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UNC Faculty Denounce Wachovia Contract

By MATTHEW SMITH
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After professors criticized the rising tide of commercialism at UNC, the Faculty Council has adopted a resolution pressuring officials to renegotiate the University's contract with Wachovia.

Nearly all faculty members voted to approve a resolution Friday criticizing the terms of the agreement, which was originally approved in July.

Under the controversial contract, Wachovia gets to establish a banking facility in Student Stores and becomes the

sole sponsor of the UNC ONE Card's new automated teller machine function.

As part of the deal, Wachovia agreed to pay \$1,000 per month for the building location and \$1,500 per month for the ATM concession. UNC will receive \$1 for every student and \$10 for every employee who opens a Wachovia account and keeps it for at least one year.

"Sure, some of the students would like us to provide some of these services. But the University's responsibility isn't to make corporate partners," Lawrence Grossberg, communication studies professor, said to loud applause at Friday's meeting.

Kenan-Flagler Business School Professor Robert Adler and Vice Chancellor for Financial Affairs Jack Evans made arguments before the council over the nuances and implications of the contract's language.

Evans and his associates had to fend off several hostile concerns from the council.

Adler argued that the contract's language would establish a "branch bank," giving Wachovia exclusive rights to banking services, debit card and credit card operation.

He also said Wachovia's potential ability to display large signs "24-7" within the

Pit and advertise directly to students could seriously impair the "intellectual climate" of UNC and the Pit. "This would destroy the essence of this common space," he said. "(The resolution) is a call for the University as an institution of goodwill to renegotiate the contract."

Evans said that although the term "branch bank" had indeed appeared in the contract, the term "service center" should be included instead.

He said students would have to go to an ATM instead of the service center. However, they could open accounts and receive information at the service center.

"At least one survey said 84 percent of students would like to be able to transfer funds electronically," he said.

Grossberg said the University should not enter into partnerships as it did with Nike Corp., IBM and Coca-Cola despite the possible benefits to students.

Evans said Wachovia did not want to convey the image that it was trying to gain a monopoly. "Wachovia has explicitly said they don't want to prevent other banks from operating in the University."

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Faculty Remember Professor

Distinguished Professor of Psychology Robert Cairns, 66, died Wednesday in a car accident in Maine.

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A driving force of UNC's Department of Psychology was laid to rest in Maine on Sunday, leaving a void of energy and scholarship in the University community.

Services were held for Distinguished Professor of Psychology Robert Bennett Cairns, who died Wednesday in a car accident in Maine. He was 66.

A 26-year veteran of UNC's faculty, Cairns also oversaw the creation of the Center for Developmental Science in 1996. In the center, he was able to offer his leadership and expertise on human development and the development of aggressive and violent behavior.

"Through the center (Cairns) brought together many scholars from many disciplines, universities and countries," said Beth Kurtz-Costes, associate professor of psychology and principal investigator for the center.

Kurtz-Costes attributed the creation and realization of the center to Cairns' imagination and pursuit and said the intellectual community at UNC was greatly enriched by his contribution.

Psychology Professor Joseph Lowman testified to Cairns' extensive background at UNC.

"He came here already an established researcher with a reputation and he added to that over the years," he said. "He really was one of our big names."

Provost Dick Richardson said he was particularly saddened by Cairns' death because the Cairns was soon to be appointed the center's director for another five years. Richardson said Cairns had just received a "spectacular review."

"I was looking forward to talking to him about the future of the program," he said. "I think his work will be lasting because it was breakthrough work."

But Cairns was more than an avid See DEATH, Page 6

Hatteras Lighthouse Rekindled

The famous beam was finally relit after erosion concerns forced officials to move the coastal landmark.

By LUCAS FENSKE
Staff Writer

BUXTON — With the setting sun reflecting on the ocean waves, Rob Bolling flipped a switch, the guttural roar of a motor kicked in, and the double beam of the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse once again cut through the darkness.

The light was officially turned off March 1 when the lighthouse was moved 2,900 feet inland from its original location. Fears that erosion would cause the lighthouse to fall into the ocean prompted the relocation project. The ceremony Saturday marked the official relighting of the beacon, which will be open to the public next spring.

Bolling, a National Park Service historian, said this was not the first time the lighthouse had been lit since its move.

He said the movers had briefly turned on the beam after completing the move as a signal for residents that the relocation was safely completed.

Bolling said the move was very controversial among island residents who wished to preserve the lighthouse's history by leaving it in its original location. "But once it started moving, they were really supportive," he said.

Ron and Beth Snelson, of Warrenton, Va., have a vacation home on Hatteras Island. They both agreed that the lighthouse had to be moved but said they would miss its comforting glow.

"We used to be able to see it from our porch," said Beth Snelson. "I just hope we can still see it."

Waiting for the ceremony to begin,



After months of darkness, the light inside the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse was rekindled at 5:15 p.m. Saturday. More than 1,000 people celebrated the relighting. Workers moved the lighthouse 2,900 feet inland to protect it from the potential effects of erosion.

Avon residents Fred Pearson and Becky Harmon joined the ceremony's festive mood by dressing as lighthouses. They both wore hats with blinking red lights.

"We haven't been here that long," Pearson said. "But the lighthouse sort of makes me feel that I belong."

Shortly after the ceremony began, Bolling climbed 269 steps to the lighthouse's observation deck.

Peering through the windows at the top of the lighthouse, he maintained a lookout for the green phosphorus flare signaling him to flip the switch.

Bolling, looking out at the estimated crowd of 2,500, said, "It's like a homecoming the way it's turned out."

As the ceremony progressed, people became anxious. The crowd gathered

below the lighthouse, started several premature countdowns and finally belated, "Turn on the light!"

After spotting the flare, Bolling walked over and flipped a simple circuit breaker. "OK, old friend, time to wake up," he said. "Live long and shine hard."

He then looked up at the rotating light and quietly watched it for several minutes. The crowd below broke out into loud cheers as their camera flashes dotted the area.

After turning on the light, Bolling, who had extinguished the light in March to prepare for its move, called the relighting the high point of his life.

"(Switching off the light) was such a

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National Park Ranger Rob Bolling descends the lantern-lit 269-step spiral staircase in the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse.

Seniors Choose Lounge As Class of 2000 Gift

By ANNE DAHLGREN
Staff Writer

After months of brainstorming ideas for this year's class gift, seniors have made their final decision about what their lasting mark will be at UNC.

The Senior Class Gift will be a "Class of 2000" room located in Student Union once renovations to the building are complete. A total of 645 seniors voted online for the class gift, 349 of whom supported the room.

"I'm glad the class overwhelmingly chose one idea," said Senior Class President Danya Ledford. "We had a lot of seniors participate."

The room's design is up for input from seniors, she said.



Senior Class President Danya Ledford said seniors would determine the room's design.

One idea is to create a lounge for students to relax in between classes. "I think the Union room sounds like a good gift for seniors to give," said senior John Gardner, who did not vote. "It'll be a good way for us to give back for many years to come."

But other seniors have different opinions on the class gift decision.

"I think the idea of the room is a little ridiculous," said senior Lisa Valent. "I think the money could be used for something more effective." Valent said she did not vote for the room.

There were three choices for the gift, including a proposal called Millennium Fellowships. This would have created grants to be awarded each year to outstanding sophomores and juniors.

The other option was a proposal to allow seniors to donate money toward a specific academic department, organization or group of their choice.

"The other options besides the room worked more towards other students and enhanced other programs," Valent said.

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Leaders Ponder Fee Structure

Student Body Treasurer Ryan Schlitt says a Supreme Court decision could have a negative impact on UNC.

By MATTHEW SMITH
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Several campus organizations fear their financial futures are suddenly in jeopardy.

Arguments began in the U.S. Supreme Court last week over whether a student's activities fees could be used to fund organizations students did not support, prompting several campus organizations to mull their precarious positions.

Depending on the outcome of the case, "the smaller (campus) organizations will suffer," Student Body Treasurer Ryan Schlitt said. "It will impede organizations from forming. I don't believe campus organizations understand the ramifications this case could bring."

The case, which the court is not expected to rule on until June, involves a former University of Wisconsin stu-

dent who is suing the school because part of his student fees went to organizations he did not support. The Supreme Court could issue a ruling giving students the right not to fund any group that they do not support.

"We'd have to completely overhaul our fee structure," Schlitt said.

Students pay \$64.91 in student fees, most of which goes to such services as campus recreation need-based scholarships, safety and security and Student Union operating expenses, with \$10 going to student government.

The \$10 per student distributed to student government is then doled out among more than 90 student organizations, in amounts varying from nearly \$20,000 to \$200 per organization. If the Supreme Court rules that students can choose where their money goes, student government authority to distribute funds would be severely limited. Schlitt said he worried that the organizational diversity of UNC might be hampered.

Maia Kaplan, leader of the Queer Network for Change, said that although she was not worried about the Supreme Court case now, she felt the decision could have frightening implications for University organizations.

"We do a lot of outreach programs, like talking to area (resident assistants), in addition to regular club meetings," she said. "By restricting clubs' funding, you are just really cutting down on people's opportunities."

She said that if students could choose which organizations not to fund, groups like QNC and other minority groups — those with a stake in changing the status quo — might really lose out.

However, other students said they felt they should have a say in where their money went.

"You should be able to support an organization," said freshman Jared Ford of Tucson, Ariz. "You should be able to give only to what you're involved in."

Another student, who opposed his money going to the QNC and the PEACH Vegetarian Club, argued that students should not have to give money to something they did not use.

"If you want to be fair, then everybody should get money, but this is America and America isn't fair," he said on the condition of anonymity. "I don't go to the QNC so why should I have to pay?"

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Carolina, Speak Out!
A weekly DTH online poll
Do you support UNC's contract with Wachovia?
Go to www.unc.edu/dth to cast your vote.

INSIDE Monday

A Cultural Celebration
Students gathered to participate in dance and vocal competitions Saturday to raise money for the UNC Mahatma Gandhi Fellowship. See Page 5.

Cleaning the System
UNC students expressed opposition to the problems with addressing housekeeper grievances Friday. See Page 5.

Searching for No. 1
In connection with the Destination 2000 Project, The Daily Tar Heel is seeking nominations for the "Tar Heel of the Decade." Who has been the most influential person at UNC or in Chapel Hill during the last 10 years? To cast a vote, e-mail Editor Rob Nelson at rnelson@email.unc.edu or visit our Web site at www.unc.edu/dth.

Today's Weather
Sunny;
Low 50s.
Tuesday: Sunny;
High 50s.

The greatest joy in nature is the absence of man.

Bliss Carman