

RHA members object to air conditioning proposal

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Members of the Residence Hall Association (RHA) governing board said in a meeting Thursday they are concerned students are "being taken for a ride" by the University housing department.

The board said that although air conditioning in residence halls would benefit residents, the resulting rent increase, projected at \$200 per room, per person, is too high.

Wayne Kuncel, director of University Housing, addressed the board

meeting Thursday. The rate is only a projection based on past experience with Cobb Residence Hall, which is also air-conditioned, Kuncel said.

"The rent goes up mainly because of the cost of the additional electricity," Kuncel said. The rent increase is based on the installation, purchase and operating costs of the air-conditioning units, he said.

The unit air conditioners will be installed in all rooms in Henderson Residence College, half of Scott Residence College, Alderman and

McIver Residence Halls and some South Campus rooms.

The areas are being air-conditioned to respond to the demand of groups housed on campus in the summer, Kuncel said. Keeping as many groups as possible housed on campus during the summer offsets housing costs, he said.

Placing unit air conditioners in the residence halls is a short-term solution to meeting the demand to house more groups on campus during the summer, Kuncel said. The long-range

plan for central air conditioning of all residence halls is not expected to be completed for 20 years, he said.

Paula Zellmer, RHA executive assistant, said full-time students who will be living in the air-conditioned rooms in the fall seem to be shouldering the largest burden of the costs.

Kuncel responded that room rents pay for long-range capital improvements, such as chill water lines for central air conditioning and dorm renovations.

"Everybody's rent dollar pays for

more than just current expenses in individual rooms," he said.

Although Brian Sipe, Scott Residence College governor, said there is an increase in growth on campus that is not supported by all students, Kuncel said that other administrators feel that campus growth is too slow, and that only one student has come to him to discuss the air conditioning plans.

The governing board members said they were also concerned about the air conditioning of selected South Campus rooms.

"A South Campus student can't just come in and find air conditioning in his room and a \$200 rent increase," Zellmer said. "Students need to be informed more quickly."

Hardin Watkins, Morrison Residence Hall governor, agreed that the increase in room rent would be too much of a burden for South Campus residents.

"It basically comes down to a \$100 increase per person, per semester," he said. "It seems like a little much, just for the benefit of air conditioning."

Officials say contra aid issue is at a dead end

By STACI COX
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Weeks of lobbying and over 12 hours of debate ended Wednesday for a mixed North Carolina delegation when the U.S. House of Representatives narrowly defeated President Reagan's package for contra aid by only eight votes.

"Quite simply, the package is dead," said Tom Lawton, press secretary for Democratic Sen. Terry Sanford.

The 219-211 defeat could have an adverse effect on Reagan's future requests, especially in foreign policy, said Patrick Murphy, legislative director for Republican Rep. Cass Ballenger.

Previously, the House could not amend Reagan's aid proposals and had a specific time limit to address them, said Lawton. The limitations

made debate of the propositions difficult, and the funds were easily passed, he said.

"The President will have to put his new requests through channels, where they'll be easier to block," Lawton said. "That procedure will take more time, but that's the way things work around here."

"Chances are very slim for the Reagan administration to get any other military aid for the contras unless something in the (Central American) peace process goes awry," he added.

The contras still have sufficient funding from previous appropriations to last through February or March, and some form of aid could be sent to the contras before old funding completely dries up, Murphy said.

Democrats are working on a new proposal for strictly humanitarian contra aid which should reach the House floor by the end of February, said Jim Jordan, press secretary for Democratic Rep. David Price. The funds would be used only for food, medicine and clothing and could possibly be distributed by an international peace group such as the Red Cross, Jordan said.

Although the upcoming package is assembled by Democratic leadership, it is still not assured of passing the House, Murphy said. Republicans will consider such funding, but it would probably require votes from the Democrats, who usually vote against aid to the contras, to pass, he said.

"The Democrats' new package is some sort of big, dark secret that no one has seen," said Murphy. "It is

hard to say what exactly their package will say and if it will be at all helpful."

The aid would keep the contras together in the fields and give the peace process a chance to progress without military interference, said Jordan.

"If the Central American peace process goes askew, the Democrats will probably initiate some new sanctions against the Sandinistas, possibly including military aid to the contras," Lawton said.

During the Reagan administration, about \$500 million has been spent directly on the contras, Lawton said.

"That just counts what the Congress has appropriated," said Lawton. "Who knows how much Ollie North has sent down there. They still can't account for much of that."

Traffic committee decides to raise price of parking permits

By MANDY SPENCE
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Prices for parking permits will increase next year, traffic and parking committee members decided at a meeting Thursday, but they did not decide on a specific amount for the increase.

Originally, the price increase was not to occur until after the administration had sought other sources of funding for department operations and construction of a parking deck near Craigie Residence Hall, committee members wrote in a letter to Farris Womack, vice chancellor of business and finance.

Womack will review the committee's recommendation and forward it to the Board of Trustees.

"An increase of some kind will occur whether we build the Craigie deck or not," said James Summers, co-chairman of the committee.

An across-the-board \$40 increase in permit prices is necessary for the Department of Traffic and Parking Services to continue operating as it has been, said Mary Clayton, director of the department. Permit prices would then range from \$50 to \$280, and the increase would raise \$610,426 in revenue, she said.

Committee members said they

were considering other sources of funding.

"The increase wouldn't be larger than last year's if we weren't paying for things we shouldn't be," committee member Mary Beck said.

The budget for the department includes money designated for the campus police staff and building. The transportation department would save about \$500,000 a year if it were not required to finance the police, Clayton said.

The proposal also suggests converting part of the student parking lot near Cobb Residence Hall to employee parking. Students would lose 140 parking spaces if this proposal were accepted.

Brian Sipe, a student member of the committee, said converting the lot would not solve the parking shortage problem.

"Arranging parking spaces isn't what the committee needs to do," he said. "We need a long-term solution."

Sipe said he and other students are planning to conduct a poll of students through the representative branch. He said he hopes the results of the poll will convince committee members that students are very concerned about this issue.

For a Valentine's gift, try 'safe sex' mints

By REBECCA NESBIT
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Valentine's gifts of cards and flowers could be on the way out: the '80s generation gives Condom-Mints.

Planned Parenthood of Greater Raleigh is once again offering the chocolate mints with a serious message about safe sex, just in time for Valentine's Day.

"Our sales of the mints for Christmas were so successful that the manufacturer was unable to fill all the orders before Christmas," said Margaret Odom, Planned Parenthood public affairs coordinator. "Because of this much attention we decided to do it for Valentine's Day and this time order a lot more boxes."

The cream-filled mints have been on sale since Jan. 25, and a box costs \$6.

Each silver box is decorated with pink hearts and the inscription, "A tasteful way to make your point." A Surgeon General's statement is included, which warns "Barring abstinence, the use of condoms is the best protection against sexually transmitted diseases."

The box also carries the warning "For internal use only: Application to body surfaces will result in a sticky mess."

The 12 round mints are individually wrapped in familiar foil packets that say "Condom-Mints are NOT good protection." Odom said each box contains a

pamphlet outlining the importance of maintaining good health and being careful. "The pamphlet encourages sexually active people to reduce their risk of disease by having long-term monogamous relationships, using condoms and having frequent reproductive health check-ups if they are not going to practice abstinence, which is, of course, the safest protection," she said.

The Condom-Mints project originated with a Planned Parenthood affiliate last fall in Seattle, Washington, Odom said. The mints were used as a fund-raising project for Planned Parenthood across the country. Local sales of the mints will result in funds used for Planned Parenthood of Greater Raleigh's

educational and contraceptive counseling programs.

Condom-Mints are available at the Planned Parenthood office, Suite 233 of the Bryan Building in Cameron Village, or by calling the office at 833-7534.

Mints are also being sold at the following locations: Ballintrae Hume Hair Salon, New Bern Avenue, Raleigh; The Paper Plant, Martin Street at Nash Square, Raleigh; Sidestreet Cafe on Lane Street, Raleigh; Trimmers Studio at 112 E. Main Street, Garner; and Vaguely Reminiscent on 9th Street, Durham.

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"There's always a certain amount of destruction going on," she said.

Student body treasurer Jody Beasley, who has been a candidate in campus campaigns for three years, said he agreed with Miller.

"Before you get into a race like this you have to expect stuff like that,"

he said. "I've pretty much built in that some posters are going to get torn down."

But Poston said he would keep up his fight.

"I've got to," he said. "With seven people running, I have to get my name out there."

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should be allowed to take a pass/fail course with less than 12 graded hours, he said.

Donald Misch, assistant dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, said the proposal "puts more emphasis on

grade-getting than on exploration."

But Student Body President Brian Bailey said the proposal would encourage students to work harder.

"Higher grades correlate to more effort," he said. "In pass/fail courses right now, minimum effort gets the same grade as extra effort."

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inserted so that it affects every ticket that Ticketron sells."

Zalewski said that Ticketron officials have been contacting other Ticketron outlets throughout the country to see if they have a problem with inserting 'legal' into the disclaimer.

"If there are no objections, then we'll probably put the word into all of our tickets throughout the country," Zalewski said. "I seriously doubt that anyone will object to it."

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