

LAWSUIT

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that is constitutionally mandated in provisions outlined in the Fourteenth Amendment," he said.

AIO's crusade for recognition became the topic of conversation across the campus Thursday.

"I think this is something that is worth a discussion because they are pointing at an area that doesn't always have a cut and dry answer," said Student Body President Matt Calabria, who said he supports the University's stance.

The Campus Y, student government and the Division of Student Affairs are planning a forum for students to debate the issue.

The organizations have invited Mike Adams, a conservative pro-

fessor at UNC-Wilmington who has been an outspoken critic of the University and writes a regular column for Web site Townhall.com.

The Foundation for Individual Rights in Education, which originally advocated for AIO, enlisted Adams' help as a researcher into UNC-CH's history as it pertains to the fraternity's situation.

The Campus Y also plans to invite a professor who represents UNC-CH's views to speak at the forum, said Derwin Dubose, co-president of the Campus Y. "I just hope that the court decides, and the University argues for, what is best for all 25,000 of us, and that we are not catering to the interests of a few."

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PARKING

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are exploring opportunities to ease parking dilemmas.

"We're constantly looking for more park-and-ride facilities," he said. "We may be looking at something south of town which could come online as early as next summer."

The department projects that by 2008, 11 percent of University employees will use park-and-ride lots. That amount marks an increase of 4 percentage points since 2001.

The percentage of employees who have on-campus parking permits is expected to decrease to 54 percent in 2008 from 72 percent in 2001.

Work on the chiller plant and parking deck has taken away 240 spaces from Cobb Lot, and construction of the Craige Surface Lot has eliminated 312 spots.

Chancellor James Moeser said last week that the decrease is an unfortunate but necessary consequence of UNC's Master Plan.

"It is going to be a hellacious situation with the parking during the next two to three years," he said. "(Less parking is the) price we have to pay for our commitment to

greening the campus and making it pedestrian-friendly."

Given the decrease, the public safety department will stress use of alternative transportation, Young said.

"Even with the recent losses in parking, the menu of options that are available to people with regard to arriving on campus are numerous," he said, noting the Zipcar program, Point-2-Point shuttles and Triangle Transit Authority buses.

And some replacement parking is forthcoming. The Ramshad Center's January opening will provide about 700 spots, and the Cobb Lot deck scheduled to open in April 2006 will host 462 more.

Until then, parking will continue to be particularly tight. But Judith Wegner, chairwoman of the faculty, said problems with parking are nothing new.

"I think I'd say most folks are fairly resigned to the realities of the difficulties here."

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REACTION

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recognition as a campus group last year after members refused to sign a nondiscrimination policy required of all official campus organizations. The fraternity also was denied access to campus facilities after not signing the policy.

The Alliance Defense Fund, a Scottsdale, Ariz.-based group, filed the lawsuit Wednesday on behalf of AIO, claiming that the First Amendment guarantees the fraternity the right to discriminate while retaining its status.

In return, University officials have said they must find a balance between the First Amendment and the Fourteenth Amendment, which ensures rights of equal protection.

Rep. Tim Moore, R-Cleveland, said the fraternity, whose code of conduct is based on religious beliefs, should be recognized as a campus organization.

"To not recognize the group is not a good decision," he said.

"I think (the University) should avoid doing things that are going to be so clearly controversial and denying freedom-of-assembly rights."

But Senate Majority Leader Tony Rand, D-Cumberland, thinks the University was right to stick to its policy and deny the group recognition.

"I think the University has to have its rules and regulations," he said.

"It certainly isn't forbidding anyone from associating with anyone they want to. People can certainly meet together and do whatever they please. Freedom of speech is not muted, but encouraged."

Moore said it's unfortunate that lawsuits have to be filed against the University when the state's resources could be better spent.

But both Insko and Rand said they're not worried about the lawsuit hurting the University financially.

"There are lawsuits all the time," Rand said.

Yet, the University's involvement with the lawsuit might alarm state taxpayers and University supporters, Moore said.

"It causes folks who support the University consternation," he said. "It gives us a black eye nationally. It turns citizens against the University, and that's so important because of what the University does for the economy and research."

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GOLD

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behind the podium for the medal ceremony. Foudy, Fawcett, Hamm, Lilly and Chastain stood together at the far left — making them first on the team to receive medals. Hamm blew a kiss to the crowd when her name was announced.

Despite the upcoming changes to the team, it looks to be in promising hands with youngsters Tarpley, Wambach, O'Reilly, Reddick and others.

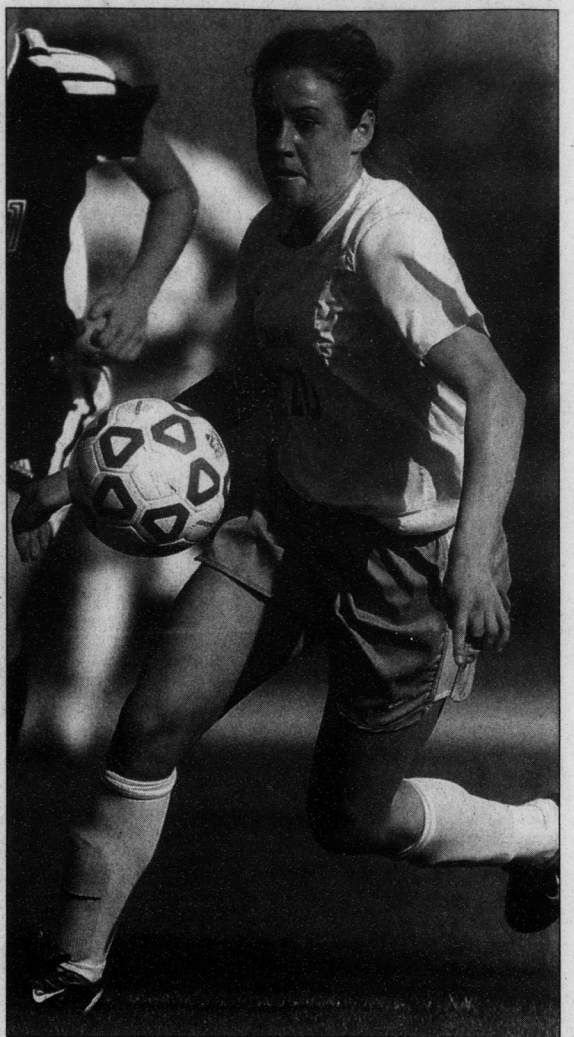
The Brazilians came out playing very physically, pushing and grabbing whenever they could get away with it. Coach Rene Simoes accused the Americans of trying to hurt his players when the two teams met in a 2-0 U.S. victory in the first round last week, but this time his team was clearly the aggressor.

Given Brazil's control of the first half, Tarpley's goal seemed to come out of nowhere. In one of few attacks for the U.S. team, she found space to launch a 24-yard drive that skirted two defenders and curled just inside the left post in the 39th minute. Tarpley got hugs from her teammates and an affectionate rub on the head from Hamm.

In the final minutes of regulation, Brazil was controlling the play, and their goal seemed inevitable.

Cristiane, 19, ran past 36-year-old Fawcett with ease down the left flank, then beat defender Kate Markgraf before sliding a cross toward Pretinha. Scurry could only get a hand on the pass, leaving Pretinha alone for the easy shot to tie the score.

Cristiane was just wide right with a long curling shot two minutes later, then she hit the left post with a 20-yard drive. In the 88th minute, Pretinha beat Scurry with a 16-yard shot, but it also hit the left post.



DTH FILE PHOTO
UNC sophomore Heather O'Reilly propelled the U.S. to the gold medal game with her OT goal in the semifinal against Germany.

STUDENTS

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last March.

Cianciolo said Dashputre followed the standard process of applying to be on the board and doing an interview, rather than having a spot set aside for him.

He said he prefers that method because he believes if seats are set aside for students, they might not take the position as seriously.

"We need a student who is interested enough that they want to come on as a regular member,"

he said. Boards and commissions such as the Planning Board and Community Design Commission would be exempt from having to change their organizational structure because it is dictated by state law.

Timothy Dempsey, chairman of the planning board, said even if his committee could have a permanent student position, he would be concerned about the student's dedication.

"I'm worried that if we dedicate seats, (student members) won't be as committed," he said. "I think a

nonvoting student liaison would be fine. We always need student input."

Calabria said he would not be opposed to nonvoting liaisons, so long as there are students on boards.

"I do think it would be nice to have student position on each board in some capacity," he said. "Someone there to serve as our eyes and ears and speak up for students."

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