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Assistant managing editors,
there is a mandatory
meeting today at 6:00 p.m. in
the office. Thank you.

Cool hands
Look how cold it's going to
get. Gosh, a high of only 45
degrees. What's a winter
day that's not in the 60s.

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A delicate palette

Steve Emery, a senior philosophy and European history major from Bynum, painting — in unseasonably warm weather — what looks like

a stark winter scene. Though the tree is bare, the warm temperatures will leaf us today with an expected high of only 45.

DTH/Charlotte Cannon

Dorm rent evokes moving scenes

By KIM WEAVER
Staff Writer

Some students say apartment life could become more attractive because of the 6 percent average increase in dormitory rent next fall.

Frank Linkous, a junior who lives in Townhouse Apartments, lived in Morrison dorm last year. He said that although living in an apartment might be a little more expensive than living in a dorm, it was easier to pay monthly rent than a large sum of money at the beginning of the semester.

"Right now, including the meal plan, . . . (students) will be paying over \$700 a semester, sharing a small room . . . and paying a small fortune," Linkous said. He said he paid \$98.75 a month plus utilities.

Cheryl Miller, a junior who lives in Carolina Apartments, moved out of Cobb dorm last year because, she said, she didn't like paying \$500 for one room. Miller has three roommates and pays \$150 a month plus utilities.

She said privacy, apartment facilities, good maintenance and the opportunity to make an apartment "more like home" had influenced her decision to leave the dorm.

"I think there will be more (off-campus students next year)," she said. "If they're smart, they'll look into it. They're better off financially."

The apartment complex a student chooses can affect whether he will like apartment life better than dorm life, Miller said. For example, Carolina Apartments

houses mainly students, and that appeals to a lot of people, she said.

Managers from four out of six apartment complexes contacted in the Chapel Hill-Carrboro area said their business could increase because of the University's proposed rent increase.

"I think so, because we're not increasing (our rent)," said Donna Mooney, resident manager of Old Well Apartments. "I think price is the main reason" students are attracted to Old Well, she said.

Mary Ruggeri, rental agent for Triangle Communities, said: "It may help us out. A lot of students go for our apartments because we allow four to a room." Triangle Communities owns Kingswood, Royal Park, University Lake and Booker Creek apartments.

"I just did a market survey, and we're the cheapest (apartments) around for students," Ruggeri said.

The two managers who said they felt their business would be unaffected by the increase in dorm rent added that students were attracted to their apartments for more than merely the price.

"We only have so many apartments," said Janice Carr, assistant manager for Foxcroft Apartments. "We stay pretty well booked-up anyway."

The managers cited several reasons why students were attracted to apartment life, including privacy, more living space, location and the money saved on campus parking by riding the bus.

"I think money-wise, it's a little more expensive, but it works out better in the end," said Robin Locklear,

bookkeeper at Estes Park Apartments.

The average rent for the six apartment complexes contacted was \$395 per month for a two-bedroom apartment.

Larry Hicks, business manager for the department of University housing, said the increase would mean a monthly expenditure of about \$136 a month for each student.

Hicks said the increase was due to inflation, higher utility costs, increases in salary and higher maintenance costs.

"We are not a profit-making entity. . . . (We are concerned with) how to provide the best service possible without getting the rates too high," he said. "I don't think that we will be pricing ourselves out of the market."

John Fox, chairman of Student Consumer Action Union, which publishes *The Southern Part of Heaven*, an annual housing guide for Chapel Hill and Carrboro, said apartment life could be cheaper, especially if four people shared a room.

Fox said SCAU also offered a roommate referral service in the spring. Students fill out a preference sheet, and the organization puts the information into a computer. The students are then given a sheet listing potential roommates — students with preferences similar to their own, he said.

There are 6,731 students living in University-owned

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Use of dorm funds to be put on ballot

By THOMAS BEAM
Staff Writer

Students will be able to voice their opinions Feb. 4 on whether to transfer control of the dormitory enhancement fund from the University housing department to the Student Activity Funds Office.

The Campus Governing Council voted unanimously Wednesday night to put the enhancement fund referendum on the February ballot. The enhancement fund is a \$2 addition to on-campus housing bills.

H.F. Watts, governor of Scott Residence College, said the referendum was an attempt to return control of the enhancement fund to students. "In 1972 students voted to voluntarily add the \$2 to housing bills so they wouldn't have to use social fund money to pay for dorm upkeep," he said.

The bill was introduced by Residence Hall Association President Tim Cobb, who said the money needed to be back under student control.

In a separate action, the CGC voted 8-2 to allow the student attorney general to prosecute students who provide false information on their admissions applications. The new law puts the applications under Honor Court jurisdiction.

Rules and Judiciary Committee Chairwoman Jaye Sitton said the new law was necessary because some students failed to mention previous college experience on their applications.

The CGC also voted 11-1 to attach a continuous referendum on the mandatory meal plan to the February general election ballot. The referendum, which will run until 1990, gives students

a chance to voice their opposition to the meal plan.

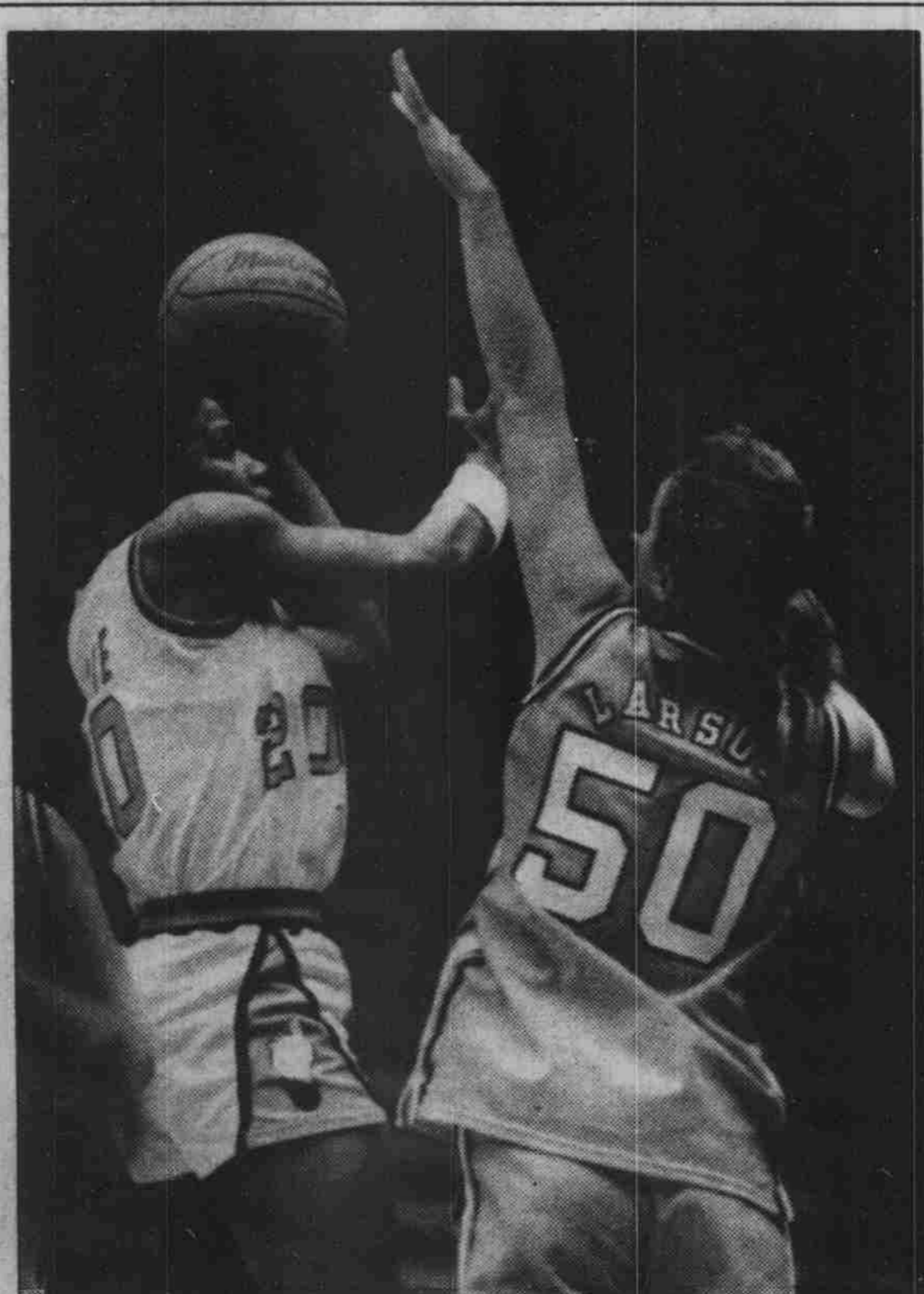
During the meeting, Student Body President Patricia Wallace said that a Board of Trustees committee studying the meal plan said not enough students voted against the plan in the election last year. But several Council members said the 5,000 plus turnout should have been more than enough.

The Council also approved eight students for this year's Elections Board: Bruce Kalk, Scot Davenport, Edward Gilgor, Chris Shearer, Katie Candler, Betsy Candler and Bobby Smith.

The council rescinded the resolution to put the finance committee chairman and the student body treasurer on the Audit Board, a student group that audits spending by campus organizations. Wallace said having them on the board would create a conflict of interest.

Concerning students' recent protest about their relationship with the Division of Student Affairs, Wallace told the council she was disappointed in the communication breakdown between the administration and Student Government, the contradictory information provided by the administration and the way the administration cut off Student Government requests.

"I've talked to Dean (Donald A.) Boulton, (vice-chancellor and chair of Student Affairs) and Chancellor (Christopher C.) Fordham, and I'm convinced there's a resolution coming," she said. "If . . . (the resolution) weren't so late, I'd call off the rally. I think with the way things stand we have an obligation to protest."



Leakey defense

UNC's Pam Leake scores two of her 26 points against Julie Larson of Clemson. UNC defeated Clemson 95-91.

DTH/Jamie Cobb

Groups rally for, against abortions

By KERSTIN COYLE
Staff Writer

Demonstrators advocating both sides of the abortion issue marched in front of N.C. Memorial Hospital Wednesday morning to commemorate the 13th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion.

About 210 people marched in celebration of the decision, while about 45 others protested, saying abortion was legalized murder.

In other action Wednesday on the abortion issues, opposing demonstrators held a noon rally in the Pit. Also, a multi-media presentation "Where Were You When They Were Killing Babies?" was shown in Carroll Hall.

Citizens, local legislators, and members of the National Abortion Rights Action League, National Organization for Women and Women's Health Counseling Service joined forces at NCMH to represent what they said was a growing majority of North Carolinians who favor freedom of choice.

"At a time when a small faction seeks to override our nation's fundamental principles of democracy and to impose their own personal views on the rest, we believe it imperative that we stand up for the overwhelming majority of Americans who support individual freedom of choice in reproduction," NOW spokeswoman Diana Altman said. "Pro-choice is clearly pro-American as well as pro-family."

Ronnie Lewis, pastor of Maranatha Ministries, said of the Roe vs. Wade ruling: "The Supreme Court can make a mistake. They made a mistake in the 1800s when they said black people were not people — they were slaves."

"It's a medical fact that human life begins at conception. We are here today to speak out for the rights of unborn children. They, too, have a constitutional right to life."

Although local demonstrators marched peacefully Wednesday, demonstrations about abortions have not always been without incident in other parts of the country.

Last month in Portland, Ore., an abortion clinic secretary recognized a letter bomb in time to escape injury, Altman said. Arson has destroyed a number of clinics across the country and is suspected in the recent fire that closed a Charlotte clinic.

Harrassment of clinic officials and patients has been reported in Jacksonville, Raleigh and Chapel Hill. Also, anti-abortion pickets were successful in disrupting abortion services in Fayetteville and Wilmington.

"These tactics tend to anger people," Altman said, "and rather than intim-

idating them, the extremists have caused many neutral men and women to commit themselves to a pro-choice stand."

Charles Fernandez, a junior from Fayetteville, said he believed that abortion simply was wrong. "I feel that abortion is one of the most selfish acts a woman can do," he said. "Even in cases of rape and incest, conception did take place and the fetus has a definite God-given plan for being there."

Jenny Lanier, a pro-choice demonstrator, said the large pro-choice turnout had been a celebration of the American process. "We are celebrating the fact that we have the right to choose," she said. "I think it's interesting that there seems to be a majority of older people over here (on the pro-choice side) and a lot of younger people over there."

"People who have lived longer are saying, 'Yes, Roe vs. Wade was a good decision, and we are glad we still have this right.'"

Pro-life demonstrator Tom Jackson, a sophomore from Black Mountain, said he wanted the abortion law changed because "the sanctity of life is something Americans seem to discredit now."

Jackson said he felt so strongly about the abortion issue that he was willing to take his vigil further than a demonstration. "If somebody told me they had an unwanted pregnancy, I would tell them not to have an abortion and to let me adopt," he said.

Lorna Chafe, NARAL representative, said: "We believe that only the woman faced with an unwanted or problem pregnancy can make the best decision for herself with help from those closest to her and advice from her physician. Parenthood is a difficult and demanding responsibility that requires maturity and lifelong commitment, and not all who find themselves pregnant are ready for this task. Birth control measures are not 100 percent reliable, and some pregnancies result from rape and incest, and, therefore, we feel it is imperative that access to safe and legal abortion be preserved."

Michael Dunn, a senior from Garden City, N.Y., said: "I have a very mixed view of the whole concept. Changing the law won't change the fact that women will still have abortions."

Immediately after the demonstration, pro-choice supporters sponsored a breakfast honoring state senators Russel Walker and Wanda Hunt of District 16 and representatives Joe Hackney and Anne Barnes of District 24, all of whom favor freedom of choice and have worked to retain the state abortion fund.

Jones announces bid for RHA presidency

By LINDA MONTANARI
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Ray Jones, a junior journalism and political science major from Buies Creek, has announced his candidacy for Residence Hall Association president.

RHA can be doing a lot more than it is now, Jones said.

"I know dorm governments work, and I know that residents can get a lot of benefits out of it," he said. "It's maddening to think how little RHA has done to capture that and to put it to work all over campus."

The annual budget for RHA is almost \$20,000, but students aren't getting a return on that money, Jones said.

To be able to function efficiently, RHA must be made independent of housing, Jones said. RHA has to be the voice for residents when the housing department starts to do something that will affect them, he said.

RHA needs to discuss dorm rent increases with the administration before anything is approved and has to ask why trash cans are removed from dorm rooms, he said.

If elected, Jones said, he would concentrate on the meal plan and campus parking.

On-campus sophomores probably will be targeted first if the University wants to eliminate some parking spaces, Jones said. The RHA president should be ready to voice their concerns.

Meal-card holders under the \$100 meal plan may find that figure rising, he said.

"RHA needs to be there, because people have forgotten that any (meal) plan minimum can be raised," he said. "Who's going to say no?"

When the legal drinking age becomes



Ray Jones

elections

21 in September, he said, RHA should be there to help with the transition.

"A lot of what dorms do is social events that involve drinking, and that's fine," he said. "But when that drinking age goes up, that's not going to be nearly as possible."

In addition, dorms should be able to come to RHA for miscellaneous expenditures, he said, such as dorm orientation handbooks.

Jones is president of Avery and has worked with Student Government on parking problems.

What's the use? Yesterday an egg, tomorrow a feather duster — Mark Fenderson