

Group to review faculty basketball ticket distribution

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After about 30 minutes of heated debate, the UNC Faculty Council resolved Friday to have the faculty athletics committee reconsider the faculty/staff basketball ticket distribution process.

Willis Brooks, associate professor of history and council member, asked for revision of several faculty/staff ticket distribution policies, including the mailing of ticket applications to employees on leave, loss of seating priority after taking leave, and the

formula for determining seating priorities.

Before 1986, applications were mailed only to those employees on a payroll list used by the Ticket Office, Brooks said. This policy excluded employees on leave, even those on campus with grants, he said.

Brooks said he asked at the November 1987 council meeting that Richard Hiskey, chairman of the faculty athletics council, look into the mailing policy. "Hiskey was sympathetic and promised to look into the matters," Brooks said.

Hiskey did not respond, Brooks said. After writing a follow-up letter to Hiskey, Brooks said he received a letter which read, in part, that following the November meeting, "(Athletic Director) John Swofford instructed the ticket office to send ticket applications to all faculty and staff regardless of their leave status."

"This process is now in place and operative for the 1988-89 academic year."

Several days later announcements appeared in three consecutive issues of the University Gazette, a University newsletter, that said ticket applications would be mailed only to last year's ticket holders, Brooks said.

Other employees would have to contact the Ticket Office for applications.

Brooks said this announcement was "unacceptable" because it did not fulfill the promise of universal mailing and also because the University Gazette is mailed only to employees on payroll.

But Hiskey said he believed the mailing issue had been handled. "It's my belief that people who were on leave last year received applications for basketball tickets," he said. "If that's not the case, it will certainly be corrected."

Hiskey said he and Swofford agreed to distribute applications to all employees but could not carry out

the policy because of a ticket audit in the ticket office this fall. He and Swofford have promised to distribute applications to all 8,500 UNC employees, exclusive of hospital operating staff, next fall, regardless of leave status.

Faculty suggested different solutions to the problem of contacting employees going on leave about distribution. Jack Donnelly, professor of political science, proposed to have interested faculty take the initiative. Another professor said the athletics committee should take the responsibility for contacting employees.

Faculty Council Chairman Harry Gooder offered a compromise. He

said he and Hiskey would discuss the issue, but the responsibility for contacting those employees might be handled by an office such as the University Database.

Brooks said he asked at the November meeting that the athletics committee also look into the loss of distribution seniority suffered by employees who took leave. The committee's inaction on this issue was attested to by "the ticket office's confirmation that they had received no new instructions from the faculty athletics committee," he said.

Allowing employees on leave to retain their seniority will be easily handled, if approved by the council, Hiskey said.

Campus Police Roundup

■ A man reported at 1:49 p.m. Monday that as he was walking near Gardner Hall, two men came out of the bushes and walked by him, brushing against his body. They remained near him until they entered the library.

■ Police discovered a fire in a Cobb Residence Hall kitchen at 1:32 Sunday. Ball point pens and a felt tip marker had been burned in a microwave oven. The fire destroyed the oven.

■ The Cobb Residence Hall staff asked three men to leave the hall at 2:09 a.m. Sunday. The men became belligerent and used abusive language, but finally left. They also vandalized the phone outside the building.

■ A gold 1984 Dodge Omni with a Florida license plate was reported stolen from Steele lot at

5:08 p.m. Sunday.

■ Jewelry valued at \$1300 was reported stolen from an Ehringhaus room Saturday at 4 a.m. The theft is under investigation.

■ A wallet and jewelry, with an estimated value of \$365, were stolen from an open room in Cobb Friday afternoon.

■ A man informed police at 11:54 p.m. Friday that a woman was contemplating suicide. The woman called soon after and said the man was incorrect.

■ In a delayed entry from Jan. 18, a Hinton James resident reported finding a signed card under her door. Police interviewed a suspect who admitted scorching the card before putting it in the room.

— compiled by Jenny Cloninger

Classes: Record number closed at drop-add

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High enrollment, underestimated class demand and a funding shortage contributed to the record number of closed classes during the drop-add period this semester, University administrators said Monday.

About 2,000 more classes than usual were closed, said David Lanier, University registrar. Traditionally, a few academic departments, such as the philosophy and English departments, have more closed classes than others. But this semester, the shortage was spread over many departments, he said.

Enrollment this fall was higher than expected, Lanier said, which contributed to the class shortage. Another possible cause is students are

preregistering for more courses than in the past, he said.

Registration officials cannot accurately gauge student demand for courses because many students, anticipating class shortages, preregister for more courses than they actually intend to take, Lanier said.

"Departments are reluctant to respond to demand," he said. "They know students are going to drop them (classes) when they get back to school."

Students could solve part of the

problem if they were more willing to choose more varied perspective courses, Lanier said. "There are courses out there if students would take advantage of them," he said. "They're concentrating themselves in certain ones."

UNC cannot enlarge its instructional staff because of budget constraints, said Donald Boulton, vice chancellor and dean of Student Affairs.

"We continue to be strained in terms of the budget that allows us

to offer the options that students want and deserve," he said. "I think faculty are already at the end of their ropes."

"That's the real problem — that students are having a multiple series of needs, and we don't have the resources to provide them."

The University is lobbying the General Assembly for more money to help meet needs, Boulton said. "(But) it's not a happy time right now in terms of money and morale," he said.

Slamming into the spotlight

By BRENDA CAMPBELL
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UNC students have an opportunity to add their names to the list of dunking greats in the second annual basketball dunking contest sponsored by Carolina Fever.

The preliminary round of the contest will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday in Carmichael Auditorium. The final round will be held Saturday

during halftime of the Georgia Tech basketball game, said Jamie Kerr, Carolina Fever president.

The winner will be awarded two round-trip tickets on Piedmont/US Air to New Orleans, San Francisco or Orlando, Kerr said.

Each contestant should be prepared to do up to eight dunks, he said.

"The number of dunks required

depends on how many people sign up to participate in the contest," Kerr said. "They will probably do three or four dunks and then we will narrow down the field. For the final round on Saturday there will be three finalists."

CAA officers will judge the preliminary round, he said.

"The dunks will be judged on basic talent, athletic ability and the degree of the dunk," Kerr said.

The final round will be judged by the fathers of some of the men's varsity basketball players, he said. CAA officials have asked Dave Lebo, Herman Reid Sr. and Herman Denny to judge the event, he said.

Mr. UNC Cedric Brown and Daily Tar Heel sports editor Dave Glenn will also judge the final round.

Any student with a valid student ID can participate in the contest. Participants must sign up in the CAA office or at the Union desk by 1 p.m. on Wednesday and should report to Carmichael at 6:15 p.m. for the preliminary round.

Last year, the contest's preliminary round was held in Woollen gym, Kerr said.

"Last year, we had about 200 spectators in Woollen gym, but there were no seats for them and they just stood around," he said. "This year we decided to have the preliminary round in Carmichael so we will have seats for everyone. We hope this will encourage everyone to come out and watch the contest."

Seating

with 1,200 students on the lower level beginning at midcourt and extending to the area behind the basket, said Al Renfrew, university ticket manager.

Renfrew said the center was built entirely from athletic revenue and no private donations. Student demand rarely is enough to use all the allotted space for students, he said.

At Syracuse University, home of the Carrier Dome, an average of 4,600 students acquire seating in the 32,500 seat arena, but the university will guarantee seating to meet student demand, said Patrick Campbell, assistant managing director of the Carrier Dome.

"We've never had to restrict the amount of (student) tickets that are available since we've been in the Carrier Dome," he said.

Students purchase season tickets at a reduced price, and after a lottery, they are assigned tickets in the lower level from midcourt to the baseline and in the upper level behind the basket, he said. Half of the funding for the dome came from private donations and the second half from the state of New York, he said.

Students also receive lower-level tickets located from midcourt to the basket in the 23,000 seat Rupp Arena at the University of Kentucky, said Barb Donnelly, university ticket manager. Students are granted 1,800 free lower-level seats and over 5,000 more on the upper level, she said.

The arena was built by city funds with no private donations, and season-ticket holders fill all remaining seats, she said.

In the Carver Hawkeye Arena at the University of Iowa, 6,000 student seats are reserved among the 15,200 total seats in the arena, and most of that student seating is within a midcourt block which extends back

for 42 rows, said Pam Finke, assistant ticket manager at Iowa. Students must purchase a full season ticket package for \$80, or a half season for \$40, but Finke said students rarely use all of the seats allotted for them.

The arena was built entirely by private funds, and close to one-third of the seating is reserved for patrons and alumni, she said.

One-half of the 16,153 seat Assembly Hall at the University of Illinois is reserved for students, and most of the student seating exists all around the court and near the floor, said Paul Bunting, university ticket manager. The other half of the arena's seating goes to season ticket holders and contributors to Illinois athletics, he said.

The center was built mostly from student fees, but students must also purchase a \$70 season ticket package in order to obtain student seating, Bunting said. All available student seats are rarely used, he said.

About 7,000 seats are reserved for students in the 25,000-seat

Thompson-Boling Arena at the University of Tennessee, with the majority of student seats in the upper level, said Robert Langen of the Tennessee ticket office.

The student seating on the lower level starts behind the Volunteer bench and extends behind the basket, he said. Both state and private funding was used in the building of the arena, and student tickets are distributed on a game-by-game basis, he said.

Students at the University of California at Los Angeles have 2,037 reserved seats inside the 12,500 seat Pauley Pavilion, but most of the student seating is located beside the court from baseline to baseline, said Mark Munhall, operations supervisor of Pauley Pavilion.

A \$48 full season ticket package, a half season package or a \$3 individual game ticket must be purchased by students to obtain the seating, Munhall said. Non-student season ticket holders fill the rest of the seats, he said.

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