

# Home tutoring can be effective education, experts say

By BETH RHEA  
Staff Writer

Home education, a little-known phenomenon today, has proven to be a viable option for many North Carolina children, according to experts in the field.

Parents teach their children in 1,030 homes across the state, according to Rod Helder, director of the Division of Non-Public Education in the Office of the Governor.

Home-schooling only recently received state sanction when it was brought under the auspices of the

statute governing private schools, Helder said.

In May 1985, the N.C. Supreme Court ruled unanimously in favor of home education when a parent who had taught his children in New York moved to North Carolina and claimed he could meet the state's requirements for conventional private schools.

One of the main reasons parents decide to home-school is the absence of religious instruction in public schools, said Walt Goforth, president of North Carolinians for Home

Education. Goforth estimated that 80 percent of the parents who home-teach do so because of their religious convictions.

"There's no morality being taught," Goforth said.

Pam Uhlenberg, who teaches five of her 12 children at home, said peer pressure was a main reason for her choice to home-school. Uhlenberg, wife of UNC associate professor of sociology Peter Uhlenberg, said children taught outside the home are often exposed to social dilemmas earlier than they should be.

"Sex and violence are such an open thing (in the schools)," Uhlenberg said. "It's not that (these issues) are totally sheltered from them in a home situation, but they can be more

controlled."

But opponents say children taught at home are protected from the societal realities that are essential to the education process.

"Education has to be broader than just what you can convey between a parent and a child in a classroom," said Gladys Graves, president of the North Carolina Association of Educators. "Interaction (with one's peers) helps prepare one for dealing in the real world. The public school mirrors society."

But the socialization children receive in school is negative as well as positive, said Goforth, whose children are home-educated.

"The child (at school) becomes peer-dependent," Goforth said. "We

want our children to be able to stand up alone and think. At home (as in school) they learn role models, but the role models they're learning to be like (at home) are a little better than their peers."

Goforth also cited the expense of private school education as a reason for home-schooling.

"Many parents would prefer to send their children to religious private schools but can't afford it," he said. "Home education is quite a bit cheaper than private school."

There is a cost incurred by parents for the necessary purchase of curriculum supplies, however, as well as financial difficulties caused when one parent does not work outside the home, Goforth said.

For parents who teach their children, however, the sacrifices are worth the rewards. Goforth, who has had much contact with home-educated children and their parents, said, "If you could meet some of the home-schooled kids, you would never know they were home-schooled."

Home-schooled children generally communicate well and exude confidence, he said. In addition, most of them score better than the average for their ages on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT).

Uhlenberg, some of whose children are now attending public school, said she plans to continue teaching her five youngest children at home. "We have felt that the positives were still outweighing the negatives."

## UNC journalism study rejects film's look at news anchors

From staff reports

"Broadcast News" improperly portrays the importance of attractiveness in the television news industry, according to a study by two UNC School of Journalism faculty members.

Frank Biocca and John Sweeney found the male anchors on all major network news programs were considered significantly less attractive than William Hurt, star of "Broadcast News."

Attractiveness may be more important, however, in the success of female news anchors, according to the study.

The movie portrays Hurt as a typical news anchor, whose career rises rapidly due to his attractiveness, not due to his knowledge of the news.

Sweeney and Biocca studied the relationship between physical attractiveness and television news by having 98 journalism students rate the attractiveness of news personalities, actors, actresses and politicians.

All network news anchors rated lower than Hurt. Hurt was rated 8.0 (on a scale of one to 10), while Peter Jennings received a 6.8 rating, Tom Brokaw 6.5 and Dan Rather 6.1.

Females rated higher, though, with Jane Pauley receiving the highest rating of 7.3. Diane Sawyer was rated 7.0, Connie Chung 6.9 and Judy Woodruff 6.8.

This suggests that while a certain level of attractiveness is optional for men, it seems more important for women on television, the researchers said.

### Faculty start literary group

Three present and retired faculty members of the UNC Department of English are among the 22 authors who have founded the Fellowship of Southern Writers.

Lecturer Elizabeth Spencer, University distinguished professor Louis Rubin and professor emeritus Blyden Jackson helped start the organization, which will honor distinguished achievement in Southern literature and will award

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biennial prizes to younger authors.

The chancellor of the fellowship is Cleath Brooks, a literary critic and visiting professor at UNC in the 1970s.

### Students named to Moot Court

The School of Law has chosen seven students for its 1988-89 National Moot Court Team, based on students' second-year class standing and outstanding advocacy and writing skills.

Chosen were Laura Baity of Greensboro, Edward Blyeat of Valdese, Karen Kee of Manteo, Mark Kotwick of Central Lake, Mich., Randy Reavis of Winston-Salem, Nick Robinson of Pittsboro and Jim Slaughter of Kannapolis.

The team will compete in national competition this fall in Williamsburg, Va.

### Focusing on Latin America

Films from Mexico, Cuba, Argentina and Brazil will highlight the 1988 Latin American Film Festival, sponsored by UNC's Institute of Latin American Studies.

The festival begins Monday and runs until April 14. All films are free and will be shown with English subtitles at 7:30 p.m. in the Hanes Art Center.

In conjunction with the films, the exhibition "Latin American Portraits and Landscapes" will be in the Hanes Art Center glass gallery through Thursday. The exhibition includes works by Argentine photographer Daniel Szyld, professor of computer science at Duke University.

The first film presentation on Monday will include a reception for the artist and an introduction to the first film, "Frida," by Ignacio Duran, cultural attache to the Mexican Embassy in Washington.

"Frida" is the story of Latin American artist, feminist and political activist Frida Kahlo.

By AMY GRUBBS  
Staff Writer

University Village, a new theater and retail complex, is being planned by Chapel Hill developers East West Partners.

The complex, which will have six to eight theaters, will be located on N.C. 54 between University Inn and Hamilton Drive.

But town officials have expressed some concern with the development. The main concerns have been with

traffic and parking in and around the complex.

Chapel Hill development coordinator Dave Rosler said the traffic increase from the proposed 1,200-seat, 20,000 square foot retail center could be a problem, especially when the movies at the complex end.

Now, the parking portion of the development's plan considers the University Inn, Slug's and University Village parking lots as "one continuous parking lot running along the

highway," Rosler said.

The developer's plan calls for only about 370 parking spaces for the complex, and the town fears this will not be enough, he said.

"We've created a new animal with multi-screen theaters," Rosler said.

The planning staff is also concerned about safety because there could be a "sight-distance problem" entering and leaving University Village, he said.

Rosler said the proposal will go before the planning board and the town will then hold a public hearing. The proposal could be heard by the planning board in May, but it is more likely to come before the board in June, he said.

Roger Perry, a senior partner in East West Partners, said there had been some concern voiced by the neighborhoods in the area, but he does not anticipate a large problem with the development.

## Developers plan theater, retail complex

## Teaching award winners to be announced

By SAMANTHA NEWMAN  
Staff Writer

Recipients of the 1988 Distinguished Teaching Awards will be announced next week, despite a weak voting response from students.

The Committee on Distinguished Teaching Awards announced the contest on Feb. 2, and has received about 250 votes from students, said anthropology professor Julia Crane, committee chairwoman. The deadline for submitting votes was Feb. 23.

The awards were established in 1960 to give students the opportunity to vote for their favorite teacher, Crane said.

Committee members place ballot boxes in the Davis and Undergraduate libraries and other campus locations, and watch the incoming ballots.

When a teacher accumulates a number of votes, committee members

examine course evaluations and talk to other professors in the department. This follow-up procedure prevents flukes and insures that the voting represents a legitimate pattern, Crane said.

Six student members of the awards committee are chosen by the chancellor's office. Six faculty members are former award recipients.

Six awards are granted every year — five Tanner winners and one Salgo winner. Each winner receives \$2,000 and a framed certificate.

The awards will be announced by Chancellor Christopher Fordham at the last Faculty Council meeting of the year.

Campus elections coincide with balloting for the awards, Crane said, and this may reduce awareness of the awards. Crane also cited a lack of publicity as a reason for the low student response.

Students just are not interested in participating in the voting for the awards, said Mary Pettis, secretary to Donald Boulton, dean and vice chancellor of student affairs.

"The response has been dwindling

over the past four years," Pettis said.

The lackluster response from students disappoints not only committee members, but also the faculty members who receive the awards, Crane said.

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MONDAY, APRIL 4TH

12:00 noon **MARCH FOR AFFIRMATIVE ACTION**, East to West Bus-stops. Followed by Mike on the Quad on Discrimination.

4:00 **ED HUDGINS**, Location to be announced.

7:00 pm **MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. MEMORIAL SERVICE**, B.C. Film Theater.

TUESDAY, APRIL 5TH

12:00 noon Mike on the Quad; Topic: The Environment.

3:00 pm **WALK IN DUKE FOREST**. Meet behind Carr building.

7:15 pm Poetry reading by **ARIEL DORFMAN**. Amnesty International Benefit. \$5 in Art Museum.

8:30 pm **JULIAN BOND**, 107 Gross Chemistry Bldg. Special Supplement to *The Chronicle*;

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6TH

12:00 noon Mike on the Quad; Topic: Human Rights.

6:00 **JOHN SAUNDERS**, Perkins 226.

7:00 **"DOWN AND OUT IN AMERICA,"** Bryan Center Film Theater.

8:00 pm **ABBIE HOFFMAN**, Page Auditorium.

THURSDAY, APRIL 7TH

12:00 noon Mike on the Quad; Topic: Duke/Durham relations

3:00 pm **ROBERT HAYES**, Location to be announced.

4:00 pm **C. ERIC LINCOLN**, Von Canon C.

5:45 pm **LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP** with **JOHN OTT**, 016 Old Chemistry.

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(WMST 24)			11:20-12:50
PHIL 46	Philosophical Issues in Feminism	E.L. Fox	M-F
(WMST 46)	(fulfills B.A. level Philosophical perspective and General College requirement.)		11:20-12:50
POLI SCI 72	Women and Politics	P. Conover	M-F
(WMST 72)	(fulfills B.A. level Social Sciences perspective)		9:40-11:10
LSRA 101	Women, Work and Leisure	K. Henderson	M-F
(WMST 101)	(fulfills B.A. level Social Sciences perspective)		9:40-11:10
WMST 190	Practicum in Women's Studies	Staff	TBA
WMST 199	Independent Reading and Research	Staff	TBA

### SUMMER SESSION II

PHIL 46	Philosophical Issues in Feminism	L.L. Alward	M-F
(WMST 46)	(fulfills B.A. level Philosophical perspective and General College requirement.)		11:20-12:50
PHYE 63	American Women in Sport	A. Lumpkin	MWF
(WMST 63)	(fulfills B.A. level Social Sciences perspective)		11:20-12:50
WMST 190	Practicum in Women's Studies	Staff	TBA
WMST 199	Independent Reading and Research	Staff	TBA

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#### Women's Studies Courses

WMST 190	Practicum in Women's Studies	Staff	TBA
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#### Crosslisted Courses

AFRI 61	African Women: Changing Ideals & Realities (fulfills B.A. level Non-Western/Comparative perspective)	C. Newbury	T, TH
(WMST 61)			2:00-3:15
ENGL 50	Topics in Gender and Literature: Images of Women in 19th Century Britain	B. Taylor	T, TH
(WMST 150)			11:00-12:15
HIST 221	Readings in American Women's History	J. Hall	W
(WMST 221)			2:00-5:00
LSRA 101	Women, Work and Leisure (fulfills B.A. level Social Sciences perspective)	D. Bialeschki	T, TH
(WMST 101)			9:30-10:45
MHCH 103	Reproductive Physiology and Conception Control	J. Hulka	TBA
(WMST 103)			
PHIL 46	Philosophical Issues in Feminism (fulfills B.A. level Philosophical perspective and General College requirement)	L. Tirrell	T, TH
(WMST 46)			2:00-3:15
POLI SCI 72	Women and Politics	P. Conover	MWF
(WMST 72)			9:00-9:50
POLI SCI 164	Feminism and Political Theory	S. Leonard	MWF
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