

# Center adapts to women's needs

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The Orange County Women's Center on Rosemary Street has been providing local women with career and housing information, counseling and monthly workshops for the past six years.

The organization was founded in 1979 by an anonymous donor who gave \$35,000 to begin this "women's refuge." Director Darlene Wells refers to the center in this manner because it "provides a network and support group for women which is unlike anything that I've ever seen."

"Our philosophy is basically to enhance women's growth and potential," Wells said. "We are a centralized place for women to come and to call when they need all kinds of information, not just when they have a problem."

The OCWC provides a variety of ways for area women to get information about child care, housing and jobs. Information and referrals are given over the phone and in person.

Specialized support groups serve the needs that many women have expressed, including emotional, identification and sharing concerns. Workshops and support groups are organized when a definite need has been established.

Wells said that needs are determined carefully. The requests that come in over the phone and in person, and evaluations given in each program give feedback to the center.

"We are also open to ideas from women who want to teach," the director said. Because the OCWC is non-profit, it cannot afford to pay leaders for its workshops. The availability of volunteer professional women to teach limits the kinds of programs offered.

OCWC's peer counseling service is offered in response to an intense identified need, Wells said. "Women wanted someone to listen and help them make a first step."

"We found we were being used as part-time counselors and that this type of call was increasing," Wells said. "So we decided to train volunteers to be counselors."

Last fall the first group of peer counseling volunteers went through an 18-hour training session. They were taught how to respond to various problems which women commonly express. Volunteers agreed to serve a nine-month term. This fall a third group of volunteers has been trained to take on some of the load.

The counseling OCWC provides is short-term, with up to five sessions. "Women come in seeking help with relationship and interpersonal problems, midlife transitions, isolation, depression and many other conflicts," Wells said.

Denise Kronberger is a small business owner who has counseled six or seven women in her six months as a peer counselor. Kronberger has a master's degree in psychology and worked professionally in this field for six years before buying and operating Whims, a card and novelty shop on Franklin Street. "I have dealt mainly with women who express isolation, feeling powerless and imposed upon," she said.

"Most women I've counseled have felt confused about what they should do in their personal and career lives."

Kathy Campbell is a first-year UNC graduate student in psychology. She also volunteers time as a peer counselor.

"A lot of times people want an opportunity to talk and sort things out in their own heads. We help them come up with their own ideas."

Kronberger said that most who come to the center for counseling are career women between 20 and 40 years of age. "We need to be reaching the public more so they can be aware of us. That way we can service more people, reaching all women, not just the Chapel Hillian who has her Ph.D. in biophysics."

The counselor said that rural women especially need

to be reached. Kronberger said this is because of a lack of awareness among these types of women and perhaps a reluctance to take their troubles "out of the home."

In order to remain open and serve people in Orange County, the OCWC must receive funding. Fees are charged to women who decide to become members. The fees are flexible, ranging from a minimum of \$15 to however much a woman is willing to give. The center usually has some 400 members.

Regular fees are charged for workshops and symposiums according to the program topic. Non-member costs for workshops range from \$5 to \$25. The longer, more involved symposiums can cost from \$20 to \$75. Though these fees exist, no one is denied attendance because of lack of finances, Wells said.

Several government sources have helped to financially support the center. Since 1982, Chapel Hill has provided \$4,000 a year. Carrboro gives \$600 a year. Money is also given by Orange County and the United Way.

Last month a seminar for women in management was held to raise money. Fees of \$75 per person brought in a "good amount," Wells said. Admission charged for an exhibition of works by women artists in June also added to the OCWC's funds.

Several fund raisers are planned for 1986. Chi Omega sorority has offered to plan one to be sponsored by the Panhellenic Council. The PlayMakers Repertory Company has offered to reserve some tickets for its winter season and donate them to the OCWC.

"A lot of corporations, businesses and individuals give \$100 or over. This interest and support really makes us happy," Wells said. She cited Ida Friday, wife of UNC President William Friday, as a strong supporter of the OCWC.

"Recently her mother died. Instead of having friends send flowers, Mrs. Friday asked that donations be made to the center. That's what I call true support."

# Small towns facing an insurance crisis

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In North Carolina and throughout the rest of the nation, small towns and cities are feeling the crunch of astronomical new insurance rates.

Municipalities in this category are fortunate, however, because several have been refused any coverage by insurance companies.

Chapel Hill and Carrboro are also feeling, to a certain extent, the effects of higher insurance rates.

"We will be seeing some small changes," said Dick Bushane of the Chapel Hill financial development office.

Just what those "small changes" are will be discussed Monday in a general meeting of Chapel Hill Town Council members. A memorandum of the discussions will be released soon afterward.

"The problem is by no means whatsoever confined to this area," Bushane said, "but rather is being suffered to an even greater extent around the whole country."

According to a study in *Business: North Carolina*, there are two principle causes for the insurance crisis. First, casualty and property insurance companies have slashed their budgets drastically. The second is related to the fact that principles of liability coverage are themselves

being redefined. In Asheboro, insurance premiums increased 1000 percent from \$6,600 to \$66,000, and Rutherford County's costs increased from \$1,700 to \$84,000.

In the latter instance, Aetna Life and Casualty announced it would discontinue Salisbury's policy for general liability in July of this year. Three other insurance companies informed city manager Harvey Mathias they would be able to provide their own offers, but as the deadline neared nothing had actually been submitted.

Some towns faced with the dilemma are now being forced to make a choice between accepting inflated new insurance rates or forming private pools that could provide coverage for members.

For example, Mathias and Jim Spivey, executive director of the Insurance and Risk Management Agency in Mecklenburg County, are cooperating with the League of Municipalities to create such a pool in that area.

Because insurance companies have overextended themselves in past policies and are now making such abrupt changes, officials say they expect the matter to worsen before it improves.

# Seniors decide on gifts

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A \$175,000 fundraising goal has been set by the senior class to establish two scholarships and a teaching award and to construct entranceways to campus as the class of 1986's gift to the University.

John Kennedy, senior class president, said he was "pleased with the choice of the senior gift, because we are giving something that the University needs and has needed for years."

Katharine Kelley, senior class vice president, said, "We wanted to give something tangible (the entranceways) so that 20 years from now, people can bring their kids back and say 'this is what our class gave to the University.'"

"The scholarships are intangible," she said. "They're something to show that we support education and we are proud of our education."

Gift Committee Chairwoman Lauren Teague, said the gift choice seemed to appeal to everyone. "We wanted to give some perpetual gift — something the class will always be remembered for and something they can continue to give to in the future," she said.

"An example is the class of '38, who still contributes to funds for students to travel internationally," she said. "That's the same idea we have for our scholarship and teaching awards."

According to a statement released Thursday by the Senior Class Committee, the gift would include two scholarships — one need-based, the other merit-based. For each scholarship and the teaching award, \$40,000 would be

placed in an endowment fund and annual proceeds would provide the money for the scholarships.

Recipients of the need-based scholarship would be seniors who have shown outstanding achievement and would be chosen by the Student Aid Office. The stipulation requiring the recipient to be a senior was made because seniors have difficulty getting financial aid, Kennedy said.

The merit-based scholarship would place two people in the College of Arts and Sciences Fellows Program. These fellows would be chosen according to criteria used in the selection of other fellows in the program.

The teaching award would be given by the College of Arts and Sciences in a process similar to that of the Tanner Award, which selects its recipients through nominations by students and faculty.

The final part of the gift consists of the construction of three entranceways to campus. The entranceways would serve as markers to let people know when they were entering campus, Teague said. They will be located at the Cameron Avenue-South Columbia Street historic entrance, the Student Activities Center area and the lot across from the Institute of Government.

Kelley said, "We haven't got it all detailed. They (the University) are going to hire an architect to design a sign system and the entranceways are going to be a part of that."

Kennedy said the entranceways would not be considered gates because they would not be closed or locked.

According to the statement, \$55,000 would go toward construction.

To reach these goals, the class will sponsor a phone-a-thon from Feb. 16 through 19. Kelley said the class marshals and people from the gift committee would sign up for shifts to request donations to the gift fund.

"We really want to contact every single senior," she said. "It would be great to get everyone to contribute."

Seniors will have five years to fulfill their pledges, Kennedy said. "It will be easy on those who are just getting out with new jobs," Teague said. "The first payment will be very small, but over the years the amount will be graduated."

Kelley said the class had chosen a gift before trying to raise money. "It's not how much money you have to dump into a gift, but what kind of gift you give," Teague agreed that quality, not quantity, made the gift selection right for the class.

## Campus Calendar

The DTH Campus Calendar will appear daily. Announcements to be run must be placed in the box outside the Daily Tar Heel office, Room 104 of the Student Union, by noon one day before the event — weekend announcements by noon Wednesday. Only announcements from University-recognized and campus organizations will be printed.

## Friday

2:00 p.m. Campus Y 22nd annual Crafts Bazaar in Great Hall today

through 9 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. A wide selection of pottery, woodwork, Christmas ornaments and other crafts will be on sale.

7:00 p.m. A Christian concert with Jim Reed and Richard Giersch will be held in the basement of the University Methodist Church on Franklin Street.

IVCF North Chapter meeting in Room 224 of the Student Union. David Bowen will speak on "Joy in Christ."

## Items of Interest

Sign up for 1986 Yackety Yack class portraits. Call 962-3912 or 962-1259, or come by 106 Union for appointment. Free sitting, priority for Seniors.

University Woman's Club has prepared a booklet *Starting Alone* which details the steps involved in securing the benefits to which a spouse, who has passed on, is entitled to after employment with the University. This is a service to the entire university community, and is available to anyone interested, from the University Woman's Club.

# No problems expected from rain

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Continuous rainfall that has pelted the Chapel Hill area for the past several days is not expected to cause any serious problems, said Doug Terry, superintendent of Orange Water and Sewer Authority.

Thursday night, however, several television stations issued flood warnings for the Triangle area.

"Unless it continues to rain substantially, there shouldn't be any trouble," Terry said.

The only problem so far occurred when leaves temporarily blocked the drainage system at Slug's restaurant on N.C. 54 Tuesday night, Terry said, adding that this is an uncommon situation.

"Morgan Creek is out of its banks," he said. The overflow, however, is not considered to be threatening.

Randall Lloyd, OWASA water plant operator, said that between 8 a.m. Tuesday and 8 a.m. Wednesday, rainfall was approximately 2.5 inches. Since the first of November, a total of some 8.3

inches of rain have fallen.

University Lake, which was 39 inches below full capacity at the beginning of the month, is now 7.25 inches over that level.

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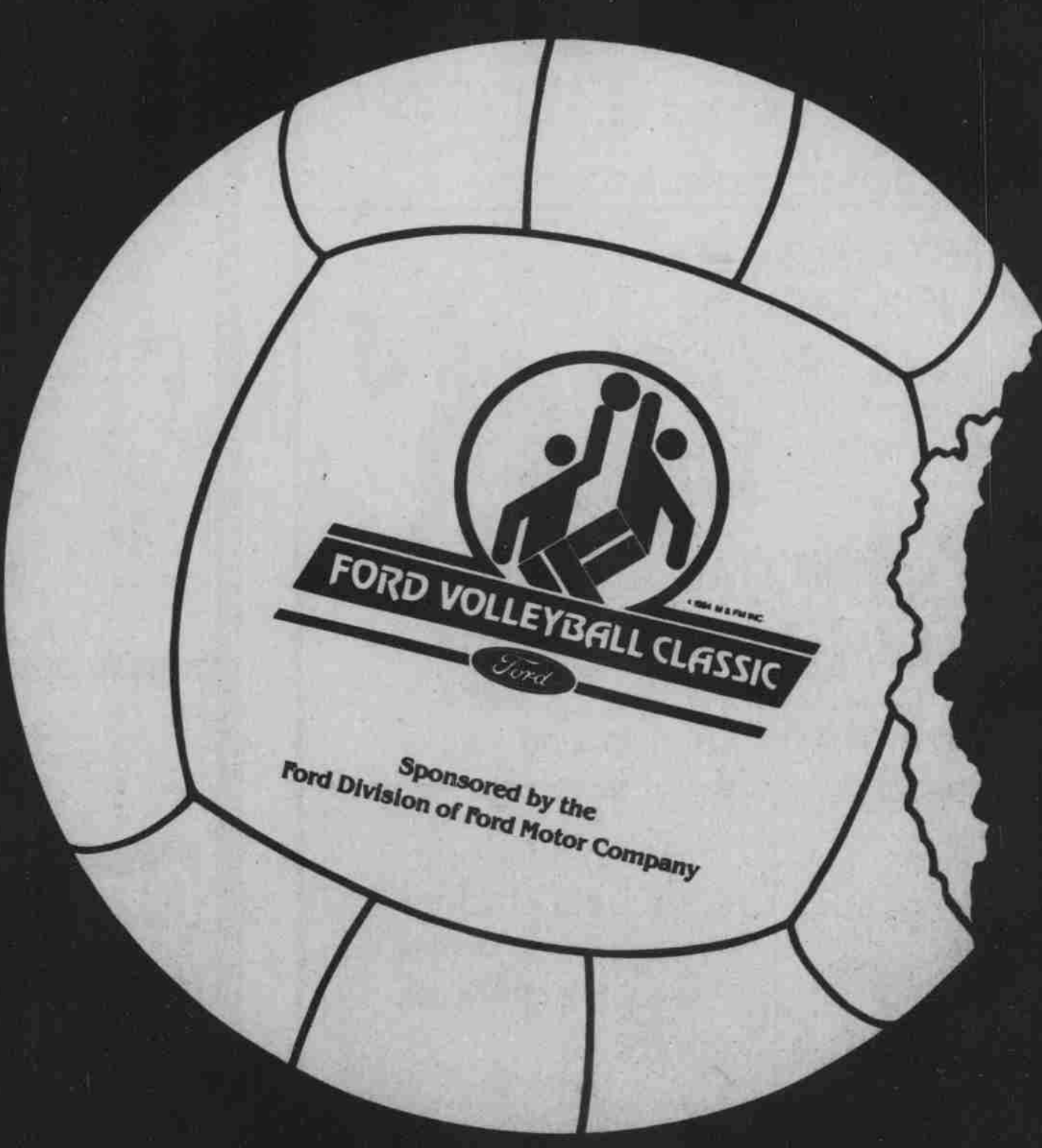
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