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BSM Remains Quiet On Subgroup Funds

BSM leaders say they will hold meetings this week with sub-groups to explain why funds were suspended.

By DAVE PREMABARDHANA
Staff Writer

Explanations for the Black Student Movement's suspension of subgroup funds remain unknown.

Members of the executive board and subgroup leaders refused to comment Monday as to the reasons for the suspensions until the completion of individual meetings between the two entities.

BSM Treasurer Brian Elliot said Sunday that the BSM had temporarily suspended funds for some of its five subgroups.

BSM President Tamara Bailey said Sunday that each subgroup leader was sent a letter to inform them of the situation and to ask them to schedule a meeting.

Antoinette Kerr, co-editor of the BSM publication, Black Ink, said the meetings would be completed by this Friday. Kerr said that until the meetings took place, subgroup leaders such as herself would not know why their funds were suspended. "Nobody knows any-

thing right now," she said.

Bailey said the reason subgroup leaders were not made aware of the specific issues was because it wouldn't be professional to let them know outside of a meeting. "When you have a problem, you have to sit down and talk about it."

Bailey also said specifics would not be revealed to the public until after they had been discussed in the meetings.

"When there's an internal organizational issue, I don't think it's as important (to) report on what the problems are as much as how the problems are being addressed," she said.

Ishna Hall of the Black Ink said the suspension of funds would not affect the Black Ink's production schedule. Saying he trusted the leadership of the BSM, Kristian Herring, director of the BSM Gospel Choir, also said he was confident the problems would be worked out at this week's meetings.

Herring said that although he was confused and frustrated when he first found out about the suspension of funds last week, he now held a different view. "(The BSM executive members) put us at ease when they said everything will be discussed," he said. "We trust our leaders."

Since the gospel choir's first major event is not scheduled until Nov. 22, Herring said the current suspension of funds would not pose a problem for the

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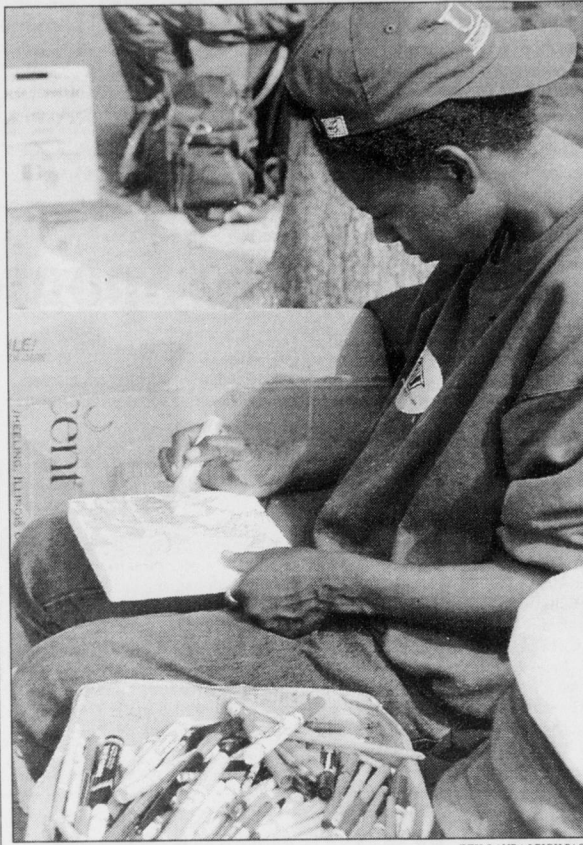
Even though Herring said he did not know exactly what the problems were, he expected they would be resolved at the meetings. "My guess is that we have to rid ourselves of the problems that we have," he said. "Once we rid ourselves of those problems, we'll have those funds reinstated."

Bailey said she expected funds would be reinstated after this week's meetings. Kerr said that upon completion of this week's meetings, the BSM would inform the public on the entire situation through a press release.

Herring said there was a valuable lesson the BSM could take from these recent events. "We all need to concentrate and make sure lines of communication are open among the five subgroups and the heads of the BSM."

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STREET ART



Ethlene Drew, a homeless woman who sells drawings made out of markers and cardboard, says she has been drawing since she was a little girl. She offers her work on Franklin Street for a living.

Attorneys Eye Shift In Venue

The lawsuit involving UNC women's soccer coach Anson Dorrance could move to North Carolina.

By AARON BEARD
Sports Editor

Attorneys for the University and women's soccer coach Anson Dorrance are considering pushing for a change of venue in the \$12 million civil lawsuit filed by two former players against UNC and Dorrance.

If attorneys pursue the change, the suit, filed in U.S. District Court in Illinois, could be handled in North Carolina.

The lawsuit, filed by the families of former soccer team members Melissa Jennings and Debbie Keller, accuses Dorrance of misconduct and sexual harassment.

The lawsuit also named Athletics Director Dick Baddour and assistant soccer coach Bill Palladino as defendants.

Baddour said Thursday that University attorneys were looking into the change of venue.

"I think our position is that the alleged offenses occurred in this state so they ought to be dealt with in this state."

Craig Jennings, Melissa Jennings' father, declined to comment Monday. Louis A. Varchetto, attorney for the plaintiffs, and UNC's Legal Counsel Susan Ehringhaus could not be reached for comment.

Phone messages to Tom Ziko, a state attorney representing UNC in the case, were not returned.

"They're trying to ask the court to decide if this is the appropriate play," Orange-Chatham County District Attorney Carl Fox said Monday.

Fox said changes in venue were pursued by one of the parties in a case if that party felt it could not receive a fair trial. "Most changes are requested because they think the trial will be prejudiced if it is tried where it's situated."

"There's something to be said that it could be advantageous for the University to have it here as it could be advantageous for the plaintiffs to have it there," he said.

The decision will be made by the See JENNINGS, Page 7



Athletics Director Dick Baddour said attorneys were looking into a change of venue in the case.

Town Council To Reconsider Salary Raises

Four council members voted against a 4.75 percent raise in salary for the Chapel Hill town manager and attorney.

By KIM DRONZEK
Staff Writer

A proposed pay increase for two town employees has caused conflicts among members of the Chapel Hill Town Council.

At last Monday's meeting, a 4.75 percent salary increase for Town Manager Cal Horton and Town Attorney Ralph Karpinos was declined by four council members.

The percentage of the annual increase will be reconsidered at the council's Oct. 26 meeting.

The four council members who voted against the pay increase were Joyce Brown, Joe Capowski, Kevin Foy and Julie McClintock.

In a written explanation, the four dissenting officials stated that they were concerned the town staff had not provided the council with adequate analysis of controversial development issues such as Meadowmont.

Meadowmont is a 435-acre mixed-use development that will be constructed on N.C. 54 across from the Friday Center. Years of debate surrounded the approval process for the development.

"There are aspects of town management that we think require serious evaluation and for which we believe there can be significant improvement," members stated.

The five council members who voted for the increase said the manager and attorney had done their jobs well.

Council member Lee Pavao voted in favor of the increase.

"In my opinion, Chapel Hill is served very well by the manager, the attorney and the staff that we have," he said.

The increase in salaries is an issue discussed by the council in closed session and requires extensive evaluations. In comparison, Carrboro town employees have lower salaries than those in Chapel Hill.

Carrboro employees' annual salary See SALARIES, Page 7

Decision on Hall Expected Today

UNC football player Jon Hall was suspended from the team on Sept. 9 after being charged with assault.

By CAROL ADAMSON
Staff Writer

The Department of Athletics plans to announce today the playing status of UNC football player Jon Hall, who has been suspended for two months following an assault charge.

Athletics Director Dick Baddour said an announcement would be made at 11 a.m. regarding the starting right guard's future with the team. "We'll have some information on the Jon Hall situation (at today's press conference)," he said.

Hall was suspended indefinitely from the team and all football-related activities Sept. 15. He could not be reached for comment Monday.

The suspension was handed down

after an arrest warrant was issued in his name Sept. 9 for misdemeanor counts of domestic assault on a female and communicating threats.

Although he received a prayer of judgment Oct. 9, which left no charges on his permanent record, Hall has not yet been reinstated to the team.

UNC football coach Carl Torbush declined to comment on the final outcome of the decision following practice Monday afternoon.

Hall's suspension has kept him out of the lineup for four games against Stanford, Georgia Tech, Clemson and Pittsburgh.

Steve Kirschner, director of media relations for football and men's basketball, said Hall's experience was a valuable asset to the team.

"He was a starter in the first game (against Miami University of Ohio), and that's a position we were already inexperienced in," he said.

"We're a little bit younger; we have less depth without him. He was one of

the few experienced linemen."

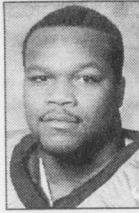
But talent will play no part in the decision, Kirschner said.

"His playing ability has no bearing on whether he'll be returned to the lineup this year or not," he said.

Despite the uncertainty of whether he will return to the team, many of Hall's teammates retained a positive outlook.

Offensive guard Kareem Ellis said he kept in touch with Hall during the suspension.

"I haven't talked to him recently, but I do check in with him just to make sure how he's doing," Ellis said. "He's taking it pretty good, considering."



Offensive Lineman Jon Hall should find out today his status on the UNC football team.

Ellis said Hall was important to the Tar Heels both as a friend and as a football player.

"Anytime a teammate is not at practice with you, of course you're going to miss him," he said.

"The team needs him, and I think he really needs the team."

Ellis said that while the team's depth was affected by Hall's absence, the squad was coping as best as it could without Hall on the offensive line.

"I think the new line we have is doing a good job of adjusting," he said.

Ellis said he would probably be one of the first people to hear of the decision following its announcement.

"Hopefully, everything will turn out the best for us and Jon," he said.

"I'm pretty sure I'll talk to him when it occurs. If and when (Hall is returned to the team), I'll be the first one there to congratulate him."

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CAFE RAMS INTO LENOIR



DTH/SEAN BUSHIER

Katy Bauman and Stacy Shaw serve students at Ram Cafe on the lower level of Lenoir Dining Hall during lunch. The cafe has been open for two weeks and serves specialty coffees and pastries. See story page 4.

Railroad Company Fixes Falling Gate

By RYAN GILSENAN
Staff Writer

Erratically-closing railroad crossing gates over East Main Street and Estes Drive in Carrboro appear to be fixed for now.

The Norfolk & Southern Railway Company, which owns the track, corrected the problem Friday by making electrical repairs to the gates after they closed again Thursday afternoon, said Susan Terpay, an N&S Railways representative in Roanoke, Va.

"We hope this solved the problem," she said. "We followed up with the Carrboro police Monday, and there has been no malfunction."

When working properly, the gates will sense an approaching train and close over the streets to stop traffic. But recently the gates have closed at any time with or without a train, police said.

After an Oct. 1 story in The Daily Tar Heel and community criticism, the railroad has been more responsive to the problem, police officials said.

"(Railroad workers) have been

responding a little bit faster (lately)," Butler said. Slow railroad responses in the past wasted police manpower and aggravated traffic problems, Cpt. John Butler said in a Sept. 30 interview.

Carrboro police respond to closed gates by propping them open and watching for trains until railroad workers fix the problem, Butler said.

A Chapel Hill Transit Bus collided with one of the crossing arms on Oct. 12, breaking the arm off its mount.

The driver of that bus, Brian McJunkin who has worked for Chapel Hill Transit for five years, said on Monday the gates came down unexpectedly. "I was really surprised when it came down," he said. "I don't think there was a train coming. I never saw or heard one."

McJunkin said the gates came down just as he passed under the signal lights. He said the lights did not flash as he approached the crossing like they normally would to signal an oncoming train. "That was very unusual," he said.

No one was injured in the incident, See RAILROAD, Page 7

INSIDE Tuesday

Calling All Students

Applications for the Joanna Howell Fund are now available. The fund allows any UNC undergraduate student to write an enterprise story that will be published in the DTH. See Page 2.

Just Shaggin' Along

The shag is just as Southern as shrimp and grits. A whole culture has been built up around the more than 100 varieties of the dance and that old beach music. See Page 5.

Moving Time

The Cape Hatteras Lighthouse faces a change if Congress passes the budget today. The bill would provide \$9.8 million to move the structure away from damaging waves. See Page 7.

Today's Weather

Mostly sunny;
Mid 70s
Wednesday: Partly
cloudy; mid 60s.

If one is forever cautious, can one remain a human being?

Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn