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BOT approves SRC site, backs Lewis' TDI plan

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The Board of Trustees (BOT) Friday voted in favor of the proposed Fetzer Gymnasium courtyard location for the Student Recreation Center (SRC) and approved a resolution supporting Student Body President Brien Lewis' Tuition Defense Initiative (TDI).

Lewis' resolution, which was discussed by several board members before the meeting, received approval minutes after its presentation. The SRC location recommended by a special campus committee received equally swift approval.

An SRC committee comprising seven students and two faculty members from the physical education department chose a portion of the Fetzer courtyard as the location of the 27,000 square-foot \$5 million facility. The Building and Grounds Committee approved the site earlier this month.

"It made sense to me and I see no objections with it," BOT member Elizabeth Dowd said of the suggested location she had seen before voting on it. John Silva, associate professor in the physical education department, was a main opponent of the site and had encouraged administrators to look at alternate sites.

"We simply tried to make some of the concerns that existed within the physical education department and within the student body at large known to the administration. We tried to bring it to any administrative level that was appropriate."

The possibility of placing the aero-

bics and weightlifting centers planned for the SRC in existing facilities should have been discussed, he said.

"Could we have provided the same opportunities and saved students nearly 5 million dollars?" he cited as one question that needed to be asked.

"The saddest thing is, the students were factored out of the equation."

Lewis' TDI is a multi-point plan in which students have increased participation in University affairs, especially those concerned with financial aid.

The approved resolution represents BOT acknowledgement and agreement with students' concerns on the financial aid issue.

"I got the message of support and encouragement that I was looking for," Lewis said. "I'm now considering getting some form of resolution from the Faculty Council."

Lewis said he had been pleased with the progress of TDI.

"I didn't expect it to be a lightning quick process, nor should it be."

Because most points of the initiative need to be approved by the state legislature, it is important that those officials see TDI as being well-supported and carefully thought out, Lewis said.

One aspect of TDI in the beginning stage is the formation of a financial aid task force for each institution in the 16-school UNC system. Lewis is in the process of making a report and sending it to the other public schools in which he details how North Carolina's task force is operated.

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Threshold called success

By SARAH CAGLE and STEPHANIE JOHNSTON
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This weekend's historic Threshold conference, sponsored by the Student Environmental Action Coalition (SEAC) of the Campus Y, closed Sunday as participants voted to work over the next months to protect forest lands in the United States.

The three-day national student environmental conference, heralded by organizers as the first of its kind, drew more than 1,600 people from 43 states as well as from several foreign countries. Events included internationally renowned speakers, workshops and discussions on how to better organize and succeed in environmental action.

Participants spent about two hours discussing various short-term campaigns at Sunday's assembly at the Forest Theatre and decided that upcoming congressional action protecting the Tongass National Forest in Alaska should be their most pressing concern.

"The forest is a representative issue of the fundamental concerns of everyone here," said Alec Guettel, one of three SEAC co-chairmen.

Both the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate have voted on a bill to protect the Tongass Forest, which developers are destroying. Threshold participants said the House bill would provide stronger protection.

Participants will write letters to their Congress representatives to ensure passage of the House bill and organize a simultaneous march on their state capitals to raise environmental awareness. A date for the march has not been set.

Other ideas considered in the vote included targeting for major campaigns multi-national corporations that are harming the environment



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Participants in the Threshold conference attend the closing event Sunday in Forest Theatre

while thanking those working to implement environmentally safe practices, encouraging food service reform at the University and expanding recycling efforts.

Another suggestion was a campus "audit," in which participants would find out whether their universities are doing business with corporations harming the environment and encourage severance of those ties.

Organizers of the conference said the Tongass campaign gives Threshold participants an opportunity to further develop the network the conference has helped create.

"I hope it's just a start," said Blain Holman, co-chairman of SEAC. "I hope people will meet the challenge."

Ericka Kurz, co-chairwoman of SEAC, said Threshold participants were eager to keep the momentum from the

conference as well as the improved communication going.

"The conference wasn't strictly environmental. There was a sense of strong desire to reunite the student movement as a whole. The most amazing thing is there's more to come."

Threshold organizers said they See THRESHOLD, page 5

Congress member says CAA withheld SRC information

By SIMONE PAM
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Student Congress Rep. Jeffrey Beall (Dist. 7) has charged that the Carolina Athletic Association (CAA) has done nothing to inform students of an increase in the projected costs of the Student Recreation Center (SRC), which he said have gone from \$4.5 million to \$4.9 million in only two months.

But Gordon Rutherford, UNC director of facilities planning and design, said the increased estimate would not affect the amount of student fees used

to construct the center. "Whatever money that will be spent on the SRC will come from the approved student fees."

"Whatever money we make from the student fees is what we will spend," Rutherford continued. "If the fees only raise \$4.7 million, then a building will be built costing \$4.7 million."

The student body voted on a \$3.5 million budget when the SRC referendum was passed in February, Beall said. In the CAA Sports Outlook, published this summer, the cost estimate increased to \$4.5 million.

The University submitted an estimate of \$4.7 million for total costs even though the exact amount of money needed has not yet been determined, said Rutherford.

The Office of State Construction in Raleigh determined the \$4.9 million estimate, Rutherford said.

Beall said he felt the CAA had been hiding a lot of information about the details of the center and that the students have been poorly served. "I think the CAA was trying to make the estimate cost artificially low so students would vote in favor of the project."

"The CAA has not publicly announced the recent cost increases because they did not want to make themselves look bad," Beall continued. The CAA is withholding certain information that individuals had expressed concern about earlier, he said.

"The students have a right to be informed about what is going on with the project and that is why I wrote the press release (about the increase). At this point, there is nothing else I can do but let the students know what is going on, but I also think that is the CAA's job."

CAA President Lisa Frye said there was no real need to inform the students because, although the total cost estimate had increased, the student fees would remain the same — \$13 per semester and \$4.35 per summer session.

The SRC estimate is like the esti-

mate process done with every project on campus, she said.

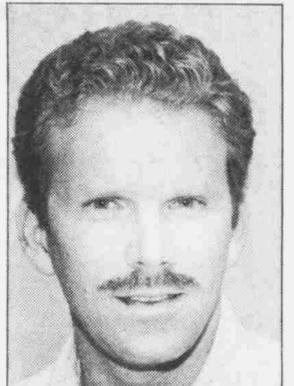
Frye did not agree the CAA was trying to deceive the students in any way. "We have not tried to misinform the students at all. In the CAA Outlook, the details of the SRC are clearly defined. The process followed have been the appropriate actions at the appropriate times, we have not tried to hide anything."

"We just want this to be a positive project, but it is being overshadowed by accusations that are just off-base," Frye continued. "We want to handle this in a way that satisfies the students."

"I'm concerned that a project that will be beneficial to the students is being turned into political football."

Beall said: "The SRC is the Jim Valvano thing of UNC. In the sense

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Jeffery Beall

University police under study

By AMY WAJDA
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Two outside police officers will begin studying relations in the University police department today, Ben Tuchi, vice chancellor for business and finance, said Sunday.

Ron Zuniga, associate director of the Arizona Department of Corrections, and Asa Boynton, chief of police at the University of Georgia, will be paid \$400 a day each for four to six days, Tuchi said.

This may be the first of two or more visits, but the length and number of visits will be left up to the consultants, Tuchi said. "They may conclude that one is adequate."

Tuchi said that when he explained the visit to University police officers about 20 days ago, their reaction was cautious. "I wouldn't characterize it as positive or negative, more a healthy cynicism or a reservation given the fact other studies have been done."

"I didn't detect anything like a complete rejection, more a wait-and-see attitude," Tuchi continued. "I can understand, appreciate and respect that. This (employee relations) is the most difficult kind of problem to resolve."

Officer Ollie Bowler said officers have not been satisfied with the results of past studies. "I hope that some changes will be made as a result of their coming up here."

"I'm looking forward to it. I'm trying to keep a positive attitude." Tuchi said Zuniga and Boynton were chosen from six possible consultants because of the compatibility of their skills and their availability.

Administrators at other universities

were also consulted during the selection process, Tuchi said. "We (Tuchi and Charles Antle, associate vice chancellor for business) talked to some of our colleagues and police chiefs at universities we knew."

Tuchi said he has worked with Zuniga in the past.

Antle said Boynton and Zuniga have worked in law enforcement for more than 25 years.

Tuchi said Zuniga and Boynton's extensive experience would help them in their study. "Both have gone through the turmoil of the last 25 years in university police departments."

Antle said employee relations was the field of expertise for both consultants.

Tuchi said the advisers have also dealt specifically with discrimination and discrimination grievances in police departments.

Tuchi announced the decision to hire outside consultants more than a month ago. The department was then involved in an internal theft investigation in which one of the suspects, Dispatcher Michael Curtis, committed suicide, and another, Officer Elliott Edwards, was charged with breaking and entering and larceny.

The department also faces several grievances, including one stemming from a June 1987 department reorganization in which 13 white officers were promoted. Eight officers charged that this action was discriminatory, but seven of the officers later dropped the charges. An administrative law judge will hear the case of the last officer, Officer Keith Edwards, Thursday and Friday.

Tuchi said the study would probably

focus on how officers relate to the University community department morale.

UNC Public Safety Director Robert Sherman said the study could not hurt the department. "It's always good to have people come in and point out the good points of an operation and recommend improvements in other areas."

Tuchi said the advisers would give him a preliminary oral report on Wednesday or Thursday.

Antle said the advisers had been sent material on the department. They will use more material, employee interviews and observations in developing their report, he said.



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Roughing it

The UNC rugby team struggles to bring down an N.C. State player Saturday afternoon at the Rain-

bow Soccer Fields. The N.C. Collegiate League final resulted in a 19-16 win for NCSU.

When God made me born a Yankee, He was teasin'. — The Indigo Girls

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