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Missing UNC toxic waste found

STATE PROBES REMOVAL OF 2 DRUMS FROM BUILDING SITE

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The N.C. Department of Environment and Natural Resources informed UNC officials Saturday that they located two containers of toxic waste that have been missing from a UNC construction site since January.

Peter Reinhardt, UNC director of environment, health and safety,

raised concerns last week about the whereabouts of the toxic waste created from the renovation of the Medical Science Research Building. Reinhardt said Sunday that he was happy to hear the waste was found.

"They've assured us that it's been found and that it will be disposed of properly," he said. Reinhardt said UNC will coop-

erate fully with NCDENR as it conducts a formal investigation as to how the two containers were removed from the site without authorization.

"Whoever took them wasn't following proper procedure," he said. "We believe they were secure."

NCDENR waste management specialist Phil Orozco declined to comment Sunday.

Reinhardt said that NCDENR officials were unable to tell him exactly where the waste is but that the people who have custody of it must take several steps to properly dispose of it.

They first must do a chemical analysis to determine what is in the 5-gallon and 20-gallon drums.

Then, they must get authorization to transport and dis-

pose of it and contract a waste disposal company.

The disappearance of the drums comes amid a contract dispute over the work being done at the site.

On Thursday, The (Raleigh) News & Observer reported that representatives of Southern Site & Environmental Corp. believe almost 20 employees have been exposed to toxic materials while gutting the building and taking waste to a landfill at Alamance County.

The chemical analysis could

help to determine whether or not the company's concerns are founded.

University officials have maintained that no workers were exposed to mercury, arsenic, asbestos or lead.

The contractors said that while demolishing the building, they identified asbestos and lead paint, which were promptly removed.

The N&O reported that the

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Provost's office to promote Allred

Position shift awaits approval of trustees

BY JOSEPH R. SCHWARTZ
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Bernadette Gray-Little hasn't officially left her post as executive associate provost, but UNC officials believe they already have found the person who will replace her.

Gray-Little was recommended to take up the position of dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, but she won't be given her new title officially until the UNC Board of Trustees approves the move at its March 25 meeting.

In anticipation of the BOT's likely approval, Chancellor James Moeser signed off on Provost Robert Shelton's recommendation to promote Steve Allred to executive associate provost.

Allred currently serves as associate provost for academic initiatives, a position in which he has served since August of 2001.

He noted that he began his current job the same day Gray-Little started her position and that the two were selected by the same search committee.

He also was quick to point out that Gray-Little did a superb job.

"I'm really honored to be given the opportunity to do this," he said. "I hope that I can be as well thought of as Bernadette Gray-Little was in this position."

Allred graduated from UNC in 1974 and returned in 1986 to work in the Institute of Government.

Although Gray-Little's move will be tough, Shelton said, he is happy that Allred is willing to fill the position. Shelton said he believes Allred is ready to take on the new responsibility. "I think Steve has proven himself at all levels," he said.

Shelton recommended Allred after several deans and faculty members requested that he receive the promotion.

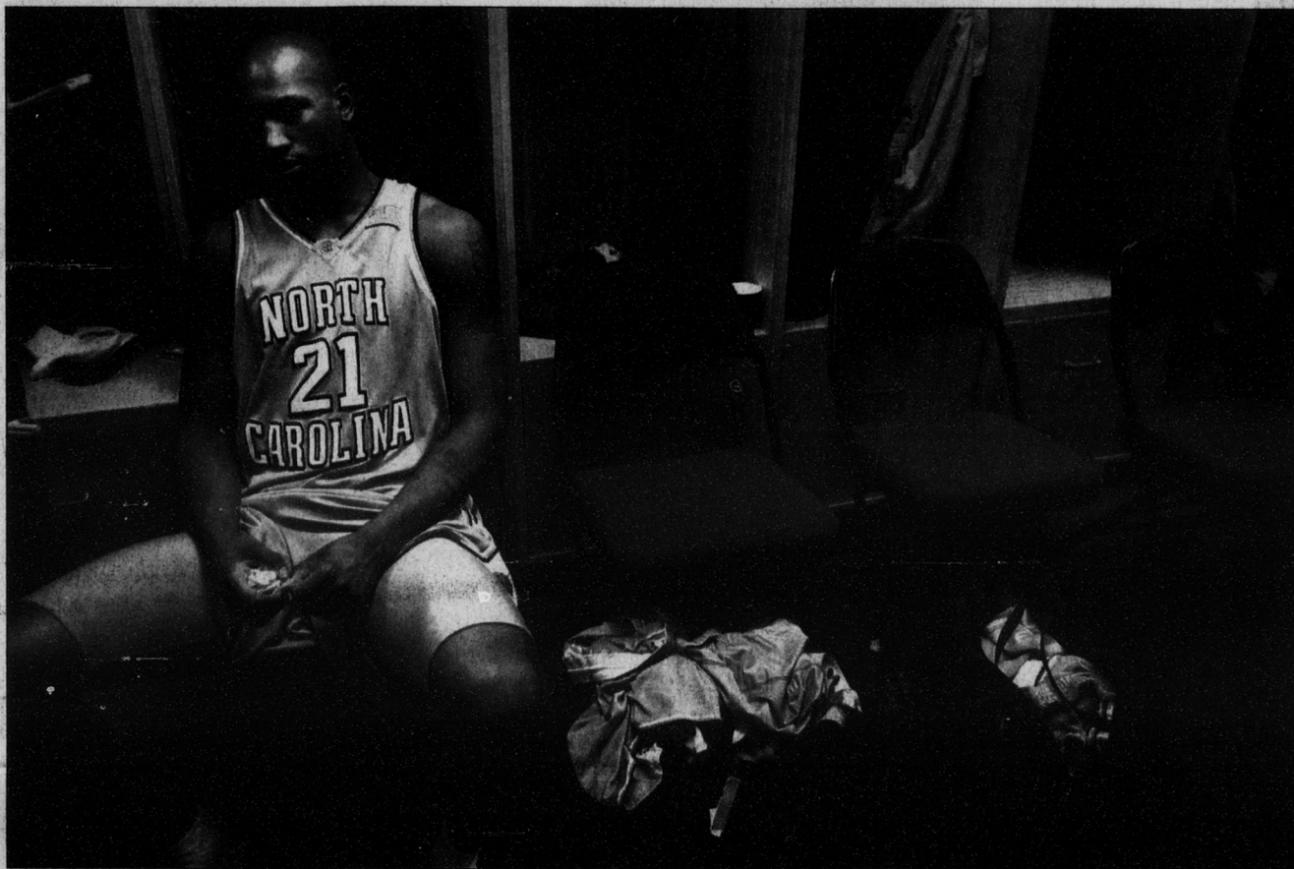
He said he anticipates that the BOT will approve the moves, and an internal search committee will be formed to find someone to fill Allred's old spot.

In the meantime, Allred said, he will be doing both jobs. Shelton said a combined effort will be needed to fulfill all of the responsibilities in both of the jobs.

"We'll distribute those among everyone in my office," he said. "We'll all have to work a little bit harder, but I'm hopeful with an internal search we will fill the position quickly."

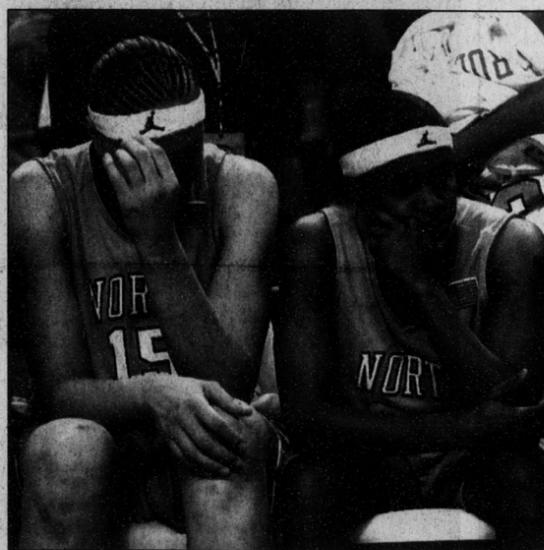
He noted Allred will now work more closely with deans.

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North Carolina junior Jawad Williams sits in the team locker room Friday following the Tar Heels' 83-82 ACC Tournament quarterfinal loss to Georgia Tech in Greensboro.

TAR HEELS LOOK TO MOVE ON



UNC coach Sylvia Hatchell had the women's team, including Candace Sutton (left) and Leah Metcalf, watch Duke's tournament celebration.

For the first time since 2000, both North Carolina basketball teams will compete in the NCAA Tournament. The UNC men's team, which missed the tournament in 2001 and 2002, rebounded this season to earn a No. 6 seed despite a disappointing quarterfinal exit in the ACC Tournament.

Sophomores Raymond Felton, Sean May and Rashad McCants combined for 72 of UNC's points in the team's 83-82 loss to Georgia Tech at the Greensboro Coliseum on Friday.

The Tar Heels (18-10) will take on Air Force in Denver, Colo., in the first round Thursday. No player on the current roster has ever played an NCAA Tournament game.

"Needless to say, we're happy that we're still playing," UNC coach Roy Williams said. "I had the guys over to my home for dessert after practice, and they're very pleased. ... (My wife) Wanda did the whole thing: brownies, ice cream, banana pudding and strawberry shortcake, so you could have about what you wanted."

The UNC women's team, which reached the finals of the ACC Tournament before losing to Duke, earned its third consecutive trip to the NCAA Tournament.

The Tar Heels (24-6) earned a No. 4 seed and will face Middle Tennessee State in South Bend, Ind., on Sunday.

They next could face No. 5-seeded Notre Dame on its home court, the second consecutive year UNC faces such a scenario.

"What I learned is, don't predict what the committee will do because it'll be just the opposite," UNC coach Sylvia Hatchell said.

System budget cuts may affect classes

UNC-CH may cut up to 60 sections

BY STEPHANIE JORDAN
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UNC-system schools say they will feel the punch of budget cuts if the state enacts reduction scenarios that could slash schools' budgets by 1 percent, 2 percent or 3 percent.

"It will certainly have an impact on our academic core," said Chuck Hawkins, senior associate vice chancellor for financial services at East Carolina University. "We've taken hits of \$45 million. We've already taken out everything we

could out of nonacademics."

The deadline for public universities to forecast what likely would be cut if the funding is reduced was originally March 5, but it was extended by two business days to March 9, giving the schools more time to consider their possible cuts. But university officials across the system say the extension does not make the reductions more palatable.

"Cuts have been deep over the last few years," Hawkins said.

"We're really concerned about having the resources for quality education."

"The scenarios we're seeing aren't looking good."

UNC-Chapel Hill also will face a substantial negative impact if any of the budget cut scenarios pass.

"On top of three years of budget cuts, the cumulative impact means fewer teachers, fewer library services," said UNC-CH Provost Robert Shelton. "Any of these scenarios would have an effect on us."

Between 30 and 60 class sections will disappear if a cut is

implemented and the University's average class size also will increase to more than its current average of 32 students per class.

"If you add one or two (students) to a class, does it make a difference?" he said. "At some point it does. As classes get bigger overall, you start to feel it."

Above all, University officials are predicting that reduced class sections might prevent UNC-CH from meeting the expectations of incoming students, which are likely to number 335 more than

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Gerraughty captures NCAA shot put title

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In a result that has become almost routine, North Carolina junior Laura Gerraughty won her second consecutive NCAA indoor shot put title with a record-breaking throw of 62 feet 10 inches at the NCAA Indoor Championships on Saturday in Fayetteville, Ark.

Gerraughty broke her own college record of 62-9 1/2, a mark she set Feb. 29 at the USA Indoor Track and Field Championships in Boston.



UNC's Laura Gerraughty broke her own NCAA record with a throw of 62 feet, 10 inches Saturday.

Along with the USA championship, she has won the ACC title in the shot put and the weight throw, and she was named the

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The Tar Heels fall 83-82 to Georgia Tech in the final second of the ACC Tournament quarterfinal **PAGE 14**

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