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Bill calls for 2nd vote on rec center

By SIMONE PAM

Staff Writer
A proposed bill that will be introduced at an upcoming Student Congress committee meeting challenges the construction of the Student Recreation Center (SRC) by requesting a referendum denying student fees to pay for the center.

If approved by the full congress, the referendum would go on an October ballot.

In the February campuswide elections, students voted in favor of the recreation center and its accompanying fee increases of \$13 a semester and \$4.35 a summer session. The fees will not go into effect for several years.

Jeffrey Beall (Dist. 7), author of the bill, said one of the reasons he would call for the referendum is the recent tuition hike. Adding \$13 to the other increases may cause financial problems for some students, he said.

"I believe in giving students an opportunity to reconsider the SRC because of the recent tuition increases. If this fee is overturned, it might help forestall further increases."

Construction of the SRC would force the University to tear down many trees, Beall said. With the construction of the Alumni Center, students are already expressing some concern about the campus environment.

Beall said he felt only resident students would benefit from the facilities.

"I want Student Congress to give the student body a chance to express their opinion on the issue. I encourage students to contact their representatives and give them their opinion," he said. "I think it is wrong for one group of students to vote on

something they won't have to pay for. It's taxation without representation."

Carolina Athletic Association (CAA) President Lisa Frye said: "I am wondering what is the real purpose behind the referendum — is it to lower student fees or kill the SRC? I don't see the connection. If you are going to lower student fees, you don't pick a fee that was just passed. You must look at all the fees."

"You don't vote conditionally. SRC has nothing to do with transit and tuition hikes. You have to think about all the fees, not just single out the most recent one."

Frye also said she felt the wording of the bill — "to lower student fees" — was misleading. "We have some real questions about why the SRC has been targeted."

She said the proposed site next to Fetzer Gym was originally a site for another building. But there was not enough money to construct the building, and major reconstruction was not involved. "Any trees that might be in the way would be moved and replanted."

The role of the CAA is to do what students want, Frye said. "The CAA will serve as a source of information. Our role now is to talk to congress and explain the issue. It isn't as simple as 'let's let the students vote again.'"

The proposed referendum diminishes the student voice, Frye said. "By putting a revote, you are saying something negative about the student voice. Students have already decided on this issue. Students are interested in recreational facilities."

Student Congress Speaker Gene Davis said he was interested in hearing students' reactions to the bill.

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Goals for the field

UNC football coach Mack Brown speaks with the team Thursday afternoon following an intrasquad scrimmage in preparation for

the team's opening game against Virginia Military Institute scheduled for Sept. 9.

DTH/David Surowiecki

Shooting on Columbia Street seriously injures local man

By TOM PARKS

Staff Writer
Chapel Hill police officers arrested and charged a Carrboro man in connection with a shooting in downtown Chapel Hill Thursday afternoon.

Bernard Atwater, 37, of 203 Alabama Ave. was charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill and inflicting serious injury in connection with the multiple shooting of Ernie Lassiter.

Lassiter was admitted to North Carolina Memorial Hospital (NCMH)

following the incident. At 4 p.m. Thursday he was listed in serious condition and still in the emergency room, according to an NCMH official.

At 7:30 p.m. NCMH officials said Lassiter's vital signs were stable and he was alert and in fair condition following surgery.

Police Planner Jane Cousins said Lassiter was taken to the hospital shortly after the shooting on North Columbia Street, just north of Stevens Street near the Chapel Hill Municipal Building.

Police arrived on the scene in response to a call received about 12:30 p.m. They found Lassiter injured with multiple gunshot wounds.

Chapel Hill police could not confirm Lassiter's home address but did release information that he was a resident of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro area.

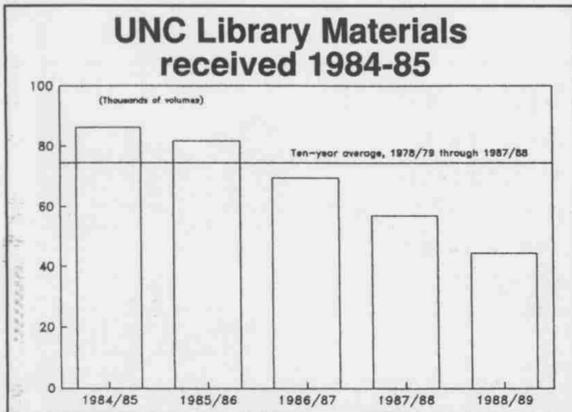
According to police witnesses interviewed after the incident, the two men were known to have a history of arguments and confrontations before the Thursday shooting, Cousins said.

Police officials believe Atwater walked to Chapel Hill Fire Station No. 1 on North Columbia Street after the shooting and turned himself and a gun over to town public safety officers, who immediately contacted the police after they discovered what had occurred.

Chapel Hill police officers then transported Atwater to District Court where his probable cause hearing was set for Sept. 13 in Superior Court.

Atwater was released Thursday evening after posting the \$3,000 bond set by a district court judge.

Inflation outpaces UNC libraries' purchasing budget



By WILL SPEARS

Assistant University Editor
UNC's libraries must reduce the number of books and periodicals purchased because recent budget increases have not kept up with inflation, library officials said Thursday.

"The purchasing power of our budget has declined fairly dramatically," said Larry Alford, assistant University librarian for business and finance.

Library funding has increased 4 percent since 1986-87, but subscription prices have risen 28.4 percent and book prices have risen 22 percent during that same time, said John Shipman, University bibliographer.

Library officials have cut

drastically periodical subscriptions and may cut more if the situation gets worse, Shipman said. At the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, the library serials department compiled a list of the periodicals it subscribed to for each academic department.

Each department was asked to evaluate its subscriptions and identify those that could be dropped if necessary. Departments also had the option of canceling any subscriptions they could do without. Departments identified \$140,000 in subscriptions that could be dropped if necessary and voluntarily canceled \$60,000 of those subscriptions.

The library could be forced to cancel the remaining \$80,000 in subscriptions if the budget problems continue, Shipman said. "If the dollar weakens significantly ... If several

subscriptions come at a higher price than we anticipated, then that could force us to cancel the other subscriptions."

David Taylor, head librarian of the Undergraduate Library, said the decreased purchasing power could directly affect the classroom environment. "This is the first year we've had to tell professors that we can't order the books they want to put on reserve. In the past that's been a priority of ours, but this year when the cuts came through, we had to say, 'No, we can't order it.'"

This year's acquisitions rate for new books may be the lowest in 10 years, Shipman said. The average for the past 10 years was 77,000 volumes, and last year's acquisitions reached just 44,000 volumes, he said.

"Last year's rate was the lowest in a decade. This year we're doing everything we can to maintain last year's rate."

Another area the budget problems have affected is buying out-of-print books, Shipman said.

The decreased purchasing power may slow efforts to expand the library's services in ways such as purchasing data bases and other equipment, but the library will be open the same hours, Alford said.

Shipman said that although the library may find ways to cope with the budget problems, the solution is more money. "We're making out the best we can with a very bad situation. But by making do, I hope we don't give the impression that we don't need the extra funding."

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Then get out of that dorm room and run, don't walk, to Room 208 of the Union at 4:15 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 5, to apply for a job at the DTH. You could be chosen to write news, sports, arts or features, edit copy, take pictures or design the paper — all for free! Sounds great, doesn't it?

You'll be expected to write a story for us, take a copy editing test or give us examples of your photography skills, and we'll choose new staffers by that Friday.

Dorm condom machines installed

By NANCY WYKLE

Staff Writer
Students can now purchase condoms for 50 cents from machines installed in residence halls this summer.

Thirty-four machines have been installed in residence hall bathrooms, with at least one in each residence hall. Most of the machines are in residence hall bathrooms, but some are in public areas. Ten machines will be installed in the Student Union's restrooms soon.

The machines resulted from a recommendation made by the University's Task Force on AIDS to Chancellor Paul Hardin last spring.

"It was an intelligent decision," said junior Ann Abercombie. "Promiscuity doesn't need encouraging; it happens anyway. They're encouraging safe sexual encounters."

Law student Steve Bayliss disagreed. "It's a subversive Communist plot to undermine the moral standards of this great

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— Junior Ann Abercombie

University," he said.

UNC is the third UNC-system school to install condom machines, said Gene Davis, speaker of Student Congress. Appalachian State University and UNC-Asheville have also installed the machines.

"ASU sells out constantly," Davis said. A percentage of profits from the condom sales goes to the student health services at ASU, he said.

"We need condom machines because a lot of college students enjoy having sex," Davis said. "If we can protect even one person from

contracting AIDS, then the condom machines will be worth it."

Junior Tracy Riddle said: "It's smart because a lot of people in dorms don't have the means to obtain them (condoms) otherwise. The convenience helps."

Condom manufacturers Protex paid for the installation costs, Davis said. No student funds were used for the project.

Although UNC Student Health Services was not involved directly in the decision to install the machines, SHS is in favor of contraceptives

being available to students, said Judith Cowan, SHS director.

Many freshmen arriving on campus were told about the machines by their orientation counselors.

"I think it's a good idea," said freshman Amanda Purvis. "It saves you a trip to the drug store." She said her father would probably favor the installation. "Mothers usually think things like that shouldn't be going on."

Freshman Mark Charlson said he supported the installation of the machines because they would help prevent unwanted pregnancy and disease.

The machines were supposed to have a decal on them presenting safe sex concerns, but none are on the machines yet.

Michael Ibrahim, task force chairman and dean of the School of Public Health, said in a statement that revenue generated by the machines would be used for more AIDS education on campus.

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