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Christian group to sue University

LAWYERS, FRATERNITY WILL HOLD 1 P.M. PRESS CONFERENCE

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An Arizona-based religious liberties group plans to file suit against the University today on behalf of a Christian fraternity whose recognition was revoked for refusing to sign a nondiscrimination policy.

Lawyers from the Alliance Defense Fund will stand by mem-

bers of Alpha Iota Omega in the Pit at 1 p.m. as the fraternity members announce their intent to continue their fight for official recognition at UNC.

"I think that they think it is more important than they realized when they first began to bring this case to public attention," said David French, president of the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education.

FIRE is a civil liberties group that has spent the last month advocating for the fraternity.

"I think that they are realizing that they are at the cutting edge of a really important national issue."

Members of the fraternity have been advised by their lawyers not to speak with the media but will read from a statement this afternoon. The three members of AIO have

remained out of the spotlight as their situation has drawn national attention.

The fraternity refused to sign a nondiscrimination policy, required of all student organizations, when its recognition was up for review last fall. The agreement guarantees student groups access to facilities and funding through student fees.

Members soon enlisted the sup-

port of the Philadelphia-based FIRE after claiming that they were losing their ability to be an effective Christian organization.

FIRE recently brought the fraternity's case to the attention of the Alliance Defense Fund, said Victoria Matta, a spokeswoman for ADF.

The lawsuit will argue that the University must give all expressive organizations equal access to funding and facilities, French said.

"If the University wants to fight

this case all the way, this case will take years to be ultimately decided," he said.

Chancellor James Moeser has said that he does not expect the University to change any of its policies, noting the difficult constitutional issues involved in the case.

"Our policy is legally well-bound; this is the best placement for us to be in," he said during an interview last Thursday. "We are trying

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Campus Y to undergo makeover

Renovations will benefit entire campus community

BY BRIAN HUDSON
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Members of the University's governing board remember the day when the Campus Y was the center of campus life.

The 97-year-old building now sits in a state of disrepair, but officials are hoping that proposed renovations will revitalize the space.

In late July, members of the UNC Board of Trustees approved the allotment of public and University funds for the coming renovation.

According to draft plans, the building soon will be equipped with multipurpose classrooms, a meeting room and food service providers. Plans also call for improvements to the Campus Y organization's office space.

The renovations also will create a new faculty lounge, which will offer a gathering place in the absence of the Carolina Inn cafeteria.

The Campus Y organization, which already includes a broad cross-section of the University, will not be the only group to benefit from the renovation, said Campus Y Director Virginia Carson.

Increased multipurpose space will benefit all members of the campus community, she said.

"Meeting space is inadequate all over campus," she said. "It's a desperate need for student gathering space, work space and meeting space."

The increased number of students drawn to the Campus Y for its classrooms and meeting rooms will enrich the organization, Carson said.

"We're thrilled," she said. "I think it will enable us to do what we do a lot better, and that is good for everybody. We are really limited now by inadequate space."

Derwin Dubose, Campus Y co-president, said he looks forward to the wide variety of people that will be drawn into the renovated building.

"We love trying to be the intellectual hub of the campus and getting as many people as possible ... to enhance the mission of the organization," he said.

During their May discussion of the building's fate, trustees briefly considered moving the organization further south toward the Ramshead Center. It was the argument of maintaining the building as a hub of student activity on North Campus that ended discussions of relocating the Campus Y.

The renovation of the Campus Y building originally came before the BOT in 1998. Trustees then approved the renovation of the building, as long as the \$4.3-million price tag was covered by private

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Expansion benefits local acts

Schoolkids takes records next door

BY JIM WALSH
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Locals in search of obscure albums now have another haven beneath the sign of the fish.

An addition to Schoolkids Records, a stalwart among Franklin Street music vendors recognizable by its red-eyed fish logo, opened Tuesday. Along with a wider selection of used CDs and vinyl records, the space adds a performance stage for local acts.

The new wing of Schoolkids, which is adjacent to the original store, will invigorate businesses on Franklin Street, said General Manager Ric Culross. He noted that the in-house stage will bring a new element to Franklin Street.

"If we can create excitement inside the store, it helps the town," he said. Those in charge of the store installed a stage at the new location to aid local acts and usher in a broader range of live music in Chapel Hill.

"I'm planning on having some fun with that stage," said Drew Roberson, the assistant manager at the new location, who will be booking acts.

Schoolkids has become known for its advocacy of independent music and lesser-known artists. The store strives to accommodate independent record labels and other artists who wouldn't otherwise be available at larger chain stores, Culross said.

"We're definitely not a mall store," said Ken Thurheimer, the manager at the original Franklin Street location.

There is no typical customer, Thurheimer said, but many patrons of Schoolkids are after hard-to-find albums.

"Independent record stores are for people who really love the music," he said.

Many of those in the store Tuesday morning said they enjoy the atmosphere Schoolkids provides, particularly the music played in the store.

"It wakes you up," said freshman Emily Dahl.

The look of the new Schoolkids



DTH/WALLISON MONEY

Members of Los Diablos, on tour from Boston, perform in the new addition to Schoolkids Records on Franklin Street on Tuesday afternoon. The new space includes a performance stage and offers aficionados a wider selection of used CDs and vinyl records.

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University officials tout new facilities

BY LAURA YOUNGS
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After a debate that culminated in the approval of a massive capital projects package for the UNC system, state and university officials are hoping for a brighter future for North Carolina.

In addition to greenlighting a cancer center at UNC-Chapel Hill and a heart and stroke center at East Carolina University, state legislators surprised many this summer by approving an array of projects throughout the system.

"House Bill 1264 will offer citizens who suffer from cardiovascular diseases and cancer world-class facilities in which to be treated within the borders of North Carolina," said Gov. Mike Easley in

an Aug. 5 press release.

"This bill will improve health care across the state and bring high-skill, high-wage jobs to hard-working North Carolina families."

University officials say the projects will boost local economies, state health care and the UNC system.

Before this summer, the state's budget did not allow for a new pharmacy school, and instead resulted in a proposed joint program between UNC-CH and Elizabeth City State University.

But now, with \$28 million at its fingertips to build its own pharmacy school, ECSU can better serve the needs of the state, said Elliott Robinson, vice chancellor for busi-

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Funding for cancer hospital granted

BY STEPHANIE JORDAN
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One out of every three people suffers from some form of cancer during the course of their lifetime.

But thanks to \$180 million recently given to UNC by the N.C. General Assembly, the University's Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center will be better equipped to join the front lines in fighting the disease.

The state legislature is borrowing money to fund the N.C. Cancer Hospital from the Tobacco Trust Fund and the Health and Wellness Trust Fund. The new hospital, an expansion of the Lineberger Center, will receive \$110 million during the first year of construction and the remaining \$70 million during the second year.

Lives will be saved, patient care will improve and experimental therapies will be more readily available to patients.

"We want to have a new center to help patients with a difficult and scary disease," said Dr. Shelton Earp, director of

the Lineberger Center. "It will allow us to become a point in this whole region for novel therapies and novel research."

The Lineberger Center, located in South Campus on West Drive, already is one of the largest of its kind in the country. It also is ranked as one of the nation's best university-based cancer centers.

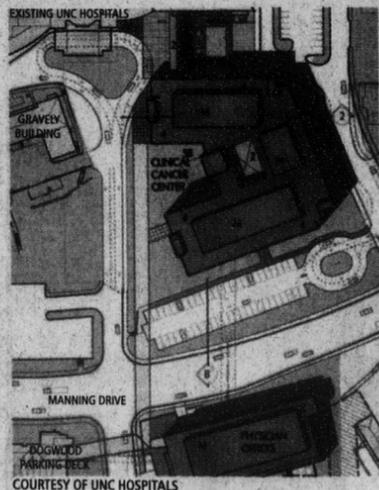
But the center is looking to expand its clinical side of patient care after experiencing a 35 percent increase in visits during the last five years.

Doctors credit the jump to the aging baby-boom generation.

Making matters worse is the fact that the Gravelly Building, the clinical portion of the Lineberger Center, was not originally designed to be a clinical care facility. The growing number of patients puts even more strain on the already ill-equipped facility.

"The clinical facility is too small, too

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