

Campus Police Roundup

■ Police found two undressed people in the same stall of a men's room in Gardner Hall March 14. Neither was affiliated with UNC and they were given trespass warnings.

■ A woman threatened to slash the tires on a car belonging to a woman who beat her to a metered parking space near North Carolina Memorial Hospital March 11.

■ Student Patrol noticed people looking into vehicles while riding in a car through F Lot at 9:30 p.m. March 20. Police stopped the car in Craige Lot and searched three men who were in the car. An eight-inch knife and some .22 caliber bullets were found in the car. Police found a .22 pistol in the street at the entrance to Craige Lot. The three were given

trespass warnings.

■ A woman had seizures outside the Student Union on March 16. She asked that calls for rescue units be cancelled. Police went through a list of phone numbers at her request to find someone to help her to her residence. Donald Boulton, vice chancellor and dean of student affairs, was contacted and assisted at the scene.

■ Police stopped the driver of a suspicious vehicle on Pittsboro Street at 2:20 a.m. on March 16. The driver had previously been issued a trespass warning. Police checked his identification and listened to him go through a series of threats and other verbal harassment against police for 10 minutes. The man was released.

— compiled by Amy Wajda

RHA, BSM to fill minority affairs post

By NANCY WYKLE
Staff Writer

The presidents of the Residence Hall Association (RHA) and the Black Student Movement (BSM) will select a student to act as an executive assistant for minority affairs on the RHA Board sometime in the near future.

"The executive assistant will make sure we notice and remember significant minorities — any minority," RHA President-elect Liz Jackson said Tuesday.

The executive position was created by current RHA President Jimmy Randolph last year.

The position will not necessarily be filled by someone from the BSM, Jackson said. The executive assistant will attend both BSM and RHA meetings and represent other minorities on campus, she said.

Minorities have not been active in residence hall government or RHA, she said. The executive assistant will help combat this problem by trying to recruit interested students.

"Recruitment will not only be directed at minorities, but everyone," Jackson said. "The emphasis will be on minorities, though."

Derrick Watson, a freshman BSM member, said black students are not involved in residence hall government because of apathy from both blacks and RHA members and because of negative attitudes on campus.

"It is a step in the right direction to appoint an executive assistant," he said. "But before any change can happen, attitudes on campus must change."

BSM vice president Tonya Blanks said that according to percentages, blacks are inadequately represented

in residence hall governments and RHA. "A lack of appeal caused a lack of interest," she said.

Erika Campbell, a freshman BSM member, said she feels that she is represented in RHA, but not as well as she could be. "I don't feel (a part of) what is going on in my dorm."

Campbell said she attends seminars but does not go to mixers in Ehringhaus Residence Hall, where she lives.

"Black people are tired of making the effort," she said. "We don't want to have to always go," she said. Both groups need to make an effort to improve the situation, such as the "Both Sides" dances at the Student Union.

The BSM is the largest and most vocal minority group on campus, and that is why the BSM president will help decide who the minority affairs executive assistant will be, Jackson

said. Other groups do not need the representation like the BSM, she said.

Programs sponsored by the residence halls also tend to exclude blacks, Jackson said. "A lot of programs are just not interesting to blacks."

As a short-range goal, the executive assistant will try to increase participation of blacks in residence hall activities, Blanks said. Blacks will feel more included in the residence hall if they have more control of what is going on, she said.

A long range goal of having a minority affairs executive assistant will be to help increase an even distribution of blacks on campus, Jackson said. Many black students live on South Campus by choice, so RHA can't do much to change the distribution, she said.

Section of Student Stores nears renovation completion

By BRENDA CAMPBELL
Staff Writer

The middle section of the UNC Student Stores will be open for public use at the beginning of April and all renovation should be completed by mid-July, Rutledge Tufts, director of the Student Stores, said Tuesday.

"Right now we are about two weeks behind schedule," he said. "But with a project that lasts this long, two weeks is not bad."

Students will be able to come through the front door when the center of the store is opened up, Tufts

said. When the front doors are reopened, part of the wall in the Pit will be removed.

Reopening the center of the store should improve business, Tufts said. "It has not been a good year. Profits have been about 10 percent to 20 percent below the usual income. We only expected a 10 percent loss."

Once construction began, the renovation process proceeded with no major problems, he said. "Little things have come up like an electric outlet needed here or extra tile there."

Edward Willis, director of construction administration, said constructing a new center staircase took the most time.

"The construction on the area around the staircase included a lot of structural work," he said.

Tufts said construction workers discovered a problem in the building's original structure. "The one problem we found was with one of the support beams in the middle section of the original building, but that has been repaired."

The most expensive feature that will be added to the stores will be

a new sprinkler system, Tufts said. "The sprinkler system is being added to the store as safety insurance. Hopefully it will be one feature we never have to use."

Another large expense was the removal of asbestos in the original building, Tufts said. "The amount of asbestos was so low in content that

the question was raised as to whether it needed to be removed. To be safe we decided to remove it. The cost will be about \$125,000."

Other new features are better handicap access through the front door and to the second floor, Tufts said.

The total renovation cost will be more than \$1.4 million.

The computer department, check cashing window and post office will be moved upstairs, making the textbook area smaller, Tufts said, "but we are trying to get higher shelves for the back rows. The aisles will also be returned to the original size."

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decision-making right now," he said.

The ban on neon signs in Chapel Hill has stood since 1981, yet numerous merchants have used neon in the past and continue to light their neon signs. The town inspection department can levy a civil fine of \$25 per day that the sign remains in violation of the ordinance after notifying the business that the sign was illegal. Currently, the fines have not been levied against offenders.

As a result of Shatzen's letter in January, the town council requested that the Chapel Hill Appearance Commission consider amending the

Committee works to prepare food service recommendation

By JAMES COBLIN
Staff Writer

The Chancellor's Food Service Advisory Committee is in the final stages of deliberation over its recommendation to Chancellor Paul Hardin concerning on-campus food service contracts, officials said Tuesday.

The advisory committee will meet Thursday to finish discussion on the possible elimination of the mandatory \$100 meal plan for on-campus students and to prepare its recommendation.

Members of the advisory committee said the recommendation would probably not include elimination of the \$100 meal plan because the committee includes more faculty members than students.

A student government ad hoc committee submitted a plan to Hardin on Jan. 25 outlining five

points the committee felt needed to be changed for on-campus food services to function more efficiently, including elimination of the mandatory \$100 meal plan for on-campus students.

James Cansler, chairman of the advisory committee, and Thomas Shetley, director of auxiliary services, submitted a plan to improve UNC food services earlier in January.

Both proposals include recommendations to consolidate the Marriott food service contract with the athletic concessions contract now held by Ogden Food Services.

The advisory committee wants to send Hardin its recommendation soon because the athletic concessions contract will be open for bids within the next few months, said Geoff Cunfer, a student member of the committee.

The main issues to be decided are

whether to eliminate the \$100 mandatory meal plan for on-campus students and whether Marriott should take over snack bars now run by UNC Student Stores, Cunfer said.

Most faculty members of the advisory committee oppose the elimination of the mandatory meal plan, but student members support the plan's elimination, Cunfer said.

The advisory committee will probably not recommend the elimination of the mandatory meal plan, Cunfer said. "Even if we do recommend to eliminate the mandatory meal plan, chances are that the chancellor would not do so because of pressure from Marriott and faculty."

Student Stores is concerned about the revenue it would lose if Marriott takes over Student Stores snack bars, Cunfer said. Student Stores contributes about \$500,000 to student scholarships.

Neon

of University Square.

"Chapel Hill is never going to look like Las Vegas," Lynn Moore, manager of The Courtyard, said.

In fact, the Appearance Commission exercises qualitative review all the time with the current sign ordinance, and this power should extend to neon signs, said Grainger Barrett, the attorney representing Copytron, Inc.

By considering the appearance of a sign, the sign's coordination with the building, the sign's colors and its comparative size, "the Appearance Commission engages in qualitative

town sign ordinance to permit neon signs. The commission in a Feb. 16 meeting voted 6-4 to recommend that the town allow neon in the town center district.

In addition to regulating brightness, the Appearance Commission's amendment proposed a size standard of 5 percent of the business' total window area or two square feet, whichever was smaller.

The Carolina and Varsity theaters' neon signs will be exempted from the amendment's regulations because they were in place before the prohibition.

Activating Awareness for Choice and Equality will be in the Pit all week to solicit signatures on the pro-choice side of the Roe vs. Wade issue.

Sophomores and juniors in College of Arts and Science department applying for Summer 1989 Academic Credit Internships must have petition and transcript submitted to Robin Joseph in 211 Hanes by noon March 31.

Senior Class of 1989 is accepting original entries from seniors for the Senior Class Poem. The deadline is March 20; applications are available at the Senior Class Office, Suite B, Union.

Campus Y is accepting applications through March 23 for chair positions. Applications are available in the Campus Y office.

Student Government — Executive Branch is accepting applications, which are available in Suite C, at the Union Desk and during the day in the Pit until March 23.

Fine Arts Festival 1989 — Flashback: the '60s will present "Then and Now: 1960s-1980s," an exhibit of works by regional artists. Contemporary art will be on display at the Horace Williams House, Franklin Street, and the 1960s exhibition will be in the Carolina Union Gallery. The exhibits will be on display until April 2.

UNC Cystic Fibrosis Center receives \$2.5 million grant

By GENIE WALKER
Staff Writer

Researchers at UNC Medical Center have received a \$2.5 million grant from the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute to continue research on finding a cure and new treatment of cystic fibrosis.

This five-year grant was awarded to UNC because of its extensive work in the field. UNC's medical team involved in the research is composed of 50 people, 16 of whom are faculty members.

"UNC has been studying the disease for some time and is one of the largest groups of researchers in the country studying this illness," said Mike Wagner, associate director of institutional relations.

Dr. James Yankaskas, assistant professor of medicine, said that the UNC Cystic Fibrosis Center had

done vigorous research in cystic fibrosis since 1982, and that this new grant would be an extension of the existing program. Because of UNC's experience in the field, the institution was chosen over other programs considered for the grant, he said.

"The quality of our proposal and the intensity of our work gave us a relative advantage," he said.

Wagner said UNC was working with several groups around the world to research cystic fibrosis.

"This is a cooperative effort between UNC, University of Michigan, The Sick Children's Hospital in Toronto and St. Mary's Medical School in London," Wagner said.

The research now under way focuses on finding the gene responsible for the lung disease and then developing appropriate treatment for

the prevention of the disease, Wagner said.

Richard Boucher, professor of medicine and director of the center, said the gene has not yet been located, but he said he believed it may be discovered within the next year.

"It is important to realize that locating the gene has been a race for years," Yankaskas said. "But once the gene is found, it is not the solution for cystic fibrosis; rather, a milestone, with years of research still to go."

New research under the grant will build on and expand the work already instituted, Yankaskas said. This research will contribute to treating individuals already afflicted with the disease, as well as searching for the cause, he said.

Twenty years ago many of the resources and research of cystic fibrosis were limited, being centered primarily on children, Yankaskas said. In the last decade, UNC has built a major resource center.

"This grant represents a show of support for a highly committed research team to work even harder on a very important problem," Yankaskas said.

Wednesday

- Noon Institute of Latin American Studies will continue its Brown Bag Lunch Series with a presentation by Robert Craswell, attorney and author, in 205 Union. Craswell will speak on "Stereotype and Reality in Latin American Politics and Society."
- 2 p.m. University Career Planning and Placement Services will have a resume writing workshop for seniors and graduate students in 209 Hanes.
- 2:30 p.m. Campus Y Publicity Committee will meet in the Campus Y lounge. All are welcome.
- 3 p.m. UCPPS will have an off-campus job search and interviewing workshop for seniors and graduate students in 209 Hanes.
- 3:30 p.m. UNC Graduate English Club will sponsor Howard Erskine-Hill, discussing "Shakespeare and the Succession of Kings" in 224 Greenlaw.
- 4 p.m. UCPPS will have an experiential learning workshop on internship basics in 108 Hanes.
- Project Literacy will have an important meeting in the Campus Y lounge. All are welcome to attend.
- 5:45 p.m. AIESEC will meet in Union Circle to go to the International Dinner with the Board of Advisors.
- 6 p.m. Wesley Foundation will have a dinner and a program on Methodism.
- 6:30 p.m. North Carolina Association of Educators, Student

- Chapter will meet in 218 Peabody to hear Vernon Colepepper, NCAE representative, speak about the expectations of first-year teachers.
- 7 p.m. Carolina Indian Circle will meet in the Campus Y lounge. Those interested in helping with culture week please attend. UCPPS will sponsor a presentation by Georgia State Merit System in 210 Hanes.
- 7:30 p.m. Maranatha Ministries will have a Bible Happy Hour in 224 Union to hear Tommy Bailey sing and share the love of God.
- Students for the Ethical Treatment of Animals will meet in 210 Union.
- 8 p.m. Carolina Union Social Committee will present a shag workshop in Great Hall, Union.
- Student Environmental Action Coalition will meet in 208 Union. All are welcome.

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necessary."

McLean's long-range plans include building campus support for the creation of a new Black Cultural Center and changing the name of the Office of Student Counseling to Minority Affairs Office. But these plans will not be pursued until next semester, she said.

The candidates for BSM vice president, secretary and treasurer were all unopposed. Tonya Blanks,

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a junior from Clarkton, was re-elected vice president; Lisa Schaeffer, a junior from Philadelphia, was elected secretary; and Chanda Douglas, a junior from Rocky Mount, was re-elected treasurer.

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