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## Allred vetoes Congress' funding cap

Speaker disappointed, points to compromise

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Student Body President James Allred issued two vetoes Wednesday, rejecting legislation that would place caps on funding for campus concerts and speakers.

The vetoes come in response to two bills that were passed by Student Congress on Feb. 21. The first bill would cap the funds that Congress doles out for campus speakers at \$6,000. The second would limit funds given for concerts to \$10,000.

Allred said he refused the legislation in part because it could damage the ability of student groups to attract the big-

name speakers and performers necessary to draw large numbers.

"I think that putting that sort of cap discourages student organizations from working together and collaborating on events that serve many students at a time," Allred said.

The vetoes mark the second and third of Allred's tenure, his first being a rejection of legislation limiting student government's access to basketball tickets. His predecessor, Seth Dearmin, issued no vetoes.

Congress Speaker Luke Farley, the author of the legislation, said he is disappointed that the bills were rejected, par-

ticularly because he had discussed the legislation with Allred prior to their passage.

Farley said that he compromised in order to draft bills that he thought would pass Congress and be signed by Allred.

"I'm disappointed that even after doing that ... it still gets vetoed," he said.

Allred said that while he attended a budget work session before the bills passed, he never explicitly promised his support.

Congress can override the vetoes with a two-thirds vote at its next meeting, which is scheduled for March 20. According to procedure, the override votes will take place without additional discussion.

At the February meeting, the bill to limit speaker funds passed 11-4, and the bill to limit concert funds passed 9-5.



Student Body President James Allred blocked a bill Wednesday that would have set a limit on student funding for speakers and concerts.

The legislation originally was drafted in response to what Congress termed a budget crunch. The body is responsible for distributing the student activity fee to campus groups, and low funds prompted representatives to examine funding methods.

Despite the fact that the legislation was not signed by Allred, Congress operated under informal limits when it met this

weekend for its annual budget weekend.

The Carolina Athletic Association's request for \$20,000 to go toward a Homecoming concert was rejected, and the group was given \$10,000.

Only two speakers were allotted funds exceeding \$6,000 — Eve Ensler, author of "The Vagina Monologues" and former Sen. Zell Miller, D-Ga.

Farley said that these allocations still are within the spirit of the bill because they allow for exceptions if at least two-thirds of Congress members believe the speaker cap should be exceeded, as was the case in these situations.

A third limit still is up for discussion.

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The expansion of the ACC to 12 schools in 2005 sent a ripple effect through athletics. Fans have seen the impact on the ACC Men's Basketball Tournament via location, donor giving and ticket availability.

## TOURNAMENT'S SCOPE EXPANDS

New schools feed into ticket crunch

FROM THE INVESTIGATIVE TEAM

Clemson fans attending the opening tipoff today of the ACC Men's Basketball Tournament will have given at least \$46,250 annually to their athletic boosters just for the option to purchase tickets.

UNC fans trekking all the way from Chapel Hill will have journeyed almost 680 miles to the Sunshine State for the debut of the tournament, which runs from today to Sunday in Tampa.

And some of the Carolina blue-clad ticket holders shelled out at least \$85,000 in donations to the Rams Club for ticket consideration.

As the ACC expanded from nine to 12 teams in the last few years, tournament tickets have become harder to come by.

This year a book of tournament tickets cost \$363 and gives entry to all 11 games, but aside from students, die-hard fans must donate thousands of dollars to be placed in the running for seats.

Some big donors don't get just any seats — they are up for court-side seats, said Barry Lawing, who has been teaching History of ACC Basketball at Forsyth Technical Community College in Winston-Salem for four years.

"It's hard for athletic departments to turn a blind eye to someone who's going to give them \$100,000," Lawing said.

"Schools have figured out more creative ways to elicit big donors."

ONLINE:

Find out how many student tickets each school sold and how much donors shelled out before heading to Tampa.

Donors dig deep for tickets

A majority of the tickets to the ACC tournament are allocated to universities' booster club members.

Donors at each school are ranked on priority point systems, which take into account criteria such as annual giving, total lifetime giving and years of booster membership.

Members of Duke's Iron Dukes club are ranked on a donation-based point system to decide eligibility for ACC tickets, said Jack Winters, director of the Iron Dukes.

This year each school is allotted 1,700 tickets, except for Boston College, which received two-thirds that amount, 1,133 tickets. This is Boston College's second year as a member of the ACC. Next year the school will receive a full allotment of tournament tickets.

Previously, in July 2004, Miami and Virginia Tech joined the ACC conference.

Where the pie used to be cut nine ways, it's now sliced in 12.

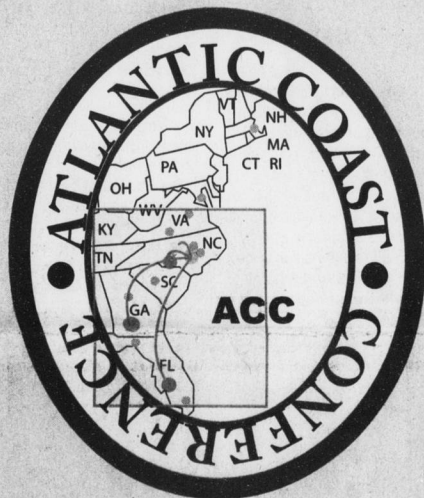
In addition, tickets have declined because of smaller tournament arenas.

This year's tournament venue, the St. Pete Times Forum in Tampa, seats about 20,500 — 3,000 fewer than the Greensboro Coliseum, which hosted the tournament last year and many past years.

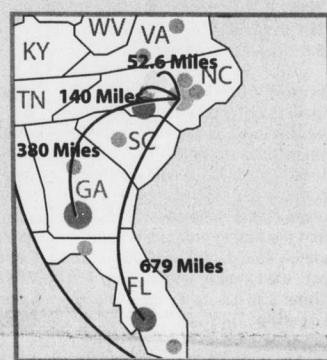
With more schools competing

Distance to ACC Men's Basketball Tournament increases

The ACC Men's Basketball Tournament will be held in Tampa for the first time in the history of the 54-year-old tournament. As the ACC has expanded from seven charter members to a 12-school conference, teams are traveling farther to tournament venues. Last year the tournament was only 52.6 miles away from UNC.



SOURCE: WWW.THEACC.COM



● ACC university  
● Greensboro (2010)  
● Atlanta (2009)  
● Charlotte (2008)  
● Tampa, Fla. (2007)  
● UNC

May 8, 1953

Seven charter members — Clemson, Duke, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina and Wake Forest — withdraw from the Southern Conference and convene in Greensboro to form their own conference — later dubbed the ACC.

June 14, 1953

Seven members meet in Raleigh, where a set of bylaws is adopted and the name becomes officially the Atlantic Coast Conference.

Dec. 4, 1953

The conference officially admits Virginia.

June 30, 1971

South Carolina becomes the first and only school to withdraw from the ACC.

April 3, 1978

Georgia Tech admitted to ACC; (withdrew from Southeastern Conference in January of 1964).

July 1, 1991

Florida State joins ACC.

July 1, 2004

Miami and Virginia Tech leave the Big East to join the ACC, which sought football schools.

July 1, 2005

Boston College joins ACC.

the even smaller venue, said Bobby Purcell, executive director of the Wolfpack Club at N.C. State.

The Charlotte Bobcats Arena only seats 20,200, which is 3,300 fewer than the Greensboro Coliseum.

Purcell projects that N.C. State booster members will need to have given \$250,000 in lifetime donations to be considered for tickets to the 2008 tournament. In 2004, a

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in the ACC, donors clamor to be among the biggest givers so they aren't left out of the tournament action.

UNC's Athletics Director Dick Baddour said donors, in turn, give more money to their athletics booster clubs. Boosters fund athletics scholarships, capital improvements and compensation.

"You know, part of this whole concept of a tough ticket to the ACC Tournament also helps you drive contributions so that you

can maintain your status to get ACC Tournament tickets," said Baddour, who will be attending the tournament.

"But having said that, it's also helpful from time to time to be able to offer it to a giving level that hasn't been offered tickets in the past."

Next year, when Charlotte hosts the tournament, the amount of money N.C. State donors must give to be considered for tournament tickets likely will rise because of

## Students earn festival spot

Will show films at storied Full Frame

BY BENNETT CAMPBELL  
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On an almost nightly basis, nearly every major news network takes a look at one statistic: the number of American soldiers killed in the Iraq War.

But four UNC students decided to take an intimate look at the conflict, and that view won them first place in this year's Student Documentary Shorts Competition on Wednesday night, sponsored by the Carolina Union Activities Board.

Seniors Natalie Palmer, Sean vonLembke, Hans Vogel and CUAB Film and Public Figures Chairman Andrew Carlberg earned a spot Wednesday in the highly regarded Full Frame Film Festival for their documentary, "Men in the Arena."

2007 Student Documentary Shorts Competition

"Chu Prayad" by senior Joseph Marra and junior Habib Yazdi (6 mins.)

"Men in the Arena" by seniors Natalie Palmer, Sean vonLembke, Andrew Carlberg and Hans Vogel (15 mins.)

"Van Mujeres" by sophomores Jennifer Carpenter and Emre Cilem (4 mins.)

"Wholesome Foods" by senior Julia Marden (6 mins.)

The festival, set for April 12 to 15 and held in Durham each year since its 1998 founding, is considered by many to be one of the premiere doc-

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Sophomore Jennifer Carpenter talks to competitors at the contest. Despite losing, the self-proclaimed "Full Frame geek" will get to present her film.

## Senior speech now a concert

Class leaders still in contract talks

BY KELLY GIEDRAITIS  
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This year's Senior Celebration will have a new tune.

Instead of inviting a senior class speaker, this year's class officers have opted to bring musical acts.

"It's going to be Carolina-esque," Senior Class President Meg Petersen said, declining to name the performers because of contractual issues.

"We really want this to be the best of Carolina looking back."

Petersen said that officials are working to bring two different acts to campus for the event but that



Senior Class President Meg Petersen said a concert will encourage seniors to interact more.

details haven't been solidified. The traditional senior class speaker was scrapped because officials thought a musical performance would encourage more interaction among seniors, she said.

"Going to a speaker isn't a celebratory event," she said. "We really want to take the celebration to another level."

The senior class will spend

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### CORRECTION

Due to a reporting error, the Tuesday front-page story, "Home sweet home," incorrectly states the age of Sima Fallahi, an Iranian-born Carrboro woman facing deportation. She is 48. The Daily Tar Heel apologizes for the error.

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**ROADWORK AHEAD** Town Council addresses transportation in northern area

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**GREAT WHITE HYPE**

Going to a beach for your Spring Break? If you've seen "Jaws" or any made for TV movie lately, you should know to look out for sharks.

this day in history

MARCH 8, 1934 ...

A vandal takes more than \$800 in clothing, jewelry and cash from four fraternity houses. Witnesses saw a man flee the scene, but he was not immediately caught.

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