

**Crowded Rooms .....**

# Students and Faculty Face Living Conditions Seriously

How many of you, as students have, at one time or another, said "I'm sick of the overcrowded conditions." It's creating all sorts of problems. It's really a hassle just living in the dorms. Why doesn't someone do something about it?"

Well, there a long list of complaints, ranging from co-ed visitation to the "johns", but over-crowded living conditions rank number one.

As a matter of fact, there are plans to remedy the situation. According to Dr. Eloise Horton, Vice-chancellor for Students Affairs, plans have been drawn up for a two-story housing complex. This complex has been approved for two-hundred units where two-hundred students can live. The apartments are designed for five bedrooms - which will be single bedrooms, a living room, and a bath. There was a thought of having kitchen facilities, but it was decided against because of the rule that boarding students are supposed to have meals at the University dining hall.

When asked whether or not any money, if any, that the University will be given by the federal government would go towards the building of the new housing facility Mrs. Horton responded, "probably not, because the school cannot use state funds for this. The only way money can go towards the

building of residence halls is through special approval by legislation."

There may be a possibility of additional space for off-campus housing in the fall. According to a spokesman at the Base Public Works at the U.S. Coast Guard Air Base, the Coast Guard housing on Weeksville Road is scheduled for completion in June of this year. There will be fifty-four units available. This means that the families of Coast Guardsmen who are now living in the city housing will be moving to the new area.

Real estate brokers are skeptical as to apartment vacancies for next fall for Elizabeth City State University students. As of now, they say they don't have any apartment vacancies at all, because they explain, money is so tight and interests cost are so high. So nobody's moving.

Be as it may, there is also a number of other problems in the dorms right now that are worth giving mention to, for example, there is a lack of consideration for others. According to many students, the telephone is a problem or inconsideration in its use. Many times the wrong person takes the call and isn't considerate enough to page the person being phoned. There are also problems of extremely loud music, lack of hot water, theft, uncleanness of bathrooms, the need

for more washers and dryers, telephones on each floor, and many others.

Even so, there are those who enjoy dormitory living. They say, it's quite an experience but they do feel that dorms should be more decorative, to create a home away from home image. You are able to get help for classes and get to know your fellow vikings.

Residence Hall directors say that even though these problems exist, they find that students make their jobs rather nice. They say that students are nice people to work with. There has been an improvement (they say) in the men's mannerism, and in the resident's attire. They also went on to say that the outside appearance of the dorms could be improved. The bush surrounding dorms should be trimmed. There is also the problem of litter, which could be improved. One stated that residence halls could use some assistance. They could be students that could volunteer to work at the desk, at certain times, to answer the telephone and so on while the dorm directors are doing paper work. This desk duty could be done at the students leisure time. They could serve as a host or hostess, whatever the nature of the situation may be.

# Military Plans for American Education

"The armed forces are producing hundreds of thousands of cynical and bitter veterans each year" says Dr. Robert I. Rhodes, Director of the Committee on Militarism in Education.

In a statement hailing the Beard Report he explained that young people go into the armed forces for education and useful training but receive neither. As a result, he charged, the armed forces are "destroying their credibility with America's youth."

The Beard Report, a staff research study on the all-volunteer army carried out for Congressman Robin L. Beard (Rep.-Tenn.) found that "90 percent of these personnel who had applied for college coursework were repeatedly turned down by their Unit Commanders." According to the study of majority of enlistees, whether they were interested in high school or college work, "stated that they would not have enlisted had they known that their educational opportunities would be denied." Dr. Rhodes suggested that the ability of the military to recruit effectively was seriously threatened by its fraudulent strategy. "How long," he asked "can our armed forces continue to make promises that can't be kept?" According to Dr. Rhodes, even if the military did offer the educational opportunities claimed in its recruiting campaigns, most enlistees would still be disappointed with military service. He pointed out that because many military jobs are unskilled, "military service often leaves young veterans with no useful career training." At the

same time, he suggested, "where real skill is required, the young veteran usually finds that there are few civilian jobs available that require similar skills."

Dr. Rhodes went on to cite a number of studies in which at least 85 percent of the veterans questioned reported that their military training was of "little or no use" after they left the military.

The Committee on Militarism in Education is afraid that the military will use our public high schools in order to solve its recruiting problems. Dr. Rhodes pointed to Cincinnati's proposed military academy, the first public military high school in U.S. history, as an example of the Defense Department's new strategy. "The military's fraudulent recruiting campaign," he argued, "has had such discouraging results, that it now hopes to entice youngsters into military institutions before they learn too much from older friends and relatives."

Education, said Dr. Rhodes, requires that mutual trust and respect exist between educators and students. But how, he asked, can this relationship be maintained if educators put the convenience of the military recruiters above their responsibility to their students?

Persons wishing to learn more about the military's plans for American education may subscribe to Militarism Memo, which is published three times a year by the Committee on Militarism in Education, Box 271, Nyack, NY, 10960. Subscriptions cost two dollars a year.

# Tutorial Program A Success

By GAYLE PLUMMER

The Alpha Gamma Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority in conjunction with H.L. Trigg Elementary School participated in a 10-week tutorial program for fifth and sixth grade students with learning deficiencies. The areas of concentration are Language Arts, Social Studies and Mathematics. These students are given assignments to complete which will enable them to intelligently participate in

their regular classroom discussions. Mr. Billie J. Reed, principal of H.L. Trigg Elementary School feels that through giving individual attention to students (twice a week) with special needs will enhance their learning abilities and make students feel that education is not only important but essential in being successful in our changing society.

Invasion of the Little People? No, just nine of H.L. Trigg Elementary School

students visiting the G.R. Little Library in accordance with National Library Week, April 2-7.

As an extension of the tutorial program sponsored by the Alpha Gamma Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, the students visited the library to get a better prospective of college education. While browsing through the library students read from various books and related their readings in an open discussions.



Barbaina Houston and Gayle Plummer prompt sixth grader, Anthony Smith to utilize the library facilities, especially the dictionary.