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Men: No High Heels In UNC's Top Rooms

Residents in Old East and Old West say they want fair compensation if they are forced to move.

By PAUL HOBSON
Staff Writer

Some Old East and Old West residents believe letting women move in would destroy strong friendships, disrupt substance-free housing in Old West and offer poor compensation to residents displaced by incoming women.

So about 70 men met Monday night with student representatives to protest letting women move into the traditionally male residence halls.

"We don't want them," Matt Belskie, a sophomore living in Old West, said before the meeting.

Student Body Vice President Emily Williamson and Residence Hall Association President David Jernigan drafted a proposal last week that would allow women to live in the residence halls.

Kym Orr, area director for Olde Campus Upper Quad, said, "Old East

and Old West have the strongest community on campus."

That sentiment was shared by residents throughout the evening.

"To me, it's senseless (to disrupt this community)," said John Brothers, a resident assistant in Old West. "These guys have developed into an enriched community. They do everything together."

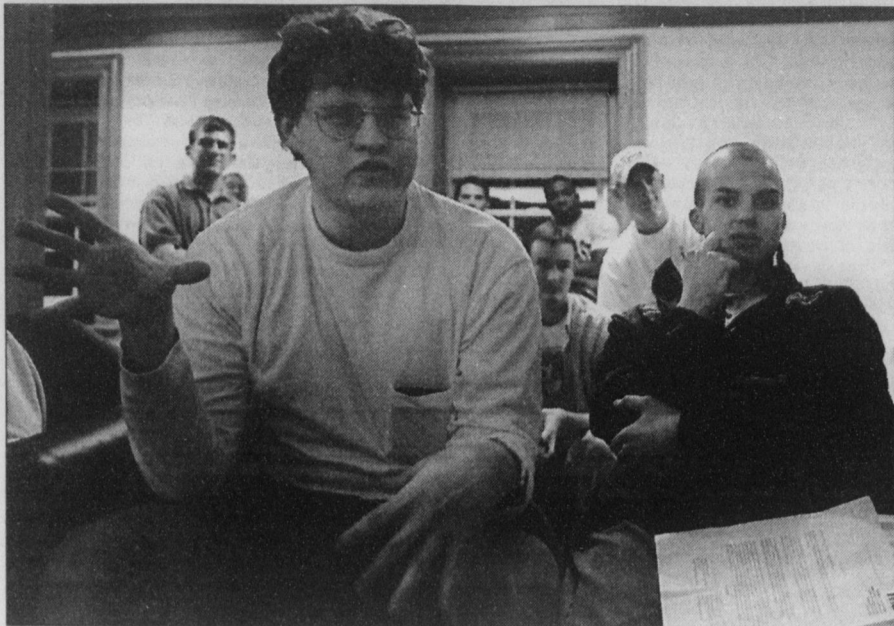
But Williamson said the tradition started because women were not admitted to UNC when the residence halls opened. She said women needed the option of living in the best residence halls on campus. "This is a sacrifice that needs to be made for the future of the University," she said. "The cost is more than women on tours saying, 'Aw, shucks. I guess I can't live here.'"

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EMILY WILLIAMSON
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don't like other people making decisions that will affect my life like that."

Jernigan said if the proposal was adopted, it could take effect as early as fall 2000, but Rep. Jason Arnold, Dist. 13, suggested easing residents into coed life during the next four years.



Freshman John Clark protests the possibility of female students moving into Old East and Old West residence halls. Clark joined other residents Monday evening to discuss the issue with student representatives.

Arnold said the change could be postponed until the 2003-2004 academic year, giving this year's freshmen the chance of full four years of camaraderie. Arnold suggested the delay as a "worst-case scenario," preferring the all-male tradition of Old East and Old West.

While Spencer Residence Hall will house men in fall 1999, opening the other Spencer-Triad residence halls — Kenan, McIver and Alderman — to men

was a popular concession.

"I think they should leave (the residence halls all-male)," said Bill Pate, a sophomore in Old East. "If they change it, let guys live in Triad dorms."

While the proposal aims to preserve "strong female communities" in the Triad, Williamson said she was willing to open the residence halls to men, particularly those displaced from Old East or Old West.

Daniel Waters, a freshman living in

Old West, said residents forced out of the halls should be given rooms in other residence halls that were equally nice.

Smith said those supporting the proposal did not understand the costs at stake. "We're the guys that have to make that sacrifice. They don't. We do."

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Gay Judge Celebrates Lifestyle

A School of Law alumnus returned to talk about his 'honestly gay' life since announcing it in December.

By AMY STEPHENS
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While Republican Judge Ray Warren opted for honesty when he announced he was gay in December, members of his party and even his family have denounced his action and his lifestyle.

On Monday, Warren returned to UNC, where he graduated from the School of Law in May 1983, to talk about the dramatic changes his life has taken since his announcement.

Warren, the state's only openly gay elected Republican and its only openly gay judge, told a group of about 25 law students and faculty members he made his announcement because he wanted to exercise as much control as possible.

"I decided to pull that trigger myself because it was better for myself, my family and my children to determine when was the right time," he said.

Warren's announcement created a divide between him and state Republican party leaders. Lee Currie, the party's executive director, publically accused Warren of betraying Republicans' trust and described him as having participated in "deviant and destructive behavior."

Warren's mother made radio appearances denouncing the gay movement for having sucked in her son as she insisted he really was not gay.

Aside from the hype surrounding him and his role as a judge, Warren appears just a man in his early 40s wearing a shirt and tie. He said he loved country music, a point obvious in the version of "I Should Have Been a Cowboy" which he played for his audience. "I want to stress more than anything to be open to what life has to offer, because when I was a conservative law student here 17 years ago, being a public gay figure was just not on my radar."

"I like to think of myself as honestly gay. The experience has been a lot more positive than you would think."

Warren attained his undergraduate degree from UNC-Wilmington before graduating from UNC's School of Law. He went on to serve in the N.C. House and has been a Superior Court Judge since 1988.

Warren and Leigh Berryhill, his wife of 11 years, separated in September, but he said they were still on good terms, and he was very much involved in the lives of his 8-year-old daughter and 6-year-old son. "Three weeks ago when I broke up with my boyfriend, my wife called me three times to see if I was okay," he said with a laugh.

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Nora Wilson, left, a sophomore from Chapel Hill and Rekha Perumallu, a sophomore from Goldsboro, examine a life-sized replica of a Barbie doll in the Pit on Monday. The Women's Issues Network made the Barbie to illustrate how her body measurements are unrealistic.

Pit-Sit Blasts Barbie Body

By ANGELA MERS
Staff Writer

A life-sized Barbie doll with a 42-inch bust and pictures of students' favorite body parts grabbed people's attention in the Pit on Monday afternoon during the beginning of the second annual Women's Week.

To kick off the week, the Women's Issues Network held Happy Body Day to celebrate the differences in people's bodies.

WIN Member Nora Wilson said, "Happy Body Day is about saying everyone is beautiful in a different way, and the diversity of different body forms is the most beautiful way people are."

Members from WIN asked students in the Pit what their favorite body parts were and why for a display to appear in the Student Union this week.

Sarah Brady, Women's Week chairwoman, said WIN took pictures of people's favorite body parts to stress that a perfect body did not exist. "We are trying to display the parts of people's bodies they love the most even if they are imperfect according to society's and cultural standards," she said.

Junior Rekha Perumallu from Goldsboro took a picture of her teeth as her favorite body part.

She said she used to think her teeth were too big but later realized she had no reason to dislike them. "(Realizing that my teeth were normal) just showed me that everyone is critical of themselves, and that we all have imperfections that really aren't

imperfections at all," Perumallu said.

Linda Chapowski, a member of WIN, took a picture of her stomach because she used to feel insecure about it but now her stomach is one of her favorite body parts.

"I hope people will see the variety of women's bodies that exist naturally," she said. "I just want to show people that this is what real bodies are like."

WIN members and students built the life-sized Barbie doll with the measurements of a 42-inch bust, an 18-inch waist and 33-inch hips. The average measurements of a woman are a 35-inch bust, a 26-inch waist and 37.5-inch hips.

Wilson helped make the doll out of cardboard and styrofoam. She said a lot of women who played with Barbie dolls as children were influenced to think Barbie had the ideal body.

"(The life-sized Barbie doll) cannot even walk," she said. "If she was real, she would have to walk on all fours."

Brady said looking like a Barbie doll was an unattainable idea.

"You should love your body the way it is and you should not try to change your body," she said.

Sarah Lewis, a junior from Greenville, said that after seeing how disproportionate the life-sized Barbie doll was, she was thankful for not looking like the doll. "It was nice to see that something that has been held up as a standard of beauty for so long,

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Word 'Queer' Not Seen as Clean

Queer Network for Change members say they will rechalk their messages and hang a new Pit banner.

By COLLEEN JENKINS
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The buckets and washcloths of the Grounds Services Department and a missing banner chalked up disappointment for students trying to promote the Queer Network for Change's Celebration Week on Monday.

QNC's chalk messages written around Polk and McCorkle places were cleared away by the UNC grounds crew after a supervisor decided the messages were graffiti with inappropriate content.

"A professor asked the groundskeepers why they were cleaning it up and they said they were told to remove it because 'queer' is considered offensive," said Maia Kaplan, QNC co-chairwoman.

QNC, formerly known as Bisexuals, Gay men, Lesbians and Allies for Diversity, became the group's new name after members decided to reclaim the word "queer," giving it a positive connotation. "We want to know if they are going to remove anything with our name on it now," Kaplan said.

Associate Vice Chancellor Bruce Runberg said the University allowed chalk messages as long as they were in good taste. "But what is good taste to one individual may not be to another."

"If this is going to become an issue, then we're going to give (grounds services) a more definitive policy to avoid awkward situations," he said. "Their goal is to keep the campus beautiful, but we don't want to impede on anyone's First Amendment rights."

QNC's Celebration Week banner was found missing from the Pit by 8 a.m. Monday, after the group had finished hanging it a few hours earlier.

"You could see a little corner of black material left so it had obviously been cut," Kaplan said. "We tied it to bricks,

and the bricks were moved so you could tell it hadn't blown away."

QNC members called UNC police and filed a report. "We already made a second banner, and we're going to rechalk tonight," she said.

The banner listed the activities scheduled for QNC's Celebration Week, which was designed to bring the issues faced by queers to the forefront of the University community, QNC Co-chairman Ian Palmquist said.

"In some ways, I think both of these events are helping us reach our goal by demonstrating that Carolina is not as tolerant as it's made out to be," he said.

Kirk Pelland, director of grounds services, said he did not make the call to remove the chalk messages but heard on his two-way radio that they were inappropriate. "There is not a policy about using chalk on sidewalks," he said. "If it's offensive, we're going to remove it. If it's not, we try to make sure it doesn't have a dominating presence."

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Athlete Housing Bumps Students From Rooms

By CARRIE CALLAGHAN
Staff Writer

The Department of University Housing has shut the door on some students in Ehringhaus Residence Hall who will lose their current rooms to grant-in-aid recipient athletes.

Although online registration for housing began Monday, students losing their rooms were only notified last week.

Forty of Ehringhaus' rooms are among those designated to grant-in-aid scholarship athletes, who get complete or par-

tial rent payment, said Rebecca Casey, assistant director of University housing.

Wayne Kuncel, director of University housing, said the rooms were reserved for the Department of Athletics to assign to athletes, but sometimes not all the rooms were used. The housing department gives those to other students for the year.

"There will be a handful of rooms that we don't use for grant-in-aid athletes that we assign to other students," he said.

These rooms are then recalled for use by athletes of any sport at the end of the year, resulting in the displacement of some students, Kuncel said. Kuncel said he did not know how many students would be removed.

Both students displaced by the grant-in-aid athletes and the First-Year Initiative program, whose participants

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Director of University Housing Wayne Kuncel said students should have been notified of the program sooner.

INSIDE Tuesday

Tennis Anyone?

North Carolina's women's tennis team crushed Furman on Monday for its fourth consecutive victory. The Tar Heels, who pushed their season mark to 9-3, begin conference play Thursday against Duke. See Page 7.

Every Move You Make

A proposal to install several cameras to monitor activity around the Franklin Street post office and in the Rosemary Street parking garage is not enough bang for the buck, say some Chapel Hill officials. See Page 5.

Today's Weather

Mostly sunny;
Mid 60s.
Wednesday: Mostly cloudy.
Chance of rain; Lower 70s.

All things must change to something new, to something strange.

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow