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Polo Hall to favor independents

New housing proposals considered

By Danielle Deaver
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In a report recently obtained by the *Old Gold and Black*, the Polo Hall Programming Committee made its preliminary recommendations for how students should be selected to live in Polo Residence Hall, currently under construction on North Campus.

These recommendations call for a separate lottery system for the new residence hall and a more complex priority number scheme for the students who want to live there. Under this proposed system, independent seniors and juniors would have priority over all Greek students.

The recommendations are only preliminary and may not reflect the way the process will work in the spring, said Connie Carson, the director of Residence Life and Housing.

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According to Carson, the logistics include testing out the computer system that would have to handle the more complex priority system the report suggests. The feasibility of filling Polo first in a separate lottery would also have to be considered.

The recommended method would assign apartments in Polo based on priority points. Independent seniors and juniors would receive four points for being independent. Greek students and sophomores would not be eligible for points.

These points would be added onto the first number of students' housing lottery priority number, which is based on the number of semesters students have spent in campus housing. Rising seniors who have spent three semesters at this university have a number beginning with a six,

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Under this proposed system, rising seniors who are independents would have 10 points going into the Polo selection process, and rising Greek seniors would have six. Rising juniors who are independent would have eight points, and therefore be given priority over Greeks who are seniors.

"The rationale for a point system is to give priority to those aspects of the process that are the most important, while the less important factors are given less priority. In this case, independent students and seniors were rated the highest, therefore they were assigned the most points. Because preference was not given to Greeks and sophomores, they were not eligible for any priority points," according to the report "Recommendations for the Polo Hall Assignments Process."

Students will have to apply for entrance into the residence hall must do so in groups of two for studio apartments or groups of four for townhouse apartments. No more than half of the people in the group can be Greek.

The report recommends that students who are accepted into Polo be given a

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Construction workers confer next to the new residence hall, currently known as Polo Residence Hall. The building is part of the Board of Trustees' plan to create a residence for independent students.

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Judicial Reform finalized

By Tim MacPhail
Old Gold and Black Reporter

The Judicial Council Subcommittee on Judicial Reform recently finalized its recommendation for a new university judicial system, and the Judicial Council approved the proposal.

The subcommittee drafted the final proposal after meeting with campus organizations, including Student Government and revising the original reform proposal released last fall, said Robert Lovett, a professor of English and the subcommittee chairman.

Under the new system, the Honor Council and Judicial Board will be combined into one body, the Honor and Ethics Council. Another group, the Board of Investigators and Advisers, will have responsibility for investigating each case and counseling the accused during all stages of each hearing.

For each case, the seven-member HEC will be composed of four students from a pool of 12, two faculty members from a pool of 12 and one administrator.

Two judicial co-chairs will be responsible for meeting with the judicial officer, assigning BIA and HEC members to hearings, arranging the hearings, and presiding over them.

A major change from the original reform proposal involves the student selection process to the HEC. The final proposal requires that a seven-member Election Committee screens HEC applicants and then presents a slate of candidates to the student

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Women strive for equality

Female faculty members search for pay equity, child care

By Suzanne DuBose
Old Gold and Black Reporter

Since the publication of the Commission on the Status of Women's final report last March, the university has made several efforts to ensure that the university's motto, *Pro Humanitate*, applies equally to both men and women.

A year later inequality in the workplace still persists, and according to

an associate dean of the college Claudia Thomas this problem will persist for many years. "There is a sincere commitment for change. All I can ask for is patience," Thomas said.

The commission found cases of salary inequity and sexual harassment and lamented the lack of any child-care program or paid staff maternity leave. The commission also noted that the representation of women in tenured and tenure track positions is less than 30 percent. The report stated, "Of 25 academic units, eight have no tenured female faculty."

"We are teaching the first generation of women who know they will

have careers outside the home. Educating young women and men in an environment that inadequately represents their future and the roles they (will) assume is an injustice," the report read.

One of the main responses to the report was the creation of a 10-member oversight committee currently headed by Thomas. "We have been charged by the President to keep close watch on administrators, and to continue to fulfill President Hearn's commitment that women's concerns are addressed," Thomas said.

The group is currently engaged in

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Bookstore prices line up with industry standards

By Sarah Rackley
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Although there are complaints from students each semester, the prices in the College Bookstore are in line with industry standards. A comparison of bookstore prices to Barnes and Noble prices showed that the bookstore competes well price-wise.

The initial shock when writing the check for a semester's books may be great, but after consideration, most students realize that they are not being overcharged for the texts they must have for their courses. "I guess books are expensive at the bookstore, but they're expensive everywhere," freshman Jeremy Midkiff said.

Bill Holston, the textbook manager, explained that the bookstore marks up the price 25 percent above cost from the publisher, which he stated was "pretty much the industry standard."

Like the rest of the university, the bookstore is a non-profit organization. Any profit from the bookstore returns to general university funds at the end of the fiscal year.

The purpose of the bookstore is to supply students with materials for courses, and money may even be lost on particular orders, according to Holston. When compared to non-university bookstores, the College Bookstore prices for new books were typically within

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Stocking Sundry

Manager Blinda Corbet and employee Belinda Thomas work on restocking the Sundry Shop shelves.



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ThinkPad trade approaches

By Carolyn K. Lay
Old Gold and Black Reporter

The first exchange of IBM ThinkPads for newer models will occur this summer for the class of 2000, the first class at the university to receive the computers as part of the Plan for the Class of 2000.

Students are responsible for backing up their own personal files and programs before turning in their ThinkPads. The backup program already on the computer can be used for

standard back-ups onto floppy disks for small amounts of data files. For larger amounts of files, zip drives are suggested. Zip drive stations will be available for students to use during the spring semester.

As of now, the exchange is expected to take place in August. The new computers will most likely not be shipped to student homes during the summer, said Jay Dominick, an assistant vice-president and the chief information officer. In the past two years, incoming freshmen have had the option of

receiving their computers during the summer break in late July.

Students planning to study abroad have a couple of options. First, they can turn in their ThinkPad in May 1998 before the summer break and not receive their new computer until they return to the university. Second, students planning to take their ThinkPads abroad can exchange them in August and take the models with them., must register their computers with

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