

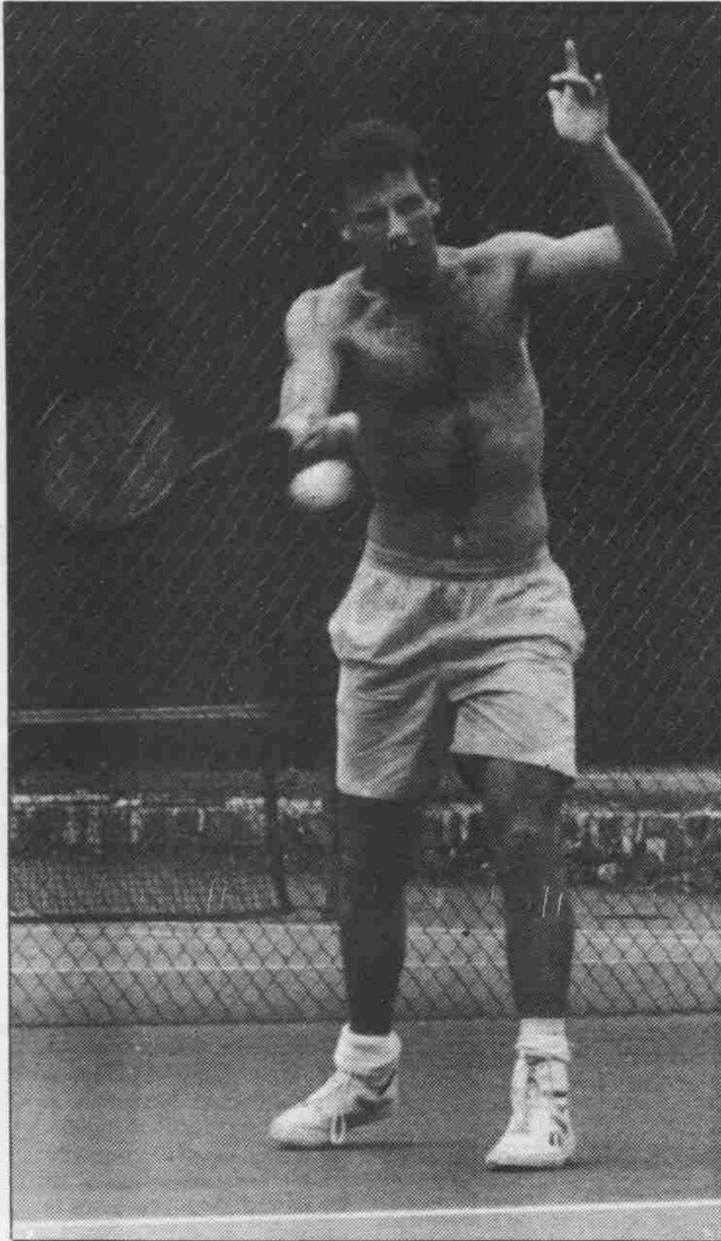
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Making a point

David Rubright of Chapel Hill stays glued to the baseline as he smashes a forehand return at the Cobb tennis courts Monday.

UNC police policy fought from within

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Five employee grievances are pending against the University police, and the attorney for the five police officers involved said that both the department's promotion process and the grievance process are unfair to employees.

A letter sent to Chancellor Paul Hardin and Robert Sherman, director of the University police, by attorney Alan McSurely calls two recent promotions in the department "secretive, arbitrary and insensitive, to say the least."

The department's promotion process, the letter alleges, was designed

or "unconsciously developed in such a way as to permit increased racial antagonisms to develop between African-American and white officers."

The most recent complaint alleges that Sgt. A.J. Womble was denied a promotion March 18 in favor of Willie Bell, Jr., a black officer who the officers allege was given special consideration because of a past grievance.

"It is common knowledge that officer Bell threatened to 'sue' the University if he did not get this promotion," the letter said.

The grievance, filed by officers Womble, Lonnie Sexton, Ollie Bowler and James Lassiter, is at step two in

the grievance process.

Officer Bell could not be reached for comment.

Officer Womble filed a separate grievance alleging that he was never given a pay raise when he was promoted to sergeant in June, 1987. He is requesting a raise and back pay.

Womble's complaint has been denied by Sherman and assistant personnel director Dan Burleson, and will be heard by a special chancellor's committee at step three in the grievance process.

Officer Sexton also has a grievance hearing pending, alleging that

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Chinese students stalled

By PAUL BREDDERMAN

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It is uncertain whether Chinese students will remain the largest contingent among foreign students at UNC following the period of political unrest in China.

The number of Chinese coming to UNC to study or do research in the fall is still unknown, but there appears to be a slow-down in the issuance of passports and visas, said David Austell, acting director of the International Center.

The Chinese government is double-screening applicants who wish to leave the country. The Chinese must acquire a new government-issued permit in addition to a passport and visa,

said Jijie Liu, President of the Friendship Association of Chinese Students.

"They (those students and scholars trying to leave China) are not even sure what the new permit looks like," said one Chinese graduate student at UNC.

Chinese military intimidation at the embassy in Beijing may also be a contributing factor in the slow-down of visa issuances, Austell said.

Austell said the Chinese government may also have complicated matters for Chinese students who want to study here by controlling which type of passport they can apply for.

This probably occurred through recent discrimination between "sponsored" and "unsponsored" students,

Austell said.

"Sponsored" students are those funded by either the Chinese government, by U.S. agencies, such as the Institute of International Education, which operates the Fulbright program, or by established exchange programs, like UNC's Beijing exchange, he said.

Chinese students who come to American universities using personal or family funds, or being funded through research and teaching assistantships are considered "unsponsored" by the Chinese government, Austell said.

Chinese government officials have apparently declared that "unspon-

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Students question moped bill

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If a bill under consideration by the N.C. House of Representatives passes, some University students will not be able to drive their mopeds.

The bill, sponsored by Rep. George Miller, Jr., (D-Durham), would prohibit mopeds on streets where the speed limit exceeds 35 miles per hour.

It also prohibits people who have lost their driver's licenses from operating mopeds and requires that moped riders wear helmets.

The bill makes a distinction between mopeds and scooters. Mopeds have pedals and currently do not require a driver's license. Scooters go faster and require a driver's license, insurance and inspections.

"Basically this bill would do away with mopeds," said Mark White, a senior from Florida. White rides a moped to class from his house on Finley Road, where the speed limit is 45 mph. "I wouldn't be able to take it out of my driveway," he said.

Rep. Fred Bowman (D-Alamance) said the bill was designed to target drunk drivers, not students.

"I've had constituents complain that people who have lost their license for drunk driving have been running mopeds up and down the highway," Bowman said. "My concern is that I don't want people who have lost their license on the street."

Sgt. Ned Comar of the University police said that he supports the bill for safety reasons.

It is unsafe for moped riders to be on roads where they will be traveling more slowly than the flow of traffic, Comar said.

If moped riders want to ride on roads where cars will be going faster than 35 mph, they should purchase motorcycles, Comar said.

Mopeds usually can only travel at speeds between 20 and 28 mph, according to John Rall of Motorcycle Sales and Service of Chapel Hill.

"We sell one moped that can run at 35 mph, but the police can cite you for going more than 25 mph," Rall said.

Rall said that although the bill would cut moped sales by 30 percent, he supports it.

Mopeds are an asset to students

because of the parking problem on campus, Comar said.

Rall said he is concerned that moped riders who switch to scooters will have more accidents because the scooter has smaller wheels and is harder to handle.

Bowman said he would be willing to consider making exceptions to the 35 mph clause for students who use mopeds to get to class.

"I'm not trying to restrict kids who can't afford a car," Bowman said. "I'm thinking more in terms of people out in the country."

Comar said that student exceptions to the rule would be unwise. "That is wimping out," he said. "There would be no way to enforce the rule if that happened."

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