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Report charges deception over meal plan

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University Editor

Editor's Note: This is the first in a series of articles examining allegations presented in Student Government's "Report to Patricia Wallace, Student Body President, on the Mandatory Meal Plan."

A Student Government report released Tuesday denies the necessity for a mandatory meal plan on campus, calling the plan "ill-conceived, unneeded and contrary to students' best interests."

A committee headed by Fetzer Mills submitted the report to Student Body President Patricia Wallace to evaluate the history and reasoning behind the meal plan, due to go into effect in the fall of 1985.

The report states, "We believe we have adequately documented that the current mandatory meal plan began as an idea in the minds of university administrators who were singularly bent upon its creation and implementation in some form despite what studies and student opinion have said."

Wallace delivered the report to Chancellor Christopher C. Fordham III Tuesday. When contacted by phone Wednesday afternoon, Fordham said he had not read the report.

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The report mentions several University administrators and their roles in the development of the meal plan, including Charles C. Antle, associate vice chancellor for business; James O. Cansler, associate vice chancellor and dean of student affairs; and Donald A. Boulton, vice chancellor and dean of student affairs. When contacted by phone Wednesday, all three administrators said they had not read the report, and Boulton and Cansler said they did not receive a copy of the report until Wednesday.

The rest of the Student Government committee

comprised Tom Terrell, former president of the Graduate and Professional Student Federation, and Sherrod Banks, president of the Black Student Movement.

Looking back at the development of the meal plan, the report criticizes the Food Services Advisory Committee, which drew up proposals for the plan to present to the chancellor and the Board of Trustees. "The Food Services Advisory Committee has ignored and misrepresented student opposition to the mandatory meal plan," the report states.

Incidents of student opposition to the plan that the report says the FSAC ignored or misrepresented include:

• A 1982 meeting of the Residence Hall

Association at which the RHA governors voted unanimously against any part of the student body being placed on a mandatory meal plan. After this meeting, then-RHA President Scott Templeton wrote a letter to *The Daily Tar Heel* expressing the opposition.

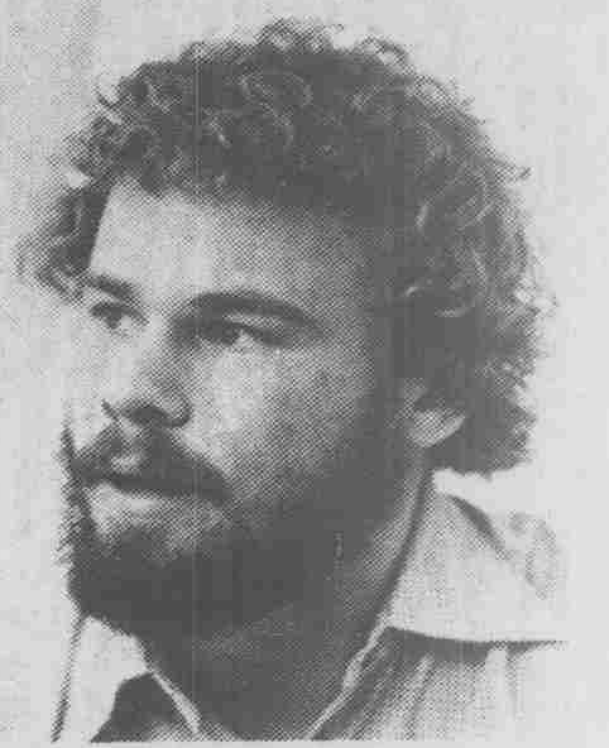
• The Black Student Movement's opposition to the plan, which it told a group of consultants the University called in to analyze the food services situation on campus.

• The Interfraternity Council and Panhellenic Council's opposition to the plan because it would "severely damage the financial stability of the Greek system," an objection they stated when talking to the same consultants.

• Student Government reports and proposals to the FSAC offering alternatives to the FSAC proposal that finally went to the BOT.

The report also states that surveys and studies the administration has cited to indicate support for the meal plan have been misinterpreted.

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Mike Vandenberg

Effect of student views negligible, report says

By KAREN L. YOUNGBLOOD
Staff Writer

The Food Service Advisory Committee has ignored and misrepresented student opposition to the mandatory meal plan, according to a Student Government report released Tuesday.

The report says the FSAC implied that student input led to the implementation of the mandatory meal plan. According to the report, students had no such input.

Opposition to the mandatory meal plan goes as far back as 1980, when Student Body President Bob Saunders said it would hurt the quality of the food service.

"It (the meal plan) did not offer incentive to put out quality food," Saunders said in a recent telephone interview.

The meal plan issue was brought up again when Scott Norberg took over as student body president in the spring of 1981. The Norberg Administration opposed the mandatory meal plan.

"At that time, there was no discussion of compromise," Norberg said. "The proposal was for a full board plan."

Norberg's Student Government presented a report to the FSAC on Feb. 10, 1982, saying that Student Government opposed any measure that would curtail the freedom of students.

"In any case, this university has recognized for some time that a captive audience is neither desirable nor does it ensure good food service," the report stated.

The Norberg Administration again opposed a mandatory meal plan when

meeting with the consultants Hill, Inlow and Jacobs, whom the University hired to study the food service and to make recommendations.

"The food service ought to be voluntary. It is a matter of free choice," Norberg said. "In the end, we were assured that there would be no mandatory meal plan."

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Norberg added that he thought the administration had acted in good faith.

Mike Vandenberg also opposed the mandatory meal plan when he took office after Norberg. Although he signed the mandatory meal plan agreement, Vandenberg explained in a telephone interview that he signed the agreement only after his own proposal had failed to win the approval of the FSAC.

"I had been fighting the mandatory meal plan all along," Vandenberg said.

According to Vandenberg, the food service on campus was poor and needed changes, but his administration was against a full board plan. Vandenberg was unable to stop the meal plan but managed to work a compromise low-

ering the original cost of \$500 a semester to \$100 a semester.

"We felt we had cut down way back on this (the meal plan)," he said. "It (the compromise) was the best type of bad medicine at that time."

Chancellor Christopher C. Fordham said students had a voice in the mandatory meal plan decision process.

"I was told by the student body president (Vandenberg) that the students were in agreement with the proposal," he said.

Kevin Monroe, chairman of the FSAC during Vandenberg's administration and student body president in 1983, said that the original proposal for a mandatory meal plan went through the administration over Spring Break in 1982 and that neither he nor Vandenberg knew anything about it until they returned from Break.

The original plan then was brought down to something more financially suitable for students, Monroe said.

Students had a good deal of say in the mandatory meal plan process, Vandenberg said.

"We had lots of different meetings," he said. "We had ample opportunity to talk. We even had a special meeting."

"The question that should be asked is if we faced a choice of closing the food service or continuing with it. (But) we certainly had ample opportunity to talk about it."

Students expressed a desire for a meal plan, said Charles C. Antle, associate vice chancellor for business. "The students and the parents all seemed to be telling us, 'Yes, we want a better food service and yes, we realize it's going to cost more,'" he said.

But when asked about student opposition to a mandatory meal plan, James O. Cansler, associate vice chancellor and dean of student affairs, said, "There clearly were (oppositions) all along."

Donald Beeson, executive assistant to Vandenberg, said students did not have much say in the mandatory meal plan process.

"There were a series of forums which weren't well attended," he said. "They (the forums) were just a time for Antle and Cansler to answer questions with justifications on why we needed a meal plan."

"Their (the forums) real purpose was for Antle and Cansler to impose their views upon the students."

In addition to opposition to the meal plan by student body presidents J.B. Kelly, Saunders, Norberg and Vandenberg,

bergh, the meal plan proposal met with opposition by the Residence Hall Association, the Black Student Movement, and the Interfraternity and Panhellenic councils.

The reactions of the different groups were recorded in a section of the Assessment Report of Food Services by Hill, Inlow and Jacobs.

Hill, Inlow and Jacobs said the BSM expressed that "an economical, flexible campus board plan had the potential to attract a number of customers. There was total disagreement with a mandatory freshman meal plan."

The Interfraternity and Panhellenic councils told Hill, Inlow and Jacobs that a "mandatory freshman meal requirement would severely damage the financial stability of the 'Greek' system."

RHA's opposition was quoted in *The Daily Tar Heel* on April 6, 1982, which said: "The RHA Board of Governors voted to oppose any mandatory meal plan at UNC, to support a university-wide fee to cover food service renovation costs and to approve the renovation of Chase cafeteria at their meeting yesterday afternoon. Members of the Board voted unanimously against any portion of the student body being put on a mandatory room and board plan."

Grant Parsons, Arne Rickert and Kelly Simmons contributed to this article.

'Phoenix' granted funding

By GUY LUCAS
Staff Writer

After confusing debate concerning parliamentary procedure, the Campus Governing Council appropriated \$3,295 to *The Phoenix* for a computer and related equipment Wednesday night.

The Finance Committee had recommended an appropriation of \$5,190 for two computers.

Phoenix Editor Chris Simmons said the computer equipment would help improve the publication and cut the amount of time needed to put it together.

David Fazio (Dist. 19) led support of the appropriation. He said the new equipment would free the terminals in the undergraduate library and Phillips Hall for other students and radically reduce the amount of time and travel to Durham for the editors.

Simmons said, "We spend hours in the basement of Phillips just waiting for word programs to become available." He also said *Phoenix* editors had travelled hundreds of miles between the University and the printer in Durham.

Jay Goldring (Dist. 7) said the computers were something to be considered in the budget process and not as a capital expenditure now. He explained the CGC already had appropriated a lot of money since its election in February.

"We're spending some of our surplus, which is low, for this," he said. "We'll be up to spending over \$12,000 for subsequent appropriations this year."

John Nicholson (Dist. 17) agreed. "This is a good bit of money here ... I think it would be best to wait and put it in next year," he said.

But Fazio argued that the appropriation could not wait because if a pending lawsuit against the UNC Student Stores was successful, the computers could cost twice as much next year.

"There's a chance these computers won't be offered at this price (if *The Phoenix* can't get them now)," he said. "So this is really a favor to *The Phoenix*."

CGC Speaker Wyatt Closs (Dist. 10) agreed and said the Council might decide during the budget process that there was no money available for the computers.

"I think we're going to come to the conclusion we don't have the money to give out for a capital expenditure (next year)," he said.

Nicholson maintained his opposition, saying *The Phoenix* was asking for more money than 20 or more organizations got for all of the past year.

The original bill for \$5,000 was defeated 10-9. Fazio then asked for reconsideration of the bill, reducing the amount to allow for one computer. Anna Critz (Dist. 12) motioned for reconsideration but no one seconded the motion.

Debate then centered over whether a second motion to reconsider could be made after Frank Whitney (Dist. 3) changed his mind. The Council voted to suspend the rules of parliamentary procedure and reconsidered the bill.

In other action, the CGC approved a new loan of \$6,250, to be repaid in spring 1986, for

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Anderson wins BSM election

By DENISE MOULTRIE
Staff Writer

Sibby Anderson was elected president of the Black Student Movement Tuesday when the BSM elected a new central committee.

Anderson defeated Tony Martin, a late entry, 109-34.

"I was really surprised," Anderson said. "I wasn't really sure I was going to win because I didn't have time to campaign as much as I wanted."

She said she was really enthusiastic about the job and planned to continue established policies of the BSM.

Tonya Smith, who ran for vice president against Todd Mason, chairman of the Student Affairs Committee of the Campus Governing Council, won by a vote of 103-40. Anderson had endorsed Smith in a recent candidates' forum.

"I am very glad that the people with the most experience and dedication to the BSM won the elections," Smith said. "I don't think anyone can come into an office in the BSM without having been intensely involved before."

In the race for secretary, Janet Roach, also endorsed by Anderson, was re-elected, 102-41, defeating Adriann Howard. During her campaign, Roach said experience with the BSM prepared her for another term.

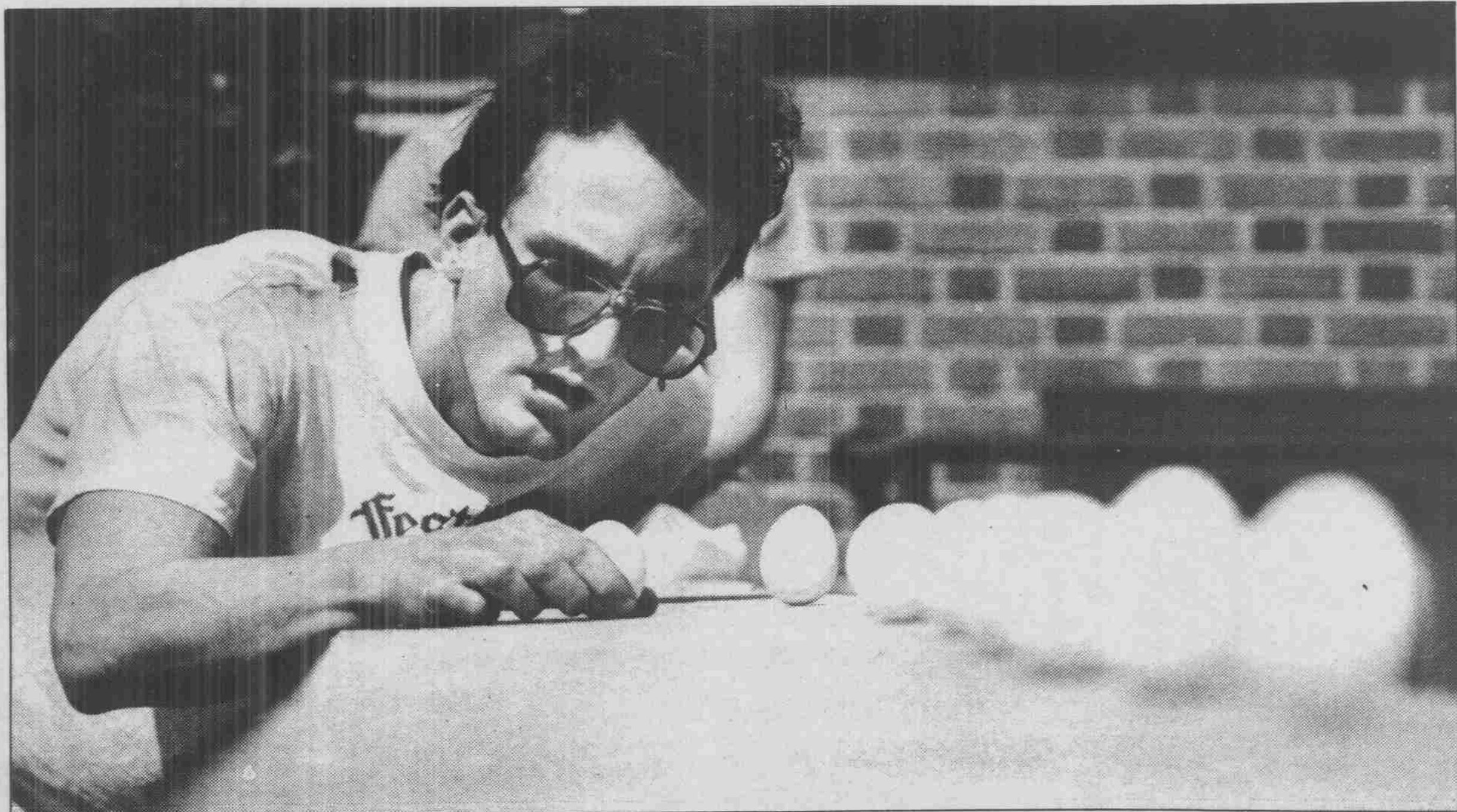
Craig Goodson was elected treasurer, 95-45, in his race against Sallie Davis.

The mandatory meal plan, constitutional funding for the BSM and minority recruitment should head the list of issues for the next year, Smith said.

Sherrod Banks, current BSM president, said he expected Anderson to do an outstanding job. "Having been president of People Against Racism (PAR), she already has experience as a leader," he said of Anderson.

"The job of BSM president is extremely difficult," he said, "and every BSM member should be patient and supportive of her as she grows into her new position."

Balancing act



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Wes Armstrong, a senior international studies major from Chapel Hill, balances eggs on end outside Lenoir

to demonstrate the gravitational differences caused by the spring equinox.

UNC plans contract changes for SAC opening

By RANDY FARMER
Staff Writer

On Feb. 24, Tar Heel basketball fans celebrated as the men's basketball team played its "last game" in Carmichael Auditorium.

But the celebration of victorious Tar Heels in Carmichael may not be over.

Under the current contract between the University and the Paul N. Howard Contracting Company, the Tar Heels will be back in Carmichael next fall because the entire Student Activities Center may not be completed, said Farris W. Womack, vice chancellor of business and finance. The original contract between the University and Howard Contractors calls for the basketball arena and the swimming area in the SAC to be completed as one project, Womack said.

"The contractor told the University that the whole building (SAC) may not be completed by next basketball season," Womack said.

Presently, the University is preparing to ask the contractor to take on the SAC as two projects, he said. One project would be the arena, and the other would be the swimming area.

In the request for a change in the SAC contract, the University will send a change of order form to the contractor, which will ask for an alteration from the original plan. Womack said the contractor conceivably could charge for the change in the contract or could add no charge at all. Once the contractor makes his decision, the change of order comes back to the University for decline or acceptance.

Hampton L. Austin, press agent for Howard

Contractors, said he could not comment on the situation because his company had not seen the change of order.

In addition to sending a change of order, the Board of Trustees has passed a beneficial occupancy resolution that would allow the basketball team to play in the arena before the entire SAC is completed, said Susan Ehringhaus, assistant to the chancellor.

Womack said the BOT passed the resolution as a consideration in case the entire SAC was not completed before the 1985-86 men's basketball season.

Selwyn N. Bryant, director of engineering and construction, said, "The Board of Trustees passed the beneficial occupancy rule as a safety valve in case the project could not be completed before the basketball season."

Thursday night your stockings needed mending — The Beatles