

Officials form ad-hoc committee on housing security

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Housing officials will investigate forming an ad-hoc committee to address campus security concerns and combat student apathy toward security problems.

Peter Topping, chairman of the Housing Advisory Board, said officials will discuss plans for the committee with the vice chancellor of student affairs, Residence Hall Association representatives and board members.

Student apathy is the biggest obstacle to making the campus safe, said Sgt. Ned Comar of University police. A lack of publicity for small, common crimes contributes to apathy by perpetuating a false sense of security in students.

Because the UNC campus has a relatively low crime rate, and because crimes that occur on campus are not

publicized, students often think they will not be affected by crime and do not take steps to reduce their vulnerability, he said.

"We're fortunate to have as safe a campus as we do, but we need to reduce student complacency," he said.

Resident assistants do not use programs offered by campus police because they are not perceived as being entertaining to residents, and

posters put up by campus police usually do not stay up for longer than a few weeks, Comar said. As a result, students miss out on security information.

The Daily Tar Heel also does not pay enough attention to small crimes that are a big problem collectively, Comar said. "Papers won't print a crime story unless there's some kind of hook to it," he said.

Comar suggested printing a daily crime blotter and more small crime stories to make readers more aware of the type and volume of crimes occurring at UNC so that they could personally take steps to prevent them.

Frederick Schroeder, dean of students, said most campus crimes are preventable if students exercise reasonable care.

"People have to be aware of their own safety, property and welfare," he said. "If they are not, it's hard to replace that awareness with other people being responsible for them."

It is difficult for police to solve crimes such as break-ins that occur

from student negligence, he said.

Wayne Kuncl, director of housing, said the biggest security problem on campus is theft. Students often leave possessions in unlocked dormitory rooms, where they are vulnerable to theft, he said.

Students should lock their room doors to protect their possessions, Comar said. Most thefts occur when residents leave their rooms unlocked while they visit each other.

"Your possessions are left vulnerable if you go to mail a letter," he said.

Anita Gillis, area governor of the Morehead Confederation, said students are not worried about residence hall security and do not take precautions seriously.

"Residents think the doors are locked too much, if anything," she said. "They would like to leave their room doors unlocked and wish the outside doors would be left open longer, so they just do it and ignore policy. They prop a locked door open because it's inconvenient and don't

think it's also unsafe."

Students are calling police more to report crimes, however, Comar said, citing one call he received from a student who reported a dessert snack that the student had not eaten missing. Still, the general feeling is that there is no problem, he said.

"After something terrible happens, there is no complacency and police can get students' attention," he said. "For about two weeks, it works. Then there's complacency again."

In addition to theft, students are also too unconcerned about walking alone on campus late at night and the role of alcohol in crime, Schroeder said.

"Be aware of where you are and where assistance is," he said. Using the escort services is also important, he said.

Comar said most "crimes to the person," like rape, assault and noise, are alcohol-related. Alcohol also increases a person's vulnerability by making him unaware, he said.

Finance reform bill defeated after arrest of absent senator

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A congressional campaign finance reform bill died in the U.S. Senate Friday for the eighth time after the sergeant at arms pursued senators through the halls of the Capitol, but officials are saying the Republicans have not seen the last of Senate bill S2.

"(Majority Leader) Sen. Robert Byrd decided it was time to get tough," said Tom Lawton, press secretary to Sen. Terry Sanford, D-N.C.

S2 was the second bill introduced last January at the beginning of the 100th Congress by Byrd and Sen. David Boren, D-Okla. The bill would put spending caps on congressional campaigns and limit the funds that political action committees and individuals can contribute. If both candidates in a campaign agree to limits, they would be eligible for federal funds under the bill, said Lisa Pelosi, assistant press secretary to Sen. John Chafee, R-R.I., one of the Republican senators who supported S2.

Three Republican senators supported the bill while two Democrats opposed it.

The Republicans changed the issue from campaign finance to a procedural issue because they

couldn't effectively fight the bill, but S2 will come up again, Lawton said.

"It's a shame that the Republicans weren't willing to debate the issue, but I think it will come up again, maybe as a campaign issue," he said.

"It will probably come up before the end of the year," Pelosi said.

But Republicans disagreed.

"The duck is dead — (Byrd) could have a hundred votes and he wouldn't change anyone's mind," said Mike Mitchell, deputy press secretary to Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky.

Republicans disagreed with the bill because it would have eliminated Republican chances of winning the election, especially in the South, where the Republican Party is weaker, he said.

The majority leader faced a Republican filibuster, led by Republican Leader Sen. Bob Dole, R-Kan., each of the seven times he tried to call a vote, Pelosi said.

Republicans again threatened a filibuster Monday when Byrd brought up the bill, but Byrd refused to allow a "gentleman's filibuster," a Senate custom that allows senators to filibuster from nine to five, and then recess until nine the next morning, Lawton

said. Byrd forced a fifty-three hour continuous filibuster, which showed no sign of abating early Thursday, when the Republicans tried to make him recess the Senate by establishing that a quorum of fifty-one senators was not present. A majority of senators must be present to conduct business.

Only 49 supporters of the bill were able to participate in the quorum call, along with Sen. Alan Simpson, R-Calif., one short of a quorum.

"The Republicans put in a quorum call and then disappeared," Lawton said.

Byrd then used a procedural ploy not used since 1942 to ask the sergeant at arms, Henry Giugni, to arrest absent senators, eventually capturing Sen. Bob Packwood, R-Ore., Lawton said.

"The Republicans resorted to playing hide-and-go-seek with the sergeant at arms," Lawton said.

Giugni was tipped off by a housekeeper that Packwood was hiding in his office, and forced his way in, injuring Packwood's finger in the process, Mitchell said.

"They picked (Packwood) up and carried him feet first into the chamber," he said.

'Candidate of reform' Hart says he'll stay in race until convention

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Although he hasn't fared well in the primary arena since his return to the presidential race, former Colorado Sen. Gary Hart said last weekend in Atlanta that he is determined to stay in the race until the convention, forcing other Democrats to become more in step with the American public.

"He's the candidate of reform," said Jay Coleman, deputy national field director for the Hart campaign.

One of Hart's first priorities would be education, Coleman said. He advocates increased teacher salaries combined with competency tests and in-class evaluations and wants to implement better training in high schools to prepare students for college.

Hart also supports more adult education retraining, more foreign language instruction and a longer school year.

"He wants to make it easier for minorities and lower-income students to get into college," Coleman said. He feels a balanced budget would lower the cost of college and would open up new opportunities for graduates, he said.

Hart advocates federally-funded abortions and a job retraining program to help people on welfare find jobs. He also favors federally-funded child care and child-care tax credits.

He believes day care is a universal

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right and is necessary for working mothers, Coleman said.

He supports Headstart and the formation of a Voluntary National Service, a community service where students can help teach people who are illiterate to read and write.

Although he is against a balanced budget amendment, Hart has said he would reduce the budget deficit to \$41 billion and cut military spending to \$44 billion by 1993.

"He would try to reduce the Reagan deficit over five years," Coleman said, "and he is for a true military reform program."

Hart supports a \$10 per barrel oil import fee and greater taxes on tobacco, liquor and certain luxury items. He also favors higher income taxes for families earning over \$200,000 and more use of tolls and fees on federal highways, waterways and other facilities.

He opposes trade tariffs and quotas and wants to make a commitment to more scientific research.

Hart is against aid to the Contras but would continue U.S. aid to Israel, Coleman said. He also favors future talks with the Palestinian Liberation Organization, he said.

He would call for more attention to Latin America, Asia and Africa. "He is more concerned with mak-

ing Central America economic partners so their economies can grow, especially Mexico," Coleman said. Hart would like to find ways to reduce their debts so they can effectively work with the U.S., he said.

Although he is against apartheid, Hart hasn't specified any plans for action against the South African government, Coleman said.

Hart supports the Intermediate Nuclear Force treaty and would "go a long way on disarmament," Coleman said. He also favors less expensive, more conventional weapons and cuts in the Strategic Defense Initiative.

He has also said he advocates economic and diplomatic relations in foreign policy rather than military force.

Hart first became involved in national politics when he managed Sen. George McGovern's successful try for the Democratic presidential nomination in 1972. Hart served in the Senate until he ran for the Democratic nomination in 1984, losing to former vice president Walter Mondale.

Hart ran for the 1988 nomination until May 1987, when the Miami Herald exposed his romantic tryst with model Donna Rice and he dropped out of the race. He reentered the race at the end of the year because he still had a vision for the Democratic Party, he said.

Physical Plant to begin installing air conditioning units in dorms

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Students in designated residence halls will soon have air-conditioned rooms, Steve Stoddard, Housing Support Superintendent, said Monday. The UNC Physical Plant will begin installing window air conditioning units during Spring Break.

The installation process will continue during the rest of the semester, because the air-conditioned rooms will be needed for conferences held at UNC this summer, Stoddard said. More than 300 units must be installed before May, he said.

"We want to cause as little disruption to students as we can," Stoddard said. "We'll be working overtime to get as many units as possible installed during Spring Break."

The power supplies in the targeted residence halls are sufficient to handle

the increased power demand caused by the window units, Stoddard said.

"The outlets near or under the windows are designated for air conditioning, so there is no electrical problem," he said.

The housing department plans to work with students, resident assistants and area directors to let residents know the installation schedule, said Wayne Kuncl, housing director.

Students whose rooms are air-conditioned before the semester ends will enjoy free air conditioning for the rest of the semester, Kuncl said.

Brian Sipe, Scott Residence College governor, said he doesn't think most students will be bothered by the temporary inconvenience of having maintenance workers installing window units in their rooms or suites.

"After a little noise and inconvenience, they'll get an air-conditioned

room free for the rest of the semester," Sipe said. "They can go to the library while that's going on."

"It's pretty obvious that most people wanted air conditioning. The practicality overcame the problems."

The housing department sent letters to students living in Henderson and Scott residence colleges and Alderman and McIver residence halls to let them know the planned installation schedule, Kuncl said. Designated rooms in these areas and halls will be among the first to receive air conditioning.

During the next 10 years on North Campus, a chilled water line will be extended to provide residence halls with central air conditioning, Kuncl said. Olde Campus should be first, he said, with central air in its halls by fall of 1990.

Housing project faces problems

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Chapel Hill's first moderate income housing project, the Tandler Homeownership Demonstration Program, has run into unexpected problems.

According to a report from Town Manager David Taylor, soil problems, inadequate sewers and rough topography at one of the building sites could cause the project to run over budget. This may result in a decrease in the number of houses built at that site.

At its meeting last week, the Chapel Hill Town Council postponed voting on a resolution that would give the town manager the power to reduce the number of houses in the project.

The Tandler project is being developed on land on Merritt Mill and Legion roads. The Legion Road site does not have the same problems as those at the Merritt Mill site.

The project was originally planned to provide 34 houses for families who

earn less than 80 percent of the mean income in Chapel Hill.

In his report, Taylor recommends the town council allow him to negotiate with the building company to reduce the number of houses built to as low as 25.

According to their agreement, the town is responsible for providing the land and paying for public improvements on the land, and the developer, Capricorn/Isler, is to build and sell the properties.

The original agreement included \$380,000 for public improvements, but the report says the problems at the Merritt Mill site could force the improvements to rise to an estimated cost of \$605,055.

Since the project began in July, it has moved along very close to schedule. One of the houses is already occupied, according to the report.

Council member Roosevelt Wilkerson said, "I think that this is a good project. It is a move in the right direction to provide adequate hous-

ing in Chapel Hill. There are some problems that we could have handled better, but I'm hoping that the project won't be held up at all by these new developments."

Wilkerson said it was necessary to get more information before making any decisions about reducing the number of houses built.

The project has already attracted 64 eligible applicants, according to the manager's report. This illustrates the interest the public has in this project, Wilkerson said.

"I definitely believe the requests show that there is a high demand for this type of housing," Wilkerson said. Council member Joe Herzenberg said, "These problems won't hold the project up; it just probably won't be as big."

The idea of alternative sites for the project has been considered, but neither Wilkerson nor Herzenberg saw that as a viable solution to the project's problems.

"That (alternative sites) is a problem," Herzenberg said. "Land is tight, and we (the town) don't own that much property."

But both Herzenberg and Wilkerson said they were interested in seeing all 34 houses completed in the Tandler project.

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