

# crowded

have a good number (on how many students are in housing) until mid-September," said Jody Harpster, acting director of University housing. "The first count of how many showed up will be made on the first day of classes."

Twenty-eight hundred spaces were reserved in housing on campus for freshmen with 400 more freshmen expected to go to Granville Towers, said Colin Rustin, associate director of University housing. "In the later part of July, we had just under 3,000 contract requests for on-campus assignments from freshmen (not including Granville)."

The expanded occupancy policy enacted last spring left no place on North Campus to house the some 200 temporaries. "With expanded occupancy, we took rooms

where we could add," Rustin said. "That meant South Campus. We sort of boxed ourselves into a corner."

This year for the first time, freshmen could choose to live off-campus. Rustin said that when residence halls opened, some 45 to 50 freshmen had chosen not to live there. "It might get to twice that (before mid-semester)." That should ease the housing crunch slightly.

Harpster said that nearly all temporary triples knew their situation before they came. "The majority knew two weeks before," he said. That included both permanent occupants and the temporary person. "We asked them not to bring so much if possible." All persons in a temporary triple also receive a 20 percent reduction in rent pro rated as long as they

are tripled.

The alleviation of the temporary assignments will be slower this year than last, because of the large number. The situation is even bleaker for upperclassmen on the waiting list. "Without the extra freshmen, by the end of the semester we would have exhausted the waiting list," Harpster said. "Now it looks as if it will take to the end of October, Thanksgiving or maybe Christmas to get all the people out of expanded spaces."

All study rooms and a good number of temporary triples will be out in the next few weeks, he said. "Some people will leave school after Labor Day, then another group after midterms. I would guess that the last group withdrawing after midterms will give us enough space to get

all the freshmen out of temporary spaces," Harpster said. The order of reassignment is according to the initial order of assignment to temporary spaces.

Consequences for upperclassmen on the waiting list look bad. However, with expanded occupancy, 100 extra spaces were allotted to upperclassmen, Rustin said. Also, this year Granville Towers housed 100 fewer freshmen to accommodate more upperclassmen. "Thus 200 upperclassmen never made the waiting list," Rustin said.

That means that the person who is number one on the waiting list this year would have been 201 last year. Although no upperclassmen may be taken off the waiting list until November, the situation concerning upperclassmen housing is the same or better than last year. The upperclassmen waiting list now numbers 265 to 285, Harpster said.

# cook

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A group from each area on campus will meet with their area directors to talk with Perry about improvements to existing cooking facilities in residence halls, Harpster said. Any improvements must be paid for with residence hall revenue, which could mean a rise in room rents in the next few years, he said.

One fear some UNC students have expressed about the new policy change is that the partial banning of cooking in the rooms is related to the recent food service controversy on campus. Several students, who asked not to be identified, said the University was trying to force them to use the campus food service by limiting the amount of cooking they can do in their rooms.

But Harpster denied any connection between the two issues. "I think this is the most disastrous natural coincidence in the history of this campus," Harpster said.

One main objection that students have voiced to the new policy is that it was approved during the summer when most students were out of town.

Student Body President Mike Vandenberg said, "Student Government's position is yes, cooking in rooms needs to be made safer, but it is best to get students behind the changes and to go through the proper channels."

Student Government is opposed to the Student Affairs Committee making a policy change without first consulting students, Vandenberg said. He said he knew nothing about the memorandum being sent to residents until the day before they were sent out.

He added that it was imperative that student committees like the Housing Advisory Board and the Food Service Advisory Committee be an integral part of the decision-making process if any change is going to be successful.

"The administration has allowed Chase Cafeteria to be closed and as a result food service on South Campus is restricted," Vandenberg said. "To also restrict cooking in the rooms is a heavy burden on students."

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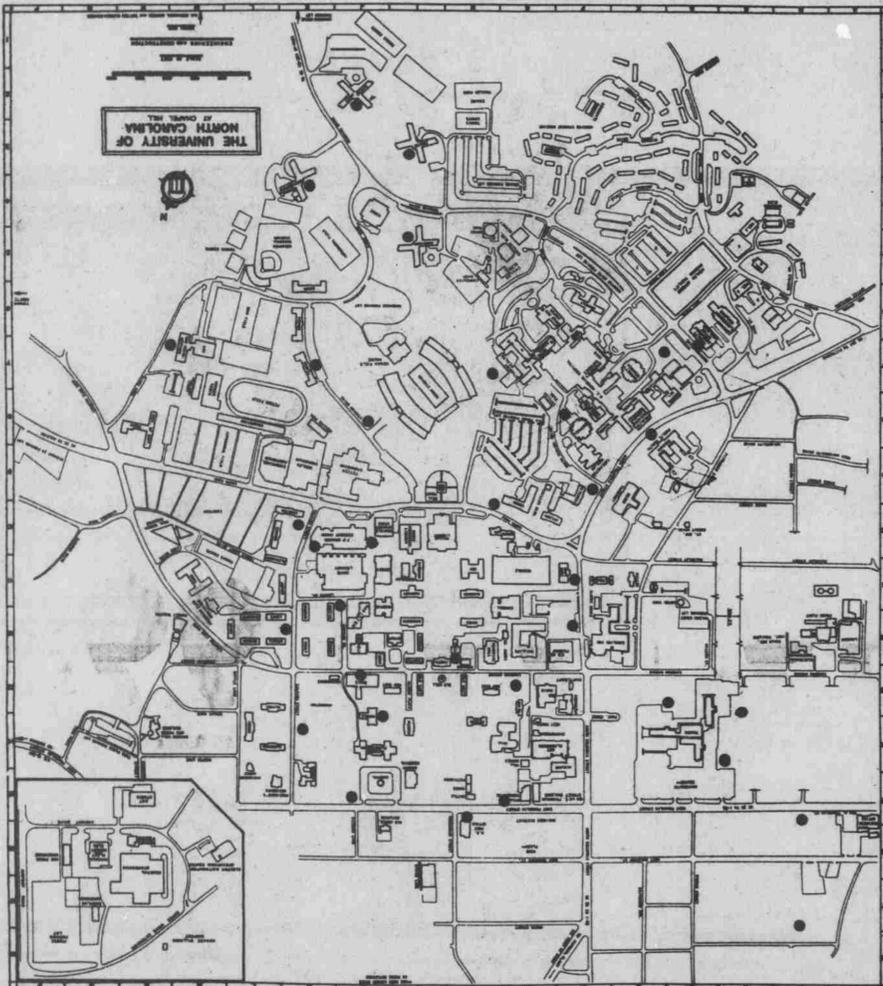
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People in on-campus housing who want to get out can do so as long as there are temporary assignments, only losing \$50 for first semester and a pro rated rent for days in the room. "As long as we have anyone in temporary housing, we'll let people out of contracts, losing only the \$50," Harpster said. "While there's a waiting list, they will be allowed to sell through this office their contracts, or release them to this office under the same conditions."

Jeannine Torrence, a freshman from Charlotte, is a temporary triple in Hinton James Residence Hall. "I found out about it a week before I came. At the time I found out, I was pleased that I had somewhere to stay. By then I was pretty worried."

One of her roommates, Jennifer Rosenbaum, had a different reaction. "When I found out, I was really annoyed. I'm from New York, so I'm not going home until Thanksgiving (to get things left behind). Now I'm pleased. It's working out very well."

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