

Students demonstrate over larger occupancy

By KELLY SIMMONS
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About 15 to 20 UNC students gathered in the parking lot behind Cobb Residence Hall Friday afternoon to publicly express their disapproval of increased occupancy in the residence halls.

Waving banners reading, "Don't Crowd Our Education" and "We Need Room To Breathe," the students aired their views before WRAL-TV and WQDR news teams.

Lack of privacy, space and accessibility to bathrooms have been among the many reasons students have protested increased occupancy.

MisChella McKoy, a Cobb resident, said she was opposed to her room being tripled because of its size.

"Three people cannot live in that room," she said. McKoy said she could not understand why the University had not anticipated the need for more housing and made plans for a new residence hall sooner instead of building the new library and the student activities center.

"They can build libraries and gyms but then they have no room to occupy the people when they get here," she said.

Kellie McManus, from Connor, said she did not understand why the students had no part in the decision.

"We pay for the rooms, but we have no choice in the matter," she said.

Cheryl Hales, a Melver resident, also was upset that the Department of Housing would not listen to the students' point of view. "They won't listen to any of our suggestions," Hales said. "They just pat us on our heads and don't do a thing about it."

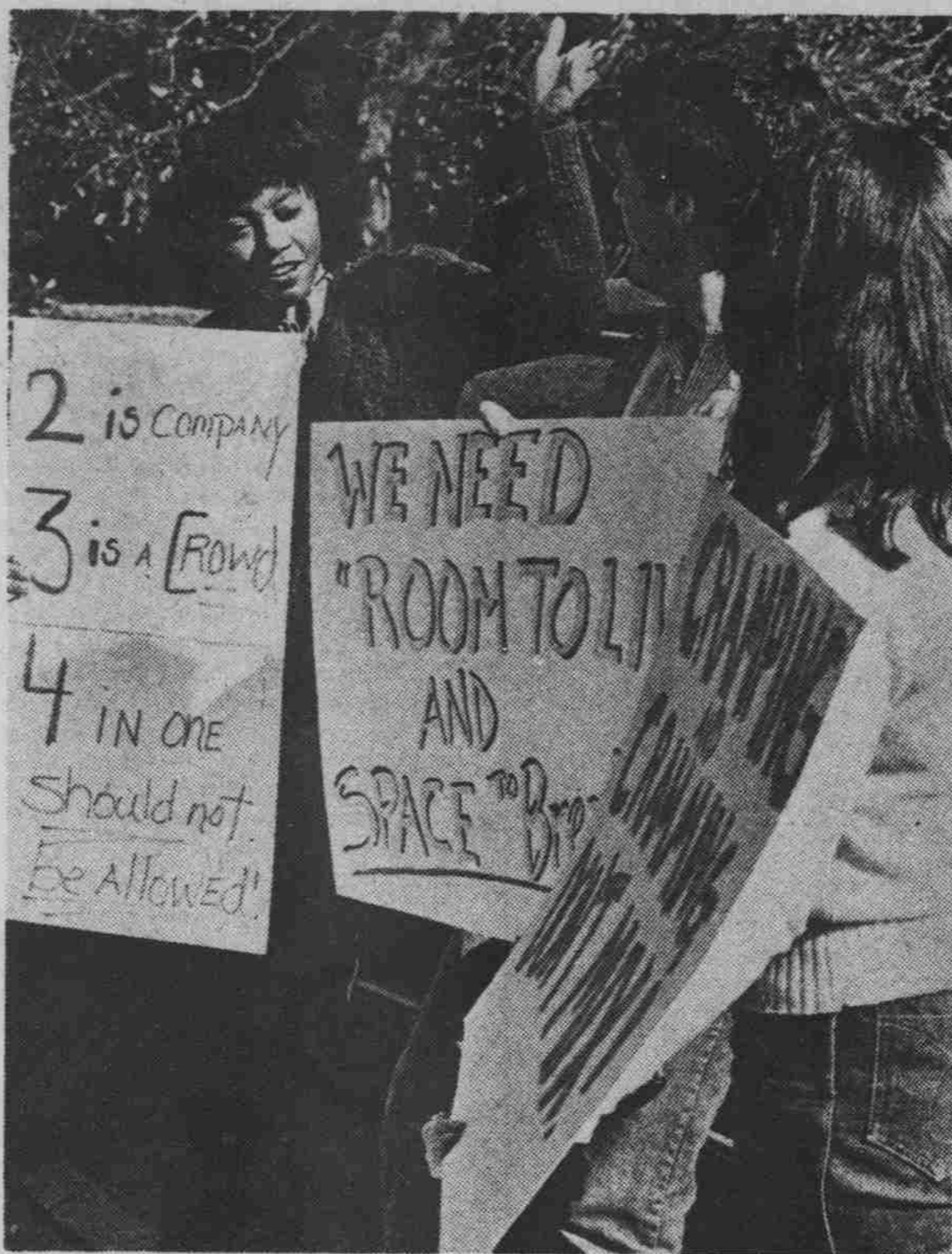
Jody Harpster, associate director of housing for student life, said the student in the tripled and quadrupled rooms would save about \$75 per semester. Though each room would have more occupants, he said, would create even more space.

Harpster said this plan will keep 220 more students on campus than last year and bring back some who were closed out.

Hales did not agree. "I've talked to people closed out since their freshman year and they'd rather go through all the hassles of an apartment than to come back into a triple," she said.

Student Body President Scott Norberg said he hoped the administration would be open-minded about the situation. "I see that we need to house more people on campus," he said, "but I think they need more time to make such a major decision."

Norberg said students' views needed to be looked at and studied better. "They need to include student participation in their decisions," he said.



MisChella McKoy protest the tripling of her room ... demonstration took place Friday in front of Cobb

UNC housing officials meet with residents

By CHERYL ANDERSON
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Housing officials met Thursday night for two and a half hours with residents of STOW Residence College. They said attempts to increase the occupancy of 220 rooms were honest efforts to ensure more on-campus housing and to help students to better deal with the economic situation of higher prices and increasing financial aid cuts.

Jody Harpster, associate director of residence life, in citing the University's intentions of the new policy said the Department of Housing felt it was important to take the "most positive steps that we could" to confront the issue of more students being closed out. "With the new policy, 50 percent to 80 percent of those closed out are not going to be back in (on campus) but some of them are," he said.

Some students said they felt the University had resorted to the new policy because it was accepting more freshmen than it had room enough to receive

and maybe the University could reduce the number for next year.

But Harpster told the crowd of about 65 that the University was not accepting more than last year's goal, which was set by the General Administration of the UNC system.

Donald Boulton, acting housing director, said because of serious cuts in financial aid, some of the 3,200 freshmen that will be accepted for the fall will have to refuse the offer to attend the University. "We may also have fewer junior transfers," he said.

And in response to accusations from some residents that the department of housing was not honest and considerate of potential problems that may arise from tripling and quadrupling, Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs James Cansler cited a 6-year-old study conducted by the Chapel Hill Department of City and Regional Planning. The study concluded that Chapel Hill had a "severe housing shortage, particularly at the lower income level."

Following that study, the University and Carrboro

conducted similar studies and ended up with similar results. Much of the blame for the shortage was placed on the University for not housing more students, he said. At the time, the University had decided that it would be "economically unfeasible" to build apartments for additional student housing.

Cansler said many students could not afford to rent apartments and the University has decided to build a new residence hall, which will house about 480 people.

He said that rent for the new residence hall would be higher than other halls and other areas would have an increase in rent. "For some to be able to attend (the University) at \$160 less, it will solve most of the problem," he said, referring to the 20 percent rent reduction that will accompany some of the occupancy increased rooms.

Boulton said he thought students would welcome the idea of housing more students and although he felt the Department of Housing was reacting to the need "almost too late."

Parking violators towed for three reasons

By ALEXANDRA McMILLAN
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Towing ... that one word can strike terror in the hearts of any Chapel Hill or Carrboro motorist aware of the high probability of getting one's car towed (at owner's expense) on any given day.

Actually, towing is not some trick played on drivers by a cruel, merciless tow-god. There are specific rules and reasons which place restrictions on towing.

Cars are towed for three major reasons—disability, illegal parking in public places and illegal parking in private places.

Disability towing occurs when a car breaks down and has to be towed to a garage to be repaired. The owner of the

car pays all fees involved. If his car is towed to the garage which operates the tow truck for repairs, the charge is sometimes less.

When cars are towed for being illegal parked in public places, like streets marked with "No Parking" signs, the Chapel Hill Police work with tow truck owners.

The police department has contracts with several tow-truck owners, and it uses a rotating method to assign truck owners to tow away illegally parked cars in public places.

Again, car owners must pay all expenses, which are usually about \$15-\$35 depending on distance towed and time of day, plus about \$10 for dolly (placing a car with a locked steering wheel on a trailer). Included in this cost is a storage and release fee of about \$3 which goes to

the police, said C.H. McFarling, owner of one of the wrecker trucks which the police uses.

The third type of towing, can be instigated by any private property owner as long as she or he follows certain guidelines set out in state law.

"Anyone who owns property, as long as it is properly marked, can have a car towed off that property," said Ben Callahan, administrative assistant for the Chapel Hill Police Department. "The key

is the proper marking of the signs."

The law puts three provisions on the ability of property owners to tow cars from their property, said Dottie Bernholz, director of Student Legal Services. There must be a sign at least 24 inches by 24 inches prominently displayed at the entrance to the property. The spaces also must be clearly marked with the name of each individual or owner, and the parking space owner or leasee must make a written request to have a car towed, she said.

New weekly to offer conservative outlook

By DAVID CURRAN
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An eight-page independent publication with a conservative view on timely issues will be distributed on campus Tuesday offering students an alternative to what Editor Ray Warren calls "the student-funded groups controlled by leftists."

The *Carolina Free Press* is the brainchild of Warren, a second-year law student who said he considered UNC and Orange County to be the most liberal place in North Carolina.

The *Free Press* will not solicit official funds from the University to run the paper, but will rely on contributions from Republicans, conservative Democrats and students, and will be distributed free, Warren said.

The paper initially will publish 5,000 copies to be distributed around the campus and will try to reach their goal of producing a weekly paper within the first month, he said.

"Students do not necessarily enter UNC with a liberal orientation," Warren

said. "Professors, subsidized student newspapers, and student-funded pressure groups (like George McGovern's 'Americans for Common Sense') all preach the liberal message."

Warren and Associate Editor Richard Kania decided there was no opportunity to express the conservative view, and began the *Carolina Free Press*.

Both Warren and Kania openly oppose the money the student newspapers receive from Student Government each year. Kania is the plaintiff in a federal law suit (*Kania vs Fordham*) to halt the use of student fees by *The Daily Tar Heel*.

Kania said conservatives at UNC had been denied access to the student newspaper's editorial page. Their letters to the editor were often not printed.

The paper will strive to be somewhere between the format of the *DTH* and the magazine format of *The Phoenix*, but will not be purely a political paper, Warren said.

"We won't try to beat the *DTH* in breaking news. We'll try to be more of an event-centered paper," he said.

King's birthday observed with speech at area event

By LAURIE BRADSHAW
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Prezell Robinson, president of St. Augustine's College in Raleigh, called Martin Luther King's ideas "a dream deferred" and said the greatest burden on America is excellence at all levels.

Robinson's remarks were made at the Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Celebration Thursday night. The celebration was the third held on campus this year to commemorate the late civil rights leader's birthday.

"Martin Luther King was a saint in his own time; a prince of a man," Robinson said. "This man was the mirror of the conscience of America."

Education, Robinson said, is what is needed to unite a society in fragments. "It pains me very, very much to see our nation cut back from what I consider our first line of defense: education."

"Books always should be our companions, as they were the intimate companions of Martin Luther King," Robinson said.

"The truth is that for Black America, education is still the best and most viable vehicle," Robinson said. King, he said, believed education not a "pouring in process, not filling a quart jar full of goodies

and leaving it on the shelf. It is a seizure of opportunity."

Robinson praised the coming campus elections, saying that young people should get involved "wherever decisions are made that affect people."

Robinson has been president of St. Augustine's since 1966. He also serves as President of the United Negro College Fund and is a member of the board of directors of the Council for Advancement of Small Colleges. Robinson, who received his master's degree and doctorate from Cornell University, has received many honorary degrees.

About 100 people were present at the celebration, sponsored by the Martin Luther King Planning Committee and the Office of University Affairs at Chapel Hill. Wende Watson interim chairperson of the Black Student Movement, announced the beginning of the drive for the Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship Fund. The scholarship will be set up to go to the junior who has shown a commitment to civil rights in efforts to improve University life.

Planning commission member Yvette Satterwhite said the group hoped to raise \$5,000, and that Chancellor Christopher C. Fordham III had made the first donation. Donations will be handled by the UNC Student Aid Office.

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