

Recreation center dilemma faces Texas university

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Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos (SWTS) faces the same problem as UNC with its proposed new student recreation center, which would require an increase in student fees to build.

The sports center at SWTS, the Jower Center, has a limited amount of space. Within the next month, SWTS will be voting on a referendum to raise student fees about \$25 to pay for a new building.

UNC faces a similar situation with its proposed student recreation center. Student Congress will vote on a bill Wednesday that would call for a re-vote on the center. Only 56 percent of

the student body voting in last February's election voted in favor of the new center.

Although the majority was for the recreation center, there are some students who feel the money could be better spent on problems like salary increases for teacher assistants, parking or security.

The Jower Center at SWTS only serves the needs of the physical education and health majors by providing education and teaching facilities, said John Johnson, assistant director of outdoor/recreational sports at SWTS. Other students only have limited access to the center.

"We are trying to have one strictly for recreation," Johnson said.

Unlike the situation at SWTS, the necessity of the new UNC center has been questioned. "It was found that after talking to staff members, the facilities (Woolen and Fetzer) were not being used to full capacity," said Jonathan Martin, a Student Congress representative. "So in light of that, why should we spend money on a \$3.5 million rec center?"

Overcrowding is the main problem at SWTS, but the staff members also cannot control unauthorized use of facilities at night because the entrances allow easy access to the center. Johnson said the design of the new building would allow careful monitoring.

The Jower Center is about 10 years old and is divided into two sections.

The recreational section of the Jower Center has a pool, aerobic classes, weight training, basketball, volleyball and ping pong. Recreational activities include intramural competitions for university organizations, residence halls and independent groups.

The other section of the center, the outdoor section, provides equipment for camping, canoeing and kayaking to students. The outdoor section coordinates activities like picnicking and playing Frisbee in a local park.

The Jower Center also offers opportunities for students to go to a camp located 30 miles from campus. "The camp is open to students, faculty and alumni," Johnson said.

The Jower Center is open 18 hours a

day, but most of the recreational time offered to students is at night.

The majority of the students at SWTS are in favor of the center. "It's not a huge controversial issue," Johnson said. "We are now in the process of rallying for more support."

But SWTS students definitely differ in their opinions of the center. "I think (student opinion is) kind of mixed," said Tim Barroso, an SWTS senior. "A lot of people feel they shouldn't pay for (the center) until they build it. There are ones that feel they should not pay without being able to use it."

Some students feel the center could be funded some other way.

"If they decreased the athletic budget, then they could increase the recrea-

tional sports budget," said Cindie Ratcliff, a senior therapeutic recreation major, who supports the center. "They could streamline the department by getting rid of some dead weight. They could make the (athletic) department function a lot smoother with people that are more skilled with time management ... They get so much money it's ridiculous."

If the referendum passes, architects will begin plans in conjunction with a university committee of students, faculty and staff. The center would need two to three acres of land for the new building, plus land for a jogging track.

The committee will also decide on the building design and specific facilities and equipment.

New law forbids exchange of money, gifts for grades

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The N.C. General Assembly passed a bill in its last session which closed a loophole in a 1963 state law that declared academic fraud illegal, making it a crime to give or change grades in return for gifts or money.

The new law is directed at teachers or other school officials in both private and public schools and universities, said Sen. Alexander Sands, D-Rockingham, the bill's sponsor.

Violators of the misdemeanor can be fined up to \$500 and/or jailed for up to six months, he said.

Because the new law specifies only grades given or changed in exchange for an article of value or money, Sands said he did not anticipate trading sexual favors for grades to be

covered by this law.

The new provision does not apply to students, because the original law exempts them from criminal prosecution and leaves disciplinary action up to the individual schools, Sands said.

The bill was in response to a N.C. Court of Appeals case in which a teacher academic with offering to change a grade in exchange for a VCR was found not guilty due to a legal loophole, Sands said.

Recent allegations of grade-changing at N.C. State University had nothing to do with the bill's passage on May 29, 1989, Sands said.

Since the new criminal law does not alter UNC's internal policies against academic fraud, faculty and staff will probably not be notified about it, said Susan Ehringhaus, assistant to the

chancellor. But in the event of a grade-changing incident, the University must now inform the district attorney, she said.

Academic fraud didn't need a statute to make it improper at the University, Ehringhaus explained. She said she was not aware of any illegal grade-changing incidents on the Chapel Hill campus.

Trading grades for money may be a problem at other schools but not here, said Gene Davis, speaker of the Student Congress. But the University should tell faculty and staff about the new law, he said. "It's the University's responsibility to inform them of the possible infractions, especially when the consequences can be as serious as a misdemeanor."

Contractor files suit against FEMA

From Associated Press reports

WASHINGTON — A federal contractor who reported problems in the so-called "Doomsday Project," a top-secret program designed to keep the government running after a nuclear war, asserts in a sealed lawsuit that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) burglarized his offices.

The alleged break-ins occurred after the contractor, retired Army Maj. Fred Westerman, rejected a demand by FEMA to turn over all his corporate records to a business competitor, according to the suit filed in federal court.

Westerman was kicked out of the secret program less than two months after he refused to surrender the documents, which he still has not surrendered.

An Army counterintelligence officer for 20 years, Westerman started telling superiors about security and management problems in the Continuity of Government (COG) program in 1986, according to government sources, speaking on condition of anonymity.

COG is the nation's contingency plan for reconstituting the government in the event of a nuclear attack. While almost all details are secret, it is known

to involve mobile communications networks, supply depots and a system of underground bunkers.

The program was dubbed the "Doomsday Project" in a recent U.S. News & World Report article. The magazine reported that the Pentagon, the Justice Department and the House Armed Services Committee all are conducting investigations into security and performance problems in the program.

FEMA and the Justice Department both refuse to discuss the COG program or Westerman's lawsuit. In addition, the government obtained a gag order to prevent the contractor from discussing his case.

Westerman and his lawyer, Frank Mroz, both declined to comment when asked about the suit.

Under a contract with the Army Corps of Engineers, Westerman's small company provided security and other services to FEMA for portions of the COG program in five states.

He reported that alarm and security systems at highly classified locations were faulty and that his employees were exposed to dangerous chemicals that had leaked from containers at several facilities, according to the sources.

Westerman also reported that water had seeped onto high-voltage electrical lines in one area and that engine parts were falling off emergency vehicles parked at several facilities, the sources said.

In one instance, Westerman reported that the government removed an alarm system and installed a new one that provided less security than the one it replaced, said the sources.

Westerman frequently was pressured by his superiors not to make any complaints at all, the sources added.

On Nov. 20, 1987, representatives from FEMA, the Army Corps of Engineers and the Maryland company of Brogan Associates Inc. came to Westerman's offices, according to copies of the lawsuit.

FEMA employee Robert Lorenz and Army Corps officer Gerald Boggs demanded that Westerman turn over all his corporate documents, communications, records, invoices and checkbooks to Brogan president Arthur Hutchins, the suit says.

Boggs told Westerman then and in subsequent weeks that if he refused to turn over the documents, he would not be awarded a new five-year contract, according to the lawsuit.

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Senate begins shaping defense bill

From Associated Press reports

WASHINGTON — The Senate takes an initial step this week toward fashioning a military spending bill in the first test of President Bush's defense program since the August recess.

The Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense votes Tuesday on the president's package that stresses big-ticket strategic items such as "Star Wars," the B-2 stealth bomber and the MX and Midgetman nuclear missiles.

Last month, the full Senate largely endorsed the president's plan in passing a \$305 billion defense authorization bill — \$295 billion for the Pentagon and \$10 billion for the Department of Energy. The Appropriations Subcommittee is expected to do the same. The Senate version of the authoriza-

tion bill trimmed the president's \$4.9 billion fiscal 1990 request for the "Star Wars" anti-missile shield by \$400 million and made a modest cut of \$300 million in the \$4.7 billion earmarked for the B-2 bomber.

The Senate also left intact Bush's request of \$1.1 billion for the rail-garrison, multiple-warhead MX and \$100 million for the single-warhead Midgetman.

While the Appropriations subcommittee crafts its blueprint, the House is expected to select its conferees who will thrash out a defense authorization bill with the Senate.

The House version of authorization legislation "pretty well shredded George Bush's strategic programs," Armed Services Chairman Les Aspin,

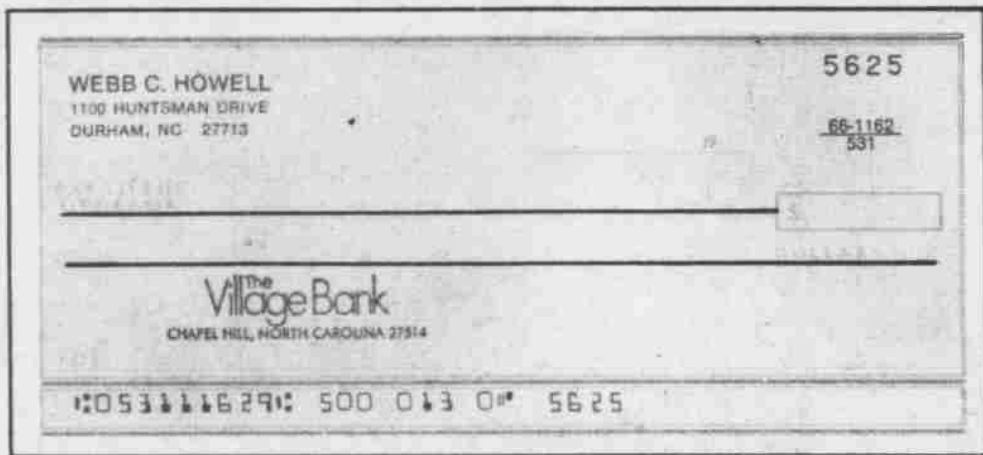
D-Wis., said after the chamber vote.

The House bill slashed \$1.8 billion from the president's Star Wars request; limited production of the B-2 bomber, the bat-winged aircraft designed to evade Soviet radar; cut \$502 million from the MX budget and eliminated all funds for the Midgetman.

The House restored money for conventional programs Bush sought to kill, including the Navy's F-14D jet fighter and the Marine Corps' V-22 Osprey, the vertical-takeoff plane.

The House later approved a spending bill that largely mirrors the authorization plan. The appropriations bill also slashed \$2 billion from classified programs that include the advanced tactical fighter and the advanced cruise missile.

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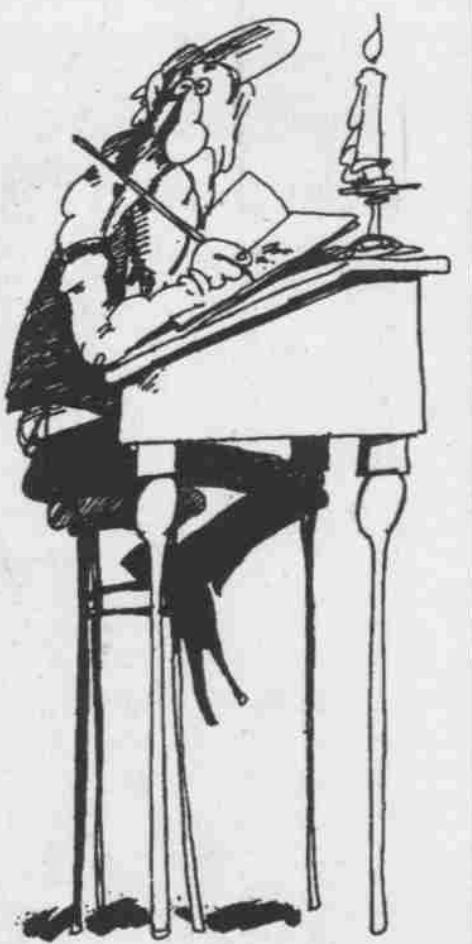
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The student pick-up for the Blue-White basketball game will be held on Monday, September 11th between 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM. The game will be played in Carmichael Auditorium immediately following the South Carolina-UNC football game on November 11th. The Blue-White game is already a sellout to the general public. Only UNC student tickets remain and those tickets not picked up by students will be sold to the general public. We therefore urge students to pick up their tickets as soon as possible. There will be only one Blue-White game played this year.

How To Get Your Tickets:

Present your picture I.D., registration card and athletic pass at the Smith Center Box Office between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM. Students may also purchase guest tickets at \$5.00 in addition to their complimentary student tickets. Student groups of 50 or more are welcome to send a representative to the Ticket Office with the group's athletic passes for block seating.

