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Advising Changes Spark Concern

Some students are worried that the changes to the system will not provide enough advisers.

By CARRIE CALLAGHAN
Staff Writer

Many people admit to having a desire to change the current advising system, but reactions to the new plan have been less than all-embracing.

The new plan, announced last week, will merge the General College and the College of Arts and Sciences. Ten full-time professional advisers will replace current advisers, who will return to their respective departments. All plans should be completed near July 1, 1999.

The professional advisers will handle the entire undergraduate body, and students will have the same adviser for their undergraduate years. The exception to this will be those not in the College of Arts and Sciences, who will

receive an adviser from their own school.

"Most of the people I've talked with have been really excited thinking that the new advisory system would be in addition, but it is a replacement," said Bobbi Owen,



Senior Adviser Lacey Hawthorne backed the changes.

associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Students have expressed concerns about removing faculty advisers who have classroom contacts.

"It seems stupid not to have any interaction with the students," said Lauren Muth, a sophomore from Charlotte.

Senior Adviser Lacey Hawthorne, who has been involved throughout the reform process, said the committee wanted to personalize advising.

But students are worried about the

degree of attention they will receive from the new advisers.

"I don't think 10 people will make a dent," said freshman Ashley Holmes, "They'd have to hire 100."

Hawthorne said additional advisers could be added in the future. She said financial and spatial restrictions would prevent immediate additions.

Students are also concerned about the new advisers' experience in the var-

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Police Give 1 Ticket At Game

A UNC student who went to Saturday's football game said alcohol policies should have been better enforced.

By DAVE PREMAWARDHANA
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University Police issued one trespassing citation in the first game-day test of the University's revised alcohol consumption policy.

According to police reports, the trespassing citation was issued to a 25-year-old non-student carrying a six-pack of beer in the Ramshead parking lot. No students were reported for violating the University's alcohol policy.

The new interpretation of the alcohol policy states that non-students found in violation will first be warned and then issued a citation for trespassing if they do not comply, University Counsel Susan Ehringhaus said last week.

However, students found in violation of the University's alcohol policy will have their names forwarded to the Dean of Students.

Even though no students received citations for alcohol possession, some spectators were upset that the policy still didn't accomplish its purpose of keeping the stadium free of alcohol.

At Saturday night's football game against Miami University of Ohio, some people thought the big issue surrounding the new interpretation was not the policy's discrepancy of punishments but rather the policy's enforcement on game day.

"I'd consider the alcohol policy a joke because when I went to the football game Saturday, there were people drunk all around me," said Chris Murphy, a freshman from Peekskill, NY. "I was quite disappointed in the University's feeble attempt to uphold its policies."

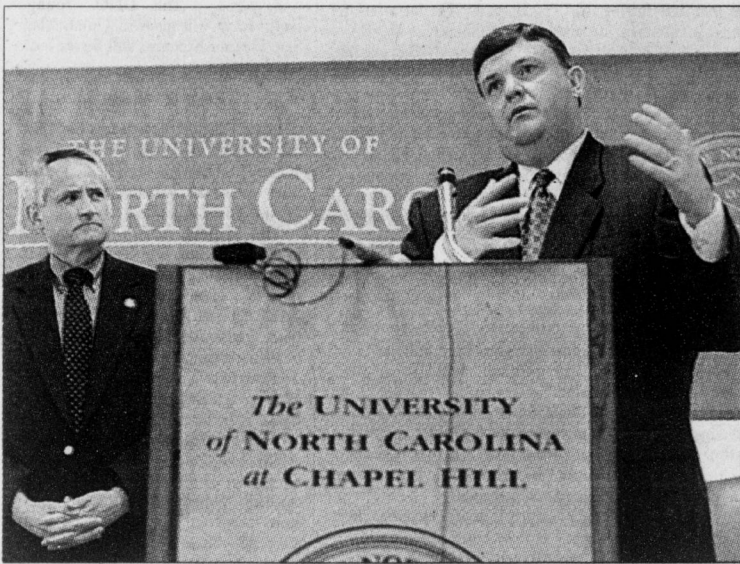
But based on the number of citations recorded in the police reports, acting Police Chief Jeff McCracken said he was pleased with the low consumption level at Saturday's game.

McCracken attributed the lack of multiple violations to spectator-awareness of the stricter policy interpretation.

"It had a lot to do with the publicity within the week-and-a-half prior to the game," he said. "People were probably aware that the police department will be enforcing general statutes and the university's alcohol policy."

But Darrell Best, a freshman from Fayetteville, said he found it hard to enjoy the game because students in the row in front of him consumed alcohol

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New Director of Public Safety Derek Poarch (right) explains ways he intends to improve campus security. Chancellor Michael Hooker announced Poarch's appointment on Friday.

Poarch to Take Reins As Chief This Month

By LAURA STOEHR
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The next Director of Public Safety at UNC is no jelly doughnut and coffee cop.

Derek Poarch, a cop who normally eats a multi-vitamin, calcium supplement and 16 oz. of water for breakfast, might find a bowl of Wheaties in order as he starts his job as University police chief.

Poarch, officially named as director Friday, will take over his duties Sept. 14 as the department's eighth chief since 1987.

Wednesday, he will leave the Lenoir Police Department where he has served for 19 years.

Poarch said at a press conference Friday that he would gradually institute changes. A radical shake-up in the department would not occur on his first day, he said.

The department will focus on improving its communication, which Poarch identified as its greatest weakness. "I intend to open communication within

the department where persons that are there realize they can talk to me openly, (and) we'll discuss issues," he said.

The International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators reviewed the department in January and recommended that it improve communication, stability and organization. IACLEA's report stated a lack of respect for officers and "constant bickering in the department (were deterrents) to achieving the public safety mission."

Poarch said he would review IACLEA's report while establishing the department's foundation.

Poarch plans to meet with every full-time employee in the department within the next two months so employees can get comfortable with him and develop trust in him. "(There is) nothing unusual for (the people at my department now) to see me at shift change at 6:45 in the morning stopping by to say hello to somebody."

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LIFE IN A UNIVERSITY FRATERNITY AND SORORITY

Members Say TEP House Life is Tops

A night at the Tau Epsilon Phi fraternity house results in a lesson on the ins and outs of house life.

By BEN BRAZIL
Staff Writer

The fraternity house, long revered as college life's den of iniquity, failed to justify its storied reputation Monday evening until the arrival of Zach Deason at 8:45 p.m.

Deason, a side-burned, beer-bellied, bar buddy kind of guy, lumbers into the TV room at the Tau Epsilon Phi fraternity house.

Spotting a new face, he rubs his belly and grins roguishly.

"You the DTH guy?" he asks. His suspicions confirmed, he continues.

"Well, the keg's supposed to be here at 11

(p.m.), the goat gets here at 12 (a.m.) and the stripper gets here at 1 (a.m.)"

He pauses for effect, mock serious. "Or we could invert that. Or we could do it all at once."

He's joking. Everyone laughs.

Deason breezes through the room, past randomly scattered black couches pointed haphazardly in the general direction of the TV.

Monday night, Deason explains, is normally slow.

Somehow, though, a swaggering sense of humor stops the night short of desperate boredom.

A few guys lounge on the couches, turning their attention away from the TV only to hurl insults at any member who chances to walk by.

Inevitably, the targets of their abuse smile and retaliate with something equally scathing.

"We talk about each others' moms a

lot," one fraternity member explains. You need a sense of humor to live in the fraternity house, and apparently everyone has it.

"Living in a fraternity is the best," says Kendric Wait, the fraternity's house manager. "You can't beat it."

Lounging shirtless on a couch, Wait offers everyone in the room one of his freshly-cooked hush puppies as he lists the advantages of living in the fraternity house.

Close to campus and Franklin Street.

Prime parking spaces.

Cable TV.

Ready-made parties.

At \$1,250 a semester, Wait says it's a steal.

"We're watched so carefully, if we were to get in trouble for something, it would be made public."

KENDRIC WAIT
Tau Epsilon Phi House Manager

"It's more of an individualistic style of living," he explains. "You're not guided by some silly RA. But the advantage of brotherhood is the biggest advantage."

Monday night, brotherhood

includes watching pro-wrestling's Monday Night Nitro.

But brotherhood means much more, Wait adds.

"We've got 20 rooms," he says.

"When I'm doing homework, and I have a problem, we've got every major in this house. I don't hesitate to go for help."

Wait doesn't list cleanliness among the house's advantages.

Nor should he.

The couches are bleeding white stuffing onto the floor through deep gashes in their sides.

In the fireplace, there's an abandoned sign depicting the "O" of the word "Aloha" as a sun sinking into the sea.

But the basement is where the real water is.

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Sorority Teaches Lesson in Sisterhood

Phi Mu sorority house residents say they love the bonds built by living in close quarters together.

By MEREDITH SINCLAIR
Staff Writer

Imagine living in a house with 30 other women.

Residents can always find a confidante for the latest boyfriend fiasco, raid a neighbor's closet for the perfect cocktail dress or find a partner in crime for a late-night order of Pokey Sticks.

This is life in the Phi Mu sorority house, located at 211 Henderson Street.

"I know it sounds like an after-school special or something, but we have a real sisterhood here," said Kelly Wigglesworth, a senior from Raleigh.

To an outside observer, the bond between the women living in the sorority house is evident. Whether it is a

result of living together 30-something strong under one roof or being a part of a close knit organization, these women are connected.

"It's kind of a quiet night tonight," Emily Howell, a junior from Raleigh, explains as she walks through the upstairs bedrooms. "You should be here on a night when everyone is getting ready for a mixer. That can be pretty crazy."

Tonight the girls who are home are studying or visiting with roommates. Many bedroom doors are opened, inviting passersby inside.

"I like knowing that I can always have someone to talk to, someone to offer support or just company if I need it," said Howell. "There is always someone willing to go out, watch a movie or sit up until 2 in the morning talking about nothing in particular."

A strong affinity for the company of others seems to be a prerequisite for living in the sorority house.

"It's hard, but not impossible, to be alone here," Howell continued. "It's

nice because you do have somewhere to go besides your room."

That somewhere could be any of the downstairs common areas furnished with plush couches and gleaming wooden tables. The living room, the scene of weekly chapter meetings, doubles as a popular spot for dates since no men are allowed upstairs.

"Chapter varies," Howell said of the Wednesday evening sorority institution. "Some weeks it's business-oriented, but other nights we do fun stuff like going to a baseball game together."

The sorority members also have use of a computer room, and a large dining hall furnished with fancy wooden tables provides a place for family-style dinners and a late night study hall.

"You just get sucked into this lounge," Howell said of an area of comfy couches near the bedrooms. "If you are really trying to study, don't walk through here."

A trip to the bathroom, for instance,

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Tau Epsilon Phi fraternity members (left to right) Doug Nadler, Ben Packer, Kendric Wait, Mike Klein and Justin Ritter relax Monday night with dog Brianna.

INSIDE Tuesday

I Scream, You Scream



Ben & Jerry's flavor board recently underwent a corporate makeover to the dismay of their employees. Now the Franklin Street employees are fighting back. See Page 4.

Youth March Madness

Local residents react to Saturday's Million Youth March in New York City, a rally brought to a turbulent finale as police choppers and nearly 3,000 police officers cut short the speech of Khalid Muhammad. See Page 4.

Today's Weather

Rainy;
Low 80s
Wednesday: Sunny and cooler; mid 70s

Those who lose dreaming are lost.

Australian Aboriginal proverb