all

charges on May 1.

Beyer suffered a broken cheekbone and bruised ribs in the fight, which began as an argument between Harris and a Duke student.

Baddour suspended McCain, a redshirt junior defensive tackle, from all football-related activities last December.

Torbush imposed three-game suspensions on McCain, Ballard and Harris in May and



UNC junior Ricco McCain failed to meet his 24-hour community service requirement.

added community service requirements. Coleman imposed a \$100 community-service fee, restitution and a book report.

"I wish those two young men nothing but the best," Torbush said Friday.

"They made a mistake. I hope they'll get it corrected and go on with life and be successful."

Harris, a wide receiver, completed his



Sophomore Varian Ballard has been dismissed from the football team and could face jail time.

service and will be able to play after sitting out UNC's first three games.

McCain appeared in six games last season and made one tackle. As a sophomore, he played in seven games registering three tackles on defense and special teams. McCain was not listed on the preseason depth chart.

Ballard, a redshirt sophomore defensive tackle, has not appeared in any games for the Tar Heels and was not expected to play this fall due to a knee injury suffered in spring practice.

"We hate it happened, but it happened," Torbush said. "We dealt with it, and basically that's the end of it."

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CAA Delays Student Ticket Vote

The new distribution policy for basketball tickets might not be put to a student referendum.

By LAURA STOEHR
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Students might not have the chance to voice their opinions on the Carolina Athletic Association's basketball ticket-distribution policy until February 2000.

During their campaign for office, CAA co-presidents David Cohn and Hunter McCrossin encouraged students to give input on the distribution process.

"It's unfair that only a select few students are dictating policy for the whole campus," McCrossin said in a Feb. 4 elections profile, in which they suggested a student referendum.

But the pair has yet to make firm plans for a student vote. The new bracelet system will be used all year, regardless of whether students have the opportunity to evaluate distribution policies, McCrossin said.

Under the new system, students would go to the Smith Center on a Wednesday or Thursday, when they would receive a numbered bracelet. On Thursday night, a random number would be picked and printed in the Friday issue of The Daily Tar Heel. Students would line up by number at 6 a.m. Saturday, starting with the student whose bracelet bore the selected number.

Tonya Cureton, a senior from Waxhaw, said students should be able to vote by referendum. "I think students should decide since the tickets are paid for by our fees," she said. "We should have a choice."

McCrossin said he and Cohn had yet to measure what the consequences of a referendum would be, including forcing future CAA presidents to measure student opinion by referendum.

McCrossin said he would not want to use a standard "yes" or "no" referendum. Rather, he said, he would like to put a referendum on the ballot that would allow students to choose one pol-



CAA Co-president Hunter McCrossin said the bracelet system would be used with or without the referendum.

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Mildew, Mayhem Define Lounge Life

Nine students living in the Connor Residence Hall lounge reflect on the living and learning of their first week in temporary housing.

By AMANDA GREENE
Staff Writer

And so they wait.

As exiles from a land which they have yet to call home, nine students in temporary housing at Connor Residence Hall are still playing a waiting game.

Like the other 188 students still left in temporary housing in 14 residence halls across campus, these eight freshmen and one junior transfer are starting their new life at UNC with an extra set of worries.

"I think we're probably having to deal with a lot more than other freshmen here because we're still in transition from our old to our new home," said William Harcomb, a freshman from Houston, Texas.

Finding the "Connor 9" guys at 7 p.m. on Tuesday was hit and miss. Guys drifted in and out from fraternity parties, rush activities and showers while others sat on the couches in front of a big-screen television watching "Good Will Hunting."

Their temporary home in Connor is the first-floor lounge. Air-conditioned and towel-strewn, the nine-bed room has only one phone to handle all their voice mail messages and phone calls during the first few days of classes.

Grayson Kasemeyer, a junior transfer from Wake Forest University, said getting phone calls was not the biggest problem. "Mornings are the worst, bar none," Kasemeyer said.

"With so many guys waking up at different times with different alarm clocks, no one ever knows whose alarm is going off."

Kicking one of the piles of clothing near his bed, Kasemeyer complained about another major problem with daily community living: too much

stuff, too little space.

"I'm worried about all these wet towels and the air conditioning because we're already getting mildew in here."

All of the guys said they were not prepared for their lost privacy. "Sometimes you're trying to sleep and people just waltz right through and we're like 'Hello! Somebody's living here!'" said Jason Worrell, a freshman from Rocky Mount.

Maurice Burnett, a freshman from LaGrange, was not as concerned with privacy. "If some of the guys want to come in with their girlfriends, we leave to give them some time alone. It's not really all that bad; all the guys are pretty cool in here."

Greeting Connor with booming tunes at 10:30 p.m., "DJ" Kasemeyer, who brought the only big sound system, played everything from James Brown to gangster rap to liven the night.

Talking about his two-day housing notification prior to leaving for college, Harcomb commented on his anger at traveling so far to go to school and living in a lounge.

"Housing officials aren't giving me or my parents any answers, and most things around here don't seem to be too planned out."

Aaron Bedner, a freshman from Fayetteville, said he felt like the last to know about his own future living arrangements. "I kind of wish the college would just tell us whether or not we are on a moving waiting list, too."

And partially joking, he said, "The way things are now, I would even take living alone in a dank basement somewhere over this."

Responding to some of the students' concerns, Director of University Housing Wayne Kuncel said he did not mean for students to feel deserted.

"The last thing we ever wanted was to leave students in the dark," he said. "We may have to come up with a system restricting the number of upperclassmen returning to dorms because we have a commitment to freshmen."

Connor's permanent residents are also feeling the loss of the use of their only study lounge.

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Freshman Paula McNamara of Burlington makes a phone call from her temporary home on the first-floor lounge of Joyner Residence Hall.

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Wait for Library Funds Stalls Union Renovation

By DEVONA A. BROWN
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The highly-publicized and student-approved expansion of the Student Union may take longer if the adminis-

tration sticks to a plan of renovating the Undergraduate Library before Union construction begins.

But doing so could push back completion of Union — something that would conflict with students' requests,

made in a campus-wide vote last spring.

While funding for expanding the Union, to begin fall 1999, will come from increased student fees taken during the next 20 years, funding for the renovation of the Undergrad is in limbo in

the N.C. General Assembly.

UNC-system lobbyist Clifton Metcalf said the University requested \$9.3 million for the Undergraduate Library. The N.C. Senate approved the funding, while House representatives rejected it.

"That's now in front of the conference committee," he said. "They really haven't negotiated capital (funding which goes toward campus construction). They're trying to determine a starting point."

He said that starting point was deciding the amount of available funds. Metcalf also said nothing would be certain until legislators pass a state budget.

However, a significant delay in those funds for Undergrad construction, scheduled for May 1999, may put off the Union project.

"I had heard that rumor," said Student Body President Reyna Walters. "But I was under the impression that the Union was still on schedule," she said. Walters said Master Plan committee members wanted library construction to begin before Union renovations start.

Speaker of Student Congress Brad Morrison had more to say about possibilities in delaying Union renovation.

"My only concern is that we voted to free money up for construction to begin a certain year and to end a certain year," he said. "It's the Student Union paid for by students. It's the students' decision."

In February, students voted to expand the Union in a referendum, which stated that renovated facilities would be complete in fall 2001.

Students agreed that fees would increase by \$8 per semester during the 1999-2000 school year with an additional increase of \$20.32 to \$21.09, beginning in 2000-2001.

"I have a problem with administration or any outside boards mandating what's done with student fees," Morrison said.

"If that rumor is true, (Union expansion) needs to be presented to students if things are not going to be exactly as it is (on the referendum)."

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BRAD MORRISON
Speaker of Student Congress

Center of Attention

Expansion of the Student Union, scheduled to begin in fall 1999, might be delayed until funding is available from the state to renovate the House Undergraduate Library.



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INSIDE Monday

Head of the Pack



N.C. State University's new chancellor, Marye Anne Fox, will visit the hometowns of some of her

students to understand NCSU's role in the state. See Page 4.

In the Aftermath

Sudanese workers say one of the plants hit in the U.S. bombing attacks produced antibiotics. See Page 6.

Today's Weather

Mostly Sunny;
Low 90s
Tuesday: Mostly Sunny,
Low 90s.

Bring It On

Been reading the newspaper and think you know how to put it together better? Come out and prove it.

The Daily Tar Heel is holding interest meetings at 6 p.m. today and Tuesday in Union 226. Come meet the editors and learn about writing, photographing, editing and designing for your student paper.

Injustice is relatively easy to bear; what stings is justice.

H.L. Mencken