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Housing rule bars grads; O'Neal may be ineligible

by Robert McDonald
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Residence Hall Association (RHA) President Mike O'Neal may be ineligible to continue as president after this semester due to a Housing Department decision not to allow graduate students to live in undergraduate dorms.

O'Neal was elected RHA president in a runoff election March 6.

O'Neal, a first-year graduate student, lived in Avery dorm this year. When he tried to sign-up this week to return to Avery next semester, the residence director would not allow him to, O'Neal said.

The RHA constitution states that "all executive officers . . . while in office . . . shall live in a University owned or approved undergraduate residence hall."

If O'Neal lived in Craige, which is considered a graduate dorm, or off-campus, he would be ineligible to continue next semester as RHA president.

If he lived in Granville, O'Neal would be eligible to continue as president since Granville is a member of RHA. Granville is currently filled up with a waiting list, and it is uncertain whether there will be openings next fall, Mel Rinfret, the general manager of Granville, said.

The policy to bar graduate students from

undergraduate housing was a policy of former Housing Director Robert Kepner and was re-affirmed last semester by Dr. James Condie, current housing director, according to Connie Nelson, assistant to the director for housing contracts.

Nelson said that, in the past, exceptions to the policy had been made because there was space available in the undergraduate dorms. In a memo this week to residence directors, Condie said space requirements for undergraduate students will be "as tight next year as any year in the past."

"The objective of eliminating over-occupancy emphasizes the need for as many undergraduate spaces as possible," the

memo said.

The Housing Department expects Craige dorm to have vacant spaces, so the policy will not have the effect of throwing graduate students off-campus. Condie's memo stated that Craige has had vacancies in the past because graduates have been allowed to live in undergraduate buildings or off-campus.

Undergraduate students currently living in Craige have been permitted to sign up to live there next semester.

O'Neal said after he was not allowed to sign up for Avery, he appealed to Condie to make an exception and Condie refused. He then appealed to Dean of Student Affairs Donald A. Boulton who "dropped the case like a hot potato and handed it back to Condie," O'Neal said.

O'Neal maintains that there are two ramifications to the policy. First is that the decision may deprive him of the job to which the student body elected him several weeks ago.

"They've just un-elected the RHA president by a simple piece of paper," O'Neal said. He said the first time he heard of the policy was during the elections.

"It caused political pressure on me because if the students thought I couldn't be president, I'd be hurt in the election," he said. "The political overtones (of the policy) on the face of it are obvious."

Another aspect of the policy, O'Neal said, is that the decision to restrict graduate students to one dorm is unfair to all graduate students.

"It's like saying we built you a center down there and you can't live anywhere else," he said. Graduate students, like undergraduate students, should have the right to live in better-quality dorms or closer to campus, O'Neal said.

He likened the Housing Department policy towards graduate students to a policy in which blacks were all made to live in one dorm. The difference, he said, is that if the latter policy were adopted, "the ACLU would have a lawsuit in 10 seconds."

O'Neal said he sees no reason the Housing Department couldn't set small quotas for graduate students in all dorms on campus.



Gourmet cook Joyce Ch'en

Staff photo by Martha Stevens

New BSM chairman sets goals

Marbley plans changes

by Gary Dorsey
Staff Writer

Algenon Marbley, a sophomore political science major elected Black Student Movement chairman Wednesday, is already talking about new programs.

"I want to place a special emphasis on providing more services for the black students," Marbley said. "I would like to establish a book co-op, quiz files, carpools, a working tutorial service . . . whatever the students may need from time to time."

Marbley said he hopes concrete programs like these will bring more active support from the black community at UNC.

Such concrete community programs may seem to be a change of direction from the political emphasis Willie Mebane, outgoing chairman, set for the BSM.

"Willie and I disagreed last year on many things. There were some things I thought were important that he didn't and there were some things he thought were important that

I didn't.

"As for me being as radical as Willie, well, let me just paraphrase something that Ron Dellums once said. 'Anyone who has ever been oppressed is radical or militant to some extent.' So, I guess I'm a militant to a degree."

Marbley said the BSM has picked up some strength under Mebane's chairmanship because they became involved with campus politics and took stands on some important issues.

Marbley is not going to de-emphasize politics, though. "It's still on the upswing," he said.

"For example, the University has been lax in carrying out the Affirmative Action programs. We plan to carry this out to its end until it's rectified."

The pressure will also be continued to establish an Afro-American Department at the University, to bring in more black professors and to get more money from the CGC for black student activities.



Algenon Marbley

Housing quotas nothing new—official

by Robert Petersen
Staff Writer

That the first-come, first-serve, careful-for-your-quotas sign-up process which has resulted in long lines, occupation of lobbies and free-for-alls in women's dorms is nothing new, according to Sandy Ward, assistant housing director.

Ward said, "We've had the quota system for a few years now, but in the past it has not been adhered to. Because of this, we've had overcrowding of dorms."

The quota system was enforced this year instead of allowing tripling, Ward explained, because studies have shown that tripling has a detrimental effect on student adjustment and study habits.

"However," she continued, "University regulations require freshmen to live in dorms. So there are three options, if we do not enforce the quotas."

The options, Ward said, are to rescind the freshmen on-campus housing requirement, to change admittance procedures or to build more housing.

"Studies have established that freshmen

need on-campus housing to make the proper adjustment to large schools," Ward said. "Any decision to drop the requirement would have to come from the Board of Trustees, and because of these studies, they are reluctant to make that decision."

Changing admittance procedures is not feasible, Ward said, because the North Carolina Legislature allocates University funds on the basis of estimated enrollment.

"If we overenroll," she said, "we aren't allocated any more funds, but if we underenroll, we have to return the extra money."

"We could accept more transfers and less freshmen," she continued, "but the present trend is for transfers to request on-campus housing too, so it wouldn't really help the situation."

Ward said that building more housing is also not feasible because the University is currently paying for seven dorms on a debt that won't be settled until 2006.

"The present system," Ward admitted, "is not completely fair, but it is the best we have. Students closed out of their dorms will most likely find housing somewhere else on campus. The problem will be to house junior transfers."

bar, the Pine Room and Chase Cafeteria. The contract comes up for renewal May 31.

The board planned to invite John Temple, assistant vice-chancellor of business, to attend next Thursday's discussion on the snack bar. Temple has overall responsibility for the operation of campus food services, according to Union Director Howard Henry.

The consensus of the board was that the present snack bar leaves much to be desired. Several board members complained about inadequate food preparation in both the snack bar and the cafeterias, citing the snack bar's hamburgers, which were said to have been cold, too rare, or overly shrunken.

Board member Dr. Edwin Brooks said his observations had led him to believe incompetent management was the main reason for the inadequate food preparation.

Harvey Zelon said the board should either terminate Servomation's contract or include specific recommendations within a renewed contract that would improve the snack bar.

However, Union President Gary Phillips said some of Servomation's inadequacies, such as rude and insufficient service, could not be corrected by contract stipulations.

Union Board ponders Servomation; current contract may be terminated

by Henry Farber
Staff Writer

The Carolina Union Board of Directors spent an hour Thursday tossing around ideas about improving the Union Snack bar.

Suggestions ranged from an end to the present "fast-food" service in favor of better quality food and a more pleasant atmosphere, to the installation of quality vending machines, but no decisions were made.

The overriding theme of the meeting concerned the possible termination of the contract of Servomation-Mathias, the national corporation which runs the snack

TODAY—"Tales From Four Lands," a multi-media show that explores the spirit of Asian peoples. Shows continuously in 08 Peabody at 7, 8, 9 and 10 p.m.

Movie, "Fire on the Plains," shows at 6:30 and 9 p.m. in Memorial Hall.

SATURDAY—Chinese dinner, prepared with skill and served with grace, 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. in the Newman Center. \$2.

The 5,000 years of Chinese cultural tradition comes to Memorial Hall in the Peking Opera, 8 p.m. Tickets at the Union desk for \$1.50.

SUNDAY—The Masters of Martial Arts will present a demonstration of Kung Fu and Karate at 8 p.m. in Carmichael Auditorium.

Burglary—just another rip-off

by David Kilger
Staff Writer

If you have survived the Franklin Street rip-off, the University Housing rip-off and the drop-add rip-off and think there's no other way you can be conned in the Southern Part of Heaven, think again.

Several Chapel Hill apartment dwellers have discovered a problem that is fast becoming the town's number one crime statistic: the personal property rip-off, better known as breaking and entering.

A resident of Kingswood Apartments was the most recent victim, having \$1,520 in stereo and photographic equipment stolen early Wednesday morning. The incident was the second at the student's apartment in less than six months.

Although statistics for the current year are not available, figures over the past several years reveal the growing threat that break-ins pose.

Burglary increased more than 21 per cent between 1972 and 1973, according to Lt. Arnold Gold, communications officer for the Chapel Hill Police Department. During fiscal year 1973, the value of property stolen in break-ins and bicycle thefts

amounted to \$26,000.

Although Gold saw no pattern developing out of recent apartment burglaries, he did say that type of crime is high, compared to other North Carolina communities. Gold attributed the high break-in rate in part to the poor apartment construction practices in some Chapel Hill complexes.

"Increased police patrol of apartment areas and fraternity and sorority houses is a deterrent to crime, but it's only a small part of the solution. Better lighting, removal of overgrown shrubbery, and other precautions by residents will help," Gold said.

The Student Consumer Action Union's guide to apartment living in Chapel Hill, "Southern Part of Heaven", revealed a wide variation in the amount and variety of security services offered to tenants.

The variation ranged from on a complex in Carrboro which listed no security provisions to others which advertise special security officers and resident managers for protection.

Most frequent among students' complaints has been the inability to install special security door locks in several major apartment developments.

"We don't allow our tenants to install their own

locks, although we are considering doing so. When you have as many apartments as we do, the problem of installation and maintenance of the locks is very great," Brent Bobbitt, office manager of Roberts Associates said.

"There is no big rash of apartment break-ins that I know of. Over the past years, however, there has been a general rise in all of Chapel Hill," Bobbitt said.

Bobbitt suggested that students always lock their apartments and leave lights on during vacation periods and other times when the apartment is vacant. He also suggested personal property insurance for tenants with expensive personal possessions.

A check with Stratford Hills, Northampton Plaza and Bolinwood Apartments revealed no trend in break-ins developing, although Northampton reported recent vandalism of its laundry facilities.

Another source that is available to Chapel Hill residents for personal property protection has been promoted by the town of Chapel Hill for over one year.

At no charge to residents, the Chapel Hill Fire Department will lend special engraving pens for marking personal possessions. The service, which has met with some success in retrieving stolen property, is operation at all three fire stations.

Council to consider judicial reform plan

by David Ennis
Staff Writer

The Faculty Council will meet Friday to consider the Judicial Reform document and hear reports from the committees on Student Discipline and Recruitment of Black Faculty.

The meeting was scheduled to complete business on the agenda that was not finished in the Council's March 22 meeting.

Dr. James O. Cansler, associate dean of Student Affairs, said he foresees no opposition to passage of the proposed Judicial Reform instrument by the council.

Cansler said he will point out the major differences between the proposed judicial system and the one presently in effect when he introduces the document for the Council's consideration.

The proposed document lists a new set of sanctions which may be used against students found guilty of Honor Code violations.

Cansler said these new sanctions will offer some middle ground between mild sanctions and suspension — which he considers to be "the academic equivalent of capital punishment."

The proposed document articulates students' rights of privacy and expression.

Structural changes made by the document would include the consolidation of the Men's Honor Court, Women's Honor Court and Honor Court into an Undergraduate Court.

The Undergraduate Court would consist of 42 members—28 elected by the student body and 14 appointed by the student body president.

The document stipulates that 12 of the appointed members "shall not be of the majority race." This is the mechanism that makes the minority court possible, Cansler said.

The document would also abolish the current Faculty Review Board and replace it with a University Hearings Board made up of students, faculty and administration representatives.

Cansler noted this is the first time students have been given appellate court responsibility.

The document would replace the Faculty Committee on Student Discipline with a Committee on Student Conduct.

This committee, consisting of six students, three faculty and three chancellor's appointees, would oversee the entire judicial system.

The position of court administrator would be created by the document to relieve the chairman of the Undergraduate Court of administrative responsibilities, Cansler said.

The report of the Faculty Committee on Student Discipline notes the committee's participation in drafting the Judicial reform document. The committee will cease to exist if and when the document goes into effect next fall.

The report of the Faculty Committee on Recruitment of Black Faculty will recommend that the committee be continued for two years rather than dissolved at the end of this year as planned.

Weather

Kite-flying weather. Partly cloudy and warm with southerly breezes. Highs today, Saturday and Sunday in the upper 70's and low 80's. Lows at night in the 50's. Chance of rain, 30 per cent all weekend.