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Smith Center shows deficit for first year of business

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Despite a deficit of about \$120,000 for the Smith Center's first year of operation, director Steve Camp said he's optimistic about the arena's future.

"It was a much greater deficit than I had hoped for," Camp said Tuesday, "but we're not here to make money."

Since profits from basketball ticket sales go to the University's athletic department, concerts are the primary source of income for the Smith

Center.

Last year, planners didn't have time to attract enough events to break even, Camp said, and the staff was uncertain of the new building's facilities.

Also, much of the concert season was lost last year because officials were not confident that the Smith Center's air conditioning would work.

"We were more concerned about doing things in a first-class manner than in making a lot of money," he

said.

Camp is optimistic about this year's schedule, which will include at least eight non-athletic events each semester. Officials will probably choose to hold concerts, because they provide the most revenue.

But raising the \$600,000 to \$800,000 needed each year for the Smith Center to break even is a difficult task, Camp said.

All of the money from basketball ticket sales goes to the athletic department, mostly to support the

basketball program and the 24 non-revenue varsity sports.

According to Beth Miller, assistant athletic director for non-revenue sports, a little more than \$100,000 in profits is made from each regular season conference game.

The money from the games has been used to avoid drastic cutbacks in the non-revenue sports program, Miller said. Without the funds, she said the program would have suffered from inflation and the decrease in radio and television sponsorship that

began several years ago.

So the Smith Center must rely on the somewhat risky entertainment business to make its money.

Despite big draws such as last year's three Genesis concerts, which generated a total of nearly \$200,000 in profits, Camp said making money for the center is not easy.

Profits are usually close to \$50,000 per concert, and often much less. That's why 14 to 20 shows each year are needed to break even.

One possibility is holding conven-

tions in the spring or summer, Camp said, avoiding the competition of basketball games.

He said he would also like to work on a draping system to cover the upper section, making the arena more versatile for smaller attractions.

However, Camp remained cautious about future plans.

Camp said he would be satisfied if Smith Center can pull its own weight financially, without burdening the athletic department.



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Benched

Lisa Lackmann, a first-year graduate student in social work from Winston-Salem, relaxes between classes with a magazine and a

soda in the Arboretum. A sprinkler in the background cools a jogger early Tuesday afternoon.

Committee wants cuts in BSM budget

By MARK FOLK
Staff Writer

The Student Congress Finance Committee decided Wednesday night to recommend that the Black Student Movement's budget request be cut from \$22,240 to \$17,640.

The full congress will vote on the request at its meeting next Wednesday.

"I thought they (the committee members) could have been a little more generous," BSM President Kenneth Perry said after the meeting. "But overall, I'm satisfied."

If the congress approves the committee's recommendation, the BSM will receive \$3,400 more than last year, when the congress allocated \$14,240 to the group.

Also at the meeting, the committee recommended that a referendum to raise student activity fees by \$5 be put on the ballot during campus elections Oct. 6.

The permanent fee increase, which would take effect in the fall of 1988,

would help finance a \$460,000 telephone registration and drop-add system.

If the referendum is approved by congress, students will vote on the issue in October.

University Registrar David Lanier, who presented the drop-add proposal, said he wasn't surprised that it sparked a heated debate among committee members.

"Students have every reason to question an increase in fees to pay for this system," Lanier said. "But since the University won't pay for it, we've got to get our funds from somewhere."

The hike in student fees was proposed after attempts to gain funding for the new system from the N.C. General Assembly and the UNC system failed. Chancellor Christopher Fordham has agreed to loan the University enough money from his overhead fund to purchase the

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South, mid-campus dorms hit by two-hour blackout after electric cable failure

By BARBARA LINN
Staff Writer

Failure in an underground, high-voltage electrical cable near Chase Hall caused a two-hour power outage late Tuesday night in the south and mid-campus areas.

Jim Mergner, associate director of UNC's physical plant, said everything electric was affected, except emergency lights in stairwells and elevators.

The blackout affected Avery, Parker, Teague and Carmichael Residence Halls, the Law School, Woolen and Fetzer Gymnasiums, the four high-rise residence halls and Chase Hall.

Wade Davis, superintendent of electrical distribution, said the lights were out from 11:30 p.m. Tuesday to 1 a.m. Wednesday.

Although high-voltage cables are

expected to last 25-30 years, the failed cable was 22 years old, Davis said. The University replaces all cables that are more than 25 years old, he said.

Physical plant workers repaired a splice in the old cable, he said. A splice is a part of the cable where wires are connected.

"We didn't have any major problems (during the blackout)," said Gary Johnson, area director at Ehringhaus Residence Hall. "The biggest problems were people who were trying to study had to go out onto the balconies under the emergency lights, and people had to stay up to fix their alarm clocks."

Freshman Melissa Wooten, who lives in Carmichael Residence Hall, said, "At first it was really scary, and it kept everybody up all night."

"Some people were stuck in the elevator so other people kept holler-

ing to them, so they'd know we hadn't forgotten them," she said.

But no students were caught in the elevators of Ehringhaus and Hinton James residence halls. Johnson said students at Ehringhaus mistakenly thought people were trapped, after hearing students on other floors banging on the elevator doors.

Don McGowan, a sophomore living in Teague Residence Hall, was returning from Davis Library when the blackout occurred.

The path from Davis to his dormitory was completely dark, McGowan said, and he had a hard time finding the way to his room.

"Most people who were out of the dorm when the lights went out just stayed outside until someone with a flashlight helped them find their way back," he said.

Association may approve new site for alumni center

By MICHAEL JACKSON
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An alternative site, near Kenan Stadium, for the UNC Alumni Center is expected to receive final approval from the General Alumni Association this Saturday.

The proposal, approved by UNC's Board of Trustees last week, will be voted on Saturday by the GAA's Board of Directors.

The site, on the eastern side of Kenan Stadium between Stadium Drive, Ridge Road and the Ramshead Parking Lot, was not discussed when the concept of a new alumni center was originated four years ago, said Douglas Dibbert, executive director of the GAA.

"This is a much better site," Dibbert said. "It's a preferable site because of its proximity to campus, easy access and the adjacency of parking (in the Ramshead lot)."

Dibbert said the original concept called for the new alumni center,

the Kenan Institute for the Study of Private Enterprise and a new conference center all to be located near the Smith Center.

The site change will delay completion of the center — which was expected to be finished in late fall of 1989 — but only for a few months, Dibbert said.

"You design a building to accommodate a site, and where the center will be located now will provide opportunities to do things not considered at other locations," he said.

Dibbert also said he thought alumni would be pleased with the center's new location.

"Alumni are concerned about proximity to the main campus, and will be delighted with the activities held in their building before and after football games, commencement, etc.," he said.

The UNC Alumni Center Campaign is funding the center, which

is being built because the GAA needs room to expand, said Karen Arwe, associate director for the campaign.

The campaign's goal is \$8.5 million, and \$5.5 million in gifts and pledges has already been raised.

Much of the \$5.5 million came from special solicitations of members and past presidents of GAA and UNC trustees.

Designed by O'Brien and Atkins of Durham, the center will be named in honor of George Watts Hill, who made a challenge gift of \$3.5 million to the campaign. Hill was treasurer of GAA for 35 years.

The center will be a three-story, 43,000-square-foot building, and will house rooms such as the alumni banquet hall and lounge, to be used for special events and functions, including reunion activities and private parties.

'Conscience of the campus' broadens students' horizons

By KRISTEN GARDNER
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Every Tuesday, a group of UNC students goes to prison.

Another group builds houses for the homeless, and another tutors children in area schools.

The committees of UNC's Campus Y sponsor activities like these year-round, on campus and throughout the community.

Representatives from 27 Campus Y committees set up tables in the Pit Wednesday afternoon to recruit volunteers for the 1987-88 school year.

Campus Y Horizons gave students a chance to learn about and to get

involved in the service organizations sponsored by the Campus Y.

A department of the Division of Student Affairs, the Campus Y is a student-led service organization that sponsors 11 volunteer programs.

The Campus Y is concerned primarily with social issues, Director Zenobia Hatcher-Wilson said, and its programs are both local and global in scope.

"The Y has historically been called the conscience of the campus, because of its emphasis on social change and social justice for everyone," Hatcher-Wilson said.

One of the Campus Y's local efforts is its tutoring program. Committee

members provide academic assistance to students in elementary, junior high and high schools, said committee co-chairwoman Fifi Kashani-Sabet.

"Tutoring is a great way to give a part of yourself to a younger student," Kashani-Sabet said. "It's a way to give back some of what you've learned, not just in school, but as a person as well."

Student tutors volunteer for two hours a week, she said, and can tutor in any subject they choose. Students can also volunteer to drive other tutors to area schools or to serve as an administrative assistant to the committee.

The Campus Y's Women's Forum

is interested in women's issues on local, state, national and international levels, said Jaye Sitton, one of the committee's chairwomen.

Housing and security issues, as well as services for women at Student Health Services, are concerns of the group, Sitton said.

The forum also wants to ensure that women have an equal opportunity to be involved in every aspect of campus life, she said.

"Women have historically been disadvantaged, and through groups like Women's Forum, we can work to ensure equal opportunity for both sexes," Sitton said.

Members of the Campus Y's Yoke-

fellows committee visit the inmates at a minimum security prison in Hillsborough.

"The prisoners are from all walks of life," group member Ritu Gupta said. "They're in prison for everything from DWI (driving while impaired) to murder."

The visits provide an opportunity to learn about the prison system and about a different aspect of life, Gupta said.

"Prisoners are people too," she said.

The Y-Outreach committee sponsors several community service projects, such as Habitats for Humanity and the Child Abuse Awareness

Program.

Group member Sandy Sanford said Habitats for Humanity is a program designed to help people in low-income housing get a house of their own. Students help to build these houses.

"The people who will receive the house are working along with us," Sanford said. "They help on other houses as well. They pay through work hours."

The Child Abuse Awareness Program works through existing organizations, such as the Rape Crisis Center, Sanford said, to educate both children and the community about child abuse.

Virtue is insufficient temptation. — George Bernard Shaw