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University responds to complaints from campus police

By JEAN LUTES
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Charges of favoritism and racism in the University police department continued Wednesday, after eight officers met for the second time with a representative of University personnel.

A total of 13 officers have filed grievances against the University, alleging that a departmental reorganization earlier this year was conducted unfairly.

During Wednesday's closed meet-

■ Another grievance filed 3

ing, Dan Bursleson, assistant personnel director for employee relations, presented the University's response to the officers' complaints, which involved 12 promotions granted in June.

The officers have 15 days to accept the University's offer to post job descriptions for six of the 12 positions in question and to solicit outside help in re-assessing officers' qualifications.

The officers had requested that all

12 promotions be rescinded.

If the officers decide to reject the University's offer, they may proceed to the third step of the University's grievance procedure, and appear before a staff grievance committee.

Although several officers said they had not decided whether to accept the proposal, at least one officer needed no more time to decide.

"This isn't what we asked for," said Officer Keith Edwards. "The same people will end up with the same positions. This hasn't changed any-

thing. I'm definitely going on to step three."

Edwards, a campus police officer for 13 years, said she isn't afraid of losing her job. "There are plenty of jobs out there," she said. "I've been a token here — I can be a token somewhere else."

Edwards, the only black woman on the force, said she plans to file a lawsuit against the University, alleging "continuing discrimination against black females by the University police department."

She said the five officers who did not show up for the meeting were either out of town or "too disgusted" with the matter to proceed further.

The officers did not receive a written copy of the University's offer, but Edwards said she expected to receive one today.

Officer Ollie Bowler said the University offered to use a group outside the police department to decide which officers are most qualified for the six posted positions.

But the final decision would remain

in the hands of Robert Sherman, UNC's director of security services, who granted the original promotions, Bowler said.

The people promoted in June would retain their positions until all the officers' qualifications are re-assessed, Bowler said. No time limit was set, although he said he was told a decision would be made within a couple of weeks.

The positions to be re-posted are

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Rush rap

Ruthie Gregory (left), a sophomore from Roanoke Rapids, talks with Chi Omega sister Angela Dewar during the first night of

sorority rush. The Chi Omegas began their second round of events today; rush will continue until Bid Day on Sept. 20.

Congress approves BSM funds

By RACHEL ORR
Assistant University Editor

Smiles lingered on the faces of Carolina Symposium and Black Student Movement officers and the University registrar when they left the Student Congress meeting Wednesday night.

The congress approved the allocation of \$23,140 to the BSM and \$13,110 to the Carolina Symposium. Those were the figures recommended by the congress's Finance Committee, which met to discuss the two organizations' budgets last week.

The congress also decided to add a referendum to the Oct. 6 ballots, proposing a \$5 increase in student activity fees beginning in fall 1989.

BSM President Kenneth Perry said he was pleased with the congress's decision. "We got more than we asked for, because we got spending authority."

The "spending authority" granted by the congress will allow the BSM to spend \$1,500 not included in the budget, on the condition that the money be repaid to the Student Activities Fund Office.

The extra \$1,500 will be obtained through fund-raising, Perry said.

Rick Maechling, Carolina Symposium co-chairman, also said he was pleased with the congress's action last night.

The symposium, which biennially sponsors a series of educational programs, plans to bring speakers to the University from March 21-31 to discuss the theme "Educational Encounter: Learning is no Accident."

"It is not cheap to put on programs," Maechling said.

The money allocated by the congress pays about one-third of the symposium's costs. The remaining money will be provided by co-sponsors, private contributions and grants, he said.

The \$5 increase in student fees was proposed by Lanier to help finance a telephone pre-registration and drop-add system. If the hike is approved by the student body, Lanier said the system will probably be in operation by spring 1990.

The telephone registration system

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UNC housing continues series of dorm makeovers

By MARK FOLK
Staff Writer

Despite the closing of Grimes and Manly residence halls for \$1.4 million in renovations, University officials said the construction hasn't caused student housing problems.

"Although we took out about 200 student spaces by closing the two halls, we haven't had any problems as far as housing students is concerned," Wayne Kuncel, University housing director, said Wednesday. "In fact, with the opening of Everett and Lewis, we have spaces left over."

The Grimes/Manly renovation process is the second in a series of residence halls the University plans to remodel. Last year, Everett and Lewis were renovated.

The University's plan, Kuncel said, is to renovate two residence halls per year for the next couple of years.

"We started the process with Olde Campus dorms because we felt they're the ones that needed the most work done to them," Kuncel said. "After Grimes and Manly, we're going to start on Ruffin and Mangum."

Renovation work on Grimes and Manly began about a month ago. Ed Willis, director of construction administration, said he hopes the work will be complete by May 30.

"Right now, work is right on schedule," Willis said. "Hopefully, things will go as planned, and we won't be in a rush to finish."

Included in the renovations are painting and replumbing both build-

ings, installing bathrooms on each floor, replacing floor tiles and windows in each room, installing convectors to allow for air conditioning, updating the alarm systems and purchasing new furniture.

The renovation process for all of the Olde Campus residence halls is basically the same, Kuncel said.

Kelly Clark, Residence Hall Association president, said he is glad to see the renovations underway.

"A lot of dorms, especially the Olde Campus ones, need a lot of work done to them," Clark said. "Dr. Kuncel and his staff ought to be commended for their work."

Many residents and former resi-

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Joint UNC-town committee opposes route through park

By SHEILA SIMMONS
Staff Writer

Members of a joint University-town committee, appointed this summer to examine UNC's controversial land-use plan, recommended Wednesday against building a road through Battle Park.

The committee also agreed to oppose purchasing private property for a road along the east side of the University.

"Battle Park is a pleasant, green, woody area, and the people who live near there would like to see it left that way," said John Sanders, committee chairman and director of the Institute of Government. The area is located beside Forest Thea-

tre, along Boundary Street.

The 10-member committee met for two and a half hours Wednesday to discuss the University's comprehensive land-use plan.

This summer, Chancellor Christopher Fordham and Chapel Hill Mayor James Wallace appointed University officials and members of the community to study the development of a "mutually agreeable" Thoroughfare Plan for the town and University.

The appointments were made after Chapel Hill residents voiced opposition to parts of the plan that proposed routes through Battle Park and through private property bordering the park.

The committee must report its recommendations to the chancellor and mayor by Jan. 4. The revised plan will be presented to UNC's Board of Trustees for approval.

The plan will also be presented to the Chapel Hill Town Council, but the council's approval is not required.

The plan calls for the closing of Columbia Street, transferring traffic to Pittsboro Street, and the closing of Ridge Road and Manning Drive, to be replaced by a route that would extend from Country Club Road, running behind Ehringhaus and Hinton

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Students are learning to cope with year-old dry campus policy

Editor's note: This is the second of two articles examining UNC's alcohol policy.

By JUSTIN MCGUIRE
Staff Writer

On Aug. 31, 1986, the Franklin Street riot made the national news. Nearly 15,000 people jammed the street, throwing beer bottles and igniting fires in violent protest of the new drinking age.

After having a year to calm down, most UNC students seem to have accepted the University's "dry campus" policy as a fact of life.

They agree that residence hall functions have a different focus now, but few will say drinking on campus has stopped. Some say it has slowed, while others contend it has just gone behind closed doors.

"I don't know if we'll ever see an end to drinking (on campus), but it's been cut down considerably," said Kelly Clark, Residence Hall Association president.

With new, stricter rules being enforced since the drinking age was changed, Clark said, drinking and the problems it causes have decreased.

Resident assistants have a special perspective on the alcohol policy, because they're the ones who must implement the policy among their fellow students.

Chris Connelly, a resident assistant in Winston, agreed that the amount of drinking has decreased. He said the drinking that goes on in the dormitories has been cut by about 50 percent under the new policy.

"My freshman year, there were usually two or three big parties in a

residence hall every week," he said. "Now you're lucky if there's one or two in an area (per week)."

Senior Joel Platts, Teague president, also said that less drinking goes on than two or three years ago. But this year, he said, there has been more drinking than last year.

"Last year, things were really strict," he said. "This year they've been more lenient in terms of enforcing it."

A lot of people now carry alcohol around in cups, so it's less noticeable, Platts said.

David Gillespie, a freshman from Charlotte, said the policy is easy to live with because it's not very strictly enforced, at least in terms of drinking in individual rooms.

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Despite UNC's "dry campus," some students still find ways to party

There is much pleasure to be gained from useless knowledge. — Bertrand Russell