



Fire at Old Well Apartments

Fire gutted between four and six apartments in Building T at Old Well Apartments late Thursday afternoon. Firemen fought the blaze for an hour and a half.

The fire started at 3 p.m. in a first floor apartment as repairs for the Roberts Associates maintenance department were working on a leaky water pipe. Carrboro Fire Chief Robert Swiger said. A spark from an acetylene torch ignited insulation between apartments. Fire spread to the top two floors.

Chapel Hill Fire Chief Everett Lloyd could not estimate the damage, but apartments on the left side of the second and third floors were completely destroyed and apartments on the right side were damaged by smoke.

# Bates asks O'Neal to resign, balks when treasurer refuses

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Although Student Body President Bill Bates suggested Thursday morning his appointed treasurer, Mike O'Neal, resign, Bates rescinded his suggestion Thursday afternoon after O'Neal refused to resign.

David Smith, a Bates aide, said the president wanted to further discuss the matter with his staff members before deciding to formally ask for O'Neal's resignation. Bates was in Charlotte most of Thursday afternoon and could not be reached for comment.

Student Government officials said Bates was expected to return to Chapel Hill at about 10:30 p.m., Thursday, and would go immediately to his office to resume staff discussions about O'Neal.

In a related development, Billy Richardson, who resigned Wednesday as executive assistant to Bates, said he may return to his former position if O'Neal leaves office. But he said he would work towards O'Neal's impeachment if the treasurer remains.

Richardson, once considered the No. 2 man behind Bates in Student Government affairs, resigned in protest over O'Neal.

Bates delivered a letter to O'Neal around 11 a.m. suggesting that the treasurer resign, Richardson said.

Asked about the possibility of his resigning, O'Neal said Thursday, "Bill has made no decision on anything like that at this point." He refused to comment on Bates's letter.

The *Daily Tar Heel* was unable to learn if the letter gave any

specific reason for Bates's suggestion. O'Neal did meet with Bates for over an hour early this afternoon before Bates left for Charlotte.

"Bates wanted a little more time to think about the situation," aide Smith said. "There are a couple of more members of the staff he wants to talk to before making a decision."

Smith would not predict the chances of Bates reissuing the letter. Meanwhile, Richardson denied that he issued Bates an ultimatum to keep either himself or O'Neal but said he would not return to Student Government until O'Neal is out of office.

"I resigned because I felt I had a duty and an obligation to get Mike O'Neal out of the treasurer's office, and I couldn't do that while working in Student Government," Richardson said.

"The actions Mike O'Neal has taken are not in the best interests of the students or the president. As long as he is treasurer, he is overshadowing the good things Bill Bates is doing as president."

O'Neal said, "I don't want to comment on anything Billy Richardson says." But he added, "I won't help any man break the law, whether he's my president or whatever. If they want me to resign because I'm upholding the law, that speaks for that."

Richardson said he may not return to Student Government even if O'Neal resigns, because his effectiveness may now be damaged in the eyes of Bates's staff and the student body.

If O'Neal does not resign, Richardson said he would organize a petition campaign to every CGC representative urging O'Neal's impeachment.

O'Neal, a graduate journalism student from Hendersonville, was

appointed treasurer by Bates last April. He previously served as a member of the Student Legislature (predecessor to the Campus Governing Council), as treasurer and president of the Residence Hall Association (RHA) and as director of the Campus Program Council.

He served a controversial term as RHA president, being charged with overstepping his authority when he overturned the results of an RHA organization's election.

O'Neal was later forced to resign as RHA president because, contrary to RHA regulations, O'Neal was not living in an RHA dormitory during part of his tenure as RHA president.

After failing an attempt to regain the RHA presidency through a special election, O'Neal helped found the Campus Program Council, which schedules films and other entertainment for dorm social events.

O'Neal was installed as treasurer last spring when the Student Supreme Court invalidated a CGC ruling which denied his nomination.

As treasurer, O'Neal temporarily froze the funds of a number of campus organizations for alleged treasury violations. His two most noted actions involve withholding part of the *Daily Tar Heel's* funds because he felt its business practices were not secure, and freezing the Black Student Movement's (BSM) funds because the BSM Gospel Choir allegedly maintained an illegal checking account.

Wednesday, Bates overruled O'Neal's freezing of the BSM funds and ordered the funds released, but O'Neal refused to do so, saying only CGC could order him to unfreeze the monies.

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## Strickland, O'Neal freeze funds BSM money hardly had time to thaw

by Chris Fuller  
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Black Student Movement (BSM) funds remained frozen Thursday despite Student Body President Bill Bates's announcement Wednesday releasing the funds.

The funds were refrozen Wednesday by Student Body Treasurer Mike O'Neal and Campus Governing Council (CGC) Finance Committee Chairperson Bill Strickland.

BSM funds were originally frozen during the summer for alleged treasury law violations. O'Neal charged the BSM Gospel Choir allegedly maintained an illegal

checking account.

During a BSM demonstration Wednesday protesting the fund freeze, Bates announced he was releasing the entire BSM allocation except for the Gospel Choir's funds. The choir's funds were to remain frozen pending a financial investigation by CGC Rep. Sheri Parks and Associate Dean of Student Affairs Harold G. Wallace.

O'Neal refused to go along with Bates, maintaining that the president could not legally release the funds. O'Neal said the fund freeze was a CGC decision and that under the Student Government

Constitution, only CGC can repeal its own acts.

The Finance Committee supported Bates Wednesday, saying the bill freezing the funds was void because the CGC did not take final action Tuesday night.

The original bill freezing the funds, passed in July, said CGC should take final action on the issue by its second fall meeting. No action was taken at the second meeting (Tuesday) and, according to the Finance Committee, the bill is void.

Strickland said, "That is a loose interpretation. They (the funds) are now

frozen regardless of whether they were frozen or unfrozen by CGC."

He added, "It could possibly be that the funds stayed unfrozen between Tuesday night and 2:30 Wednesday afternoon." He said the Student Supreme Court would have to decide if the funds were legally frozen during that time.

The funds were frozen Wednesday by Strickland and O'Neal under a provision of the student treasury laws.

The provision allows the student body treasurer and/or the CGC Finance Committee chairperson to temporarily freeze funds of any organization violating treasury laws.

The provision also stipulates the Finance Committee must hold a formal hearing on the temporary freeze announcement within a week. A meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Sunday.

In a letter to BSM Treasurer Pearl Burris, O'Neal said, "At 3:15 p.m. this afternoon, following the meeting of the Finance Committee, Bill Strickland, Chairman of the CGC Finance Committee, and myself acted jointly to freeze the funds of the Black Student Movement for violations of Student Treasury Laws."

In response to O'Neal's refreezing of funds, BSM Chairperson Lester Diggs said, "I think his action severely undermined the extent of balance of power that we have in Student Government."

Concerning Bates's release of the funds, Diggs said, "Obviously Bill is acting out of his own conscience. I think Bill is doing what he feels is in the best interest of Student Government and more particularly, his administration."

Diggs said BSM may consider filing suit in the Student Supreme Court to get the funds released. He said the suit is "undetermined at this point. We're just inquiring about some legal points concerning the whole case."

## Council to vote on grades today

by Linda Lowe  
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The Faculty Council will vote at 4 p.m. today in Hamilton Hall auditorium on the proposed changes in the definitions of letter grades, intended to combat grade inflation.

The Faculty Committee on Instructional Personnel recommended to the council in August that the "B" grade be given for "superior" instead of "good" work, with a "C" being equivalent to "good" instead of "fair" work. A "D" would be defined as "fair" instead of "poor."

If adopted, these definitions will be voluntary for instructors in assigning grades. The quality points given for each letter grade would remain the same.

History professor James R. Leutze will make an alternate proposal to the council, recommending the addition of pluses and minuses to final grades.

Five of the 12 members of the Committee on Instructional Personnel interviewed Thursday disagreed on what the potential effects the committee's proposal have.

Dean John B. Adams of the School of Journalism described the changes as a matter of semantics. "The use of the word 'fair' for 'C' is abominable," he said. If the recommendation passes, he said, "I'd do the same thing as I did before: interpret a 'C' as perfectly satisfactory."

Dean Robert G. Byrd of the law school agreed with Adams that the

redefinition probably would not decrease the number of "A's" given. Byrd said, however, if a substantial decrease in "A's" or "B's" does occur, the redefinition would affect law school admissions policies for UNC students.

Dean of the School of Social Work Morton I. Teicher said the grading changes would definitely result in fewer "A's" being given. He said he was a little concerned—although other committee members did not seem to be—that UNC students might be adversely affected in graduate school competition.

"If it (the proposed system) is recorded on the grade sheet and if it is read correctly, there should not be a problem," he added.

Arthur Housman, chairperson of the Department of Dramatic Arts, emphasized that several factors besides grades—faculty recommendations, Graduate Record Exam scores and the undergraduate school attended—affect graduate school admission. "If there were no other factors involved, it (the redefinition) might very well (affect admission)," he said.

The Leutze proposal of adding pluses and minuses to final grades was opposed by most of the five committee members interviewed.

Housman said the proposal might tend to further escalate grades and complicate the grading process. "Suppose a 'B' is three points and we're giving pluses and minuses, is a 'B+' a 2.8, a 2.7 or 2.9?"

Edward G. Holley, dean of the School of Library Science, was the only committee member contacted who favored the plus-minus system. "Leutze's proposal would enable finer distinctions," Holley said. "Often we need to make those discriminations."

## Intramurals gym being planned

by Sam Fulwood  
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Plans are currently being drawn for a new physical education and intramural building to be located near the Tin Can, Allen Waters, director of operations and engineering for the University, said Thursday.

In an attempt to equalize the physical education facilities for women, the 1974 General Assembly authorized the University to begin planning discussions for the structure.

"The Tin Can site has been approved by the trustees, the University Building and Grounds Committee, the Physical Education Special Studies Committee (formed especially to plan the new structure), the Chancellor's Cabinet and the University planners," Waters said.

Although no money has been released for the construction of a building, \$165,000 has been given to the special studies committee for the drawing of plans and related expenses, such as core samples to check soil conditions for the foundation.

"We don't know what it will look like on the outside," Waters said. "We are in a schematic design stage to determine how the internal components of the facility will relate to each other."

The new structure will include gymnasiums, handball courts, special events

rooms, classrooms, offices, lounges, lockers and showers for women and a sports medicine department, Waters said.

Once the plans are completed by the committee, the State Construction Office must review the layout and plans. The plans must then be approved by operations and engineering, planning, physical plant, utilities, physical education departments, and finally by the Building and Grounds Committee and the trustees.

"We would hope the plans could be fully completed by the summer of 1976, and if construction funds are available, have

construction begin by the fall of 1976 with about two and a half years of construction time," Waters said.

The proposed budget for the 150,000-square-foot building is \$5.5 million, Waters said. The building is to be separate from any existing physical education structure with an overhead walkway to Woollen Gym.

Several of the trees in the wooded area surrounding Woollen Gym will be removed when construction begins. However, Waters said, "In the layout every effort will be made to preserve as many trees as possible and retain the natural environment of the area."

When building is completed the site will be landscaped.

"The structure is not just for women," Carl Blyth, chairperson of the physical education department, said. He added that the new building would be of specific service to club sports and intramurals.

The existing facility is inadequate for women students, he said. "There is a dire need of dressing space for women."

"HEW's Title IX stated that there has to be equality for women. We just have to do something for the women," Blyth said.

## Suit on BSM funding dismissed

A Federal judge in Greensboro has dismissed a lawsuit filed by two former UNC students seeking to end mandatory student funding of the Black Student Movement (BSM).

However, Chief Judge Eugene A. Gordon of the U.S. Middle District Court in Greensboro criticized University officials for allowing student fees to be allocated to a group that is exclusively for one portion of the student body.

Gordon filed his judgment Wednesday dismissing the lawsuit by Lawrence A. Uzzell and Robert Lane Arrington. The suit was filed in mid-1974 to cut off funding for the BSM,

which at that time was exclusively black.

Because the BSM now admits white students, the judge said the major issue in the case had been eliminated. Uzzell and Arrington had contended that student aid should be cut off until the BSM admitted non-blacks.

The court ruled that if future funding was provided for any racially discriminating groups, or if the BSM was not truly open to members of all races, the court would consider another lawsuit.

BSM Chairperson Lester Diggs said he was pleased with the ruling. Diggs said he

thought the dismissal was inevitable and came as no real surprise.

Dean of Student Affairs Donald A. Boulton said Thursday he would reserve comment until he has time to review details of the ruling.

Attorney James Rowan, who represented the BSM in the case, also said he did not want to make a statement until he received a full report on the ruling.

Neither of the plaintiffs was available for comment Thursday afternoon. Arrington has moved to Tennessee since the suit was filed.



Patty Hearst, pictured in both the above shots, was captured Thursday by the FBI. Story on page 3.



## Drug switchboard to get fund increase

by Dan Fesperman  
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RALEIGH — The North Carolina Drug Commission (NCDC) approved a \$9,262 increase in funds yesterday for Chapel Hill's Switchboard drug counseling center, but several members of the commission indicated that funding of such organizations may be curtailed next year.

Switchboard is primarily a telephone drug counseling service, but also handles a wide variety of other personal problems.

Switchboard had requested an increase in funds of approximately \$12,000 on Aug. 15 after having its drug commission allocation cut by two-thirds, from approximately \$30,000 to \$10,000 on June 26.

Although the commission that reviews NCDC grants had recommended before June 26 only a slight cut, the Drug Authority Pay Staff recommended the two-thirds cut. In yesterday's NCDC meeting, the Pay Staff again opposed an allocation increase, recommending that its request for additional funds be denied. But this time the NCDC followed the advice of the subcommittee for requests of individual funding, which recommended the \$9,262 increase.

NCDC Chairperson Chris S. Barker said during the meeting that he questioned the future funding of local telephone counseling service programs.

He said NCDC should not pay for the telephone programs because they are unnecessary, since a 24-hour statewide telephone counseling service is operating now. Barker was then informed by an NCDC member that the service he had referred to only operates from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

Barker then criticized the funding of the local telephone programs because many of their services are unrelated to drug abuse.

"It seems that the people who are involved in drug abuse have suddenly decided that they are experts in drug education," he said. "I think that this business of funding education through mental health (programs) should come to an end this year."

Switchboard receives its state funds through the Orange-Person-Chatham Mental Health Center.

Barker also said there is less need for emergency phone services now than there was in the past. "I think that the excitement on drug problems has somewhat gone out

the window," he said. "We have to come up with a uniform policy regarding telephone services." Barker said after yesterday's meeting, "Suppose every committee of over 10,000 people decided that they wanted a phone service. How would we decide who gets what? We obviously couldn't pay for all of them, and it would be unfair to only pay for a few."

Pay Staff Director F.E. Epps said a program of evaluation of organizations funded by the drug commission will begin next month.

Ashley Moore, who shares the position of Switchboard director with Susan Furches, said he would not be surprised if Switchboard is the first organization to be evaluated.

Furches agreed, saying, "A lot of people have told us that they (the Pay Staff) just do not like Chapel Hill."

Both Moore and Furches said they do not understand why the Pay Staff had recommended that Switchboard's funds be denied.

Furches said that after the original budget cut, Roger Howard, NCDC planning director, had recommended that Switchboard be improved in three areas before making a request for additional funds.

He suggested Switchboard improve its financial system, client records and public image. Furches explained that the image of Switchboard has been one of a "hippie haven."

She said the improvements were made and reported to the drug commission a week before the Aug. 15 request. But the Pay Staff still opposed the funds request by Switchboard.

Furches said members of the Pay Staff told her they recommended the two-thirds cut because Switchboard duplicates services offered elsewhere in the community.

Constance Grove, director of the Chapel Hill Department of Human Services, wrote a letter for Furches to present to the drug commission, saying that Switchboard does not perform duplicate services and that it provides a valuable service to the community.

Because it received additional funds, Switchboard will be able to reopen its walk-in counseling center on 408 W. Rosemary St. and to increase its staff from two to four. Last year Switchboard operated with a staff of five.