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Library takes break from silence

STONE CENTER HOSTS EVENT TO SHOWCASE ITS COLLECTION

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The quiet idyll of the University's most secret study spot was broken Tuesday afternoon — but instead of ring tones or less-than-academic conversations, it was the librarians themselves who broke the silence.

The Sonja Haynes Stone Center for Black Culture and History hosted an opening reception for its library, which opened its doors to students in September.

Filling the normally quiet and secluded study spot were guest librarians, faculty, staff, students and administrators who nibbled

on fruit and browsed the books.

Raquel Cogell, the center's librarian, left her position at Emory University in Atlanta for the opportunity to start a new library at UNC.

For Cogell, the opportunity to work at the Stone Center library was the opportunity to "build something that will last for many years to come."

A number of the shelves in the library are half full with about 7,000 books devoted to Africa, the African diaspora and African-American writers. Some are empty — testimony to the growing nature

of the collection.

Cogell said that she is looking forward to collaborating with the librarians at Duke University and N.C. Central University, and that she also wants to start collecting rare books.

"I would love to make a destination collection," she said. "I really want to make this the first place people think about."

She considered the Martin Luther King Jr. birthday poetry reading — an event that brought together students and faculty who read original writings in honor of King in January — a great success. Cogell said she would like to put together similar programs in the future.

"I really enjoy that part of my job," she said.

Joseph Jordan, director of the Stone Center, said that without the

funding and support, there would be "a nice little comic book collection in here."

Jordan touted the library's quiet atmosphere and resources as a great place for students.

"We're the best-kept secret on campus," he said. "Those (students) that have discovered us have said to us, 'Please don't tell anyone.'"

But Jordan said that although the library is open, the center's work isn't done. "The purpose of a library is to serve," he said. "I want to see lines of people outside the building."

University librarian Sarah Michalak emphasized the facility's resources in both technology and programming.

"This center is a bringing-



University librarian Sarah Michalak browses the bookshelves Tuesday at the Sonja Haynes Stone Center for Black History and Culture.

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Group vetoes cap on tickets

Rules committee won't limit CAA

BY STEPHANIE NEWTON
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Indecision and caution marked the comments of Student Congress members Tuesday night as the Rules and Judiciary Committee discussed basketball ticket allotments for members of the Carolina Athletic Association.

The spotlight recently has been placed on the CAA, which has retained more than 130 men's basketball tickets for its members. Only 40 tickets are reserved for the group through Student Code mandates.

But by a 4-to-2 vote, the committee rendered an unfavorable report on a proposed amendment to spell out a 40-ticket limit to CAA members. An unfavorable report tables a piece of legislation but doesn't kill it.

The committee might revisit the legislation in two weeks if representatives pass a motion to address the issue.

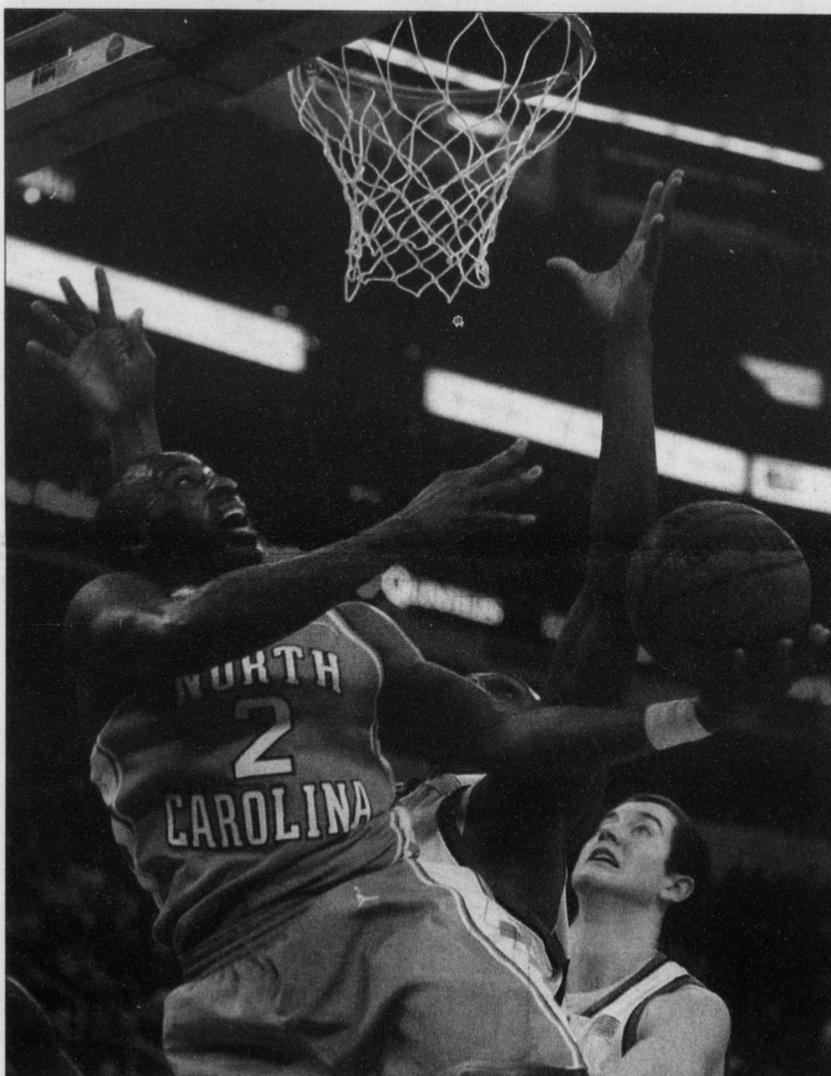
The debated amendment states that before each basketball

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CAA president Lindsay Strunk opposed the 40-ticket limit for her group.

EVERYBODY LOVES RAYMOND



DTH/LAURA MORTON

North Carolina point guard Raymond Felton soars in for a reverse layup during UNC's 81-71 victory against N.C. State on Tuesday at the RBC Center.

Felton poured in a game-high 21 points to go

along with seven assists. The Tar Heels now sit in sole possession of first place in the ACC with an 11-2 conference record — one game ahead of Wake Forest and two games in front of Duke. For the full story, see page 11.

Lottery still key, despite budget plan

Governor still will support effort

BY AMY EAGLEBURGER
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Gov. Mike Easley has been — and still is — a strong supporter of a statewide educational lottery, but he might be hedging his bets in this year's budget proposal.

"Rest easy, my budget will not include an education lottery," he said during Monday's State of the State address.

Momentum has been building in recent weeks for a referendum on an education lottery, as representatives have introduced two bills in the House that would create such a state-run program.

The first, introduced by Rep. Bill Owens, D-Pasquotank, is based on a plan in which individual counties would opt in. The more recent bill, introduced by Rep. Bernard Allen, D-Wake, proposes a referendum that would call for a statewide lottery.

And though the issue was excluded from the budget, that does not equate to a lack of gubernatorial support.

"I don't think that diminishes

(the lottery referendum) at all," Allen said.

Rep. Maggie Jeffus, D-Guilford and co-chairwoman of the education appropriations subcommittee, also said she has little concern that Easley's speech will prove detrimental to lottery support.

Easley has placed the lottery on his budget requests in the past, but when the legislation came to a vote, it failed, leaving a portion of the budget nonexistent, she said.

Jeffus said the governor is probably trying to avoid a similar situation until the lottery's

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N.C. Gov. Mike Easley will not include the lottery in his budget.

Tickets for spouses might be possibility

BY JOSEPH R. SCHWARTZ
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Members of the Graduate and Professional Student Federation are looking forward to the end of basketball season.

Their "wait until next year" attitude has emerged from a year-long struggle to establish a program that would supply students' spouses with tickets to games at the Smith Center — an effort that soon could be a reality.

"This is really a major shift in how things would be done in athletics," GPSF President Jen Bushman said. "But I think their ears are open."

Clint Gwaltney, assistant athletic director for the Smith Center and ticket operations, said that once the dust settles after this season, a newly created ticket distribution advisory group will discuss options for providing spouse tickets.

"It's definitely something that needs to be considered, and we'll do our best to make the ticket situation the best for everyone," he said, noting that it's too early to say if and how such an idea will come to fruition.

Bushman stressed that the block of tickets reserved for spouses would not be drawn from the same pool as student tickets but would come from general admission seats.

Although the push for spouse

tickets emerged with Bushman's constituency in mind, student leaders said any program should also affect undergraduates — meaning the effort's success could have widespread consequences.

Last semester 1,748 students identified themselves as having spouses. This population breaks down into 1,348 graduates, 193 professional students and 207 undergraduates, said Tawnya Simmons, assistant to the registrar.

Justin Johnson, Carolina Athletic Association president-elect, said that he wants to exploring the feasibility of tickets for spouses and that he plans to attend the group's meeting.

Both Bushman and Johnson said restricting such a program to spouses would be difficult, noting that if one student can take a spouse, another might be able to make a valid argument for taking a parent.

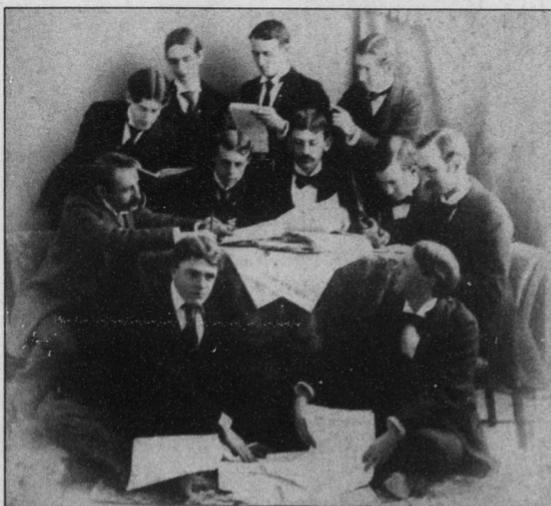
Bushman said a pilot program for early season nonconference

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GPSF President Jen Bushman has lobbied for game tickets for spouses.

DTH celebrates its 112th anniversary



DTH FILE PHOTO

Early staff members of The Tar Heel. In 1893, the Athletic Association sponsored the weekly tabloid that eventually became The Daily Tar Heel.

BY ELANA JONES
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Fifty years ago, The Daily Tar Heel was a curious hybrid of political firecracker and socialite tabloid. Former editor Charles Kuralt's explosive editorials advocating integration of the University were juxtaposed with dance announcements, faux-glamorous cigarette ads and portraits of debutantes.

Since its first publication Feb. 23, 1893, the DTH has weathered censorship threats, litigation battles and editorial changes — even its name has changed. Even today, on the 112th anniversary of The Daily Tar Heel's publication, the newspaper retains the spirit and spunk that once threatened its existence.

"The Daily Tar Heel is such a great institution, such a huge part of life at Carolina — it's been a really great source of news and a high quality paper for so long," said Jennifer Taylor, editor of the DTH's Centennial Edition in 1993.

In 1893, the Athletic Association

"(The DTH) has a rotating cast of characters — it's a work in progress every year."

DAN THIGPEN,
DTH MANAGING EDITOR, 2003-04

agreed to sponsor a weekly tabloid to fill the news void on campus. A founding staff of seven pulled together the first edition of The Tar Heel.

It would go on to demonstrate a staying power of which past publications hadn't proved capable.

By 1920, the paper was publishing twice a week; by 1929, it had increased its publication to three times a week. Under the guidance of Walter Spearman in 1929, the paper began publishing six times weekly,

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