

Leg work leads to success for High Kicking Heels

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Sophomores Christina Benfield and Kimberly Waller say the High Kicking Heels have made great strides since their debut last year as the first drill team in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

Benfield and Waller, who founded the group last year, say the year's work has been worthwhile. "Getting to perform at a football game and having people recognize us as the High Kicking Heels is just incredible," Benfield says.

When the two dancers decided that Carolina needed a drill team last fall, they ran up against obstacles.

"We got a lot of run-around at first," Waller says. "We'd go to get a form in one building and then get sent somewhere else. But altogether, getting recognized as a student organization was the easiest step."

Last year, one of the squad's biggest problems was getting performances, Waller says. The squad still tries to perform as often as it can and is getting performance dates.

"We started out doing a J.V. basketball game because that's what we could get," Waller says. "It's difficult to be a new group that nobody knows. People don't want to let you perform if they don't know your reputation, and we were so new

that we didn't have a reputation."

This year they've performed more frequently and at events with larger attendances. They have danced at the Georgia Tech football game, in the Pit during Spirit Week and in the Homecoming parade. Dancing at wrestling matches and varsity basketball games is in the works.

"Of course, we still have our problems," Benfield says. "We have only been able to perform at one football game so far. Maryland just began a drill team, and they've already performed in our stadium as well. It's very frustrating."

Sophomore Carolyn Williams, who made the squad last spring, says, "We really had to fight for those performances, but the results are worth it. The public response to the football game was great."

The 24 members all feel the frustration at one time or another, but their practices and their love of dance continue.

Their precision dance routines are choreographed by the entire squad. "At practice we each contribute moves that we like until we have an entire routine," Williams says. The squad sometimes watches tapes of other teams to pick up new moves and techniques. They also pick up moves from dance camps each summer.

When the team held its first tryouts, 70 people auditioned for 18 spots. "It was obvious that there is a real interest in dancing," Benfield says.

Tryouts were held again in the spring to fill extra spots, and turnout was high again. In the future, tryouts will always be in the spring, and each girl must try out, even past members.

Tryouts consist of learning a routine and performing it for the judges. The girls must also be able to do the splits, and of course, high kicks.

The dancers all have some previous dance experience. A majority of the girls were on a dance squad in high school.

Williams says she danced ballet for 13 years. "The dancing has always been there," she says. "Not only do I love the dancing, but it keeps me in shape and gets me involved on campus."

The 58 blue ribbons that the squad won at dance camp this summer prove the practice, talent and skill of these girls.

They take the squad very seriously, and say their dedication shows in their fight for recognition.

"Our squad is very young, but I know we have the ability," Waller says. "We really work well together and I am looking forward to the future."



DTH/Dan Charlson

The High Kicking Heels strut their stuff during intermission at Sunday night's home wrestling match

Bias ruled out of classified ads

By MARIA HAREN
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Have you noticed that the classified advertising in the Daily Tar Heel is looking a little different lately?

The change is due to the application of federal policy to newspapers, maintaining that any classified ads that contain preferences based on race, gender or religion are discriminatory.

The change in DTH policy on Nov. 19 came after a civil suit against the Jackson (Miss.) Clarion-Ledger. The Justice Department obtained a court order requiring the newspaper to discontinue publishing rental housing ads that specified racial, religious or gender preferences.

"In our ads, we will not have any discrimination in regards to sex, race, national origin or religion," said Anne Fulcher, DTH director and general manager.

The new policy especially effects the "roommates wanted" ads. "Stu-

dents can still let readers know who they want for a roommate by stating what they are," Fulcher said.

Students can specify any other requirements besides those big four like color of hair, personal tastes, smoking or drinking habits, she said.

For example, a classified stating "A white, Christian, non-smoking male seeks non-smoking roommate," is an acceptable ad. But one that states "A white, Christian, non-smoking male seeks an Asian, Moslem, female roommate," is not.

"It's going to hinder the University community because (students) know what type of roommate they want," Fulcher said.

Dorothy Bernholtz, director of Student Legal Services, said if people felt discriminated against in the classified advertising, they could contact the Department of Justice, which would intervene on their behalf.

A paper could be taken to court if anyone wanted to press charges.

After the Justice Department has moved against one newspaper, Bernholtz said, any lawyer would advise his paper not to run those types of ads. "The prudent newspaper will adhere to that ruling," she said.

The DTH is not taking any chances, Fulcher said. If someone decided to sue for discrimination, the paper would be held responsible, she said, not the person who placed the ad.

She said that people had been informed of the change in policy when they called in to find out why their ads had been changed.

"It's going to be tougher for the classified department," Fulcher said. The department cannot just look for errors but also innuendoes.

She said the paper had also been advised to change its personals policy by not printing last names and by watching out for sexual innuendoes.

By TOM CAMP
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As exams approach, tension increases. So does the tendency to pick up old habits.

The Drug and Alcohol Outreach Program is there to help students with any drug- or alcohol-related problems, says Dana Hefter, president of the program. The Outreach office in the Student Union will be staffed during exam week, she said.

"One of the busiest times for us," Hefter said, "is during exams because many people's old habits like drinking or doing drugs start catching up with them. Sometimes they can't handle it alone."

The Outreach Program, which will change its name to Project Well next semester, is an informative service and a referral service, Hefter said. "We can answer questions like what drugs can do," she said, "and we can also refer students to a place where they can get help at little or no cost."

Members of the Outreach Pro-

gram go through a training period before they are allowed to counsel students, committee member Sara Page said.

"We go through intense counseling training," she said. "Representatives from Student Health, Mental Health, the police department and other organizations come and talk to us about drugs and alcohol. They help us learn about the type of person that can become addicted."

The maximum period that a member of the Outreach Program is qualified to counsel a student is two or three sessions, Page said. If the student needs additional treatment, or if the problem is severe, the Outreach Program will recommend an agency that can help.

"Someone will call or come in about a boyfriend or girlfriend they are concerned about," she said. "We will try to get them to come in and talk. If the problem is severe, we will refer them to a place like the Mental Health Department of Student

Services, the OPC (the mental health service of Orange, Person and Chattahoochee County) or the Alcohol Anonymous agency of this area," she said.

One of the biggest projects for the Outreach Program will be an Alcohol Awareness Fair in the Pit this spring. Last year, the fair focused only on alcohol awareness. This year drug problems will be added to the theme, said Emily Wilson, co-chairwoman of the Education Committee.

Through the Alcohol Awareness Fair and other services like speaking at fraternities, the Outreach Program helps educate people on campus on drug and alcohol problems.

"Right now, we're pretty new," Hefter said. "Our biggest goal is to educate people and let them know the difference between drinking and having a real problem. We're doing that through services like the fair and letting them know we're there to help."

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