

Plan would end breaks for Citadel

The Army wants to stop giving graduates of military schools better commissions.

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After months of criticism concerning female integration and alleged hazing, the Citadel faces another controversy.

The Army announced possible plans to revoke the status of the Citadel and five other military colleges as "essential military schools." That change would decrease the number of the schools' graduates who automatically receive active duty commissions.

Col. Terry Leedom, director of public affairs at the Citadel, said the proposed change could threaten recruiting for the Citadel.

"This might make some potential candidates think about not coming here," said Leedom.

Along with the Citadel, the classification also gave preference to graduates from Virginia Military Institute, Texas A&M University, Virginia Polytechnic

Institute and State University, Norwich College in Vermont and North Georgia College over graduates from 301 other ROTC programs in the country.

Leedom said the Citadel deserved the status because of the school's extensive military training.

"Because of our 24-hour military environment, the product we produce is more valuable to the Army than a graduate from a civilian school," he said.

Lt. Col. Jim Rhodes, professor of military science and chairman of UNC's Army ROTC program, said UNC cadets could receive the same commission as Citadel cadets with less grief.

He said the U.S. Military Academy, located in West Point, New York, should be the only school to receive special status because it is the Army's official academy and is federally funded.

"I think the time has passed for (the Citadel) to still receive special consideration," he said.

Tavi Brunson, a junior in UNC's Army ROTC, agreed.

He said, "The only people who should have a different consideration are West Point cadets because they have a

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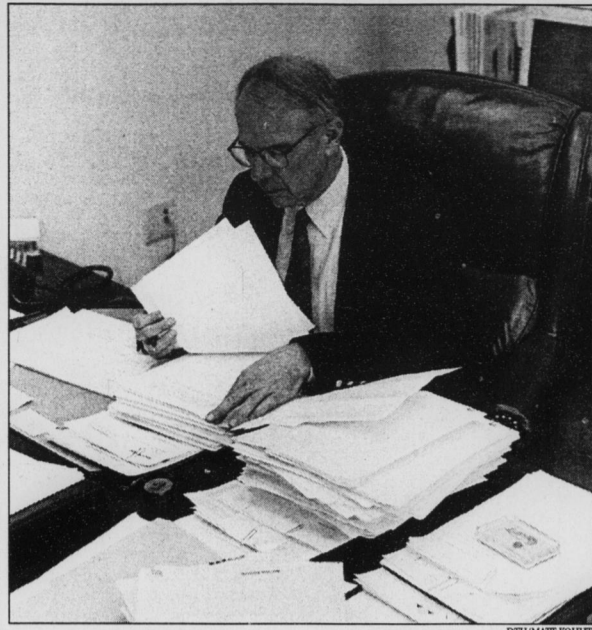
different assessment process" as the official Army academy.

Tightening in military funds has caused Citadel graduates and ROTC graduates to fight for a decreasing number of active-duty jobs, Brunson said.

"Because there are fewer commissions being given out, there is more competition for active-duty positions," he said. "That's why it's necessary to make the whole process more fair."

Brunson said he did not agree with the current system that gave more consideration to Citadel cadets than to cadets like himself.

He said, "It's unfair because we do the same things they do and we're assessed the same way they are."



Jim Walters, associate provost and director of undergraduate admissions, sits buried amidst the plethora of applications that cross his desk each year.

Suspect finds creative end to drug arrest

A Chapel Hill man was arrested after swallowing a rock and a half of crack.

FROM STAFF REPORTS

A Chapel Hill man was charged with possession of crack cocaine Wednesday night. However, instead of turning the drugs over to arresting police officers, the suspect swallowed the crack.

According to police reports, Ronald Christopher Burton, 28, of 605 Craig St. was arrested on Graham Street near Rosemary Street at 9:32 p.m.

Police officers saw Burton purchase a substance that resembled crack cocaine while he was inside the Village Connection on Graham Street. The officers stopped Burton once he was out on the street to investigate further, reports state.

When one officer was searching Burton, the other two officers asked Burton to open his mouth.

According to reports, officers then suspected that Burton was attempting to hide something in his mouth. An officer told Burton to spit the item out of his mouth. Instead of spitting the item out, the suspect swallowed the small object, reports state.

Burton was then placed under arrest, and officers contacted the department to request a search warrant.

While riding in the patrol car to the Chapel Hill Police Station, Burton told an officer, "I swallowed a rock and a half."

Burton was taken to the emergency room to have the search warrant executed. Burton's bond was set at \$1,000, and his first trial date is March 10 in Orange County District Court in Hillsborough.

Linda Scott, a registered nurse at Moore Regional Hospital in Pinehurst, which has a substance abuse treatment and crisis stabilization unit, said swallowing crack could pose serious health risks.

"If the crack was swallowed raw, it could cause liver damage, internal bleeding and possible constipation."

APPLICATIONS

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iversity was illustrated in the increase of 500 applications he saw this year.

Clayton said the visibility and notoriety of the academic programs and schools at ECU encouraged students to consider his campus. "Several years ago we were known as an eastern regional school," he said. "It has been a matter of the maturing of ECU into a national type of institution."

Clayton also commented on the improvement in minority recruitment.

"For three straight years we have seen a very marked gain (in African American applications)," Clayton said. "We are up 12 percent over last year."

Smaller schools in the UNC system also noted an increase in applicants.

"We are up about 18 percent," said Jamie Legg, admission counselor for UNC-Pembroke. "Right now we have 517 freshmen applications as opposed to a total last year of 450."

Legg said better high school preparation encouraged students to apply to the UNC-system schools.

"I think high schools are doing a bet-

ter job of preparing their kids," Legg said. "I think that can be attributed to the increased standards for the university system as a whole."

Larger schools, like UNC-Chapel Hill and N.C. State University, said their numbers remained about the same as the previous year.

"We have been running even with last year," said James Walters, director of admissions at UNC-CH. "I'm estimating we will probably end up in the range of 15,800 applications for a freshman class of 3,200."

Despite the positive responses, officials at one university said it saw a decrease in applications.

"We had the largest applicant pool ever last year," said Cynthia Weaver, associate director of admissions at Appalachian State University. "This is the first time we have had fewer applicants in a while."

Weaver could not offer a reason for the decrease in numbers.

"I would be taking a shot in the dark if I tried to offer any explanation," she said. Officials also attributed some of the increase in applicants to larger senior classes with higher caliber students.

BSM

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to BSM members.

Although Gragg said the movement must be an advocate for the concerns of black students, Taylor added that she hoped the BSM could serve as a valuable institution for the entire University.

"(The BSM) exists as a cultural and educational resource for everyone," Taylor said. This aspect of their platform resulted in strengthened ties with other campus groups, she said.

Gragg agreed with Taylor about the BSM's mission and extended her involvement with minority issues to Masala, an umbrella organization for about 15 campus minority groups.

"I think every minority group faces the same issues that we do and should have the same opportunities we do," said Gragg, a former chairwoman and founding member of the group.

Gragg said students created Masala because of a desire to bridge the cultural gaps that exist on campus.

In addition to their dedication in bridging cultural gaps, Gragg and Taylor have had to address the gap between the past and present BSM. Due to the evolving responsibilities of the BSM president, the two had to confront the expectations created by past leaders.

Taylor said the nature of BSM leadership had changed since the days of the movement to get a freestanding black cultural center. "A lot of older peo-

ple expect (the current BSM) to be the BSM that used to be," she said.

Despite the BSM's evolving character, Taylor said, "Even when race relations are OK, I think (the BSM) will be a cultural conduit for the University."

Looking back over their terms, Gragg and Taylor said they had proven themselves to the critics who warned about the dangers of a co-presidency.

"We complement each other so much," Taylor said. "Mavis creates the vision, and I streamline it and make it a reality."

Gragg expressed confidence in the direction in which the two had steered the organization.

"I think we lived up to our expectations of ourselves and each other."

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Campus Calendar

Friday

4 p.m. — The Department of Physics and Astronomy will present a colloquium titled "Coherent Phonons, Squeezed Phonons and the Quantum Harmonic Oscillator" featuring Roberto Merlin of the University of Michigan, in 265 Phillips Hall. Refreshments will be served in 277 Phillips Hall at 3:30 p.m.

7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. — The Pathways Center will present a Friday Evening Forum titled "Exploring Your Family Roots with Family Maps" at its center for counseling and psychotherapy. Call 968-0231 for more information.

Items of Interest

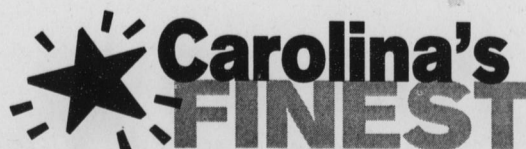
The town of Carrboro is seeking local artists to participate in the first ever Carrboro: A Collection. The exhibit will feature paintings, photographs, fabric art, mixed media, drawings, jewelry and ceramics by Carrboro artists. Interested artists may submit one piece of art for consideration. Entry forms are available at the Carrboro Town Hall at 301 W. Main St. or by calling 968-7706. The deadline for entries is March 21. Final selections will be made by April 1.

Smithfield International president Raoul Baxter will speak at N.C. State University's College of Management at 4:30 p.m. March 20, on his company's success in Japan. The event is free and open to the public. Call (919) 515-4614 for more information.

Husband and wife writers Henry and Catherine Petroski of Durham will be guest speakers on March 9 at 2:30 p.m. in the Wilson Library assembly room as part of the Second Sunday Reading series at UNC. The program is free and refreshments will be served afterward.

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