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## Housing committee announces rent increase of 17 per cent



James Condie

by Robert King  
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Dorm room rents will increase by an average of 17 per cent for the 1975-76 academic year, the Housing Budget Advisory Committee announced Monday.

Director of University Housing James Condie would not comment on the increases Monday afternoon. The rent increase announcement was made without his approval.

Condie said Monday afternoon he wanted to inform the housing staff of the reasons for the increases before releasing them to the students.

Despite Condie's refusal to release the information, Betsey Jones, a member of

the Housing Budget Advisory Committee said "it was the understanding of the members of the committee and Douglas Mallory, assistant housing director for Financial Affairs that the rents should be made public."

Jay Levin, president of the Resident Hall Association (RHA), applauded the release of the rent rates. "We feel that the Housing Department took too long in announcing rent rates in the first place," Levin said.

The rent hikes are based on projected salary increases for state employees by the North Carolina General Assembly and rises in utility costs for the University. Heating fuel costs went up 115 per cent last year.

Double and triple room spaces in

Alderman, Cobb, Joyner, Kenan, McIver, Parker, Spencer and Whitehead dormitories will be \$280. Unguaranteed single rooms will cost \$425, whereas guaranteed single rooms will cost \$555. Housing can move a second person into an unguaranteed single room but cannot with a guaranteed single room.

In Ruffin, which will be converted to an all-female dorm, double and single triple rooms will cost \$225. Unguaranteed singles will be \$345, and guaranteed singles will be \$445.

In the men's halls, Avery, Aycock, Carr, Everett, Lewis, Mangum, Manly, Old East, Old West, Stacy, and Teague, the cost of double and triple rooms will be \$225. Unguaranteed single rooms will cost \$345, and guaranteed singles will be \$445.

In Graham and Grimes dormitories, rents will increase to \$235 for double and triple rooms, \$355 for unguaranteed singles and \$455 for guaranteed singles. The increase was due to carpeting installations in the halls and stairwells.

In coed dormitories, Connor and Winston, rents will be \$280 for double and triple rooms, \$425 for unguaranteed singles and \$555 for guaranteed singles. In Alexander, rents will be \$230 for double and triple rooms, \$350 for an unguaranteed single, and \$555 for a guaranteed single.

In Craige, Ehringhaus, James and Morrison dormitories, rents will be \$240 for double and triple rooms, \$365 for unguaranteed singles, and \$475 for guaranteed singles.



Betty Pollakoff (center), Emy Reeves (r) and Steve Parris (l) perform in the Carolina Reader's Theater production of "Flavors: an evening with Mason Williams," presented Monday in the Union Snack Bar.

## From South Vietnamese forces

### Plane attacks Thieu's palace

United Press International

SAIGON — A South Vietnamese warplane attacked President Nguyen Van Thieu's palace early Tuesday, dropping two bombs that missed and exploded nearby.

A fire broke out and a huge column of black-grey smoke rose after the two bombs missed the Palace, which is only a quarter-mile from the U.S. embassy in downtown Saigon.

First reports indicated there was no significant damage and no casualties.

The warplane, an American-made F5 jet, swooped over the Palace, flying through anti-aircraft fire from palace guards. Troops guarding Thieu's residence withdrew into the palace.

There was no immediate indication whether Thieu was at the palace at the time of the attack.

There was no sign the attack was part of an organized coup d'etat.

No troops were on the street, police radio dispatchers were confused and Radio Saigon continued with normal broadcasting.

In earlier action Monday, Communist forces controlling the northern two-thirds of South Vietnam opened an offensive Monday in the populous Mekong Delta to the south and threatened the country's major source of food.

With 18 of South Vietnam's 44 provinces already held by the Communists, major successes in the Delta, the largest food-producing area of its size in Asia, could trap Saigon in a vise and cost the truncated country much of its rice staple.

Military sources said Communists hit six previously untouched Delta provinces with 132 shelling and 19 ground assaults through early Monday, and launched a major attack on the country's main fuel dump near Saigon.

In the embattled capital itself, more Americans were leaving. The government lifted its brief ban on "Operation Babylift"

and prepared up to 18,000 orphans to leave the country.

In Cambodia, Communist-led rebel forces, firing rockets as they advanced, pushed to within 3½ miles of Phnom Penh's vital airport Monday.

With the Khmer Rouge rebels controlling about 90 per cent of Cambodia and besieging Phnom Penh, Pochentong Airport was the capital's sole supply link with the outside world.

In Jakarta, Indonesia, Gen. George S. Brown, head of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, told newsmen that renewed U.S. intervention in Vietnam may have to be

considered, but that the American people probably would not support it.

A spokesman for the Viet Cong's Provisional Revolutionary Government denied that the Communists had set a deadline of April 12 for President Nguyen Van Thieu to resign or Saigon would be shelled.

Military sources said a U.S. Seventh Fleet task force including two guided missile cruisers, an aircraft carrier and escort vessels was stationed 50 to 60 miles off the coast to evacuate Americans from Saigon if necessary.

## Tax meaning investigated

by Dirk Wilmoth  
Staff Writer

The real meaning of the controversial North Carolina personal property tax law will not be known until it is challenged in court, Ron Mack, Student Consumer Action Union (SCAU) complaint investigator, said Monday.

The wording of the law is very unclear, Mack said. "The students should know it is a question of semantics."

Mack said that in response to a number of complaints from students, he has spoken with a legal counsel and tax officials about the tax law and its problems.

The complaints stem from an announcement by Bill Laws, Orange County tax supervisor, last Monday that all University students who own property in Orange County will have to file personal tax listings this year, even if the person is a legal resident of another state or county.

Until this year, students living in apartments and dormitories were not assessed for personal property taxes since the tax office did not have a list of them.

In order to test the law, Mack said a student could decide not to list and then wait to see what the county does. He said it would be hard for the county to go after everyone. However, he said, "I don't want to condone not paying taxes."

Currently, the county tax office is sending out letters to all county residents, including those living in apartments and dormitories, notifying them that they must list personal property which they owned as of Jan. 1, 1975. Under the law, the first \$300 worth of

personal property is exempt for an individual. For a married couple, the first \$600 worth is exempt.

Students can list their personal property from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday in the tax office of the Orange County Courthouse in Hillsborough, or may call 929-5700 for information on listing by mail.

In another development Monday, Lew Warren, former assistant to past Student Body President Marcus Williams on transportation and Carrboro affairs, said the new interpretation of the personal property tax law could improve the chances of Carrboro getting a bus system next year.

Warren said the argument of the anti-bus faction in Carrboro has been that students do not pay enough taxes to be represented.

Thus, student demands for a bus system have gone unheard, he said.

With students paying personal property taxes, he said, the argument against the bus system is unfounded.

Students have been paying property taxes in Carrboro for some time, Warren said. The apartment complex owners are assessed for the taxes, so they pass the cost on to their renters.

He said that a recent study determined that about one-half of the tax money for the town of Carrboro comes from apartment complexes.

Also, he said another study has determined that a large proportion of the non-student residents of Carrboro want a bus system.

## Peace research uses explored

by Helen Ross  
Staff Writer

The feasibility of applying peace research to solve current world problems was explored Sunday night in "The Future of Peace," a debate sponsored by the Dialectic and Philanthropic societies.

Alan and Hanna Newcombe, members of the Canadian Peace Research Institute and 1974 recipients of the Theodore Lentz Peace Award, spoke to about 20 people in the Di-Phi chambers in West.

Alan Newcombe said peace research has reached a new level in which there are reasonable uses for findings. Hanna Newcombe argued that there are still many

obstacles which must be overcome before peace research can be applied effectively to the world situation.

However, Hanna Newcombe said all these experiments on changes in peoples' attitudes have been done almost exclusively in North America. Peace research studies must be done cross-culturally "to make sure that we are not getting some sort of artifact" that is true only in our own nation, she said.

If a hostile statement is made from one nation to another there are four possible types of responses, Alan Newcombe said. The hostility can be answered with hostility, indifference, non-violence or friendship.

The response from the nation depends on

such variables as the personality of the government leaders, the ideology of the country, and the nation's armament patterns, he said.

"The U.S. and the S.U. (Soviet Union) are mirror images" Alan Newcombe said. Nationalists tend to take the evils that they see in themselves and project them onto their enemy, he said, making friendship difficult.

Hanna Newcombe stressed the need for designing peaceful futures for the world. She is interested in a reform package for the United Nations. The membership of the UN is almost universal, she said, but it is currently not strong enough to solve such problems as regional disputes, world hunger and pollution.

## Black Arts Cultural Festival

Herbie Hancock, jazz keyboard artist, will highlight today's session of the festival with a performance at 8 p.m. in Memorial Hall.

## SCAU head elected

by Vernon Loeb  
Staff Writer

Kathy Moore, a junior history major from Concord, N.C., was elected chairperson of the Student Consumer Action Union (SCAU) last week by members of the union.

Relinquishing her position as SCAU housing chairperson to Brad Lamb, Moore succeeds Janie Clark, who will become membership director.

Joining Moore and Lamb in the SCAU administration will be Vice-Chairperson Kay Howe, special projects chairperson Mike Lockerby, and phone line chairperson Ron Mack.

Moore said Monday a major problem facing SCAU is a lack of publicity which, in the past, has hurt the group in two ways. First, insufficient publicity created a manpower shortage, and second, people were unaware of many of the services SCAU provides, she said.

Besides increasing publicity, Moore said future SCAU plans include putting a greater emphasis on housing problems, publishing consumer booklets, and lobbying for a landlord-tenant bill which is now being written by various N.C. consumer groups. New SCAU publications include a guide

to banking services and a health services pamphlet. The group will possibly revise many of its current consumer guides and reinstate its Bread Basket Survey of local grocery stores.

As well as keeping office phone lines open 24 hours a day, SCAU might also conduct research concerning the services of Servomation she said.

Mack said Monday people should not hesitate to call in a complaint. Even if it is not a problem with a simple solution, such as a cash refund or an item exchange, he said SCAU can publish consumer complaints concerning certain merchants.

Mack also said a lack of volunteers has hurt the phone line project. Many times, he said, complaints come in to the SCAU office but cannot be processed for several weeks.

SCAU has requested a \$12,000 budget from the Campus Governing Council for next year's projects.

Although last year's budget was \$15,000, Moore said this year's request, if granted, would actually increase SCAU's financial capabilities. Last year's Merchant Guide consumed \$6,000 of the SCAU budget while no future SCAU projects will be that costly, she added.



Kathy Moore

## CGC to hear office debate

by Art Eisenstadt  
Staff Writer

The Campus Governing Council (CGC) will hear a debate tonight on a bill that would place a check on the student body president's power to assign union office space to Student Government organizations.

CGC Rep. John Sawyer introduced the measure in response to the current controversy involving offices for the Human Sexuality Information and Counseling Service.

Human Sexuality had been assigned to move from its present Suite B office to Smith Building by an aide to Student Body President Bill Bates as part of a general office reorganization. The bill was approved by the Rules and Judiciary Committee Monday.

Under the bill, the CGC Administration Committee will hear discussion on any request for space reassignment, and will have to notify any organization involved in a move.

The bill also recommends that the Union Board of Directors, which must formally approve any room shift, wait until CGC has approved the president's proposals before ratifying a move.

Currently, the Union gives the president a

relatively free hand in allocating space in Suites A, B and C.

Plans for the move, originally scheduled for today, fell through when David Smith, Secretary for Internal Affairs to Bates, learned that the Smith Building room would be used by the statistics department next year.

Smith said Sunday the counseling service will be permitted to remain in its Union offices until a substitute office could be found. Human Sexuality staff members are lighting the court order to move.

"This is simply a matter of getting the Union Board of Directors to accept the word of the president as being official only after CGC has affirmed it," Sawyer said of his bill.

He added the provision requiring the Administration Committee chairperson to notify any group involved in a move would insure that such groups had adequate time to appeal such an order if necessary.

Human Sexuality spokespersons say they were not advised of the order to move until they received a memorandum from Smith directing the shift.

Members of the service had been scheduled to appeal the move in a meeting with Bates Monday morning, but the

meeting was postponed until today.

"I just think it is bad that a policy that has been in effect for a number of years had to be changed right now," Johnny Kaleel, legislative aide to Bates, said of Sawyer's bill. "This is like a slap in the face."

Meanwhile, Smith distributed a report Monday summarizing the Bates Administration's policy on assigning Student Government office space.

The report stated, "organizations that are vital to the barest performance functions of Student Government itself" should receive office space.

Mike O'Neal, another adviser to Bates, said this would include the executive, legislative and judicial branches of Student Government.

The report further stated that space should go to "those organizations and activities whose services broadly and efficiently serve diverse student needs...and are directly tied on a daily basis to Union equipment, services, programs and functions."

O'Neal said the executive branch of Student Government was responsible for finding space for 34 organizations and had only 15 offices with which to work with.