

Alley turnout in the gutter Handout date moved ahead, still on Sunday

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When the Student Union reopened after renovations in 2004, the Underground bowling alley was touted as one of the exciting features students could access again.

But there are plenty of bowling balls on the shelves and an abundance of unused bowling shoes.

Since the Underground opened it has been unable to make a profit — largely due to old and worn-down equipment.

Don Luse, director of the Student Union, told The Daily Tar Heel three months after the Underground opened that the goal was to break even financially.

But from June 1, 2004 to July 30, 2005, the Underground lost \$32,184, Luse said Monday.

The projected loss for this year is \$76,000, he said.

Now, the fate of the bowling alley is on the agenda for the Union's

Board of Directors to discuss in early 2006.

Luse said in August 2004 that Union officials would reconsider the Underground if it didn't break even.

"We have to take a good look at things," Luse said. "It needs significant improvements from physical improvements — the atmosphere, the checkout counter, the lanes, the billiards."

He said that if the bowling alley remains, a complete overhaul would cost upwards of \$1 million.

Luse said he hopes to see a decision handed down by the board by April.

As of Monday, seven of the 12 bowling lanes were in working order — a number that fluctuates from day to day. Three lanes were working Thursday, and on Saturday the number increased to 10.

Lanes continue to go down because of old age and wear and

tear, but as of Friday, the facility was without its own mechanic.

The automatic pin setters break frequently, and the lanes have been stripped down nearly to the nailheads due to being refinished many times, Luse said.

"We had hoped to fix it when renovations were being done, but when the budget got tight it was something that got left out," he said.

Scott Hudson, associate director of the Student Union, said the only attention that the Underground — which was added to the Union in 1968 — received during the Union's renovation was the addition of sprinklers and life-safety fire alarms as well as new carpeting.

In the meantime, the limited number of lanes has forced the Underground to turn away customers.

Christian Rhodes, the assistant manager of the Underground, said workers have to promote the other

aspects of the facility.

"Our customers are loyal," said Rhodes, a senior political science major from Concord. "They'll play pool or air hockey and not complain too much, but people want to know what the progress of the alley is."

And Shoshanna Engel, a graduate exercise and sports science major who teaches bowling, said she usually has to put six to 10 students per lane, forcing many to wait.

"I didn't sign up for pool, I signed up for bowling," said Christopher Smith, a senior ancient history major from Charlotte.

Luse said he hopes to see the facility more accessible for students in the future.

"We want to provide students late-night alternatives with things to do besides going downtown — especially those under 21."

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Students worried about choosing between watching the Super Bowl and attending the Duke basketball distribution Feb. 5 now can rest easy.

In an effort to accommodate as many sports fans as possible, ticket officials announced Monday that the basketball distribution will be moved to Jan. 29 — one week earlier than originally planned.

Line-up still is scheduled to begin for seniors at 1 p.m., and once seniors receive tickets, underclassmen can line up for the remaining tickets.

Carolina Athletic Association President Justin Johnson said he didn't think the original date would be much of an issue, but moving the distribution would enable students to devote their entire attention to the respective games.

"I don't think it would have been a problem," he said.

"This just makes it easier, especially since a lot of people who want sports tickets are big sports fans."

Clint Gwaltney, assistant athletic director for the Smith Center and ticket operations, said they chose Feb. 5 because it was the Sunday before the Duke game, which is Feb. 7.

"It wasn't a big issue," he said. "It made sense. We don't usually like to try and do distribution on consecutive weekends if at all possible."

This year, officials found it difficult to schedule distributions, as November will see three consecutive Saturday home football games, preventing distributions on those days.

And ticket officials were strained by the need to schedule distributions for this season's 17 home games.



CAA president Justin Johnson, moved the distribution date for the Duke basketball game up a week.

"The schedule's just not really conducive to have all the Saturday distribution dates that we would normally have," Gwaltney said.

Despite the scheduling difficulties, officials managed to keep four of the five ticket distributions on Saturdays.

The first distribution is scheduled for Oct. 29 for games against Gardner-Webb, Cleveland State, UC-Santa Barbara and Illinois.

On Dec. 3, students will line up to get tickets for St. Louis, Santa Clara, UNC-Asheville, Davidson, N.C. State and Miami.

Students can try for Boston College, Arizona and Clemson tickets Jan. 21.

Distribution is scheduled for Feb. 11 for Georgia Tech, Maryland and Virginia.

For conference games, nearly 6,000 tickets are reserved for students and for nonconference games, there are about 4,000.

Because distribution for the Duke game is run differently from other distributions, officials did not want to add Duke tickets into another distribution, Gwaltney said.

"It's always been that way," Johnson said. "The Duke game is the biggest game. We want to try to give every student at Carolina the opportunity to go to it. The best way to do that is to offer it to seniors first."

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Officials tell students to back it up

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The e-mail virus of two weeks ago infected many students' computers, deleting their files — and showing them the importance of backing up their work.

In light of this and other recent attacks, Information Technology Services is leading an initiative to educate University students about the importance of saving electronic files on their computers.

The growing over-reliance on computers and technology has led to many lost files that could easily have been prevented, officials said.

"The universal excuse, 'my dog ate my homework,' of 10 years ago has been replaced by 'my computer crashed,'" said Todd Taylor, director of composition in the English department.

Faculty are working with ITS to inform students of the dangers.

ITS blocks four thousand to eight thousand viruses per day and blocked

about three million spam messages last week, said Jeanne Smythe, director of ITS computing policy.

But she said students must take responsibility for their hardware.

"People need to take their own action," Smythe said. "I can't do enough to totally protect you."

Taylor said that he has witnessed all levels of lost work — even graduate students' dissertations — so he understands preventative measures are worth the time.

Bruce Egan, manager of the Information Technology Response Center, will speak to all English 10, 11 and 12 and Communications 9 classes.

"It is the first systematic attempt to reach an entire class," Egan said.

Officials said it does not matter how students back up their files — just that they do it.

"They can print it off, burn it to a CD, or even store it on an iPod," said Egan, who is still swamped with roughly 140 computers infect-

ed with last month's virus.

This campaign has become the major concern of ITS, Taylor said. He acknowledged that even premier technology such as UNC's Carolina Computing Initiative and Help Desk cannot escape floods of problems.

Workers at the ITS Help Desk have been overloaded with students whose computers are infected by the recent virus — leaving students without computers for up to seven days, Egan said.

The virus hit 25 or 30 machines on the first day, mostly transmitted through e-mails with the subject line "admin alert," Smythe said.

She said ITS officials made it so computers on the campus network could not access the link, but the e-mail still cannot be blocked completely.

She said that because the link and the text kept changing the e-mails will continue reaching computers.

The best way to fight virus attacks is for students to back up

Protect your PC

■ Back your data up on external storage devices such as iPods, jump drives and CDs.

■ Utilize campus drivespace accessible to students from locations both on and off campus.

■ Regularly run virus scanning software that is available for free from <http://shareware.unc.edu>.

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their data, officials reiterated.

"All of us have to work together to protect the systems," Smythe said.

Egan and Taylor said computers tend to crash at the worst times. With the new initiative underway, they said they hope the "worst times" in school will no longer be associated with lost computer work.

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UNC feels effects of drunk driving

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Students stumbled through a sobriety test in the Student Union and drunkenly drove cars into buildings Monday as others watched in amusement.

A drunk-driving simulation, sponsored by the Center for Healthy Student Behaviors, allowed students to experience firsthand the consequences of driving while impaired.

The front of the Student Union was plastered with banners portraying a girl holding a set of car keys, gravestones and a full-sized coffin.

Students sat in front of a panel of video screens and drove a virtual car that responded slowly to steering and braking as if students were intoxicated.

While controlling the speed and direction of the car, participants also had to watch out for various obstacles — including other drivers running stop signs, police cars and school buses.

Shai Ornan, a junior linguistics major, said he was surprised by how the car reacted to his driving.

"I was barely pressing the gas and it would jump up to 60 miles per hour," he said. "I don't condone drinking and driving, but I don't think this has had much effect."

Students also had the opportunity to take a sobriety test while wearing "beer goggles" — modified laboratory goggles that cause distorted vision and impair equilibrium.

Trying to walk on a straight line of duct tape proved difficult for many participants, who could be seen stumbling around in the general vicinity of the line, but came nowhere near passing the test.

While most students enjoyed the simulator and drove with smiles on



David Oudbier (top) of the Save A Life Tour watches freshman Sheena Jacobs in a drunk driving simulator Monday in the Student Union.

their faces, the goal was to educate as well as entertain.

Joshua Corbett, a junior communications major, said that he hasn't had much experience with being intoxicated but that he still took something away from the event.

"I would be more concerned with other people drinking and trying to make sure they're not out there driving like I was just doing," he said.

This is the first year the program has come to UNC.

The simulator is one of only three in the nation and travels to approximately 240 different locations in order to educate students about drunk driving.

"We wanted to bring in something that would stimulate the minds of the students and give them a hands-on experience rather than a lecture," said Morris Godwin, coordinator of substance abuse programs at the Center for Healthy Student Behaviors.

Godwin said he was happy with the turnout.

"Students come in on their way to classes and a lot of them challenge their friends to see who can do it better," he said.

Todd Hittes said he travels around the country with the simulator to educate people about the dangers of driving while impaired.

"I lost my cousin Kimberly in 1987 because of a drunk driver," he said. "I want to make a difference so that doesn't happen to someone else."

David Oudbier, who travels with Hittes, has a similar story.

"I started doing this because both of my parents were hit by drunk drivers," he said.

"A lot of people just see it as a game. Even if you can change just one person's opinion, though, it's worth it."

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Neighbors concerned about UNC plans

Cite Mason Farm road expansion

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Residents of neighborhoods near campus are casting wary glances at UNC's burgeoning growth, specifically at plans to expand Mason Farm Road to twice its size.

UNC is currently updating its Master Plan because of faster than expected progress on campus construction, officials said at a presentation before the Chapel Hill Town Council on Sept. 26.

University officials will hold three on-campus meetings open to residents this week to collect feedback on the updates.

Suggested changes include reducing the capacity of the Bell Tower parking deck from 1,000 to 750 cars.

But the change that caught the eye of close-by residents was the proposal to expand Mason Farm Road from two lanes into four. The expansion was one of two options originally included in the master plan, with the second option being the construction of a separate four-lane road.

At the meeting, University officials had said they were "strongly committed" to the project in order to help ease traffic on Manning Drive and set the stage for the

future growth of South Campus. Some residents aren't as happy with the plan.

Consternation was how Dr. David Lee McIlwain, president of the Mason Farm Neighborhood Association, described his community's reaction.

McIlwain said UNC already had claimed 18 percent of the homes in the Mason Farm area, mostly to build new student family housing units. Now the University is looking to buy another 10 percent of the neighborhood to go forward with the road changes, he said.

"We are astonished that they want more of our neighborhood," he said.

McIlwain said UNC has been willing to ensure that construction was less intrusive on the area, but that overall it has not been open enough to residents' concerns.

"They got what they wanted essentially and tried to placate us with (minor compromises)," he said.

Joyce Brown, a former Town Council member and a resident of Westside, said a newly widened Mason Farm Road had the potential to be a disaster.

The University was trying to "accommodate the cars at the expense of neighborhoods," she said. "I thought that was the opposite direction that the town and UNC wanted to go."

Elaine Barney, a resident of the Westwood neighborhood

Master Plan meetings

- Thursday, noon-2 p.m., 2518 Student Union
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- Friday, noon-2 p.m., 2518 Student Union

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and a member of the Coalition of Neighbors Near Campus, also is wary of the project.

"Some of us are concerned about the impact that it will have, not to mention all the traffic that it's going to funnel from (U.S.) 15-501," she said.

Barney said she would like to attend one of the update sessions to ask more about the project before reaching a verdict on it.

"It's one thing to read about it, but another to ask questions and fully understand it," she said.

Officials hope the meetings will facilitate smoother relations between residents of the campus border zones and UNC officials.

"We have a much better communication with (the residents) now than before, and much of that came out of conflict, initially," said Linda Convisser, University director of local relations. "Now our communication lines are open all the time."

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THE Daily Crossword

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- ACROSS**
- Track shapes
 - Free from doubt
 - O'Neal of basketball
 - Earn
 - Money holder
 - Actor William
 - Ascend
 - Exact opposites
 - Glitzy and glamour
 - Cowboy Ritter
 - Second person
 - Sack
 - Start of a refrain
 - National sport of Japan
 - Deep secrets
 - Maglie and Mineo
 - Demolish
 - Slugger Hank
 - Second moonwalker
 - Crownlet
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 - Lays down the law
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 - Raised rail-ways
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 - Nat'l driver's aid
 - Feet warmers
 - Pawn shop customer?
 - Greek colony
 - Tissue additive
 - Old-time
- DOWN**
- Epps of "Scream 2"
 - Actress Miles
 - Colo. neighbor
 - "Liebestraum" composer
 - Stone monuments
 - Great quantity
 - Arm bone
 - Swanky
 - Lice and ticks, e.g.
 - Oxford or Mary Jane
 - Newman movie
 - Is for several?
 - Gal. parts
 - More than one
 - actress Naldi
 - School collars and jackets
 - Bad luck
 - Small suitcase
 - Zellweger of "Chicago"

- Outlying community
- Latino quarter
- Sprinkle with oil
- Dividing bird
- African pest
- Type of tire
- Constantly
- Heavy hammer
- Ricky and David's dad
- Rakes
- Knightly titles
- Cornell or Pound
- City on the Merrimack
- Pianist Claudio
- Exuding
- More indolent
- Turkish seaport
- Nitrogen, once
- Pose like Charles Atlas
- Hairy humanoid
- Swaddle
- Privy to
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- MS enclosure
- British rule over India
- Actor Wallach
- Jail bird

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