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Congress seeks more women on BOT

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Controversy over Gov. James G. Martin's appointments to the UNC Board of Trustees has raised concern over the number of women on the board.

Martin has four appointments to the board, and two will be decided this week. Up for reappointment are trustees Barbara S. Perry and John W. Pope. Martin has announced that he is also considering appointing Arch T. Allen, the chairman of the Wake County Republican Party.

Student Congress passed a resolution Tuesday night asking Martin to reappoint Perry, one of only two women on the 13-member board, and condemning Pope for his "sexist stance" on campus issues.

"Barbara Perry has been a very

capable member if the board," said Jurgen Buchenau (Dist. 8), sponsor of the resolution. "Her loss to the BOT would be inexcusable."

Buchenau said trustees are usually reappointed unless there are grievances with his or her performance.

"It was expected that (Perry) would be reappointed," said Brien Lewis, student body president. "She was elected secretary of the board and she is very well-regarded."

Buchenau said there are grievances with Pope's performance. He pointed to Pope's assertion in one BOT meeting that the high number of women admitted to UNC would result in a decline in alumni contributions because the majority would get married and contribute to their husbands' alma maters.

"We're disappointed at his insen-

sitivity to the issues of women," Buchenau said.

Jeff Beall (Dist. 7) warned that the stance could seem self-righteous in light of the low percentage of women on congress. "Only four of 29 congress members are women," Beall said. "That is a lower percentage than is on the Board of Trustees."

But Todd Wyatt (Dist. 4) said the trustee position and congress positions are inherently different because trustees are appointed rather than elected. "I think it's very positive, because we're misrepresented gender-wise, that we pass this resolution," Wyatt said.

Buchenau said he would hand-deliver the resolution to Martin and members of his Commissions and Boards Committee Thursday.

At the July 6 meeting, congress passed a resolution supporting a waiver of section 212-E of the Immigration Act for Chinese exchange students in the United States.

Legislation has been introduced in the U.S. Congress to allow Chinese students who are receiving government aid to waive the two-year, home-country residency which section 212-E requires in return for government funds.

President Bush has offered Chinese students a one-year extension on their visas, but at the end of that year, they would be forced to leave.

Buchenau, sponsor of the Student Congress resolution, said Bush's plan would leave many Chinese nationals in "legal limbo." He said he urges support of the U.S. congressional bill, which Rep. David Price (D-N.C.) co-

sponsored.

"Let them go home when they feel they can," Buchenau said. "I'm for trying to provide a loophole in (the immigration laws). I don't think President Bush wants these people deported."

Buchenau said it is important to maintain the law, because it encourages foreign exchanges, but in emergencies exceptions should be made.

The resolution also encourages the U.S. government to consider the needs of students from other oppressive countries.

"We tend to forget how bad human rights abuses are in other countries of the world," Buchenau said.

Buchenau said he will send a copy of the resolution to all U.S. representatives and senators from North Carolina.

Police investigate assault of UNC student

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A UNC student was attacked in her West Rosemary street apartment early Friday morning by an unidentified man, according to Chapel Hill police.

The sexual assault, which occurred around 2 a.m., was not a rape and does not seem to be related to other

assaults which have occurred in the past five months, said Jane Cousins, police planner. "We look for patterns in everything, but it does not appear to be related to the assaults in northeast Chapel Hill."

Other assaults inside homes are being investigated by a special sexual assault task force made up of both investigative and patrol officers,

Cousins said.

According to the police report, the woman, who is in her 20s, was in her apartment when she saw the unidentified man. The man attacked her and eventually pulled her outside as she struggled and screamed. A neighbor came to the scene and the man fled. Police could not find the man when they came to the scene a few minutes

later.

The report said the woman told investigators that her assailant was black, had a medium build and appeared to be in his 20s. He was wearing either dark shorts or slacks and was not wearing a shirt at the time, the report also said.

Five other attacks, each inside apartments in east Chapel Hill near the Durham-Chapel Hill Boulevard or the U.S. 15-501-N.C. 54 Bypass, have occurred since February.

Cousins said that living in an apartment is a trade-off of advantages and

disadvantages. "On the one hand, there is lots of activity and interaction going on between neighbors, which makes it safe," she said. "The other side involves these people who take advantage of lots of people living in one area. That's when it can become dangerous."

She also said that people need to make informed decisions in order to protect themselves. "What's important to me is that people be conscious as to what is going on," she said. "We urge people to think about things and make the right choices."

Chemical spill forces evacuation

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A toxic chemical spill forced the evacuation of nearly 500 people in UNC's Burnett-Womack building Monday morning.

The two gallon-sized bottles, one containing pyridine and the other containing butanol, spilled when people moving a bookcase hit a sink under which the bottles were stored, according to Sgt. Ned Comar of the University Police.

He said the building was evacuated because of the risk of fire and

because the potential danger of the chemicals was not known at the time.

Both chemicals are flammable and Pyridine is toxic when inhaled in large quantities, but Director of UNC's Health and Safety Office Don Willhoit said the building was evacuated quickly enough to prevent any danger from inhalation.

Most of the people in the building, which is located on Manning Drive next to N.C. Memorial Hospital, evacuated immediately after the alarm was sounded, but some did not leave until after an hour and 45 min-

utes, Comar said.

"People need to understand that a fire alarm is for their protection," he said. "Just because they feel they have something important going on, they still need to comply with the evacuation. There were some stragglers who rode the elevators down."

The first floor spill was cleaned by Chapel Hill firefighters and the area was fanned to force out the chemical odors, Comar said.

He said workers were allowed to re-enter the building after about two hours.

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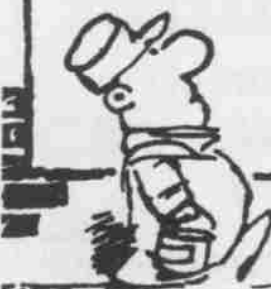
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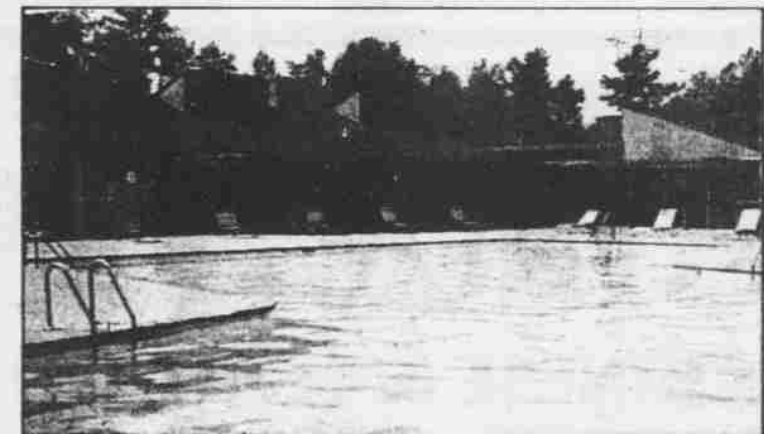
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