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## Graduate students rally for concerns

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Graduate Students United (GSU) members and supporters rallied in the Pit Monday, calling for a "living wage" and better benefits for teaching and research assistants.

In a press conference before the rally, Scott Philyaw, a member of the GSU research committee, compared the level of salaries at UNC to similar universities, including UCLA, Stanford, Cornell, Penn State and the University of Virginia. UNC ranked above only Virginia in the social sciences and humanities salaries, and was last in the sciences salaries.

"UNC typically ranks near the bottom when it comes to salaries, yet the cost of living (in Chapel Hill) is much higher than the average in the state and nation," Philyaw said.

He said GSU would like a baseline stipend for all graduate assistants.

"\$4,000 per semester, as a minimum, we feel would be a living wage," Philyaw said.

GSU's four main goals are the \$4,000 minimum salary, child care for all members of the University community, a reduction in tuition to the in-state level for all assistants and a health insurance plan.

Between 20 and 25 percent of graduate assistants cannot afford health insurance, Philyaw said.

GSU is circulating petitions listing the four goals of the organization within

departments and among graduate and undergraduate students.

A joint graduate student-administration committee was suggested by Joel Sipress, a third-year graduate student in history. The purpose of the committee would be to set up a plan and timetable for implementing GSU objectives.

The graduate students would be chosen by GSU and the Graduate and Professional Student Federation, while Chancellor Paul Hardin would choose the administrators.

According to Cindy Hahamovitch, GSU chairwoman, Provost Dennis O'Connor agreed after the rally to the formation of the committee suggested by Sipress. He will meet with GSU leaders during the second week of October either to form the committee or "get down to business," Hahamovitch said.

O'Connor has expressed optimism that some progress can be made by the next academic year, especially in the area of health insurance, Hahamovitch said. The provost already arranged this fall for \$200 raises for graduate assistants in the history department as a result of meetings with GSU representatives.

The main source of added funds for graduate assistants will have to be the state, Hahamovitch said. "We'll just have to work out with them what we think is fair."

The legislature will "have to recognize (the assistants) as a group that has

needs," O'Connor said.

O'Connor, who has listed raising assistant stipends as one of his top priorities, stressed the important role graduate students serve at UNC.

"I support GSU because graduate students are a critical, indeed essential, part of the twin missions of instruction and research at this university."

For UNC to continue to attract the best and brightest graduate students, the school must create an attractive environment, including the financial package offered to students, O'Connor said.

"\$6,000 a year for a TA is insufficiently attractive," O'Connor said.

Hahamovitch opened the rally by describing the difficulties graduate assistants face.

"As research and teaching assistants, we labor under conditions that prevent us from doing our best," Hahamovitch said.

Many graduate students must take second and even third jobs to supplement their stipends. GSU is concerned about how the quality of education at UNC will be affected, she said.

"We must juggle our studies, students, research and part-time jobs. Every hour we spend at a second job is an hour lost to our students and our preparations," Hahamovitch said.

Harry Gooder, chairman of the Faculty Council, pledged faculty support



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Students applaud during a Graduate Students United rally Monday in the Pit

## Cable hookups may be possible in dorm rooms

By CATHY APGAR  
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Campus residents may have the option to have cable television in their rooms next fall, depending on the cost of installation, said Norman Vogel, communications director for the University.

The decision will ultimately rest with students, after approval from the Housing Advisory Board and student affairs, said Donald Boulton, vice chancellor and dean of student affairs. The officials are waiting for an estimate of installation costs from Carolina Cable. The estimate is expected by Oct. 1,

1989.

If the University decides that installing cable is feasible, installation would begin during the summer of 1990, when residence halls are empty, said Liz Jackson, Residence Hall Association president.

When the University decided to have data cables installed for computer information systems, installing video cables simultaneously became a possibility, Vogel said.

If routing cable to each residence hall room is too expensive, cable may

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## Petition against Bibbs dropped

By WILL SPEARS  
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Two students have scrapped plans to circulate a petition for a recall election of Student Congress member Mark Bibbs (Dist. 12) because they did not thoroughly research their claim that he voted on the budgets of two groups they thought he belonged to.

The two students, freshman Scott Wilkens of St. Louis and junior Jimmy Burns of Asheville, claimed in their petition that Bibbs committed "ethical violations at the (Sept. 13) congress meeting," by voting on the budgets of the Black Student Movement (BSM) and the N.C. Student Legislature (NCSL) and that his constituents were dissatisfied with his representation.

But The Daily Tar Heel confirmed

Monday evening that, although Bibbs was a member of both groups last year, he is no longer a member of either.

BSM Membership Chairwoman Ediedra Coble said that Bibbs was not a member of the BSM this year and that he has not paid his dues. And Gale Moore, chairwoman of the NCSL, said Bibbs has not paid dues for the group and has not indicated that he wants to be a member this year.

The petitioners were also mistaken in their claim that it was a violation of congress' ethics code for a member to vote on a group of which he is a member. Ethics Committee Chairman Jurgen Buchenau (Dist. 3) said it was not a violation of the code.

"We right now do not have a statute that I, as Ethics chair, could refer to. The problem is one of principle."

Burns said he was sorry he had be-

gun the petition. "If it is not an ethical breach, I have deep regrets. This sounds like a really tragic mistake. It's a dead issue; I have no grounds to stand on."

Before Burns and Wilkens abandoned their petition drive Monday evening, they had gathered more than 200 signatures, Burns said.

Even before the petitioners decided to withdraw their petition, Bibbs said in an official statement that he was not a member of the groups. "At this time I am not a member of either organization," he said. "The insinuation that I am a member of the BSM simply because I am black is one of the most racist and narrow-minded statements that I have heard."

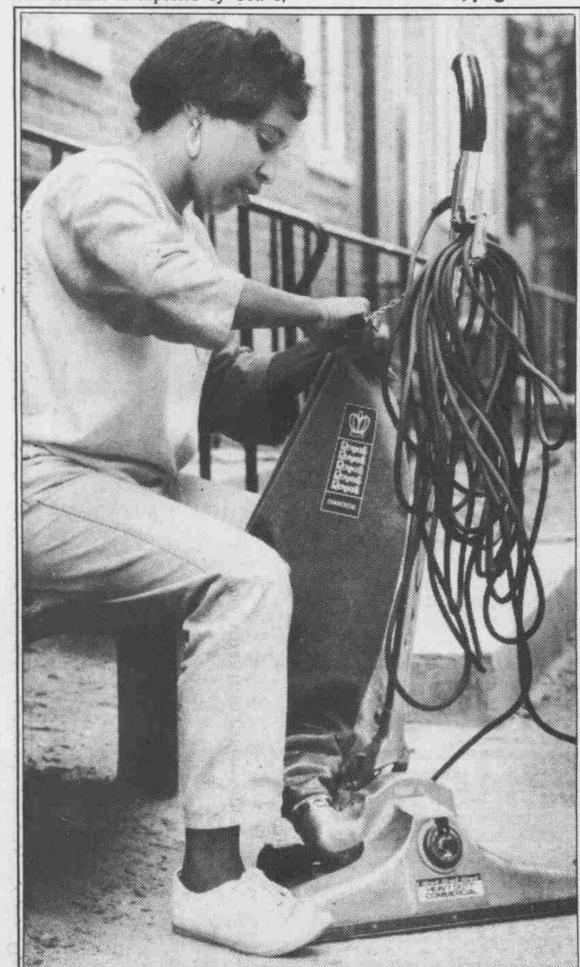
Burns was surprised Bibbs considered the allegations racist. "I am terrified to respond to that," he said. "If I had known he wasn't a member of the

BSM I wouldn't have gone out and done that. There was no racism involved."

Wilkens' and Burns' allegations are "totally unfounded and untrue," Bibbs said before the petition was withdrawn. Bibbs said he believed Wilkens and Burns conspired with other members of congress to remove him.

"It has come to my attention that several members of the congress are involved in this plan, mainly for personal gain and for future campus political aspirations," Bibbs said. "It has come to my attention that my district mate Mindy Friedman is involved. It is my belief that certain people see me as a threat to their future campus political aspirations

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### Royal pain

Melinda Farrington wrestles with a vacuum cleaner outside Ruffin Residence Hall Monday afternoon.

## UNC goal: More Native Americans

By SIMONE PAM  
Staff Writer

University faculty and students are working together to increase Native American student enrollment at UNC and attract Native American faculty to the University, according to Carolina Indian Circle officials.

Last semester Native American enrollment for undergraduates and graduates was 137, Indian Circle President Cedric Woods said. "There is a real lack of Native American students here."

Woods said the administration had been very supportive of the Indian Circle's efforts to increase its Native

American student enrollment. "We've had several meetings with them to discuss the brochure. And the brochure will help, but a sign the administration is behind us is when a faculty member is hired."

"We'd like to see faculty teach courses in religion, contemporary history and Native American culture," Woods continued. "As far as faculty goes, nothing has been done. Things are looking positive, though. I am hoping something will be done this semester."

Woods said he would also like to see a Native American studies program

established at UNC.

Donald Boulton, vice chancellor and dean of student affairs, said that he had met with the Indian Circle members, and that the University was trying to address a number of the group's concerns.

"We, ourselves, are not in any position to hire or fire any faculty. That is done through the departments. But we do share the concerns they have and feel we need to recruit a diverse faculty."

The Carolina Indian Circle, a support group for Native American stu-

dents at UNC, attempts to lessen the transition from tribal communities to the University while creating a sense of identity for UNC Native Americans, Woods said.

This year the University published a brochure, designed by Indian Circle, targeted at Native American high school seniors, he said.

The brochure includes pictures and information about the University. It will be distributed later this semester at certain high schools in North Carolina that have a majority of Native American students.

## Tree protection plan debated

By CHARLES BRITAIN  
City Editor

Developers and builders squared off against environmentalists before the Chapel Hill Town Council and a standing room only crowd Monday at a public hearing over a proposed tree protection ordinance.

Chapel Hill residents and representatives from the Chapel Hill-Durham Homebuilders Association and from the Sierra Club presented their opinions on a draft ordinance created by the town's Tree Protection Task Force to preserve trees and other vegetation.

The ordinance regulates tree management and development through tree work permits and encouraging tree growth education. It also grants special protection to rare trees and requires inspections of construction sites to enforce the ordinance.

Bill Kalchof, president of the Chapel Hill-Durham Homebuilders Association, said the mandatory guidelines of the task force proposal were unnecessary because land developers and home builders did a good job protecting trees on work sites.

The mandatory ordinance should be abandoned for a voluntary program that would allow developers to decide whether to participate in tree protec-

tion, Kalchof said.

Most developers and builders would participate in a voluntary program because "it's good business to protect trees," he said.

The ordinance cost to developers and builders would also threaten the availability of affordable housing in Chapel Hill, Kalchof said.

Training a supervisor to inspect the developer's plans and the work site to ensure tree protection would result in additional building costs that would be passed on to the home buyer, he said.

Kalchof said the cost to the developer could increase from \$10,000 to \$20,000, depending on the value placed on a tree damaged during development.

The need for additional town staff to enforce the ordinance would also mean an increased cost to the town, he said.

Peter Thorn, a former president of the Chapel Hill-Durham Homebuilders Association, said he wanted to present "the views of builders trying to build affordable housing in Chapel Hill."

The cost of the tree protection ordinance to developers and builders would place an affordable home out of reach for many people, Thorn said. "New homeowners can barely afford a house in Chapel Hill now."

The new ordinance would increase

the cost of the average home by 1 percent, he said.

The town should consider a "constructive penalty" to replace the ordinance's penalty of 1.5 times the estimated value of any tree that dies on a development site, Thorn said.

A constructive penalty would allow developers a chance to correct any mistakes made during construction by replacing damaged trees, he said.

Claire Cooperstein, a member of the task force and a Sierra Club representative, said the cost to home owners, if the ordinance is not passed, could be greater than the cost to developers and builders.

Trees damaged during construction could take two years to die, and then the cost of removal and replacement falls on the home owner, Cooperstein said.

"It is the homeowner whose property is devalued by every large tree that dies."

Recommendations from the Chapel Hill Planning Board, the Appearance Commission and other town groups said a provision in the ordinance that would exempt University property from the ordinance should be removed.

Town Manager David Taylor recommended the draft ordinance be referred to the town staff for further study.

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No one can tell me that I'm doing wrong. — James Taylor