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Breadth of athletics reforms debated

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As a movement to "de-professionalize" college athletics sweeps the country, the University community remains divided over how far changes should go, following the approval of nine reforms at the Jan. 19 Faculty Council meeting.

On Feb. 9 the council will debate the rest of the proposals from the faculty Ad Hoc Committee on Athletics and the University.

Henry Landsberger, sociology professor and committee member, said the committee's near-unanimous approval of the resolutions — which include limits on the amount of time teams

require of athletes and new standards for coach evaluation — showed strong support for change. "The committee, by its voting, showed itself to be overwhelmingly in favor of reform. In some cases the committee even went beyond the resolution.

"Both the NCAA and the faculty — in fact, all people close to college athletics — believe major reforms are necessary," Landsberger said. "By reforms we mean de-professionalizing college sports by generally down-scaling them, reducing the time and the number of games while raising the academic requirements."

Chancellor Paul Hardin, who will make the final decisions on the re-

forms, said UNC would work through the National Collegiate Athletic Association to achieve athletic reform. "The main thrust of the committee's recommendation was that we work with the NCAA, not wait passively for change to happen.

"I think the NCAA is in the mood for reforms," he said. "They're not only under pressure from us — the entire ACC (Atlantic Coast Conference) is active in the move toward reform, and they (the NCAA) hear it from many others. Reform will be the main event on the agenda."

UNC is in a good position to push reform because the athletic program is untainted, Hardin said. "Our program

is run in the strictest compliance with NCAA regulations. I don't see any specific changes needed under the present rules. Because our program is so successful and clean, we are in a position to really reduce pressures on the student athlete."

Daniel Pollitt, committee member and Kenan professor of law, said athletic scholarships for non-revenue sports should be done away with all together. "It's like hiring gladiators to come in and fight for you. I'd rather we were 80th in the standings but regular students were able to walk on to the teams."

Bill Lam, head wrestling coach, said some of the proposals, such as taking away scholarships for non-revenue

sports, were excessive. "I have been with the University for 17 years, and I've seen a lot. (In college) I went to Oklahoma, a school that has been attacked, and perhaps justly so. I feel there is need for reform, but some (measures) go a little too far.

"But if coaches put in proposals, they might be too far in the other direction. I have great faith in Chancellor Hardin to weigh the issues and make the right decision."

Sophomore Alan Baldwin, a track team member with a partial scholarship that pays for his room costs, also said he thought some of the proposed reforms go too far. "Some of these things, like no athletic scholarships, are bordering

on the ridiculous. If it weren't for scholarships, literally half the kids on the track team couldn't afford to be here.

"But there are good reforms also," he added. "It's a mixed bag. I think they should go a little at a time, and avoid any radical changes."

Landsberger said he did not expect the NCAA to change the rules quickly. "To even think the NCAA will adopt every one of the resolutions is utopian, but they're moving in the right direction. They're slow to change, but the direction is correct."

Reforms should benefit the entire student body, not just the athletes,

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Meeting offers chance for SRC design ideas



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Gene Davis (left), Will Graham and Michael Caldwell examine a model of the SRC site

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Space for Outing Club equipment, movable weight room partitions and a health drink bar were among several ideas suggested for the design of the Student Recreation Center (SRC) by a group of students, faculty and organizational leaders assembled Thursday.

More than 40 people attended a meeting sponsored by the Carolina Athletic Association (CAA) to discuss the design of the SRC, to be built in the courtyard of Fetzer Gymnasium.

Those present spokewit the building's architects, including chief designers Norma Burns and Masaya Kunishi, and developed a lengthy list of concerns and hopes for the SRC project.

Burns, of Burnstudio in Raleigh, said the meeting was for anyone who wanted to voice concerns, suggest new ideas, or raise objections to any aspect of the SRC.

She said she wanted two kinds of information: intellectual ideas about what rooms and equipment should be in the SRC and input about personal feelings toward the facility.

Another open session will be held today at 2 p.m. The ideas presented at Thursday's meeting will be considered and discussed.

"They are going to hear tomorrow

(Friday) about what we do tonight," Burns said. "What we will do tomorrow ... is sit down and try to do some problem solving."

One request came from members of the UNC Outing Club, who want a 1,000 square-foot area in the SRC for storage of outside sports equipment.

According to Outing Club President Buff Grace, boating equipment used to be kept at the private residence of club members, but the lease was terminated without residents' knowledge. Other equipment was kept in the Campus Y attic, which is now condemned.

The organization is now housing equipment in Woollen Gymnasium, a building they soon will not have access to.

"What we're asking for is space in the rec center for boating equipment, excluding canoes. They (SRC planners) don't want to offer space to a club."

The Outing Club differs from a traditional club because any student can join, Grace said. He noted that most traditional clubs could only accept as many members as they could accommodate, but the Outing Club, and its equipment, is open to all students.

Lisa Frye, Carolina Athletic Association (CAA) president and member of the SRC task force, said her objection to the Outing Club's request was

that she felt students should be given the exact facility they voted for in a 1989 referendum. She also expressed concern about giving one group storage space.

"It's obvious they have a large number of students (but) I feel that every square foot of that rec center should be used by any member of the student body."

Other people at the discussion session voiced concern over a variety of issues associated with the SRC, a 27,500 square-foot structure that will include a weight room, an aerobic/dance facility, and space for a Wellness Center.

Some other ideas suggested were:

- spaciousness to aid traffic flow;
- separate security measures and time-frame for the SRC;
- aesthetically pleasing architecture and singular work-out equipment in lieu of Universal equipment; and
- space allotted for outdoor equipment.

Grace said that more than 20,000 square feet have been set aside for indoor equipment but that none has been allotted for outdoor equipment.

Wayne Going, coordinator of the intramural sports program and main proponent of movable partitions, said they would be for anyone self-conscious about exercising in front of more trained individuals.

Nebraska proposes measures to toughen college drug laws

By CRYSTAL BERNSTEIN
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Nebraska legislators, with the backing of Gov. Kay Orr, introduced a bill last week to crack down on students convicted of drug charges at the state's seven public colleges and universities.

The bill proposes drug rehabilitation treatment for a student's first drug offense and expulsion for the second, said Doug Parrott, communications director for Orr. Students expelled on drug charges could return to school after participating in a drug rehabilitation program.

Current drug policies vary across the state. The University of Nebraska at Lincoln follows a student code of conduct when punishing offenders of drug laws, said James Grieson, vice chancellor for student affairs at UNL. Punishment can be as mild as probation or as severe as expulsion, depending on the circumstances, he said.

Kearney State College, which prohibits possession of drugs or alcohol on campus, also uses a student code of conduct to enforce drug policies, said Barbara Snyder, vice-president for student affairs at Kearney State.

The bill was introduced to make students understand the necessity of being drug-free, Parrott said. "(Orr) thinks this is one way to really tell the users that we're going to get tough."

Student reaction to the bill at UNL has been mostly negative. Students feel they are not the only group of citizens that needs a stringent drug enforcement policy, said Deb Fiddelke, chairwoman of the student government liaison committee.

"We don't think students should be singled out. If drug rehabilitation is needed, it should be enforced on everyone with drug problems in the population."

Existing methods of drug enforcement at UNL are sufficient for handling the few offenders on campus, Grieson

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Committee looking over UNC grievance policy

By DIONNE LOY
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A committee formed by Chancellor Paul Hardin is reviewing possible flaws in the University Staff Grievance Procedure and plans to recommend a new policy by late February.

Hardin formed the committee in response to claims that the present University grievance policy is inherently unfair and misguided. The claims, voiced in a report issued by the University Staff Employee Grievance Committee, stem from alleged violations of SPAG 10, Sections 5 a. and b., which command disciplinary action for discrimination against an employee.

The review committee, chaired by Ben Tuchi, vice chancellor for busi-

ness and finance, invited all University staff members to voice their opinions of the grievance procedure in a series of meetings held last December.

Three meetings were held for supervisory employees, and three were held for non-supervisory employees. The committee hoped to keep the meetings small to encourage individuals to speak out and to address the different concerns of supervisors and supervised employees, Tuchi said.

About 120 people attended the meetings and outlined several problems they found in the grievance procedure.

Many who attended the meetings were concerned with maintaining the confidentiality of their concerns. "Though it's difficult to resolve many

of the problems without several parties discussing them, the confidentiality concern is very important," Tuchi said.

Tuchi said staff members voiced concern that the personnel department could not fairly represent both the supervisor and the employee. "This quandary places the University in an awkward situation and generates consternation."

Staff employees also wished to improve the speed of the grievance procedure, Tuchi said.

The committee is waiting until February to release any proposed changes officially.

"We don't need to hurry," Tuchi

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Diffendal declares candidacy for RHA

By MARCIE BAILEY
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Gretchan Diffendal, a junior political science and speech communication major from Charlotte, has announced her candidacy for Residence Hall Association (RHA) president.

Diffendal's campaign, "Commitment through Experience," will address new issues as well as continue old projects, she said.

She said she would like to see SAFE escort service and the library shuttle become part of RHA or another established committee. The manpower, knowledge and organization of such a committee would increase the usage and availability of these services, she said.

Diffendal said she would like to establish bottle, paper and aluminum recycling in residence halls. She also wants RHA to take sole responsibility for the Faculty Fellows program, which is designed to increase faculty-student interaction. It is now run by RHA and the housing department.

"(Faculty Fellows) would have more stability and would receive better response from faculty because they would see the interest and support of the students."

She said she would expand the position of executive assistant to the RHA executive governing board for minority concerns so that she could better address minority concerns.

Diffendal said residence halls also needed an energy conservation program to counter the rising utilities costs. This would ensure that any increases in residence hall rent from utilities increases would be tempo-



Gretchan Diffendal

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rary, she said. Diffendal said she was concerned that many students are unaware of RHA's purposes or activities. "By the end of my term I would like to be able to say that people know what RHA is and that they know they can come to us with their problems and we will support them."

Diffendal is STOW area governor and RHA liaison to the Faculty Fellows committee. She has also served as Spencer Residence Hall president and as an orientation commissioner.

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In the dark

With the aid of a blindfold, Tara Southerland experiences brief sightlessness Thursday afternoon in Sutton's Drug Store. Adam Narcross and Andrea Krehbiel were with her.

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Anybody who hates dogs and loves whiskey can't be all bad. — W.C. Fields