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Partly cloudy. High 53.

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7 p.m. Carmichael multi-purpose room

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### Yuletide

Anita Galloway, a senior from Brevard, decorates a Christmas tree in her apartment. Galloway and

her sister set up the tree to keep up their holiday spirit during the exam period.

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## Fenner cleared of murder accusation

From Associated Press reports

UPPER MARLBORO, Md. — Prosecutors dismissed murder charges Monday against former North Carolina football star Derrick Fenner in a drug-related shooting, but said they would go ahead with a separate drug and weapons case against him.

Mary Scherstrom, Prince George's County assistant state's attorney, told a judge that the charges should be dropped "because of insufficient evidence."

Fenner had been arrested in June in connection with the fatal shooting of Marcellus Leach, 19, in what police called a "turf war" between rival drug factions.

In a written statement, State's Attorney Alexander Williams said, "Investigators uncovered evidence

that the murder of Marcellus Leach may have been just one of a series of crimes by rival drug factions."

Williams said investigators had "uncovered substantial evidence to indicate Mr. Fenner was not present on May 23, 1987, at the location of the murder."

Williams added, "It is not in the interest of justice to continue with prosecution."

Fenner, who led the ACC in rushing in 1986, had been scheduled to go trial next week.

"Obviously we're tremendously thrilled for Derrick that these particular charges have been dropped," UNC Athletic Director John Swofford said. "We all hate what he has wrongfully gone through because of these allegations and we have great

empathy for him."

Scherstrom requested Circuit Court Judge Jacob Levin to hold a motions hearing on other charges pending against Fenner on Dec. 18, and that a trial date be set for Jan. 25, 1988.

Fenner, 20, had been arrested on cocaine and handgun charges in April in an incident unrelated to the murder.

The former UNC tailback showed no emotion during the proceedings, but outside the courthouse said of his future, "A lot of decisions have to be made. I'm going to talk with my family."

Fenner expressed the hope that he might return to Chapel Hill, saying, "It's where I started."

He also said he could be back for

the spring semester, and added that reports that UNC coach Dick Crum may be leaving would have no impact on his decision.

"I don't think who's there will make a difference," he said.

In order to be readmitted to UNC, Fenner would have to reapply. At the time of his arrest, he was enrolled in summer school in an effort to earn enough credits to get back into the university, having been suspended in the fall of 1986 for academic reasons. Swofford emphasized that Fenner's return was not guaranteed.

"Derrick, of course, is not currently enrolled at North Carolina," Swofford said. "And his readmission possibilities would be handled through the normal university process."

A slightly revised version of the referendum was approved by the congress in November 1986, but failed to appear on last February's ballot because of an oversight, Friedman said.

The same version of the referendum that was to appear on last February's ballot will be used in the election this spring.

Referendums may be placed on the

ballot two different ways, Friedman said. The congress may pass a bill asking for a referendum, or a petition signed by 10 percent of the student body requesting a referendum may be presented to the student body president.

The congress has passed bills to place both of these referendums on the ballot.

By JUSTIN MCGUIRE  
Staff Writer

A referendum on the February campus election ballot will call for a \$1.25 increase per semester in student activity fees, Student Congress Speaker Rob Friedman said Monday.

Students will also vote on another constitutional referendum that would delete references to specific organizations in the student code.

Friedman said the congress members are asking for the \$1.25 fee hike so they have more funds to distribute to student organizations.

Every year, the congress rejects funding requests from several student groups, he said.

"Fees have stayed fairly constant the last several years," Friedman said. "With inflation and cost of living

increases, we felt it was probably about time to increase fees."

This year, undergraduates will pay a total of \$19 in student activity fees, and graduate students will pay \$17, according to the University Cashier's Office.

Neil Riemann, finance chairman of the congress, said student activity fees have not been increased in about 10 years.

Friedman said the increase would generate more money for all groups that are funded by student fees.

"We're not encouraging fiscal irresponsibility, just giving groups the chance to operate with reasonable funds," he said.

Friedman said the referendum has a good chance of passing. "Students seem to support this kind of thing," he said.

The second referendum would delete all references in the student code to specific groups. The code now refers to several organizations, including two that no longer exist: the Association for Women Students and the Craige Graduate Center Council.

Friedman said this is basically a "housecleaning" move, meant to abolish references to all groups because it is not consistent to refer to some organizations and not to others.

A referendum to eliminate the specific references first appeared on the ballot in the spring 1986 elections, Friedman said, but it was defeated.

"Students didn't know what they were voting for," he said. "They thought we were abolishing these groups."

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incident in which Bucknall, Reid and UNC freshman basketball

player King Rice were involved in a confrontation with Doherty and one of his friends.

According to testimony by Wake County Assistant District Attorney Lori Fuller, Rice approached Doherty twice because he thought Doherty may have been talking about him.

Doherty said he had said nothing and no conflict arose.

Rice then left the club, but later returned and brought Reid and Bucknall with him, Fuller said.

Reid and Rice then began yelling at Doherty and his friend, she said.

Soon after the verbal conflict started, Reid spit at Doherty, Fuller said. Doherty raised his hands to defend himself and Bucknall hit him with a closed fist, she said.

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Neither Doherty nor his attorney would comment on the judge's decision, although Doherty said he was happy with the results of the civil settlement. Under that agreement, Bucknall and Reid paid for

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## Crum quits, agrees to contract buyout

By JAMES SUROWIECKI  
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UNC head football coach Dick Crum resigned Monday, quelling once and for all the debate over his possible dismissal.

The Educational Foundation, or Rams Club, will pay Crum an initial \$400,000 and \$100,000 per year for the four years remaining on his 10-year contract.

Crum, Athletic Director John Swofford and Chancellor Christopher Fordham released a joint statement Monday on the coach's decision. The statement depicted Crum's resignation as having come after a long review of the UNC football program's status in Chapel Hill.

"This study found that the program no longer enjoyed the full support of all elements of the university community," the statement said. "This erosion of support was a source of concern to Coach Crum and to the

University.

"Unfortunately, during the time that this joint good faith study was going forward, many rumors were advanced by unknown sources without any basis in fact."

The rumors came to a head two weeks ago, when a story in The (Raleigh) News and Observer quoted two unidentified high-ranking UNC officials as saying the Duke game would be Crum's last. Succeeding reports supported the initial story's conclusion.

On Nov. 17, Crum told his players at a team meeting that he did not think he would be at UNC next year. Over the next two weeks, Crum and university officials discussed his resignation. The discussions "have taken place in a mutually supportive environment," the statement said.

The statement stressed that Crum was not forced to quit, and that he recognized that all parties concerned would be best served if he ended his

tenure at UNC.

"Coach Crum was afforded the absolute option to continue as the head coach," the statement said. "However, Coach Crum and the University have reluctantly determined that it is in Crum's best interest, the best interest of the players he recruited, and the best interest of the University for him to submit and for the University to accept his resignation effective Jan. 31, 1988."

Crum leaves Chapel Hill as UNC's winningest football coach, with a career record of 72-41-3. His reputation became tarnished, though, over the last four years, during which his teams turned in three five-win seasons.

This year's senior-laden squad was supposed to be among Crum's best, but the Tar Heels lost their final three games to finish with a losing record at 5-6. A 25-10 drubbing by Duke

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## UNC-system student leaders criticize drug policy draft

By KIMBERLY EDENS  
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The Board of Governors' proposed drug policy calls for penalties that are too harsh, according to the UNC-system Association of Student Governments (ASG).

The ASG, comprised of student body presidents and representatives from the 16 UNC-system schools, has made 10 recommendations to the board that would make the policy more rehabilitative, according to UNC executive assistant Kevin Martin.

"We definitely feel the Board of Governors is going to have a set drug policy," Martin, who helped write the ASG recommendations, said in an interview Monday. "We hope to change it and make it more rehabilitative."

The BOG's drug policy committee is forming a drug policy to serve as

a guideline for all 16 UNC-system campuses, regardless of their current drug policies.

The ASG agreed on the recommendations by majority vote at a meeting Saturday, Nov. 21, and the recommendations were sent to UNC-system officials.

The recommendations include general proposals, such as urging more student input on the proposed drug policy and making any standard drug policy educational in purpose and rehabilitative in content.

The proposal also recommends that all members of the academic community, including students, faculty and staff, "should receive educational materials, counseling prevention and rehabilitative measures pertaining to all forms of substance abuse."

It recommends suspension from enrollment or employment for one

semester for any person who manufactures, sells, delivers or intends to manufacture, sell or deliver any controlled substance.

The ASG recommendations differ on this point from the Board of Governors' drug policy draft, which makes distinctions between the punishments for Schedule I and II drugs, such as heroin, cocaine and LSD, and Schedule III through IV drugs, such as marijuana and codeine.

Under the Board of Governors' proposal, any student, faculty member or University employee caught selling Schedule I or II drugs would be expelled or discharged before judicial proceedings are held.

The ASG recommendations propose probationary status instead, with at least one semester of mandatory rehabilitation for first-offense

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## Reid, Bucknall receive sentences in assault trial

By WILL LINGO  
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UNC basketball players Steve Bucknall and J.R. Reid were sentenced in Wake County District Court Monday in connection with the Oct. 24 incident at Shooters II nightclub in Raleigh.

Judge Stafford Bullock found Bucknall, a junior from London, guilty of simple assault inflicting serious injury. Bucknall, who pleaded no contest to the charge, was given a 30-day suspended jail sentence and must pay a \$25 fine and \$40 in court costs.

Reid, a sophomore from Virginia Beach, Va., pleaded guilty to simple assault. Bullock deferred judgment on his case for nine months and placed him in the Attitude Improvement Dialogue (AID) program. Under this program, Reid will have to perform 100 hours of community service.

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