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Clinton Questions Charges; Prosecutors Answer Back

The House Republicans and President Bill Clinton's legal counsel did not file any immediate motions.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Clinton and House Republicans clashed in impeachment trial papers Monday, the White House claiming that perjury and obstruction allegations fall short of high

crimes and misdemeanors and GOP lawmakers rebutting: "If this is not enough, what is?"

Clinton denied "each and every allegation" in the House-passed articles of impeachment. The House, in papers filed a few hours later with the Senate, insisted the evidence against the nation's 42nd president "overwhelmingly supports both charges," perjury and obstruction of justice.

The documents were filed in advance of opening trial arguments, set for Thursday with Chief Justice William

Rehnquist presiding.

Clinton's lawyers decided to forgo filing a motion seeking to dismiss the case, although officials suggested they would make that motion after both sides had finished presenting evidence.



President Clinton supporters said the allegations were not impeachable.

The House also decided against filing any immediate motions, although lawmakers are certain to seek permission from the Senate later to call witnesses.

The papers were filed as key House lawmakers met privately to plan the formal presentation of their case. "We will do a very good job and then when we reach the point of asking for witnesses, we think the senators will be in a more generous mood having heard our case," said Rep. Henry Hyde, R-Ill., point man in the impeachment effort.

In a conclusion to its 105-page filing,

the House termed the impeachment battle a "defining moment for the presidency." If Clinton is not convicted, "then no House of Representatives will ever be able to impeach again and no Senate will ever convict. The bar will be so high that only a convicted felon or a traitor will need to be concerned," the GOP prosecutor-lawmakers wrote.

Several of Clinton's defenders in the House said the allegations against Clinton did not warrant impeachment. And even Republican senators concede that a two-thirds majority of the Senate

appears unlikely to convict Clinton and remove him from office.

Vice President Al Gore predicted Monday that the Senate would not do so. "What the president did was wrong," Gore said. "He's acknowledged that, asked for forgiveness. But what he did falls far short" of misbehavior warranting removal from office.

White House spokesman Joe Lockhart, asked whether the president will personally answer questions at his Senate trial, told reporters, "I have no

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DTH/JENNIFER GUTHRIE

Amanda Greene (right), student body president candidate, asks Elections Board Chairwoman Heather Faulk about this year's campaigning rules. The Election Board held a candidate interest meeting Monday night in the Student Union to address questions about the upcoming race.

3 More Candidates Join Race for SBP

By LAUREN BEAL
Assistant University Editor

The number of candidates running for the position of student body president has grown to six.

Senior Mandy Greene and juniors Ryan Schlitt and David Fleming confirmed their intentions to run for student body president at a candidate interest meeting Monday night, joining candidates Alex Bass, Brad Morrison and Nic Heinke.

"I know I might be the dark horse,

and not many people knew about me running before," said Student Congress Rep. Fleming, Dist. 19. "But I don't plan to be the dark horse for long."

Fleming said he had been thinking of running for student body president for at least two years. "I actually have a notebook of all the articles from the candidates last year and all their platforms."

Greene, who served as an executive assistant to Student Body President Reyna Walters, said she wanted to increase student leadership power.

"I have a long history with advising

and working with student groups to give them the opportunity and the means to achieve their goals," she said.

Schlitt, Congress finance committee chairman, said he saw the position as an opportunity to reach out to students. "I'm still pretty general about my platform," he said. "But one issue obviously (will have) to do with graduate students."

Heinke, who served as executive assistant to former Student Body President Mo Nathan, said he wanted to make student government "less govern-

ment, more student."

"We're all students, we're not promoted to some higher level, but sometimes it seems that way," he said.

All six candidates said they were looking forward to the campaign.

"I think the race is going to be incredible," Heinke said. "I think we all have the motivation that's necessary."

About 45 students attended the interest meeting to pick up petition packets. A mandatory meeting for all candidates

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Dasher Likely To Leave Post

Student Body President Reyna Walters says James Dasher has not paid some bills since October.

By DEVONA A. BROWN
University Editor

Applications for James Dasher's job of student body treasurer are available regardless of whether he submits a letter of resignation or refuses to do so.

Dasher could not be reached Monday to explain reasons behind his stepping down, but Student Body President Reyna Walters said receiving such a letter was a formality.

"It's more of a verbal resignation at this point," Walters said. "I think everyone — and that's inclusive of (executive) branch members, people outside of (executive) branch and the student body treasurer — realized that things weren't getting done in a time when students were depending on him to go through the budget process (for the 1999-2000 school year).

"As (Finance Chairman) Ryan Schlitt said to me, last year, the student body treasurer carried the budget process, and compared to last year, that wasn't happening," she said.

In addition to not measuring up to last year's treasurer Marc McCollum, Dasher did not pay several bills before their due dates, Walters said. "We have some bills that have not been paid since October," she said, specifically speaking about the executive branch.

But the executive branch was not the only office that has suffered from overdue bills because of Dasher.

Student Attorney General Sabrina Presnell said her office received calls from creditors for May, June and July bills. "They've threatened to turn off our phone, and they've threatened to take our copier," she said. "For us, those are our livelihood."

Presnell said Dasher was supposed to handle her bills during the summer because the treasurer for the Office of the Student Attorney General was not in town. "The summer bills that Dasher was responsible for paying were not paid," Presnell said her office's treasurer made sure bills from the fall were paid on time.

Despite Presnell's complaints, representatives from other groups said they had no problems with Dasher in the fall.

"He's been a real help to us, especially when we had that stolen money incident," Carolina Athletic Association Co-President Hunter McCrossin said. "He was definitely an asset to us." Dasher helped CAA treasurer Kelly Springer regroup after \$2,500 disappeared from the CAA office in September.

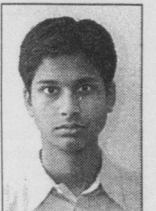
CONCEPT (of colors) President Cori Donaldson echoed McCrossin's sentiment. "As far as the beginning of the fall, everything was running smoothly," she said. "(Dasher) went above and beyond what he had to do."

But that despite substantial assistance from Dasher last semester, Donaldson said she noticed a change in his performance as treasurer.

"It seems like all of sudden, we stopped hearing from him. He said he would perform certain tasks, but he wouldn't follow through on them," she said. "There's been a distinct change since mid- to late-November."

Student Body Secretary Minesh Patel said Dasher's commitment had progres-

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Student Body Secretary Minesh Patel said Dasher's work had slipped since the start of the semester.

Candidates For Board Face Review

Carrboro Board of Aldermen members will meet tonight to select an applicant to fill the sixth seat on the board.

By SALEEM RESHAMWALA
Staff Writer

A physician, a former public defender, a health services worker and the owner of Chapel Hill's Hell bar fielded questions from leaders Monday in interviews to fill an opening on the Carrboro Board of Aldermen.

Dr. Jeffrey Betts, Joel Broun, Doris Bynum and Mark Dorosin were all interviewed after applying to fill the seat

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Prices for Used Books Same On Campus, Across Town

By MARK SLAGLE
Staff Writer

Contrary to the oft-circulated myth that Student Stores charges more and pays less for used textbooks than private booksellers, the actual difference appears negligible.

Ultimately, it is the ebb and flow of market forces that drives prices at both on-campus and off-campus bookstores.

Gina Mahalek, course materials manager for Student Stores, said used textbooks were sold to students at 75 percent of the new book price. When students sell their books back to Student Stores, they will receive roughly 50 percent of the shelf price. Student Stores bases its prices on data it receives from textbook wholesalers in order to keep track of the market, Mahalek said.

"For (Student Stores) to purchase a used book, it still has to be in print, be a current edition and be in reasonably good condition," she said.

Even if the course will not be offered the following semester or if a new edition of the book has been published, students can still receive 15 percent

of the new book price, Mahalek said.

"It's very rare that we reject a book (based on its physical condition)," Mahalek said. "If we have too many of a particular book, however, we will not purchase it."

At the end of each semester, the textbook department sends out a request to all faculty members to find out what textbooks they will be using, Mahalek said. "It's very important that we hear from them so that the books can be accurately priced," she said.

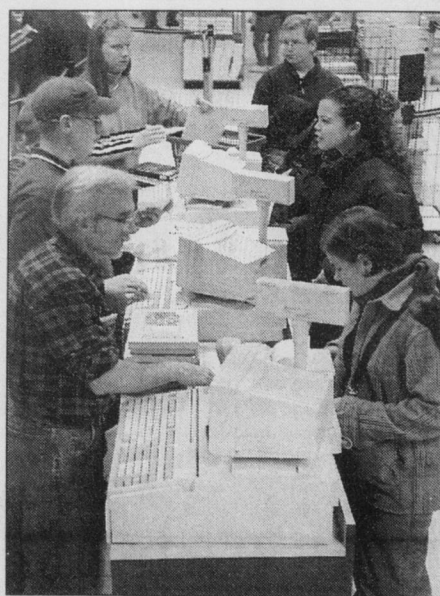
Booksellers on Franklin Street often try to lure students off campus to their establishments with coupons for free pizzas and other enticements.

The prices paid for used textbooks, however, are not greatly different two blocks away from campus.

One such store, Carolina University Bookstore, at 301 W. Franklin St., also offers students half the original shelf price for used books, Textbook Manager Richard Hess said.

"For some widely-used texts, like the Kotz Chemistry book, we will offer more than 50 per-

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DTH/MICHAEL KANAREK

Students line up at Student Stores' cash registers to buy their books for the beginning of the semester.

Jordan Set To Announce Retirement

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Michael Jordan, regarded as the greatest player and greatest draw in NBA history, will announce his retirement from the Chicago Bulls on Wednesday.

Jordan, a UNC alumnus whose final shot last season brought the Bulls their sixth championship of the decade, will retire for the second time in five years, an anonymous source told the AP.

There had been considerable speculation as to Jordan's future since NBA players and owners reached a settlement last Wednesday to end the six-month lockout. But the six-time playoff MVP has decided to retire at age 35.

With NBA players starting to get ready for the season to begin Feb. 5, Jordan was expected to announce his plans before Monday.

Rudeness is the weak man's imitation of strength.

Eric Hoffer