

# Dorm construction unearths old concerns

possibility still remains that West Hall could be demolished and made into a parking lot, although that seemed unlikely.

Swiney said that once the Housing and Residence Life office vacates a building, it is turned over to the University for them to use or demolish, as they see fit.

"It could be turned into faculty and staff offices," Swiney said.

Dr. Jones expressed concern about the safety of West Hall and the fact that some people might find it unsatisfactory.

"The bathroom facilities [in West Hall] are not desirable," Dr. Jones said. "It's not sprinkled [for fire safety], which is a major

cost." With West Hall and Wellons Hall both being occupied by males, Swiney said that he is trying to figure out the right number of beds in the new dorm so that there is room for everyone.

### Gender ratio

The new dorm, according to Swiney, will be the largest and, like Oak and Pine halls, will be co-ed.

Swiney said that there were 1,705 beds on campus and that Housing and Residence Life cannot "take 200 [beds] away from males and not adjust it somewhere."

"West and Wellons are both over 40 years old," Swiney said.

He said that many male residents preferred living in Wellons Hall because the rooms are larger in size, making them more comfortable.

### Accommodations

Swiney said that they are planning on constructing common areas in the new dorm, which has not been named yet.

"We're predicting an upturn in the economy," Swiney said.

"We have to make sure we have the right number of beds," he said. "With our sharp increase in enrollment, we think we're going to keep it at 396 beds."

Swiney said that when the new dorm project was planned two years ago,

"there was never any parking [in the project]."

### Near Village

The area of construction is located near the Facilities Operations building and Village Apartments.

According to Swiney, the student focus group said that they would not mind being away from campus dining services and the on-campus post office. He said that many students pointed out since Village Apartments was

located near the same area, many students would not have to adjust.

According to Swiney, the property on which the new residence hall will be constructed is 12 acres.

"It's plenty of space," he said.



Photo by Glory Attaochu  
A crowd of freshmen students gather outside of GPAC before freshman orientation. This year, UNCP had its largest incoming freshman class and housing was an issue for the University.

## New nursing building to be largest in campus history

By Kimberly Brooks  
Staff Writer

As we end this semester and in a few short weeks thereafter begin a new one, the students, faculty, staff and community will start to see the largest building in the history of UNCP begin construction.

According to Steve Martin, assistant vice chancellor for facility management, the construction will last about 18 months and the facility is scheduled to come to completion in the Fall of 2011.

The largest capital building project in this campus's history will be 87,000 square feet with three stories. The cost will be around \$29 million

with monies coming from a Capital Fund the University received.

This mega structure facility will become the new home to the nursing department, and will have biology labs and a food service area for students.

The biology labs will hold some state of the art equipment including audio-visual technology and simulation labs with observation rooms.

The food service area, which will be serviced through Sodexo Food Service, will be approximately 5,000 square feet with an outdoor patio and is estimated to seat about 100 people. Also, there will be two lounges for student use.

Martin assures the

University community that the Facilities Management Department will continue its concentration on energy and resource conservation with an eco friendly building by the US Green Building Council; for a detailed look into the features of this Green Building project one can access this information at the following web address: [www.usgbc.org](http://www.usgbc.org).

The building site is planned to be constructed north of the softball field and parking lot 25 and Martin reassures, as with any construction project, that the University will be advised on alternate routes to be taken during this construction phase.

## Officers' respond to residence hall incidents

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According to the daily crime report on the university website, a student was given a campus charge for visitation violations on Nov. 13 in Pine Hall.

On Nov. 16 an emergency call was made to campus police from West Hall. A student had taken too many drugs and needed assistance. The Robeson County Sheriff Office was also called. The EMS arrived on

the scene, along with a school nurse; the student did not need to be transferred to the hospital.

On that same day an officer responded to a call at West Hall concerning students who had a controlled substance. The officer charged the students with having a controlled substance and one student was transported to jail.

Also according to the report, a campus nurse was called to North Hall, when a student attempted suicide on Nov. 17.

The student was transported to student health

services for the night until the student's parents arrived.

Two students were charged with visitation violation on Nov. 17 in Pine Hall. A security officer called campus police to handle the situation.

On Nov. 18 a complaint was made to campus police about students outside the Education building making loud noises and using vulgar language.

However, when the police officer arrived on the scene no students were on the premises.

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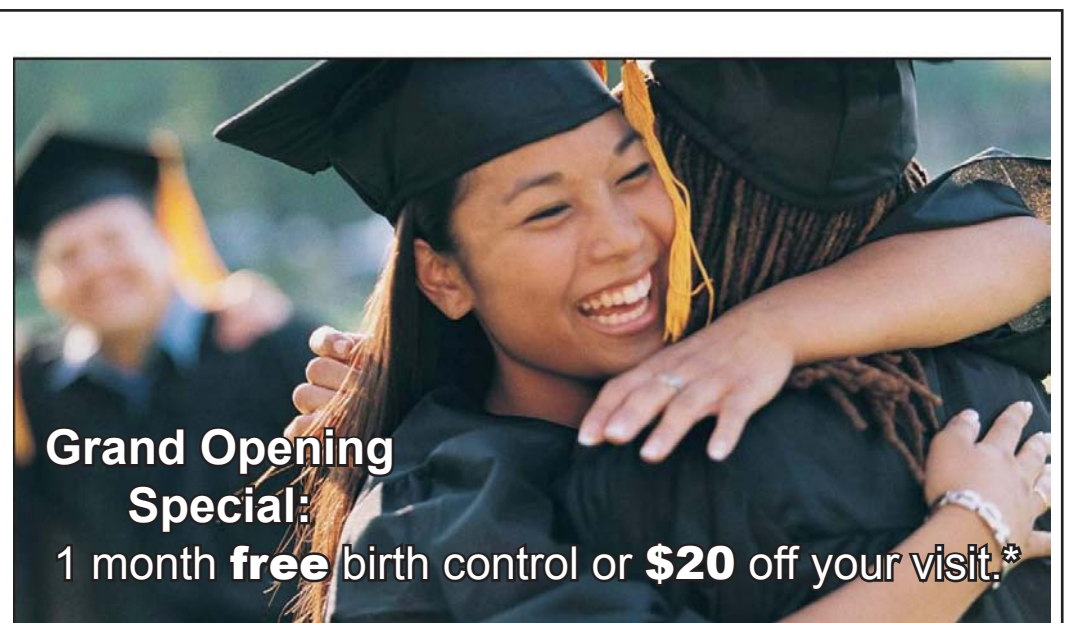
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