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## Ticket battle to hit court

### CAA FACES COMPLAINT OVER NUMBER OF RESERVED SEATS

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The Student Supreme Court will open its chamber today for the first time in almost six years to begin wading through a dispute between an outspoken member of Student Congress and top officials of the Carolina Athletic Association.

Domenick Grasso — a member of Congress' athletics committee, which has heavily scrutinized CAA throughout the year — has filed formal complaints against the association.

He claims that CAA leaders have egregiously violated the Student Code

by keeping too many men's basketball tickets for themselves.

CAA officials counter that Grasso has unfairly targeted the organization all year and that the Code is out of date. The defense plans to file a motion today to dismiss all charges.

Grasso filed his original complaint with the court Feb. 17 and followed it with an amended version Monday — adding the claim that CAA has not provided adequate documentation of where its tickets are going.

Student Solicitor General Matt Liles' efforts to arbitrate the case failed, so a

pretrial hearing will take place at 9 p.m. today in the Kenan Courtroom of the UNC School of Law.

Four justices will determine if, and how, the case will proceed. Drew Erteschik, presiding chief justice, said it's impossible to forecast a trial timeline.

Grasso contends that CAA has continually failed to adhere to a section of the Code that requires CAA to hold no more than 40 men's basketball tickets for any single game. The complaint references an article published in The Daily Tar Heel

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Student Attorney General Carolina Chavez is required by her post to represent the CAA officials.



DTH/PERRY MYRICK

A worker repairs the Wicked Burrito building, located at 214 W. Franklin St. A downtown group wants a new tenant for the space, vacant since 2000.

## Board wants tenant for site

BY JAKE POTTER  
STAFF WRITER

Members of a downtown board said Wednesday that they are satisfied with recent efforts to fix up the long-vacant Wicked Burrito property but reiterated their wish to have an active tenant occupy the spot.

The Downtown Economic Development Corporation expressed malcontent at its Feb. 9 meeting with the property that has sat empty at 214 W. Franklin St., since 2000.

Spearheading a letter-writing campaign, the corporation seems to have had an effect: Since the letters were first written, workers have been seen repairing torn awnings, pressure washing and painting the building.

The town's Inspections Department also has contacted the building's owners — Lone Star Steakhouse & Saloon Inc. of Wichita, Kan. — about fixing its public face.

The department asked the company if town officials could inspect the building's interior, said Interim Executive Director Nick Didow.

While Lone Star has not contacted the corporation, Lone Star Executive Vice President John White said he has called and e-mailed the town a few times since the corporation notified them of the building's condition.

"It sounds like the town has gotten their attention," said corporation member Roger Perry.

*"Our intent is to develop it. ... It's a valuable property and a good location for a restaurant."*

JOHN WHITE, LONE STAR EXECUTIVE

But Chairwoman Andrea Rohrbacher said the company's efforts to clean up the property might not be sufficient.

"We want an operating business on that site," she said.

One nonprofit organization — the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Children's Museum — already has contacted Lone Star in hopes that it might put the building to use.

Christopher Rice, the museum's site committee chairman, told the corporation that the museum needs to occupy a small site like Wicked Burrito for two to three years.

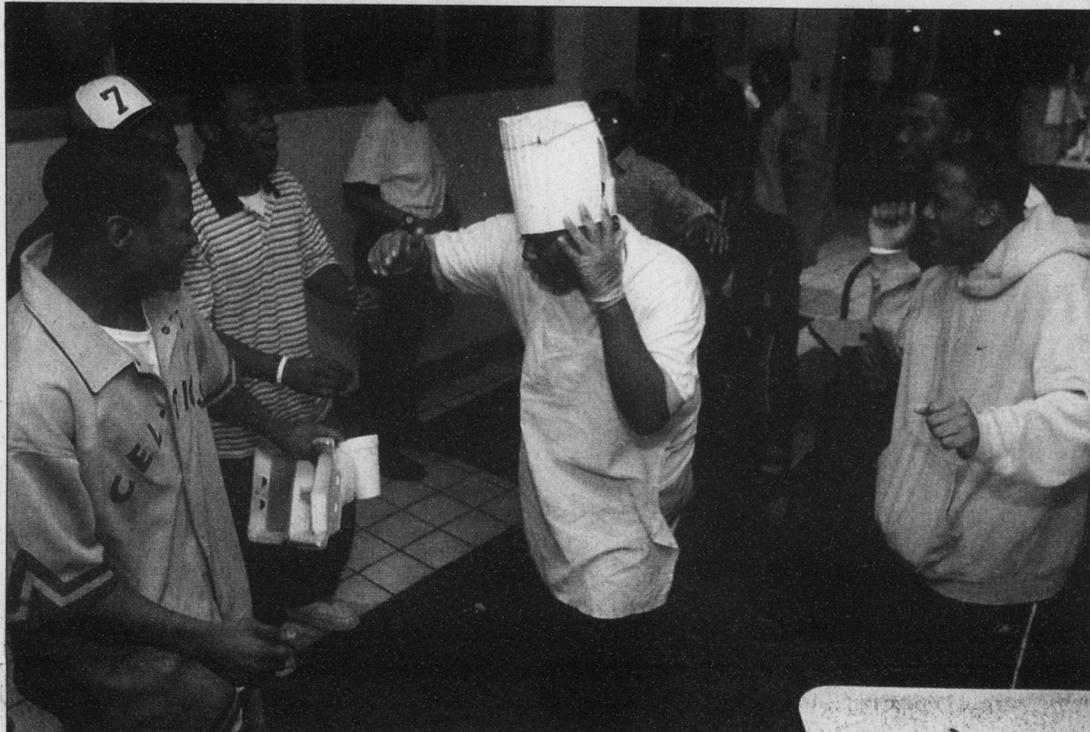
Rice and museum President Jonathan Mills sent a letter to White March 2 in hopes of fixing an agreement that would allow the museum to use the site temporarily.

White said that he wouldn't completely rule out selling the property to a local organization, but that the company has plans of its own.

"Well, you never say never, but our intent is to develop it," he said. "We

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## BRING IN DA FUNK



DTH/SARA LEWKOWICZ

John Watson, a Chase Hall employee, gets down in the dining hall Wednesday night during the farewell dinner for the infamous South Campus landmark. The event included karaoke, dancing and even a food fight. Chase, which opened its doors in 1965, will serve its final meal tonight. Chase is set to be demolished, and the dining facility in the new Rams Head Center,

opening later this month, will serve as its replacement. A long line of students wishing to say goodbye and share their favorite memories snaked out the door, and a banner hanging on one wall allowed the Chase faithful to leave messages in honor of the hall. Most students who turned out for the event reminisced on the building's defining characteristic — its smell. For the full story, see page 11.

*"Democrats have to realize that there will come a time when they'll be the minority party."*

DAVID MILLS, CSF

## Bill would alter redistricting

BY INDIA AUTRY  
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A bipartisan bill filed Tuesday in the state Senate aims to take the political tool of redistricting out of legislators' hands.

Sens. Ellie Kinnaird, D-Orange, and Hamilton Horton Jr., R-Forsyth, are calling for an independent committee to redraw district lines every 10 years.

After every census, states are required to ensure that each district has a comparable number of constituents. The majority party

in the legislature typically uses this process to its advantage.

The committee would examine districts both for U.S. congressmen and state legislators.

North Carolina think tanks from opposite ends of the political spectrum stand behind the bill: the conservative John Locke Foundation and the liberal Common Sense Foundation.

"It's funny," said David Mills, executive director for the Common Sense Foundation. "There are few issues we come to a similar con-

clusion on. It's fairly rare."

Both organizations said redistricting now benefits the party in power, reducing political competition.

Don Carrington, vice president of the John Locke Foundation, said members of the majority party draw districts that will get their incumbents re-elected by ensuring that each district holds enough voters affiliated with their party.

"The current practice is basically, legislators pick their own voters."

Parties also avoid putting two

of their incumbents in the same district, even if they live near each other, because one of them would have to be voted out, he said.

Legislators can use precise computer programming to draw lines that are street-specific and sometimes produce strange shapes that don't run along county borders.

But under the reform, the committee wouldn't be allowed to consider where incumbents live when redistricting, Mills said.

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## History is at heart of renaming discussion

BY KATIE CLINE  
STAFF WRITER

Historical context is key to understanding the lives of many people whose names adorn University buildings, members of a campus committee said Wednesday.

But members ultimately decided that they need further discussion before making a final decision to submit recommendations to Chancellor James Moeser.

The discussion was a key part in the meeting of Moeser's advisory panel on naming University facilities and activities. The group is looking to revise its charter and the guidelines it will follow in making future decisions.

"How do you make judgments on people of the past?" said committee member John Sanders, former director of the Institute of Government. "We shouldn't go back and apply our judgements."

The revisions come after Moeser retired UNC's most prestigious award for women, the Cornelia Phillips Spencer Bell Award, amid concerns that Spencer held white supremacist beliefs.

Moeser requested in February that the committee consider how UNC should treat historic names on campus. That request included suggestions

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## McCants to make tentative return

### Junior guard might see action in ACC Tourney

BY DANIEL MALLOY  
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Apparently, all it took was a little home cooking.

North Carolina's star shooting guard, Rashad McCants, returned to full practice Wednesday after a 2 1/2-week absence caused by an intestinal disorder.

McCants' father, James, attributed the comeback to a better diet.

McCants' mother, Brenda Muckelvene, traveled to Chapel Hill last week from the family's home in Asheville to cook for her son and to aid his recovery.

"It wasn't the illness keeping him back as much as it was the lack of nutrition," James McCants said. "Any time you're going to have a home-cooked meal as opposed to McDonald's and Burger King and all that other stuff, it is

going to help."

McCants has not played or practiced since UNC's Feb. 19 game against Clemson, when he left the contest in the second half due to an upset stomach.

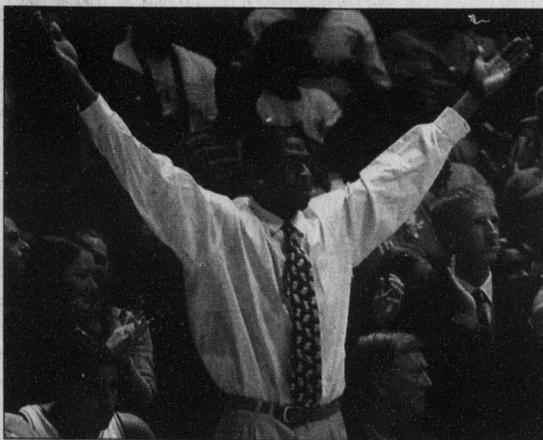
He did not see the floor in the Tar Heels' games against N.C. State, Maryland, Florida State and Duke — all UNC wins. The games were the first four McCants missed in his college career.

But according to James McCants, the junior is ready to get back on the floor.

"This was just a minor setback," James McCants said. "He is a nice, strong, healthy young man."

At his best, Rashad McCants has been the most explosive scorer for UNC — and perhaps in the nation. The guard was named to the All-ACC third team Monday, and likely would have been higher if he had been healthy. Last season, McCants earned first-team status and third-team All-America honors.

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DTH FILE PHOTO/LAURA MORTON

North Carolina shooting guard Rashad McCants returned to practice Wednesday after missing four games because of an intestinal disorder.

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