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Congress to address Phoenix funding

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Student Congress will vote next week on a bill proposing the Phoenix Student Newsweekly receive more than \$11,000 to purchase parts of a desktop publishing system that would eventually reduce the cost of publishing the paper. The Student Congress Finance Committee Wednesday sent the bill to the full congress by a 6-2 vote. The money would be a subsequent appropriation to the Phoenix's budget. "At this point, we can't afford not to do it (if we are going) to stay competitive with other publications," said

Phoenix editor Ed Davis. The system would be for the use of the Phoenix, Cellar Door, Black Ink, Yackety Yack and other student publications officially recognized by student government, said Student Congress Speaker Gene Davis. "The system should bring smaller student publications into the high-tech age. The package will allow students working for those publications to gain experience in how to operate high-tech journalistic equipment." The Desktop Publishing System consists of a printer connected to personal computers running specialized software, according to a report authored by Ed Davis. "Such a system allows

you to produce professional page layout faster, cheaper and better than ever ... by combining the tasks of design, typesetting, layout and pasteup into a streamlined, electronic whole," the report said. Because part of the system is being leased, the Phoenix is not asking for the full amount needed now. The next two congresses would have the option of giving the paper about \$9,000 each year to continue the lease agreement. Ed Davis said the new system would save the Phoenix \$31,306 over a 10-year period beginning in 1990. "We're saying (to congress), 'Give us a little money now and you'll save a lot of

money in the long run.'" Finance committee member Andrew Cohen was the only member to speak against the appropriation, saying he wasn't convinced the Phoenix had adequately looked at cheaper systems or sought alternative funding. "This is a great sum of money (and) with the growing trend toward privatization of campus groups, I'd like to see some efforts to get outside funding," he said. "I think Mr. (Ed) Davis has failed to establish that he has researched all the alternatives." But Ed Davis said Cohen was "totally unfounded in his claims" that the system was not thoroughly researched.

He also said that the best source of outside funding was advertising revenue and that the new system was needed to get people to advertise. "It's a real catch-22 situation." Congress member Tom Elliott said he was convinced Ed Davis had looked into all reasonable alternatives for funding and that he was "very much impressed" with the proposal. "To let this die in committee ... would be an injustice." Before the meeting Elliott said the system would benefit students. "I admit it's expensive, but I think it's very well justified. We're being asked to make an investment in the Phoenix. I think it

will result in savings." Ed Davis and Aarre Laakso, co-editor of Cellar Door and managing editor of the Phoenix, appeared before the Committee on Student Affairs to discuss how the student body would be affected if the proposal is approved. "One thing this opportunity will do is loan us instant credibility," Ed Davis said. Circulation is a main focus the Phoenix staff plans to address. "It's the most crucial part of a paper. You can put Pulitzer Prize-winning stories on every page, but if you can't get the paper out to people, they won't get read." — Nancy Wykle also contributed to this story.

Abortion activists plan strategy for legislature

By MIKE SUTTON
Staff Writer

Campus pro-choice and pro-life forces are gearing up to target legislators in the N.C. General Assembly this semester, after the U.S. Supreme Court in July gave states the power to restrict abortion.

In Webster vs. Reproductive Health Services, the Supreme Court upheld a Missouri law that forbade the use of public funds, medical personnel or facilities to perform abortions and affirmed that human life begins at conception.

"I think what we'll mainly be doing is make sure that legislators running in the elections coming up next year are aware that this is an issue," said Polly Guthrie, a campus activist for the National Abortion Rights Action League (NARAL) of North Carolina. "And this is a time when we have to return to single-issue voting."

Progressive Republicans may cross party lines if they feel they can't support their own party's anti-abortion stance, she said.

Guthrie said NARAL would target anti-abortion legislators such as Rep. Paul "Skip" Stam, R-Wake, who led a drive to cut the state abortion fund from \$900,000 to \$200,000 during the last legislative session. The fund was eventually cut to \$424,000, a compromise figure.

"He's sort of the leading anti-choice guy in the legislature," Guthrie said. "He's nearby, so we feel we have a shot at working to unseat him." NARAL will also work to get pro-choice legislators such as U.S. Rep. David Price, D-N.C., re-elected.

Guthrie said she wasn't sure what form NARAL's efforts would take, but added that a petition drive was a possibility.

The UNC arm of NARAL will also send a group to a Nov. 12 rally sponsored by the National Organization for Women (NOW) in Washington, D.C. The march is intended to be a post-Webster reprise of the NOW march last spring, when more than half a million pro-choice demonstrators gathered at the nation's capital.

Priti Shah, co-chair of the Women's Forum at the Campus Y, said her group also would send a delegation to the march. Although the Women's Forum has not yet slated any specific on-campus activities, the group may bring in a pro-choice speaker for Human Rights Week in November, she said.

Shah said she was unsure of the status of Activating Awareness for Choice and Equality (AACE) since its founder, Tania Malik, graduated last semester.

The Webster decision made the fight to keep abortion legal more urgent, she said. "I think that now we all have to bust our butts, because we don't know what they'll be doing next."

Jane Burns, associate professor in the romance language department, said she and about a dozen other faculty members were forming a pro-choice group this semester.

"We spoke to the people at Planned Parenthood and asked what we could do. What we'll actually be doing is organizing the students, circulating petitions for the hometowns of students."

Burns said the group, which has met once, will probably set up informational tables in the Pit and during homecoming weekend.

"I think a lot of what will be done will be targeting legislators and getting students to write letters to reach legislators in the more conservative districts of the states," she said.

On the opposite side of the abortion fence, Students for Life founder Sharon Sentelle said her group would be geared toward uniting anti-abortion forces within different religious and conservative groups on campus.

Sentelle, chairwoman of the UNC College Republicans, said: "It's more going to be an ad hoc group, (formed) when there's something to be done. When Skip Stam introduces something in the legislature, we can get out petitions for it. I don't want to make it something you're a member of or not a member of."

Students for Life will approach campus religious groups such as Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship, Maranatha, Campus Crusade and the United Christian Fellowship to draw supporters.

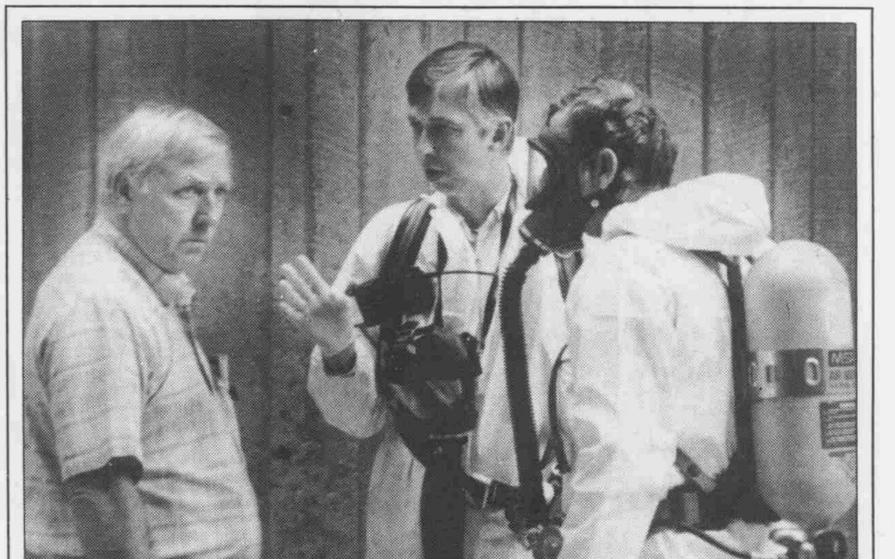
"In most of the evangelical Christian groups, the sentiment would tend to lean to the pro-life," Sentelle said. "There are segments where you can find pro-lifers and pull them out, without those organizations having to tear themselves apart and declare themselves anti-abortion."

Guthrie said NARAL would use the Religious Coalition for Abortion Rights, a statewide organization, as a resource. "It's always useful to see that there are people of faith who are pro-choice."

Sentelle said Students for Life hoped to bring Stam to speak on campus in the near future. "He has been in the forefront of the pro-life movement."

She said determining most UNC students' opinions on legalized abortion depended on how the question was phrased.

Guthrie disagreed: "I think the students tend to be pro-choice. I think it's an issue that tends to hit close to home, and they reflect national trends, if not being even more pro-choice."



Richard Bolyard, center, and Cecil Davis don chemical proof suits before entering Venable

Fire cleanup continues

By NANCY WYKLE
Staff Writer

Students were turned away from classes in Venable Hall Wednesday as cleanup efforts continued from a fire that started in the basement of the building Tuesday afternoon.

"I understand that some of the cleanup will take a while," said Charles Antle, associate vice chancellor of business. Officials have been trying to contact a company that specializes in the removal and disposal of hazardous wastes to finish the cleanup process, he said.

The cause of the fire had not been determined, officials said Wednesday afternoon. University police and faculty

members were stationed at doors and around the building to prevent people from entering, while crews attempted to rid the building of dust and fumes, Antle said.

An estimate of the damage caused by smoke and heat will not be available until insurance agents are able to enter the building, said Brenda Morrison, administrative assistant in the Health and Safety Office.

Damage was probably confined to the storage room where the fire started, but the air-conditioning system pulled fumes through the building, Antle said.

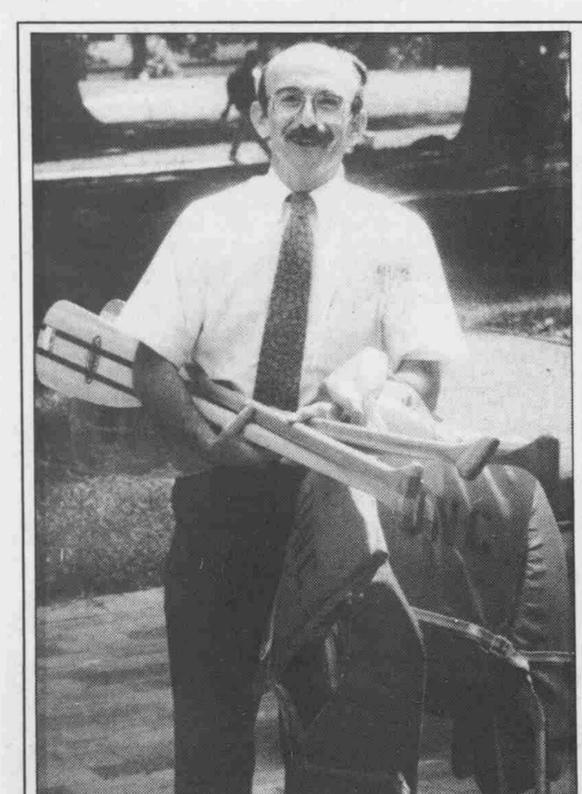
Power was restored to the building Wednesday afternoon, officials said. Because of the nature of the materials

where the fire occurred, ventilation and steam must be prevented from entering the room.

"I suspect it's going to be a while (before people can be admitted) after we get the power on," said Joe Robertson, Chapel Hill fire marshal.

"I believe from the Health and Safety (Office) standpoint, the building is usable now," Antle said. A decision on whether to reopen the building today will be made early this morning, he said.

Officials said they hoped to reopen the building today, but the decision to admit faculty and students depends on the results from periodic air samples taken Wednesday.



Rapids return

Psychology professor Peter Ornstein is not preparing for Hurricane Gabrielle; he is returning University equipment he borrowed for a Labor Day canoe trip.

Letter helped spark book publication

By ALAN MARTIN
Staff Writer

Jim Valvano may have inadvertently initiated the publication of "Personal Fouls," a book by Peter Golenbock that accuses Valvano of academic and NCAA rules violations.

The book came to the attention of Carroll and Graf Publishers when editor Ken Carroll received a letter from Valvano's attorney threatening possible legal action if the book were published.

The letter was evidently sent to every publishing house in the country, according to James Mason, a spokesman from the publicity office at Carroll and Graf.

"The letter from Mr. Valvano's attorney, Art Kaminski, piqued our interest," Mason said. "Otherwise we would have never been aware of the book."

The letter said Simon and Schuster Publishers had decided not to publish "Personal Fouls" because the company thought the book was clearly libelous, Golenbock said.

But an assistant at Kaminski's office, who asked to remain anonymous, said the letter only notified the publishers that legal action might follow if the book detailed accusations outlined in prepublicity. Valvano has not sued because the book does not substantiate the allegations printed on the dust cover of the book.

Apparently Valvano does not believe the public is taking the book seriously, so he is not going to feed the fire with a lawsuit, the assistant said.

The N.C. attorney general's office also notified Carroll and Graf that the book may be libelous if it met expectations, said Andy Benoit of the attorney general's office. The letter from the attorney general's office was unrelated

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— James Mason, publicity spokesman

to the letter from Valvano's attorney.

What was actually published in the book is different from the allegations made during prepublicity, Benoit said.

The dust cover accused the Wolfpack Club of illegally paying Valvano millions of dollars. The cover also made accusations that athletes had thrown a game rather than be tested for drugs. These allegations were not dealt with in the book, Benoit said.

The fact the attorney general has not filed suit against the publisher is not an admission of guilt, he said. The attorney general's office decided instead the material was not sufficiently damaging to N.C. State University to warrant a lawsuit.

In a telephone interview Tuesday, Golenbock said the fuss about the possible publication of his book showed him NCSU had something to hide. He was never afraid of a lawsuit because he knew his sources and information were solid and accurate, he said.

Golenbock said he had nothing to do with the dust cover, which made possibly libelous allegations.

Simon and Schuster released this now-famous dust cover before the book was printed. The information on the dust cover was the only indication of what was included in the book since

Simon and Schuster refused to release copies of the manuscript.

Golenbock said he thought Valvano made a wise move by resigning from his position of NCSU athletic director. "No man can have that kind of power and not be strongly tempted to abuse it."

Golenbock said he never intended to hurt Valvano's career or to hurt NCSU's image. He said his only goal as a writer was to "tell a hell of a good story — to entertain." He said he did believe the changes that have occurred are positive and necessary.

Golenbock said that he did not know why Simon and Schuster suddenly dropped his book, but that he suspected they caved in to pressure from Valvano's attorney and the N.C. attorney general.

No one at Simon and Schuster would discuss the "Personal Fouls" controversy.

Local sales of the book have not been exceptional even though it is No. 5 on The New York Times best seller list, said Peter Moch, manager of the Intimate Bookshop on Franklin Street.

When the book first came out, many people bought it for the excitement, he said. But after UNC announced its recommendations and sanctions for NCSU, the scandal was over and sales dropped sharply. Moch said his store sold 50 copies in two days, but only 30 copies in the following six weeks.

UNC-system President C.D. Spangler recently recommended several changes be made at NCSU and all other system schools. Those recommendations include:

- refusing to admit student-athletes who don't "have the potential to earn a baccalaureate degree" and requiring

athletes to "follow a coherent course of study leading to a degree."

- having professors monitor student athletes' classroom attendance;
- making freshmen ineligible to compete in revenue sports;
- instituting mandatory drug testing for athletes;
- not allowing a head coach to also hold the position of athletic director.

The commission that investigated NCSU also found the most severe allegations made on the dust cover of "Personal Fouls" were not warranted, but the commission did find enough academic abuses to merit the changes Spangler recommended.

— Karl Pfister contributed to this article.

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Too much of a good thing is simply wonderful. — Liberace