

Phase II of Union Further Delayed

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Officials predict that Phase II of the Student Union renovation project will not begin until May 13, signaling the fifth time the project has been delayed.

Phase II includes closing the basement and second floor of the Union.

The construction of a new addition to the Union - Phase I - was most recently projected to end in late March or early April. The end date has been pushed back five times from the original June 2001 estimate.

The second phase of construction cannot begin until the new addition is ready for use.

Don Luse, director of the Union, points to a number of causes for the delay of the beginning of Phase II, including state insurance, construction workers hitting rock while digging, the weather and communication problems between University officials and construction workers.

"Everything has to be looked at care-

fully, so there were delays in approval," he said. "The state held this up a little bit."

The construction workers hit rock recently when they were digging between the existing building and the new building. Luse said that problem, as well as some adverse weather conditions, has delayed the project more than a month.

Coordination problems between University officials and the construction workers have also slowed the renovations. Work was not done to satisfaction and needed to be redone, Luse said.

"I think the good news is we're very satisfied with the quality of work that we've been given," he said.

Despite the delays, Luse said the project's cost has not increased.

The Union Underground was closed at the beginning of the spring semester for storage of office furniture and supplies from the old part of the Union that will be closing next. "We have to begin storing some things in anticipation of moving," Luse said.

He said student organizations will be

expected to pack their things into boxes, but they will not move the boxes to the new building themselves.

Student groups will have a maximum of two weeks to move in May.

The Underground will open back up after Phase II of the renovations are complete, which is set to happen Nov. 13, Luse said.

He said Union officials have informed the student body about the status of the renovation by posting signs, and they have been communicating regularly with student organizations that have offices in the Union.

Luse predicted that students would probably experience the most frustration when they have to move.

"The renovation project was designed so we could still be operating while working on the new part so we wouldn't be shut down," he said. "We're still providing everything we've always provided."

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For the Record

The Feb. 27 article "Students Write to BOG, Protest Tuition Hike" incorrectly stated that the UNC-Chapel Hill Board of Trustees approved a \$400 systemwide tuition increase. While other schools have passed tuition increases, the UNC-CH BOT approved a \$400 increase for UNC-CH alone.

The Feb. 27 article "Congress Won't Fill Positions" incorrectly stated that Speaker of Student Congress Mark Townsend has failed to make appointments to the the Carolina Union Activities Board. CUAB does not have a board of directors; Townsend failed to make appointments to the Union board of directors.

The same article incorrectly stated that the board for the WXYC radio station has two seats allotted for Congress members and that both of which remain empty. One of those two seats is filled.

The Feb. 26 article "Committee to Bring Proposal for \$6 Fee Hike" incorrectly stated that CUAB, Student Television and WXYC receive 42 cents of every dollar collected from student fees. The three groups receive 42 percent of the student activity fee, a subset of student fees.

The Daily Tar Heel regrets the errors.

Developments in the War on Terrorism

U.S. Offers \$5M Reward in Pearl Case

The State Department said Wednesday that it is offering a \$5 million reward for information leading to the arrest or conviction of those responsible for the kidnapping and murder of Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl.



U.S. Wants DNA From Bin Laden's Family

The U.S. government is seeking samples of DNA from Osama bin Laden's family to determine if human remains found in Afghanistan belong to the terrorist leader, government sources said Wednesday.

U.S. Plans to Train Many Countries

The Pentagon's plan to send military trainers to the former Soviet republic of Georgia is just one example of the arrangements President Bush wants with countries where al-Qaida or other terrorist networks have a toehold.

Campus Calendar

Today

11 a.m. - Join the **Asian Students Association** in the Pit in celebrating the arts and crafts of Asian cultures. There will be origami and calligraphy demonstrations and samples on display.

5 p.m. - The UNC chapter of the **National Association for the Advancement of Colored People** is holding its general body meeting in Union 226.

5:30 p.m. - **Masala** and the **Carolina Caribbean Association** are co-sponsoring a free live reggae band, **Krucial Movement**, in the first floor of the Student Union.

6 p.m. - The **Black Caucus of the UNC School of Social Work** is hosting the First Annual Black History Lecture Series, featuring Dr. Iris Carlton-LaNey, a professor at the school. The topic will

be "African-American Social Work Pioneers." The lecture will be held at School of Social Work Auditorium. A reception will begin at 5:30 p.m.

7 p.m. - In preparation for the Carolina Indian Circle Powwow on Saturday, the **Alpha Chapter of Alpha Pi Omega Sorority** is having a Native American Dance Exhibition in Room 104 of the Center for Dramatic Arts.

10 p.m. - Carolina Union Activities Board's Film Innovations Committee would like to invite all UNC students to the free sneak preview of "40 Days and 40 Nights" in the Union Auditorium.

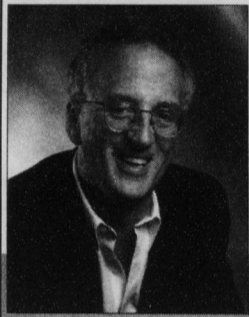
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