Student ban from Commons under fire

By JON HILSENRATH

Amid complaints by both faculty members and students, a faculty representative explained yesterday that the new policy restricting students from the faculty commons area was necessitated by overcrowding.

The area, on the second floor of the West Union Building, seats just over 100 people. It does not have the capacity to serve a faculty of over 2,000 and still open up to the approximately 100 students that use it each month, said Robert Dickens, chair of the faculty commons committee.

Opponents of the new policy contend that it weakens student-faculty relations. "I'm disappointed," said Dan Abrams, ASDU vice president for student affairs. "Student faculty relations are an essential part of University atmosphere."

"It's part of the University atmosphere," explained yesterday that the new policy committee did not make an effort to hear feedback before enacting the new policy this semester. In a January 26 letter to The Chronicle, humanities professors Ann Whitton and James Rolleston wrote, "...I can't see that it's going to have any impact at all." He cited a number of alternatives to the faculty commons space, including the Oak Room, the University Room or off-campus restaurants.

Others have charged that the commons was traditionally invited students to the commons for student-faculty interaction, especially women. From Duke, she organized an effort here and at other schools to institute and teach house courses based on the emerging freedom of Asian American women. "I want to educate more people," Chiang said in an April, 1986 Tohoko Road interview. "Part of it is being a community activist. I want people to realize the Asian community has its own unique culture and there are unique problems." A funeral will be held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at McLean Presbyterian Church in McLean, Virginia, Chiang's hometown.

Duke graduate killed in wreck

From staff reports

Janet Chiang, a 1986 Trinity graduate, was one of four people killed in a train derailment Feb. 11.

Having deferred admission to Stanford Law School until fall 1987, Chiang was studying at the National University of Singapore as a Rotary scholar. She was en route to Malaysia when her train derailed.

While at Duke, Chiang majored in economics and was graduated with honors. She helped organize the Sirena Wudun Scholarship Fund, which provides academic grants to Asian students. The Fund is in memory of Wudunn, who was killed when Soviet fighters shot down a Korean Airlines passenger jet in 1983.

Chiang actively participated in the Duke in China program and the Asian Students Association. During the summer of her senior year, she worked as an intern for the Organization of Chinese Americans, a national non-profit group.

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Campus wall sale proposed

By LOUIS MINTZ

The Office of Alumni Affairs is current investigating a novel plan to help finance a new portion of the East Campus wall, replacing a section torn down in January.

The section was removed because its foundation was not considered structurally sufficient. In addition, concerns began to mount that the eight-foot high section provided muggers with a perfect place to wait for potential victims — especially joggers.

Since the removal, bushes have been planted along Broad Street to help fill the void.

Alumni Affairs is evaluating a plan that would raise money for the construction of a newer, shorter portion of the wall. In the proposal, known as "Adopt-a-Brick," alumni would be asked to make a donation in exchange for a plaque and one of the wall's original bricks, which are currently in storage.

"Universities will often offer portions of an old building that is being torn down in order to fund its replacement," said Funderburk, "so that between 1930 and 1973, 9,600 alumni went to the Women's College (now East Campus). That is the constituency we need to target with this campaign."

Funderburk emphasized alumni have not been informed of the plan, which must be approved by the Development office. He said the plan will be discussed further in a meeting this Friday with Jan Nolting, ASDU president, and Dan Dertke, ASDU vice president for External Affairs.

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