

# Cheerleaders eyeing national competition

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During the 1960s, cheerleaders were often perceived as popular homecoming queen candidates or pom-pom dips, but that image may have changed in the '70s and '80s as the athletic skills of both male and female cheerleaders sharpened and gymnastic tumbling and stunts supplemented traditional chants.

One result of the "new cheerleading" is a national competition for collegiate cheerleaders directed by the Universal Cheerleaders Association, a Memphis-based training and service organization for cheerleaders.

The UNC varsity cheerleading squad will compete for one of 10 slots in the 1984 competition, sponsored by Ford Motor Co.

Ten teams of finalists will be chosen in November by a panel of judges selected by the UCA. These 10 winners of the regional competition will be flown to Hawaii in December by UCA to compete for the national collegiate championship title.

The December championships will be telecast nationwide by NBC. Last year when the Alabama cheerleaders somersaulted to the top of the collegiate pom-pom pyramid the final contest was broadcast by Cable News Network.

"We started practicing three weeks before school started, and the squad also went to camp," said Toni Branner, co-captain of the varsity squad. "Over fall break a former cheerleader at Louisiana State University came and choreographed our routine; the squad had put together pyramids and stunt sequences and he helped smooth out the transitions."

When UNC won a similar competition in 1979, the competition had no preliminary or regional contests, said Rob Stallings, co-captain for the UNC varsity squad.

"ICS sponsored the competition and they simply invited big-name schools to enter it," Stallings said. "After winning the 1979 championship, the squad

started working more toward winning the national championship than concentrating on the crowd, so the administration opted to discontinue the squad's participation."

Donald Boulton, vice chancellor and dean of student affairs, denied that the administration had anything to do with the squad's absence from any national competitions.

"There were a couple of years when the varsity squad didn't participate in a competition of this sort, but I don't know the exact dates," Boulton said. "They were working so hard preparing for the competition as well as for games that they weren't totally effective at either one," he said. "But it was their own decision not to enter the years they didn't."

No decision was made by the administration, but I seem to remember Sharon Mitchell, the cheerleaders' advisor at the time, commenting on the squad's decision," Boulton said.

Mary Sullivan, advisor for the 1984-1985 varsity cheerleading squad, said: "While I'm not familiar with the dynamics of what has happened in past years, I do know that last year the squad became involved in the national competition because they felt they were developing a more athletic team."

The squad has worked on tempering their primary focus on the team and the University with their athletic ability and competitive edge, Sullivan said. "But even though the squad has worked very hard for the competition — we've been working for a couple of months — it is definitely a sideline," she said. "The games and team support activities receive the main focus."

The UNC squad entered a national cheerleading competition last year for the first time since the 1979 victory.

For the initial regional competition, squads from all over the country will videotape a three-minute performance and send it to a group of UCA judges in their geographic conference. The UNC squad plans to videotape its



Paula Wiggins is part of UNC's cheerleading squad.

performance around November 10, according to Branner.

The judging panels will be composed of cheerleading experts from all over the country, Stallings said.

Criteria for judging the performances will be based on communication and projection, fundamental skills such as partner stunts and tumbling, group technique, synchronization and rhythm,

and most importantly, crowd appeal and effect; difficulty, excitement and motivational aspects, Stallings said.

After the regional competitions are decided from the videotapes submitted by the squads, two squads will be selected from each conference plus two squads-at-large to participate in the final competition in Hawaii in December.

## Students can get advice from SCAU, SLS

By LAURIE DENISE WILLIS  
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UNC students who need legal representation, advice on landlords, on which stores to shop at or which apartments to rent can get help at Student Legal Services and the Student Consumer Action Union.

The SLS in room 222 of the Student Union has two full- and one part-time attorneys, who work from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. giving students legal advice and representation on subjects ranging from landlord-tenant disputes to divorce.

Dorothy Bernholz, SLS attorney, said students benefit greatly from SLS. "We've become an economic force in the community. We give students more parity and that's an important aspect."

Most students come to SLS with landlord-tenant problems. "Last month

we saw a total of 190 students. Fifty-four of those students came to us with landlord problems, 28 had criminal problems, 26 traffic and 22 consumer."

SLS attorneys go to court with students whenever necessary, she said. SLS takes the trials as far as they go but they never usually reach the appellate level. "Typically our claims are under \$1,000 and when we win our opponents don't wish to pay for an appeal."

SLS attorneys do not represent students with criminal charges, but they do offer those students advice, Bernholz said.

She said SLS would like to do more for students. "We're controlled by a student board of directors who tell us what litigations to take."

SLS attorneys also conduct seminars in dormitories to make students aware of SLS services. "We mail out pamphlets to all incoming freshmen and junior transfers but sometimes those students become so inundated with material they overlook important material," Bernholz said.

SLS is funded by student fees and is available for all UNC students.

The Student Consumer Action Union located in Suite B of the Union is primarily designed to inform students about consumer issues. SCAU's biggest project is its publications, said junior Jim Toner, SCAU president.

"The Franklin Street Gourmet includes information about every restaurant in the Chapel Hill-Carrboro area," he said. "Our biggest publication,

however, is the *Southern Part of Heaven*, which is a guide to housing in the Chapel Hill-Carrboro area."

Toner said that publication told students what to look for when renting apartments. "It's designed to help keep confused students from getting ripped off," he said.

Many students use SCAU services without realizing who provides them, he said. "A lot of students pick up our brochures in the Union lobby but they don't connect them with SCAU."

There are four SCAU counselors and a committee which handles complaints such as automobile and landlord problems.

Students who go to SCAU with consumer problems are often referred to SLS, he said.

## Panel talks on black women

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Feelings of social and academic isolation by black women could be giving Chapel Hill a negative reputation about being a good place to live, said Lillie J. Edwards, assistant professor of Afro-American history.

Edwards was part of the panel discussion "Black Women Faculty at UNC: Concerns Unique and in Common" sponsored by the Association of Women Faculty yesterday.

Dorothy Howze, assistant professor of maternal and child health; Linda Lacey, assistant professor of city and regional planning; and Audrey E. Johnson, associate professor in the School of Social Work were the other panel members.

This feeling of isolation can be attributed to a lack of support systems for the black female, panel members said.

"When you're up for review, for example, there's no one to turn to for support or advice," Howze said. "You feel isolated."

Howze said one reason there were not many support groups was because black women did not have models to look to for support.

"We (the panel) represent people who have made it," she said.

Even when a support system is available it may exist outside of the traditional network, Edwards said.

"It's good to have support and people you can turn to," Howze said. "You shouldn't have to carry the load alone."

Lacey said she agreed support systems were important. "I started setting up a support system as soon as I got to Chapel Hill," she said.

Panel members agreed there were sometime problems when a woman faculty member tried to reach out for help or tried to establish a support group.

particularly a black woman, reaches out for help, it is seen as incompetence," Howze said.

This lack of a support system also extends into the Chapel Hill community, the panel said. Members said that when black faculty members were given the opportunity to choose between living in traditionally white Chapel Hill and a more diverse area like Durham, they would choose Durham.

"Essentially it's a trade-off," Howze said. "You get to be around a more diverse community, but you're cut off from the academic environment."

One of the reasons Lacey said she chose to live in Durham was due to the diversity. "In Durham there is a black community that I can participate in and become involved in as a private citizen," she said.

"There is no diverse black community in Chapel Hill for blacks to become a part of," Howze said.

Howze said a number of black faculty women were making the decision to withdraw from academics because of the isolation.

The panel said there were things that the University could do to increase support groups.

"The faculty has a lot of power it can use," Johnson said.

Faculty members could make sure University officials look at college recruits carefully for qualified minorities. Howze said it was good to look for people who could make major decisions and changes when recruiting for department heads or chairs. Members also said it was important for faculty to encourage people who come in for interviews not discourage them.

Edwards said some of the issues discussed at the meeting could be of help to some of those present.

"Some will think about what was said and try to apply it," Edwards said. "Others will just go on back to their rooms in Davis."

Campus Calendar		Saturday
<b>Friday</b>		9:30 a.m. Anglican Student Fellowship Saturday Breakfast at Chapel of the Cross.
Noon	STAND and AWS movie: "Women's Voices: The Gender Gap" in 211 Union. Also at 1 p.m. and 2 p.m.	<b>Sunday</b>
2:30 p.m.	Y Outreach meeting in the Y Lounge.	7 p.m. BISA meeting in the Union.
3 p.m.	Law School Lecture: "Considerations in Gifts To or For Children" by C. Penn Carver of the Winston-Salem Bar.	<b>Items of Interest</b>
7 p.m.	STAND Peace Vigil in Front of Franklin St. Post Office.	Dec. 8 GRE must be postmarked by Nov. 2. Material is available in Nash Hall. GRE Advanced Biology may be taken in place of V&T for vet school. Contact 201D Steele for Details.
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