

All is well in Camelot condo conversion

By BETH OWNLEY
Staff Writer

Camelot Apartments in Chapel Hill are in the process of converting to condominiums. The condominiums, located at 130 S. Estes Drive, are owned by Camelot Associates. One third or less of the current tenants are UNC students.

A.C. Robbins, who is handling the marketing of the condominiums, said that notices have been sent to the tenants and legal documents concerning the conversion have been recorded. The conversion was announced two weeks ago. Robbins said that 95 percent of the condominiums will probably be sold to current tenants or to investors.

Robbins said a number of retirees lived in Camelot, and would probably buy their own units.

Students, most of whom are graduate students, will probably remain in the condominiums as tenants, however, he said.

Robbins said that the "collegiate-condo" boom may aid in selling the condominiums to students. By this method, parents buy the condominium and use the purchase for a tax writeoff while their children live in the condominiums.

Robbins also said the conversion process, which began five months ago, would completely renovate the 15-year-old apartments. The units are being refurbished and extensive landscaping is being done, Robbins said. Both current and prospective tenants are pleased with the renovation process, he said.

Condominium conversion probably will not affect the apartments' rental rates, Robbins said.

The rental rate now is \$325 per month for new tenants. Tenants on existing leases pay \$310 a month. The condominiums are currently being sold for \$37,900.

Connie Angel, a partner in Camelot Village, said that the sale price would probably increase. Several people have already bought condominiums, Angel said. She said she thought that many graduate students would buy condominiums.

The apartments' proximity to University Mall and its location on the bus line are two reasons students will be interested, she said.

Both Robbins and Angel said reaction from students had been positive, and the conversion process was going smoothly. Robbins said people do not feel threatened by the conversion.

OWASA declares area water shortage over

From staff reports

Local residents had more to be thankful for over the weekend than turkey and football. The heavy rains that dampened their Thanksgiving pushed the level of University lake up by 30 inches and put an end to the water shortage that had plagued the area for three months.

University Lake's water level rose to one-half inch above full with Thursday's rain, prompting the Orange Water and Sewer Authority to decide Monday to ask local officials to rescind the voluntary conservation measures that had been in effect since Oct. 25.

Pat Davis, OWASA systems management specialist said the official letters are expected to go out to Chapel Hill, Carrboro and Orange County officials today.

The action marks an end to a shortage that Davis said might have been the fourth worst the area had ever suffered.

Voluntary conservation measures were imposed on Aug. 22 and mandatory water restrictions were enacted on Sept. 6 as the situation worsened.

"This shortage had the potential to be as serious as the ones in '67, '76 and '77," Davis said. "We were fortunate that the rainfall patterns changed."

Davis said that low water consumption had aided the rains in easing the water shortage in recent weeks. A combination of

citizens' conservation efforts and the cooler weather was the reason for the low water use, she said, but it was hard to determine which was more responsible.

"Usually, in November and December you see water use dropping off," Davis said, "but people gradually begin using less and less water after they become aware of a shortage situation."

OWASA customers used 2.838 million gallons on Friday, 3.983 million gallons on Saturday and 3.165 million gallons on Sunday. OWASA's target consumption level during the shortage had been 5.5 million gallons.

Davis said that voluntary measures would not be needed for the rest of the year but that the agency would continue to urge residents to use only the water they need. She added that a future water shortage could be helped by a proposal, made by OWASA's staff two weeks ago, that would redefine the levels for the agency's conservation ordinances.

Under the proposal, voluntary measures would go into effect when the lake dropped to 24 inches below full and mandatory restrictions imposed at 36 inches below full.

"That doesn't mean we would go to voluntary measures if the lake dropped to that level," Davis said. "It just give us the flexibility to do that."

OWASA's board of directors are expected to vote on the proposal in December.

Forensics suffers money problems

By ANDY HODGES
Staff Writer

Although the results of its matches aren't as publicized as the scores from a UNC basketball game, team member say the UNC forensics team is just as much a part of the University as any other organization or athletic team.

"We really do feel that even though we are engaged in an intellectual pursuit rather than athletic, we still represent the University and we try to do our very best," Joanne Gilbert, co-captain of the Forensics Union's individual events team, said.

The UNC Forensics Union was formed about two years ago when the debate and individual events teams were combined at the request of student government, according to William Balthrop, director of forensics at UNC and an assistant professor in the speech department. He said this merger was requested in order to combine the budget for the teams.

Jeremy Ofsever, a member of the debate team, said that even though the

Forensics Union functioned as one entity, the debate and individual events teams were different in the tournaments in which they participated and in the format of competition. Each team competes in several tournaments during the school year throughout the eastern United States, but few of the tournaments offer competition in both debate and individual events, he said.

In the individual events competition, which includes original speeches, impromptu speeches and interpretation of literature, several participants can advance until a winner is selected, Ofsever said. The debate competition is more of a tournament format, with two-member teams competing against one another to decide the winner.

Although the teams have been fairly successful in recent years, their funding, or lack of funding, has caused some problems, Gilbert said.

"We don't really have a budget," she said. "We have to squeeze every dollar we get from the CGC (Campus Governing Council)."

Ofsever said: "Since we are funded

by the CGC, we are subject to the same pressures and the same standards as everyone else funded by them." He said this was a problem because the CGC was not as sympathetic to the needs of the Forensics Union since it had no direct benefit to the University as a whole. The teams at most other schools were funded mainly by the administration and therefore had bigger budgets, he added.

Balshop said the UNC teams did receive some money from the administration. The speech department is allotted a certain amount of money from the Carolina Annual Giving program, part of which goes to the Forensics Union.

Although no definite plans have been made, both teams have said they hope to compete in more regional tournaments next semester, as well as district and national tournaments.

Gilbert said the Forensics Union was "not an elite little group," and that any interested students were invited to attend the meetings in 203 Bingham Hall on Tuesday evenings at 6:30.

RAs to swap rooms for awareness week

By CHRIS EDWARDS
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Dorm residents who knock on their resident assistant's door Wednesday night may be greeted by an unfamiliar face.

There is no reason for alarm, however, because the switch is all part of an RA Area Exchange being conducted by the Department of University Housing in conjunction with RA Awareness Day.

According to Cindy Johnson, a Parker RA involved with RA recruitment, the exchange will place female RAs in male dorms for several hours and vice versa.

"For example, we will try to get girls liv-

ing in the Cobb-Joyner area to exchange with guys from Everett or Old West," Johnson said.

"The exchange is designed to give people in dorms a different perspective and to aid in RA recruitment," she said. RAs participating in the exchange will answer questions about the job that residents might feel uncomfortable asking their regular resident assistants, Johnson said.

In addition to the RA Area Exchange, an RA Awareness Day will be held in the

Pit from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday. In an effort to recruit RAs, RA fact sheets and photos from the everyday lives of RAs will be available.

"The activities in the Pit are designed to attract off-campus students to be RAs, since they won't be involved in the Area Exchange," she said.

RA applications for the 1984-85 school year are currently available from Carr building and area directors.

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