UNC-C Greeks Consider On-Campus Housing

By Jonah Mitry

Students at UNC-Charlotte are one step closer to making on-campus fraternities and sororities a reality.

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UNC-C administrators and Greek officials are working on a housing plan that calls for university-owned Greek houses on university land, subjecting the buildings to the school's housing regulations. The plan is expected to be completed within two years.

But some students find the plan less than adequate, saying the house plans

Stephen Hunt, UNC-C assistant dean of students for Greek life, said only five of the 15 fraternities had their own houses and all were located off campus.

The campaign for Greek housing was started by Susan Barber, who graduated from UNC-C in December.

Barber, the former president of Chi Omega sorority, said one residence hall was divided by floor for each sorority. Each floor housed 30 women, she said

David Perrera, president of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity, which built a house in 1992, said he supported the

housing goal but not the school's methods. "It's a great idea, I just don't think they are doing it the right way," he said.

Perrera said UNC-C officials initial-

ly offered larger floor plans to Greek organizations but later scaled the plans down. "It's really unattractive for a lot of (Greek) organizations," Perrera said.

Hunt said the reason UNC-C had not had fraternity or sorority houses in the past was because of its relative youth as university. "Membership has been fair, but you don't have the alumni base to fund a million-dollar facility," he said.

Teacher's College, Columbia University

2. University of California - San Francisco

5. University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill

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Barber said she hoped the houses

would showcase the Greeks' philan-thropic efforts. "A lot of it goes unno-ticed because it is off campus," she said. "If houses are on campus, the events can be held there, and the whole student body can be involved."

UNC-C has suggested that a \$5,000 deposit be paid from each interested organization to determine how commit

ted they were to the project. Ron Binder, UNC-Chapel Hill direc tor of Greek affairs, said it was not unusual to build houses on campus. He said UNC-CH houses, which are owned and operated by alumni, pay \$400,000 a

year in property taxes to Chapel Hill.

"While a house is nice, I don't think it's the end-all," he said. "Brotherhood is not a function of a physical facility."

The next step for UNC-C Greeks is to check with national leadership to deter-

mine what requirements must be met. "We are going to work within those guidelines and move forward to a final

floor plan," Hunt said. "We are very positive we can reach a

solution in the near future.

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RANKINGS

this year's rankings. Administrators from schools whose rating fell warned against placing too much stock in a

Sherrlyn Wallace, director of master's of business administration admissions at the Kenan-Flagler Business School, said the school's fall from 16th to 18th did not reflect the progress the school was making. She said the diversity in the programs and students helped them remain in the top 25.

The School of Medicine's overall ranking dropped from 22nd to 23rd, but many tracks within the school placed in the top 10, including physical therapy and public health.

Health services ranked second, well ahead of 12th-ranked Duke University, UNC's primary local health care competitor. "We have a really good medical school because we straddle both sides of the spectrum with our primary care and said Medical research programs," said Medical School Dean Jeffrey Houpt. School of Law Dean Gene Nichol

predicted the school's ranking would

in Charlotte for a different type of work-

out than it was used to. "We practiced longer and harder than we normally like

to do this time of year," Guthridge said.

After UNC was forced to sweat out

Selection Sunday for the first time in as

selection Sunday for the first time in as long as anyone can remember, media and fans predicted a quick demise for the team at the hands of a smaller, quicker, bombs-away Missouri squad.

But the Tigers shot just 8-of-31 from downtown against UNC's defense, while Haywood scored 28 points to carry the Tar Heels into round two

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The Tar Heel defense continued to smother opponents as the squad made its march to Indianapolis. UNC forward

Jason Capel blanketed Stanford leading

(1) leadership;

(4) ethical behavior.

Instead of wearing down the weary Tar Heels, the session fired them up.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Graduate Grades

Forty-two of UNC-Chapel Hill's graduate programs ranked among the top 25 nationwide according to U.S. News & World Report. The magazine released its annual rankings Thursday.

Education

1. Harvard University 2. Stanford University

1. University of Washington

University of Pennsylvania

Other High-Ranking Programs

Health Services (2nd) Physical Therapy (3rd)

Political Science (10th)

Public Health (3rd)

- 1. Harvard University 2. Stanford University
- . University of Pennsylvania
- 3. University of Pennsylvania

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- 1. Yale University 2. Stanford University
- 3. Harvard University
- 22. University of North Carolina- Chapel Hill

- 1. Harvard University 2. Johns Hopkins University
- 3. University of Pennsylvania
- 23. University of North Carolina Chapel Hill

soon rise from its rank of 22nd. The law school ranked 21st last year.

Nichol said the increased resources available at the new law building, dedicated in September, were not included in this ranking and would help improve the school's reputation in coming years.

scorer Casey Jacobsen, holding him to

2-of-12 shooting and five points while the Cardinal shot 34.5 percent overall.

The next two games were no different. North Carolina held Tennessee to

35.6 percent and Tulsa to 37.3 percent. The Tar Heels are 16-1 in games in which they hold the opponent to less

than 40 percent shooting, and the last time an opponent shot 50 percent from

the floor was that home loss to the

"We're defensively better than any of

he teams I've been on in the four years i've been here," UNC point guard Ed

Cota said. Keep in mind, those are some pretty impressive teams. Those squads

are the reason this will be Cota's third

But those teams were expected to get there. This eighth-seeded unit is the first

North Carolina team ever to advance to

the Final Four seeded lower than No. 2.

The 1997 and 1998 versions of the Tar

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Seminoles on Jan. 22.

"Carolina Law School has long been understood as one of the best in the nation, and I'm glad to see that reflected in the rankings

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Heels were all about offense. They were all about Antawn Jamison, Vince Carter and Shammond Williams.

The 2000 Tar Heels have to gut out wins by shutting opponents down instead of outshooting them. They are the underdogs. They are not supposed to be in the Final Four. According to some people, they weren't even supposed to be in the tournament.

But that's a big part of the reason they'll meet Florida in Indy. They got intense when it counted, they played tough defense, and they made people for-get about their forgettable regular season. "A lot of players would've folded their tent and gone home," Guthridge said. "A

lot of players would've quit, thrown in the towel and said, 'Wait 'til next year. But they hung in there, and I think they should be congratulated for that."

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PREPARATION

and beer to televisions and staff.

"We're going to double our staff for the game," said Justin Lefkowitz, general manager of Jimmy Johns, located at 306 W. Franklin St. "I'm going to spend

20 to 30 hours doing this." Bars are also making arrangements to make game day go more smoothly.

"We're setting up an extra beer hub up front, trying to prevent long lines, said Jeff Tsipis, owner of B W-3 at 206 W. Franklin St. "No one wants to wait in - they want to watch the game.

Bar managers said they knew large televisions were a must so fans could catch every second of the action.

"We're getting two big screen TVs for the patio outside," said Mark Burnett, manager of He's Not Here, located at 112-1/2 W. Franklin St. "We've also got

some big football players to guard them. Big men are in high demand for the weekend as bars are upping the ante in safety precautions. "We'll have three extra bouncers," Tsipis said. "Messing with full capacity is not my game.

Bars feel the need to take precautions because the revelry often spurs rowdy

behavior that can damage property.
"We moved the hanging lights up to the ceiling," Tsipis said. "Some of them

got broken during Sunday's game."
Bars are also preventing the hazard of broken glass by serving alcohol only in plastic containers. "We're not going to serve beverages in glassware," Burnett said. "We've stocked up on plastic cups."
Bars also plan to crack down on underage drinking by strictly enforcing proper identification upon entrance.

"We take underage drinking very seriously," said Chris Ijames, manager of Spanky's, located at 101 E. Franklin St. "We'll check at the door, and if they look suspicious, we'll check again when

Some, like Linda's Bar and Grill, at 203 E. Franklin St., are only admitting people with a reservation. The reserva on costs \$5 and can go toward the pur

chase of food upon the holder's arrival.

"If reservation holders do not show up by 6 (p.m.) for the 8:15 (p.m.) tip-off, we're giving their spot away," bartender Siera Ciocci said.

Other bars are using a first come, first serve policy, "We're not taking reserva-tions," said Michael Shepherd, owner of Goodfellows, located at 149-1/2 E. Franklin St. "Everyone will start coming out at 3 p.m. to get a seat.

Tsipsi advised people who wanted to watch the game at BW-3 to get there early. "The seating will be full at 2 p.m.," he said. "By 6 p.m., the standing room

Although local vendors said the pre sent focus was Saturday's game, they said they knew a manic Monday could be right around the corner.

"We're not just preparing for Saturday," said Lefkowitz. "Because we know we're playing again Monday.

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COMPLAINT

Fair Labor Association.

Controversy has arisen in recent weeks as members of SEJ pushed for UNC to leave the FLA and join a different labor watchdog group, the Worker Rights Consortium. And it continued Thursday as committee mem-bers questioned Pugatch's support for joining two organizations despite his strong opposition to the FLA.
SEJ members said the FLA monitor-

ing process was insufficient because it allowed licensees to choose their own monitors and gave factories advance warning of inspections. They say Pugatch's complaint is a perfect examof this problem.

McCoy is considering an advisory recommendation from last week, which suggests that UNC maintain member

ship in the FLA and also join the WRC. He told SEJ he had reservations about its plan to reject the FLA entire ly but that his decision was not yet

SEI asked McCoy to make a decision about UNC joining the WRC by April 3 so a UNC delegate could attend WRC conference April 7.

Pugatch's motivations for filing the complaint also came under fire as members questioned how he could speak out

against the FLA as an SEJ member while he had voted to join both groups. "It is appropriate to raise a complaint, but my feeling is, with the pre sentation of this to the press and the accusatory tone it is couched in, that I don't see it operating within the spirit o

consensus we tried to reach," said LLCAC co-chairman Rut Tufts. Other members expressed similar concerns, requesting that Pugatch publicly advocate the compromise position he had voted rather than try to undercut the FLA.

Pugatch said he stood by his vote and that the complaint was not a deliberate attempt to destroy consensus but that the compromise had not been his first choice option.

"I do feel that I can still raise issues with the FLA and its approach," he said, "and I brought forward this complaint so that others can learn from my expe

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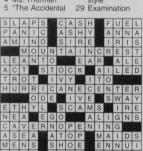
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