

Teague

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semester. There are 210 total spaces in the building; the 72 men were eligible to return after the spring lottery.

The men were to receive notification letters later this week. They will have until July 1 to cancel their housing contracts and get their \$75 deposits back, Kuncel said.

Kuncel said he was unable to explain precisely the change to coed.

"That's a hard one to answer in a few words," he said. "The negative aspects of Teague's tradition had become so strong in that residence hall . . . it was our feeling that those aspects would be continued. One way to make a clean break was to move men and women into the hall.

"There have been a number of problems in Teague, both this year and over a number of years," Kuncel said. "The events right around the end of the semester brought all this to a head."

On April 21, Teague residents held an authorized annual "Marty party," including alcohol, in honor of the last day of classes. According to Kuncel and students at the party, two women, parents of UNC students, were driving by when their windshield was struck by a Frisbee tossed by Teague residents. As the women got out to investigate, a crowd gathered, and in the process one of the women accused a Teague resident of spitting on her, although residents say it was a drink that splashed on her arm. The women complained to the administration.

Later that evening and throughout the weekend, Iris Hunt, the area director of Scott Residence College, was sexually and racially harassed through repeated phone calls and a visit to her apartment window at Whitehead Residence Hall by men who she said were wearing Teague T-shirts. That Sunday, someone wrote racial and sexual slurs, including "nigger" and "whore" on her apartment door.

In addition, some residents of

Teague took their newly-won intramural trophy over to Lewis dormitory and harassed residents there before going to the undergraduate library and causing a disruption there, Kuncel said.

"A group of people decided they didn't like me or want me around," Hunt said earlier this week. "They didn't begin to think about the effect on my life . . . it scared me — if that's what they wanted to do, they did it."

Hunt said she supported the changes in Teague, but added, "people who will do things like that will not necessarily be put off."

After the weekend's incidents, housing department officials began a series of meetings with Brian Sipe, the area governor, and Teague's student leadership. A memo was also sent to the residents, which read, in part: "The behavior of a number of residents of Teague Hall during the past 48 hours has been totally unacceptable and intolerable . . . in the intervening days, all residents of Teague are expected to adhere to exemplary standards of conduct and behavior. You will be advised of further action."

Dormitory leaders asked for time to identify those responsible, but were eventually unable to do so, Kuncel said.

Kuncel met last Wednesday with Residence Hall Association President Jimmy Randolph, Student Body President Kevin Martin, and representatives from two black campus organizations for the first time to discuss the incidents and review the letter sent to the 72 men. Randolph and Martin were not included in the final decision to change to coed, which Kuncel made with the help of his staff.

The student leaders agreed that the men should be moved, but Martin and Randolph said they had reservations about a coed dormitory and were surprised at the swiftness of the decision.



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Teague residents celebrate the end of the 1986 spring semester in front of the residence hall

Alumni

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condone the actions that took place at the end of the school year," Smith said. "(But) we do not support the idea of a coeducational dorm at Teague . . . I do not think the alumni I have talked to would be in favor of giving the money to the University if the dorm goes coed."

Freddy Kiger, a Chapel Hill resident who lived in Teague for seven years, said Teague "was and is a cohesive dorm."

"My gut reaction is I'm very saddened," Kiger said. "We were quite proud of it. I hate to see it happen."

"I'm disappointed, you can definitely say that," said former Teague resident Jack Simmons, manager of the UNC Faculty-Staff Recreation

Association. "There's a unique atmosphere in Teague, and that will be destroyed."

The "Teague tradition" has been well-known since the 1970s, alumni said. The tradition focuses on intramural sports and a strong sense of fellowship similar to a fraternity.

Freshmen are told of the tradition at the beginning of the school year by Teague alumni, said Walt Lasley, a member of the Class of '78 who has organized the informal orientation sessions for about 12 years.

"It was something that would give them the idea that this place is special . . . it has a great tradition. We wanted to instill some pride in them on day one," Lasley said.

The orientations stressed intra-

murals and the fact that Teague has won the IM championship for 14 of 17 years, noting also the "macho" image of the dormitory, he said.

Iris Hunt, area director for Scott Residence College, attempted to stop the orientation last fall, but allowed it to continue after a discussion with residence hall leaders, Lasley said.

Hunt said Tuesday she had a Teague resident assistant ask the Teague alumni to "not say derogatory things about the building, or anything that would insinuate that it's okay to damage the building . . . there was never any mention of not holding the meeting."

Hunt sat in the back of the room during the session, which she described as "extremely negative," with the exception of a positive emphasis on the fellowship of the residents.

"I really don't know what to say — I'm just so stunned, really," Lasley said. "I tend to think it's a knee-jerk reaction by the University to a handful of people getting out of hand and partying on the last day of classes."

"But we're not known as a bunch of quitters . . . if they think that we're going to sit back and wallow in mediocrity, they're very much incorrect — we're going to continue the tradition."

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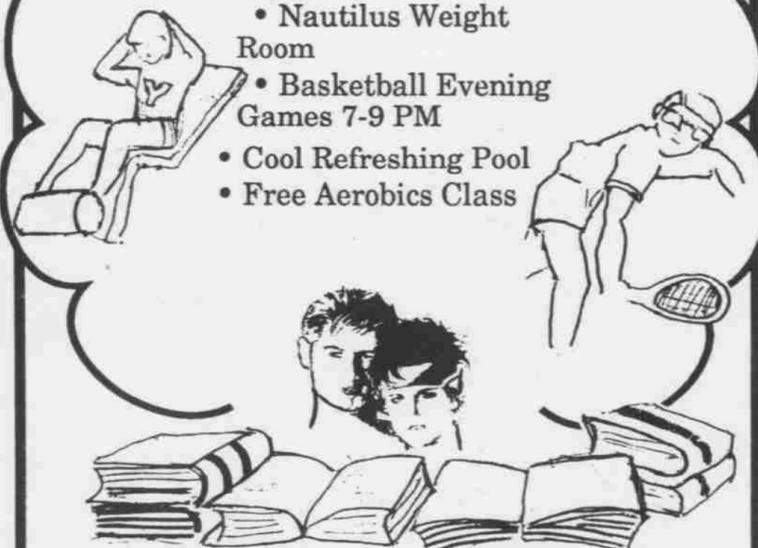
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