

# 'Teague Foundation' to continue raising funds

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Editor

The chairmen of a foundation for Teague Residence Hall said this week they will continue to raise money for the hall when it goes coeducational this fall, although they wish it could remain all-male.

The chairmen of the "Teague Foundation," a group of alumni who formerly lived in Teague, met with housing officials and Dean of Student Affairs Donald Boulton Friday to discuss the recent decision to change the dormitory and the future of the foundation.

"We made another pitch for maybe reconsidering that decision (to go coed)," said foundation head Allen Wilson. "But it was apparent to me that the decision was cast in concrete. Kent (Smith, foundation co-chairman) and I have made the decision to go ahead and proceed with the campaign."

There were two main reasons for them not to dissolve the foundation, Wilson said.

"We felt like it represented Teague as we knew it," he said. "We don't want the Teague tradition as it is known today to be left in anybody's

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"Also, we were giving to the memories, friendships, good times and spirit that transcend the brick and mortar — the dorm could be swallowed up by an earthquake and our memories would still be there."

The foundation has almost met its goal of \$20,000 through pledges that have yet to be paid, Wilson said, although some members may want to cancel their pledges with the change to coed. But the amount of money is not the most important thing, he said.

"I made the point at the outset that

I felt like the money was relatively insignificant, the money was like a symbol, and they (those in the meeting) agreed.

"What makes a big impact is what that money represents, that the residence hall they had was such a positive experience that we were willing to give money into that and not the general University," Wilson said.

Future plans for the foundation are on hold until the chairmen get response to these latest developments from its members, Wilson said, but he is considering a gathering for fall

if the foundation holds together.

"Next month will be a critical month for us," he said. "Then we can assess the feelings of the group and see if they want to get together."

"My knee-jerk reaction would be along the lines that I think we're going to have a difficult time keeping it (the foundation) together," said Freddy Kiger, a Chapel Hill resident who lived in Teague from 1970 to 1977. "It's going to be tough, and I would very much agree that the next few months will be crucial."

"We're set to move forward," said Walt Lasley, a member of the foundation and a Teague resident in the mid-1970s. "We have every reason to believe that we can be a long-term success in the project."

"I hold out hope that in the future Teague can be returned to all-male. The University has long prided itself on the diversity of its student body . . . the University should be aware (that students prefer a variety of dormitories) and I'm hoping that we do not wind up with the event that all dorms are exactly alike, which would in effect wind up with a very dull residence situation," Lasley said.

Alumni may be allowed some role

in the restructuring of the hall and its atmosphere, Boulton said Monday.

"I just mentioned to them (alumni) that the spirit of Teague they're talking about was a great thing," he said. "I would like to work with them and hope that they could play a role." They had not yet discussed what that role should be, he said.

Housing officials said the problems with Teague were less a problem with alumni than with current students who used to live there, Wilson said, and Boulton assured the chairmen that the possibility remains for the hall to revert to all-male.

"My guess is that won't be anytime soon," Wilson said.

The alumni were still dissatisfied with the switch, Wilson said.

"If you kicked everybody out, does that not cleanse the dorm?" he asked.

"The University underestimated the effect of reassigning 72 students — that's a drastic action that will live for years in the minds of students," Lasley said. "The University's gone a little too far."

Kiger, who with Lasley met with housing officials and Boulton earlier, said he understood the decision, but "that doesn't change my disappointment."

Wilson said he hoped that with time, members would continue to give and support the efforts of the foundation, which was partly established with the hope that other dormitories' alumni would follow the foundation's lead.

"We've been hit with challenges before and always faced them in positive fashion," Wilson said. "Kent and I are convinced that given everything else, this is the right thing to do."

## Preaching Strode children will pass to next grades

From Associated Press reports

RALEIGH — Despite missing several weeks of school because of suspensions, three self-proclaimed street-preaching children will apparently be passed on to the next grade, their father said Tuesday.

The Strode children, Duffey, Matthew and Pepper, have been suspended numerous times because they refused to abide by school rules which

required them to proceed into the Eastfield Elementary School building when they arrived on school property each morning.

Instead, the three children began their street preaching. Duffey was suspended four times, the last of which drew nationwide television coverage. School officials in Marion stressed the suspensions were not a result of the preaching, but instead were due to failure to adhere to school rules.

David Strode said in a telephone interview that McDowell County school officials notified him Tuesday afternoon that his children had passed.

"The children did well," Strode said. "They've always done well in school."

Strode said Pepper had the best grades of the three but that Duffey had trouble.

"Duffey really lost interest in school when he got punched in the jaw," Strode said in reference to an incident which ignited his son's preaching in front of the school and the subsequent suspensions. "When they did that, it really left a sour taste in Duffey's mouth."

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