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Middlebury orders coed fraternities

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Fraternities at Middlebury College in Vermont must allow women to become members by the end of the year or shut down permanently.

The school's trustees voted Jan. 15 to require the six campus fraternities to become coeducational by Dec. 31, the result of non-compliance being the revocation of the fraternities' school-owned housing.

The decision resulted from past unacceptable and sexist behavior by the fraternities on campus, said Ron Nief, public relations director for Middlebury.

Nief said Middlebury had not had sororities for 30 years, and an attempt by one fraternity to establish a little sister program failed. He added that the main source of social activity for females stemmed from the fraternity system, and these women often felt uncomfortable in that setting.

"We have had complaints by women who said they did not feel safe or comfortable at fraternity parties," Nief said. "After the drinking age was raised to 21, town social life closed up and the students became dependent on these parties for social life."

An incident two years ago at the Delta Upsilon fraternity house inspired more discussion on the possibility of mandating fraternities to be coed. Members of the fraternity hung a mannequin of a female torso splattered with red paint outside their house during a spring party.

The action sparked protests from male and female students who said there were "sexist implications" involved.

Delta Upsilon's charter was suspended for two years after the incident.

Fraternities have until March 31 to state officially whether they will or will not comply with the board's decision. If they decide to comply, they have until Dec. 31 to convince their national headquarters to allow them to become coed. If they refuse to do so, or if the national chapter denies their request, the fraternities' houses will become part of the school's April room drawing, and students will automatically be assigned to rooms in them as they would any other college housing.

Two fraternities, Chi Psi and Zeta Psi, said they would fight the trustees' decision and suggested a lawsuit as possible action, Nief said.

"Delta Upsilon and Delta Kappa Epsilon adopted an 'I guess we'll live with it' attitude in response to the decision," Nief said. Two fraternities, Kappa Delta Rho and Sigma Epsilon (formerly Sigma Phi Epsilon until their admittance of women) already have women members.

Middlebury officials plan to regard the coed fraternities like any other housing institution on campus. The title "fraternity" will be dropped from the Middlebury organizations, and all groups will be known as "houses." Five

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Sax education

Grammy-winning saxophonist David Murray practices in Hill Hall Wednesday for a saxophone clinic sponsored by the BCC.

Congress rejects fee control bill

By SARAH CAGLE

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Student Congress voted Wednesday against a resolution that would have put a referendum on the spring ballot allowing individual students to allot their students fees by vote.

The resolution, sponsored by Andrew Cohen (Dist. 7), was denied by a 20-3 vote as the result of several objections from congress members.

Cohen had proposed to create the Student Choice Funding Process, which would guarantee that the amount of student fee money distributed to campus groups was voted on directly by students rather than through the congress budget process. Guide books would be available to inform students about campus groups so an informed choice could be made, Cohen said.

"My concern is that we are not representing the needs of our constitu-

ents," Cohen said. "If we are here to provide leadership, we should promote the needs of our students and welcome new ideas."

He called student involvement at the University lacking and said a campuswide vote on student fee allotment would force groups to become more visible and active. "If an organization goes before the students and gets nothing, perhaps that group should consider what purpose they serve at the University," he said.

Jill Gilbert (Dist. 17) said the resolution would not promote positive involvement. "This would be a lobbying war," she said.

Russell Dula (Dist. 16) said smaller organizations and organizations representing minority groups would be in danger of receiving inadequate funds. "Speaking as a minority, someone is going to get kicked in the butt," he said.

"There are a lot of close-minded people on this campus who are going to say, 'I'm not part of this organization, so I don't want to fund them.'"

Jürgen Buchenau (Dist. 3) said the concept of student choice was not feasible. "There is no time in the spring semester to do this," Buchenau said. "We're overcharging the students with decisions. This system assumes that 'Joe Student' has time to make 40 decisions. I propose that he doesn't."

Several congress members also expressed reservations about the proposed guide to student organizations that students would read before making their decisions. "Who's going to censor the guide?" Buchenau said.

Tom Elliott (Dist. 6) said he did not believe congress had the right to determine what information would be in-

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17 gym lockers robbed

Spree of break-ins may be related to fall thefts

By JENNIFER PILLA

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Police believe two or three people may have been responsible for breaking into 17 lockers in Woollen and Fetzer Gymnasiums Tuesday and stealing more than \$650 worth of personal property.

Police received a report of thefts from 10 lockers at Fetzer Gym at 3 p.m. At 3:08 p.m., employees at Woollen Gym reported thefts from seven lockers.

The lockers were locked, but were pried into and broken, according to Sgt. Ned Comar of University police.

"The locks appeared to have been pinched loose by some kind of pressure. Breaking these locks doesn't really require a lot of noise."

Students whose lockers had been broken into said it was not apparent that the lockers had been opened until after

they began looking through their belongings.

Police have no suspects in the case. "We've ruled out the possibility of it being a hobo or a student just down there to work out," Comar said.

Comar said he believed the thefts were related to a rash of break-ins last semester. Thirteen thefts from lockers at Fetzer Gymnasium were reported in October. Police never made an arrest in the case.

Comar and another officer were in the gymnasiums at about 1:30 p.m. Tuesday putting up posters warning students not to keep valuables in their lockers and to report any suspicious actions to University police. According to Comar, the thefts must have occurred sometime between then and 3:00.

Comar also said that when lockers were broken into in October an officer

was patrolling the area.

"We've staked it out. We've put a lot of manpower and a lot of action into this thing, but it's going to take a lot more than that to solve this. It's going to take the cooperation of the student body."

University police advise students not to take with them to the gymnasium wallets or any or any more money than necessary.

Pamela Shoaf, administrative manager for the physical education department, said employees were being cautioned to report any suspicious actions and to check the locker rooms regularly.

"It's a sad, sad situation. I know of nothing, aside from having someone manning the locker rooms all the time, that would prevent this kind of thing from happening again," Shoaf said.

Witnesses' health delays Edwards' hearing

By CHRIS HELMS

Staff Writer

The grievance hearing of University police officer Keith Edwards is on hold again until Wednesday, when lawyers on both sides will give a conference call to the judge to decide if testimony will continue, according to Judge Delores Nesnow.

The future of the hearing is contingent on the health of two key witnesses, University police Chief Charles Maurer and Assistant Personnel Director Dan Burleson. If Nesnow rules either of them eligible to testify, the hearing may continue.

"Well, the parties are both interested in the witnesses. They are going to try to get a more current status report. We'll just have to stay in touch about what the deal is and what is next," said Nesnow.

Edwards' attorney, Alan McSurely, said, "Her position, which I agree with, is to have complete sympathy with the medical problems and to preserve the integrity of the hearing."

Wednesday's testimony came from University Police Lt. Marcus Perry and Detective Sgt. Phyllis Cooper. Much of Perry's testimony focused on an incident in November 1988 when Perry

recorded a conversation with Edwards. Perry said he recorded the four- to five-minute talk with a small tape recorder in his shirt pocket. After he told Edwards her assignment, she said, "Get out of my face," Perry said.

Since 1975, Perry has taped conversations in which he expects there may be conflict and "to verify the conversation so I can get my facts straight," he said.

"I have no problem working with Officer Edwards. The problem comes when threats are made or profanity is used. That's when we have problems," Perry said.

In another area of Perry's testimony, he said a grievance filed by 15 officers — the majority of whom were black — in 1987 was based not on race, but dissatisfaction with procedure. "It was my understanding that in the original grievance the problem was not race, it was the desire for a standard promotional procedure," he said.

Perry himself had earlier filed a grievance when he was denied promotion.

Three to four months after he filed his grievance, he received his promotion, he said. "The benefit that came out of the grievance I filed was to change the promotion policy," he said.

Cooper testified about a series of four complaints filed in 1988 by Iris Hunt, a UNC area director who received obscene, racist phone calls and

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Time may be near for academic minor

By KENNY MONTEITH

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An academic minor program at UNC could be a reality as soon as the fall of 1990, if the Faculty Council votes for it at its next meeting in February, officials said Wednesday.

The administrative boards of the General College and the College of Arts and Sciences approved the concept of the academic minor in December, said Gillian Cell, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Cell said she hoped to be able to present the minor proposal to the council for its approval at the Feb. 23 meeting.

The departments that wanted to offer a minor to students were given a Jan. 15 deadline by Cell to turn in a designed structure for a minor program.

But according to Darryl Gless, associate dean of the General College, only 17 of the 23 departments that wanted to offer a minor had turned in a design.

"The others who have expressed interest just haven't had time to design a program," he said.

The departments turn in their design to the administrative boards, which in turn decide whether the classes are appropriate for the minor.

The administrative boards want the academic minor to consist of structured classes, Cell said. "We'll review the design on a case-to-case basis, and there very well may be a time when we need to send it back to the department for a

change," she said.

Usually there is just something wrong with the description of the course, Gless said. "Typically, the board doesn't question the wisdom of the department."

"Normally, the ideas from various departments are extremely thought through, and seldom do we ever have any problems," he said.

A student can expect a minor to consist of about five classes, Gless said. "They should know that there will be some structure involved (in the classes)

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Happy survivor

Katherine White, a senior from Plymouth, helps senior Bryan Hough of Mount Holly at the Bloodmobile in the Union Wednesday.

Lomax enters race as candidate for SBP

By JASON KELLY

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John Lomax, a junior political science major from Hickory, announced his candidacy for student body president Wednesday.

He said three themes would dominate his campaign: academic concerns, campus and community issues. "The student body president needs to be a leader who can effectively represent student needs and concerns. But he also needs to be able to interact with the administration."

In academic concerns, Lomax said he would concentrate on the financial aid programs. "We're keeping financial aid a priority," he said. "We want to find new sources of financial aid and replace lost aid."

The University's Trademark Program could be a source of increased financial aid, Lomax said. The program is a University corporation that leases UNC's name and logo to companies who want to use the logo on their products. "Fifty percent of the profits go to sports programs, and fifty percent goes to financial aid. I want more to go to financial aid."

He said he was working on a foreign teaching assistants training program.

Lomax said he would like to improve food services by expanding seating in Lenoir. He supports the creation of an all-campus debit card. "The debit card is in the works, but it's moving slowly right now."

Lomax supports expanded and secured funding for the Black Cul-



John Lomax

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tural Center. "We need to renew emphasis on minority recruitment and retention."

In the community, he said he would implement an energy conservation program run by student government. Lomax, a two-term Student Congress representative (Dist. 13), has served as speaker pro tempore for the past year and has been a member of the Committee on Student Conduct, and executive branch committees.

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