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Housing department bans halogen lamps

BY JON LIGGETT
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University housing officials have banned halogen lamps from campus residence hall rooms, effective at the beginning of the fall term.

The Department of University Housing informed residents of the ban in fall housing assignments mailed home this summer, though housing officials had discussed the issue in the spring.

Wayne Kuncl, director of University housing, said the ban was in response to growing concerns over the safety of torchiere halogen floor lamps.

"Our number one concern is safety for students in the residence halls,"

Kuncl said. On July 29, 1996, the Consumer Product Safety Commission issued a warning to consumers that the tubular light-bulbs in most halogen lamps can reach high temperatures.

The bulbs could start a fire if they come in contact with curtains, clothes or other

flammable material, the CPSC found. "At least 30 fires have been associated with torchiere lamps containing tubular halogen bulbs," the CPSC press release stated. "Two deaths have been associated with these fires."

Since that press release, 189 other fires and 11 deaths have been associated with the lamps.

Kuncl said newer models had protective screens and lower-wattage bulbs, which prevent danger. But he said it would be too hard for resident assistants to distinguish between the older and newer models.

Emily Williamson, student body vice-president, said she was initially concerned about the ban on the halogen



Director of University Housing **WAYNE KUNCL** said the ban came in response to growing concerns over the lamps' safety.

floor lamps. "If they are going to ban halogen lamps, they should provide better lighting in the dorm rooms," she said.

Williamson said she heard of the potential ban last year and that she was glad the housing department decided to wait and research the proposal before they made a final decision.

"I do believe the new policy will make dorm rooms safer," she said.

Jason Warner, a sophomore from Greensboro, lived in Morrison Residence Hall last year.

"I refused to use (a halogen lamp) because I had seen all the reports and knew all the dangers," he said.

Warner said he thought the light in

the room was sufficiently bright without requiring extra illumination.

In rooms without sufficient lighting, Kuncl said other lamps with incandescent bulbs would be a safe alternative to the brighter and hotter halogen lamps.

"Carmichael (Residence Hall) is one hall that needs alternative lighting," he said.

Kuncl said the ban was in keeping with the strong standards the University has set in place since the fire at the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity house in 1996, standards off-campus residents should heed as well.

"Off-campus students should also be made aware of the dangers of using these lamps."

Bridge causes problems for town services

Residents at Camelot Village have complained about the access route.

BY JOHN SAVAGE
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The condemned bridge to Camelot Village apartments is more than a hassle to the complex's residents. It is a safety hazard, some officials say.

The closing of the bridge at the end of May left one access route to the apartments, which are located on Estes Drive across the street from University Mall.

The remaining access route, through a neighborhood and over large speed bumps, makes it a more complicated process to enter and exit Camelot Village.

Chapel Hill Fire Chief Dan Jones said the route could present a problem when responding to a call. "Now we have to respond to calls in Camelot Village through Franklin Street," Jones said. "This adds two to three minutes to response time. Anytime your response time is longer, it adds additional hazard to both residents and the firefighters on call."

Jones said that although there have been no fires in the complex over the last few years, the department has responded to several medical calls there.

Chapel Hill traffic engineer David Brown said the bridge had been in bad condition for several months.

"There was a hole in the front of the bridge, and the creek under the bridge had washed out some of the embankment behind the bridge," Brown said. "Upon investigation, we determined the bridge to be unsafe, and for a matter of public safety, we closed the bridge."

The town of Chapel Hill cannot fix the bridge because it is located on private property.

"We advised Camelot Village to seek the services of a bridge engineer when we closed the bridge, but the bridge has not been fixed," Brown said.

According to a town ordinance, the apartment complex could not even be built today because it is on a flood plain. Brown said flooding led to the bridge's deterioration.

The complex's attorney John Stuart said he hoped the bridge would be fixed during the next two weeks.

"We are working right now getting bids from engineers," Stuart said.

"I know everybody is really being put out having to go the long way, so we are

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Starting anew in Kalamazoo

For a few moments, the raspy voice on Elson Floyd's end of the telephone carried a slightly more upbeat tone.

Floyd, executive vice chancellor, out sick for a day with a cold, was reflecting on his time here at UNC.

"In all honesty, I wish I had another two years at the University," he said. "There is still much that needs to be done."

But the buzzer has sounded on Floyd's time at UNC. After accumulating more than a decade of service to

the University and the UNC-system General Administration, Floyd is leaving North Carolina to take command of Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo. His post as

president takes effect Aug. 1.

Floyd's departure from UNC is not one that has been taken lightly. In the words of a resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees at its meeting Thursday, "Western Michigan University's gain is our deep loss."

And that sentiment is one widely held by people who have worked closely with Floyd since he came back to UNC in 1995 to become Chancellor Michael Hooker's chief of staff.

"I knew I could rely heavily on him," Hooker said of asking Floyd to join his administrative team. "He's been almost indispensable to us."

"He has been a real problem solver and implementer."

That visionary, take-charge attitude has not been contained within the walls of South Building. Former Student Body President Mo Nathan said he saw Floyd's skills as mediator and adviser during his tenure at the University.

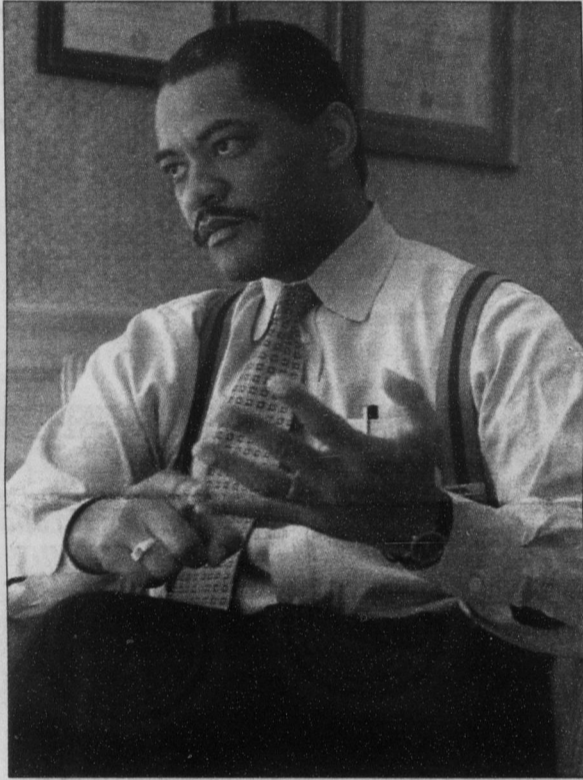
"I can think of no other way to put it — Elson gets the job done," Nathan said. "He has developed a reputation of handling complex matters effectively and efficiently."

Floyd has not been one to shy away from tough issues. He has worked with the Employee Forum to give them a stronger voice on campus. He led the effort to clean up the campus after Hurricane Fran two years ago, and most recently, he helped develop the plan for the Carolina Computing Initiative.

Nathan said that even with a full plate of responsibilities, Floyd was always quick to lend an ear to students.

"There were times in student government that we thought we needed someone to listen to us immediately," he said. "Elson was always there."

"He is a tremendous advocate and



Executive Vice Chancellor Elson Floyd will take his new post as president of Western Michigan University at Kalamazoo beginning Aug. 1.

ally of students." Floyd's attachment to students started at a young age. He used to teach children CPR on the back steps of his parents' home in Henderson. In high school, Floyd involved himself in student government. During his senior year at UNC in 1977-78, he served as

the student attorney general.

Growing up, Floyd lived during a time of segregation. Neither of his parents graduated from high school, but they impressed upon Floyd and his three brothers the importance of an

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A tale of two universities

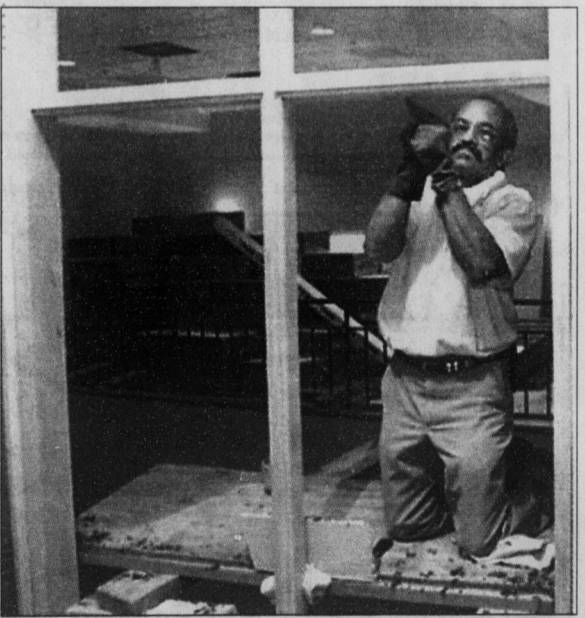
Executive Vice Chancellor Elson Floyd will leave his post at UNC to become president at Western Michigan University on Aug. 1. Below is a comparison of the two schools:

School	UNC	Western Michigan
Location	Chapel Hill	Kalamazoo
Number of students	24,189	26,132
Nickname	Tar Heels	Broncos
Annual budget (1997)	\$1.1 billion	\$358 million
Classification	Carriage I	Doctoral I
Number of full-time faculty	2,421	817
Town size	43,000	80,000
Floyd's job	executive vice chancellor	president
Floyd's salary	\$172,000	\$175,000

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FAST FOOD



Officials say Lenoir dining Hall will be ready for business starting Aug. 14. The construction crew is putting finishing touches on the interior this week.

BOT approves UNC, school deal

BY SCOTT HICKS
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During its monthly meeting last Thursday, the Board of Trustees approved leasing almost 44 acres of University land to Orange County for a new school.

Madeleine Grumet, dean of the School of Education, first proposed the partnership to pair public school with the School of Education.

Under Grumet's proposal, students in the education school would work in a new middle school built by Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools, giving UNC students on-the-job experience as well as the opportunity to test new educational methods.

In Thursday's action, the board approved leasing nearly 44 acres near the intersection of Homestead and High

School roads to Orange County for \$1 for a 30-year term.

The county and the school system would be responsible for building and maintaining the school.

Trustees unanimously supported the proposal, calling Grumet's idea a win-win situation for both the school system and the University.

"It'll be a marvelous thing for the children of Chapel Hill and our School of Education," said Anne Cates, a trustee from Chapel Hill.

Other trustees agreed.

"I think it's a cooperative effort between the University and the town," said David Whichard, a trustee from Greenville.

Located far from central campus in the University's Horace Williams tract, the land would have been difficult for UNC to develop, said Richard Stevens, board chairman.

In other business, the board heard a progress report from Chancellor Michael Hooker on his first three years

as chancellor of the University.

Trustees praised Hooker for his leadership in bringing technology to the UNC campus and his efforts to improve the intellectual climate.

"We were so far behind when he came in, and we told him that's one of the things we wanted to do," Cates said.

"He really has a vision. He's accomplished many of the goals he set, and now he has some new ones," she said.

Hooker has led the University's turnaround in technology, Whichard said. "I think we've done a lot in moving forward in the technology field."

Stevens praised Hooker for his work in raising graduate students' salaries and for working to waive their tuition costs.

Cates applauded the chancellor for his work on improving the intellectual climate for freshmen and on reforming the advising system.

The board will meet with Hooker, his cabinet and senior staff next month to outline new goals for the coming years.

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ANNE CATES
Board of Trustees member



Chancellor **MICHAEL HOOKER** presented a report on the accomplishments of his first three years to the Board of Trustees on Thursday.

INSIDE Thursday

Coming out at the movies

The gay and lesbian film festival will take place at the Carolina Theatre in Durham from Aug. 7-9. Page 2

'Saving' summer cinema

With sickeningly realistic violence and touching drama, Steven Spielberg's new film, "Saving Private Ryan," is one of the best war films ever. Page 5

Jumping back in the ring

A hearing is taking place in New Jersey this week as Mike Tyson tries to get his boxing license. Page 7

Summer break

If you're looking for The Daily Tar Heel next week, you will not find one. We are taking a break from publication until classes resume in the fall. Be sure to pick up your special Welcome Back issue on Aug. 15. Good luck with summer finals.

Life can only be understood backwards; but it must be lived forwards.

Søren Kierkegaard