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Rate hikes affect housing Renovations may be delayed; saving energy urged

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Housing department officials are looking at ways to conserve campus energy use, and they may be forced to delay the scheduled 1990-91 renovation of Graham Residence Hall up to four years because of increases in the cost of University utilities.

The construction of a new power plant caused the increase in University utilities rates, and further increases are expected, said Wayne Kuncl, housing director. Electric rates for UNC have increased 18 percent, steam rates 19 percent, and water and sewage about 6 percent, Kuncl said.

The housing department is absorbing the cost increases for this year, but may have to postpone the renovation of Graham as a result, he said. "If we feel we are financially unable to do Graham, we may delay it for one year."

The housing department will decide by the semester's end whether to postpone Graham's scheduled renovation.

"It's a pretty difficult decision we're dealing with," Kuncl said.

If Graham's renovation is postponed, it may be postponed for as much as four years, Kuncl said. Next in line for renovation, after Graham, are Old West, Old East and Aycock residence halls, he said.

The University would like the renovation of Old East to be completed by UNC's 200th anniversary, and a postponement of Graham's renovation would probably put it after Aycock in the renovation sequence, Kuncl said.

"If we delay Graham for one year, we may have to skip Graham for a number of years."

The decision will be made before room registrations, so Graham residents will know where they stand when they apply for housing, Kuncl said. "We need to give them some consideration."

Residence Hall Association President Liz Jackson said she would support the postponement of Graham's renovation if it is necessary. "I would

rather see them postpone Graham for one year than get in over their head financially."

To help combat the rising utility costs, Kuncl has appointed three students and four housing officials to a task force exploring options for energy conservation in campus buildings.

Larry Hicks, associate director of housing for business affairs and a member of the committee, said there are several areas in which students, faculty and administrators can conserve energy. The use of double-paned glass and chilled water lines instead of window air conditioning could help decrease utility costs, he said.

The most obvious way for students to conserve energy is to watch their use of electricity, Kuncl said. "There's not a lot of students can do about steam. But students do have control over electricity. They can turn off lights when they're not in the room, turn off the television if they're not watching it and not run the air conditioner when they're not in

the room." The committee will concentrate on reducing electricity and water use, but even that will be difficult, Hicks said. "It's kind of like a flea on the back of a dog—how much control can you get?"

Hicks said it would be important for the committee to act. "To me, a committee has to be something other than a recommendation committee. The committee has to react as well."

Last year's utility costs exceeded \$2 million, and could be as much as \$3 million in the next few years, Hicks said. Utility costs are about 20 percent of the housing department's budget, he said.

"A 20 percent increase on a \$2 million budget is pretty steep."

It is difficult to determine the effect energy conservation will have on the University's utilities bill, Hicks said. "It's hard to say. There are things we can do that I know will curb it—how much, I can't say."



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Oh pleeeeee

Travis Tygart begs for his wallet from friends Chad Fleming (left) and Matt Becker on the third floor of Old West.

Noise ordinance questioned

By BILL TAGGART

Staff Writer

Students voiced concern Wednesday over a possible reduction in noise levels permitted under Chapel Hill's noise ordinance.

"My position on any change at all is that it is absolutely unnecessary," said Bill Hildebolt, the student liaison to the Chapel Hill Town Council and external affairs director of student government.

The only change to the noise ordinance that the council is considering would reduce the noise tolerance level to 70 decibels (dB), said council member Art Werner. Town Manager David Taylor and his staff suggested the change, which will be considered by the council over the next few weeks. The council removed the issue from Monday's agenda because students were out of town for Fall Break.

A possible reduction to 50 dB is only a suggestion presented to the council

by the Pritchard and Church Street Residents Group, Werner said.

At the Oct. 9 council meeting, the group re-introduced the idea of amending the noise ordinance. Its recommendation called for a noise tolerance level of 50 dB, a ban on all noise permits and a stopping time of 9 p.m. for bands.

Werner said the residents' proposal was unnecessarily extreme, but he thought the council would adopt some change.

Fraternity presidents disagreed with the need for a change in the ordinance.

"Any reduction would be too much," said Mark Smith, president of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity. "Right now it's at a level that's reasonable. I think it represents a compromise between the town and the students."

Town residents should recognize the special adjustments they have to make because they live in Chapel Hill, Smith said.

"They need to realize they're living in a college town. There need to be compromises. Students should be aware of the community, and the community should be aware of the students."

Chi Psi fraternity notifies nearby residents before parties and asks them to call the fraternity with complaints before they call the police, said president David Samuels.

A reduction in the tolerance level to 50 dB would be too drastic, he said. Creating "noise zones" within the town might be a better solution, he said.

Council member Julie Andresen suggested noise zones at the Oct. 19 town council candidates forum.

Hildebolt said that he thought the council would pass the 70 dB level but that the 50 dB change was meaningless.

Some members of the council realize the change is useless, and some think a change should be made, Hildebolt said.

McKinley starts appeal process for honor court verdict

By MIKE SUTTON

Staff Writer

Student activist Dale McKinley will go before the University Hearings Board early next week to appeal a Graduate Student Court verdict that may prevent him from continuing to teach at the University.

McKinley was found guilty on Oct. 18 of trespassing and willfully obstruct-

ing the operations of the University during an April 1988 anti-CIA protest in Hanes Hall. He was put on definite probation, which prohibits him from officially representing the University or from participating in any extracurricular activities.

Jeffrey Cannon, assistant dean of students and judicial programs officer, said teaching a class fell under the

terms of the probation. McKinley, a doctoral student, teaches Political Science 59, a course on contemporary Africa.

McKinley said he would be allowed to teach the class during the appeals process.

"According to the rules that they follow, after the honor court trial—as long as the appeal goes on—it (the

sentence) doesn't take effect."

However, McKinley said if the case moved beyond University jurisdiction into civil court, he was unsure if the sentence of the Graduate Student Court would take effect, and he could be barred from teaching.

If the hearings board, a five-member panel of faculty and students, rejects McKinley's appeal when it hears the

case Oct. 30 or 31, the next level is a Chancellor's Committee, and finally, the Board of Trustees.

McKinley said he had reservations about the Board of Trustees' ability to render an objective decision. "Given the fact that the Board of Trustees' statement started this whole thing—they called us (the protesters) 'terrorists' and everything—it (the appeals

process) is condemning me before a body that has made known its position."

His appeal will contend that the honor court's decision violated his right to due process, he said.

McKinley said that by excluding testimony from his witnesses about CIA

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Departments deciding whether to include academic minors

By KENNY MONTEITH

Staff Writer

Many academic departments and school leaders at UNC have met with their faculty members to discuss the possibility of having an academic minor and have made specific decisions on the proposal.

Gillian Cell, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, sent a letter this month to the various academic departments asking them to discuss the feasibility of an academic minor, which the academic affairs committee introduced and proposed to the Faculty Council in the fall of 1988.

Gerhard Weinberg, acting chairman of the history department, said his department had many reservations on the academic minor. "One is do we have the resources to provide for any additional enrollments that might come that way? I think there is concern, and that concern is reinforced by the possi-

bility that some other larger departments, by student size, may decide—and some have already announced—that they will not offer any minor."

The School of Journalism is one school that will probably not offer an academic minor, said Richard Cole, dean of the school. "I just don't think it

would be appropriate. The journalism enrollment has grown over the past few years and is now the fourth biggest in the number of students' majors.

"We've raised our (minimum) grade point average to 2.2 for this semester, and it will be 2.4 in the spring. If we had a minor, the students who couldn't get

into the school would try to minor in journalism."

Cole also cited increasing enrollment for journalism majors and limited space as two reasons for deciding against instituting a journalism minor.

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Housing survey report released

By JEFF D. HILL

Staff Writer

Satisfaction with the noise level in UNC residence halls has increased in the past year, but about one-quarter of campus residents are still dissatisfied with the noise level in their halls, and more than one-fifth rated their residence halls to be in fair to poor physical condition, according to a housing department report.

"In the general case, the data suggest that the department continues to provide a safe, healthy living environment for students who live in University-owned residence halls," the introduction of the report said.

The report, based on the results of a random survey of residents, gives the department generally high marks. Sylvester Taylor, assistant director of housing, prepared the survey and report.

Significant improvements have been made in the quality of academic environment, such as noise levels, the report said.

The survey, conducted in spring 1989, found 28.7 percent of those surveyed were dissatisfied. In contrast, a spring 1988 survey showed 39.5 percent were dissatisfied.

Wayne Kuncl, housing director, said a number of factors had helped sensi-

tize students to the noise problem. He credits the decrease in dissatisfaction with noise to stepped-up efforts by resident assistants and area directors, signs posted in residence halls, clearer language in housing contract books and programs by Al Calarco, associate housing director.

Residence halls were rated to be in fair or poor physical condition by 20.8 percent of the respondents. This is a slight increase from last year's 18.3 percent. But the percentage of students who had unreported repair needs dropped from 49.8 percent to 11.1 percent.

"We've added a number of new employees to both our maintenance and housekeeping staffs and so our ability to respond in terms of timeliness to housekeeping and maintenance concerns has increased," Kuncl said.

The survey showed that residents did not see opportunities to express opinions on housing issues. Of those surveyed, 42.8 percent said they were dissatisfied. Only 20.2 percent of the 1988 respondents were dissatisfied.

"The Residence Hall Association and housing have been charged by the Housing Advisory Board to take a look at (opportunities for input) and determine why there is an increase there (in dissatisfied students)," Taylor said.

According to the report, students generally feel safe in University housing, but may take unnecessary risks.

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Doggone it

Seniors Caroline Payne (left) of Reidsville and Suzanne Nelson of Wilmington take Dillon and Polka Dot for a walk across campus. Senior Tess Fernandez of Charlotte owns Dillon.

And in today already walks tomorrow. — Samuel Taylor Coleridge