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Doubling protested

By Penny Kramp

Over 60 students gathered at an open forum in Highsmith Center's private dining room yesterday to protest the proposed double occupancy of corner rooms in the Village Dormitories.

Dr. Eric Iovacchini, vice chancellor for student affairs, and Cindy Lamm, director of housing, explained the need for the change and listened as students aired their grievances.

Iovacchini explained that in an attempt to meet the rising number of on-campus students, housing will in the fall assign two occupants to the Village corner rooms, creating 74 needed spaces.

Originally, the Village had doubled rooms, but three years ago, when the Highrise opened, the administration converted the village rooms to singles.

"We wanted to stay away

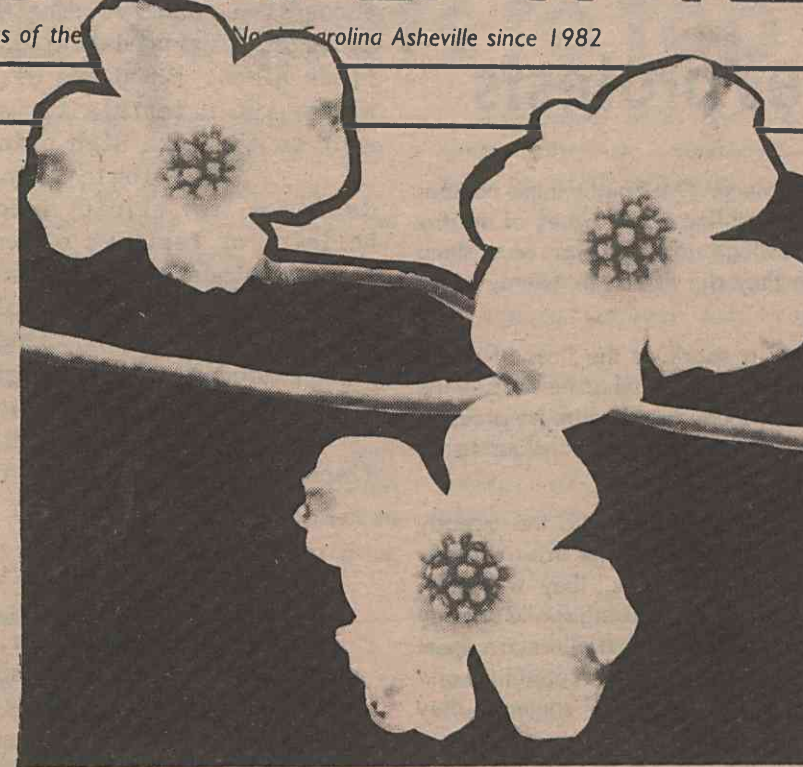
from an overcrowded Highrise, so we looked for an option that would tide us over for a two-year period until a new residence hall is built," said Iovacchini.

He said the university investigated a number of options before making the decision to double. These options included:

1. Purchasing off campus property for residence housing: According to Iovacchini, UNCA attempted to buy Bryn Mawr apartments last year but a South Carolina-based company outbid them.

2. Renting off campus property: "We looked to rent a number of apartment complexes. We also looked at motels, such as the Carolina Court, but no one wants to take in 100 college students," said Iovacchini.

3. Making minor modifications and renovations of current residence facilities: "We considered walling in Village lounge areas



DOGWOODS IN BLOOM

Staff photo by Sylvia Hawkins

and making rooms, but this would give us only 25 spaces. We also felt it was a permanent modification and one we wanted to stay away from," said Iovacchini.

4. Lottery: Many other institutions utilize a lottery system in which upper classmen draw numbers for an allotted number of rooms, leaving space for freshmen.

5. Area limit: Students who live within a certain distance from campus would be ineligible for residence housing.

All of these alternatives seemed inappropriate,

according to Iovacchini.

However, Neil Rhoades, student government president, said the housing office needs to take a closer look at closing in lounge areas.

Bill Greene, senior senator, agreed. "Wouldn't it be good to make separate rooms rather than double up small rooms? If not it looks like this will be a recurring thing every few years."

"Craig Dorm doesn't have any lounge area. It is already used for rooms," said Marina Howell, sophomore senator. "What do we have to look forward to?"

One thing students may anticipate is new furniture and renovations.

"Everyone knows the village is a disaster area. We will be going through and making repairs. We will do as much as we can with the money we have to work with," said Lamm.

The university will also provide more parking space to accommodate the extra students. "A new parking lot is planned for this summer but it's where you won't like it," said Iovacchini. The new lot will run along Weaver Boulevard.

Officials will also consider separating commuter and resident parking.

In addition to the doubling up issue, the substantial price for room and board angered many students. Next year total

Board tries student cases

By Joan Sterk

So a dorm student gets a little wild after quiet hours, cranks his stereo up and later receives a write-up slip from his resident hall assistant.

He may think it is the end of his perfect record and he'll never land a job, but there is hope.

The student judicial board is ready to accept his case to try and get him out of hot water.

According to George Hudson, the board's public defender, students may appeal any case to this body.

Even if the student pleads guilty to a violation but does not feel the sanction Cindy Lamm, director of housing and residence life, or Keith Ray, director of student development, gives is justified, the student may soon be able to appeal the case.

Currently the system goes into effect only if the student pleads innocent or does not feel the sanction given after pleading guilty is appropriate. But next year the tentative plan is for all write-ups and cases to go straight to the board.

"If all goes according to plan, all cases will come before student judiciary, not to Cindy Lamm or Keith Ray," said Hudson.

Presently if the student wants to appeal a sanction or pleads innocent, Lamm or Ray refers the write-up to the attorney general, Leslie McCullough, who then issues a charge sheet to the student.

The student then has four days to meet with Hudson, the public defender.

Hudson will begin investigating to form a case. For instance, if the offense was a violation of quiet hours in the dormi-



STUDENTS LORRIE JONES, Renee O'Neil, Diane Sebastian, and Charles Pearson (L-R) take time out from books to relax on the steps of Ramsey Library.

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