

Alumni celebrate Di-Phi anniversary

by Polly Howes
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The 100th anniversary of the Dialectic and Philanthropic Literary Societies' restoration was commemorated Monday Night with two UNC alumni speaking on the history of the University and the societies.

On Sept. 15, 1875, the Dialectic (Di) and Philanthropic (Phi) Societies held their first meeting since 1868, when the University was forced to close because of Reconstruction.

Approximately 60 society members and their guests attended the ceremony held in the Di-Phi Chamber of New West.

Featured speakers were Dr. Albert M. Coates, founder of the Institute of Government, and William H. Bobbitt, former Chief Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court.

Coates, Phi Society president in 1917, traced the development of the Honor Code and Student Government through the Di and Phi societies.

"For three-quarters of a century, trustees made the laws regarding students," he said. "The faculty was to enforce them and the students were to obey them."

But the societies began by 1875 to regulate student behavior not only in the societies' halls but on and off campus.

This dual enforcement system failed because faculty enforcement and student enforcement conflicted. "The Di-Phi was a government within a government," Coates said. "The inner succeeded, while the outer failed."

The faculty then began turning over all conduct cases to the societies for trial. The system worked so well that the trustees gave full support to the Di and Phi Societies in 1885, Coates said.

"Any student expelled from the societies was automatically expelled from the University," Coates said.

But as UNC's enrollment increased and new professional schools were established, the students proved their ability to regulate their own conduct, and the societies' influence on conduct declined.

"The campus had outgrown its governing authority," Coates said. "When a new student council was formed, the capacity of students to govern themselves was proved. It was this tradition of self-government that gave the student council the ability to survive—and it did survive."

The Di and Phi Societies' membership began to decline. Although the societies pooled their membership, only one member was left in the fall of 1969. Twelve new members were recruited in 1970, and today there are approximately 40 members of the Di-Phi Societies.

Coates' wife, Gladys, who conducted a five-year study in the 1930s on the University's history, noted that the Di and Phi Societies' book collections became the nucleus of the University library.

Bobbitt, Di Society president in 1921 and recipient of the Willie P. Mangum Medal for oratory in 1922, recalled that the societies once offered a pastime for students.

"I was here before the time of that great modern invention, the automobile," he said. "Students couldn't go home for the weekend and looked toward the societies for something to do on weekends."

Bobbitt told a story about a speech made by Thomas Wolfe when he was admitted into the Di Society: "One of our members had a habit of spitting when he talked, and this irritated Tom to no end. He broke up the audience when he said, 'Mr. President, we came here expecting oration, instead we got exhortation.'"



Members of the Dialectic and Philanthropic Societies met last night to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the reinstating of the societies during Reconstruction.

N.C. State chancellor to be chosen

by Sam Fulwood
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The field of candidates for the position of North Carolina State's next chancellor, narrowed to two last week, Walter L. Smith, chairperson of the Search Committee, said Monday.

The selection of a new chancellor has been in progress since November when former Chancellor John T. Caldwell announced his retirement to be effective July 1. Caldwell

served as chancellor there for 15 years. Refusing to name the two remaining candidates, Smith said he will submit the names to the NCSU Board of Trustees on Saturday.

Upon approval by the trustees, the names will be passed on to William C. Friday, president of the University of North Carolina system. Friday will choose one of the two and convene the Board of Governors for final approval.

"I feel the individuals were the type I would recommend to the Board of Governors," Friday said. To begin the screening process, Friday met with the committee to suggest the qualifications it should look for. "We were looking for intelligent, aggressive leadership which would work well with the other institutions in the state," he said.

William H. Simpson, secretary of the Search Committee, said approximately 200 applicants were considered for the position, which was advertised nationally.

SG health position extended by CGC

by Chris Fuller
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The position of student health advocate, established this summer by Student Government, was extended last week by the Campus Governing Council through the academic year.

Katie Newsome Campbell, a senior psychology major from Winston-Salem, was appointed to the position during the summer and will keep it through the year.

"The responsibilities (of student health advocate) are two-fold," Campbell said. "I am a consumer health advocate and a liaison between the Student Health Service (SHS) and the student body."

During her tenure as health advocate, Campbell has worked on several programs. She is now working on a survey of married students on medical care for non-student spouses, prenatal obstetrical care and care for dependents. She said the hospital administration is not considering this type of care.

Campbell said she is also planning panel discussions on test anxiety, nutrition, weight control and different aspects of sexuality.

Campbell also handles student consumer complaints for Blue Cross and Blue Shield. She is investigating a Blue Cross policy change that involves



Katie Campbell, Student Government's student health advocate

insurance policies for married students. Blue Cross offered last year two policies to married students, one for couples with children and one for couples without. This year it offers one plan, a family plan with rates higher than the previous married-without-children policy. Campbell said she is trying to get the old policies reinstated.

Campbell serves as a grievance mechanism for students who have complaints about health care. The accepted procedure, recommended by Campbell, has been to go to SHS and complain directly to the doctor or person involved. A student could file a blind complaint if he wanted to be anonymous. But the student would not be informed of any resulting action.

As an alternative to the blind complaint, Campbell handles the grievance and reports to the student any action taken.

During the summer, Campbell organized a meeting between campus police, the Chapel Hill/Carboro Rape Crisis Center and the North Carolina Memorial Hospital Emergency Rape Team to discuss the emotional needs of rape victims.

Campbell, recently appointed by the Chancellor to the SHS Administration Board, has written articles on SHS for Student Government's publication *Summer Life*, a campus women's magazine *SHE*, and the *Daily Tar Heel*.



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