National coalition of students works for peace, social justice

By BETH RHEA Staff Writer

Carolina students will have countless ways to make use of their free time this fall. They'll hang out in the Pit, toss a football on the quad or take a stroll down Franklin Street. But one group of students has something a little more ambitious in mind. They say they're trying to change the world.

Seriously. These students are members of the Student Action Union (SAU), a newly-organized national coalition of student and community activist

a Joel Segal, a law student who spearheaded the formation of SAU, described the group's goal as "peace and social justice at home and

abroad. "We want students to start thinking critically about themselves and the world," Segal said.

Members are focusing their efforts on a variety of progressive issues. They are seeking, among other things, to end poverty; to provide adequate, available child care and accessible, free education; to bolster racial cooperation; and to end the arms

SAU was created after Segal attended the Rutgers Convention, a gathering of 700 activists from 130 campuses at Rutgers University in New Jersey. The students had intended to form a new national student movement, Segal said, but when some organizations said they

Police

were not adequately represented to vote on a constitution, the participants decided to forego their plan.

Segal said it was his idea to try to pull everyone together again and hold another convention. He and a few friends sent out invitations to activists all over the country. The Unity Conference was held July 15 to 17 at UNC, sponsored by Vice Chancellor Harold Wallace and the Institute of Government.

"We are the beginning of a coalition that feels that the system is just not working," Segal said.

About 400 activists attended, representing 20 student and community groups. The students cemented their union as a network of organizations working for a common goal, "to serve and support and inspire one another," said member Joel Cypress, an American history graduate student.

The SAU in Chapel Hill has a host of activities planned for this year, including a demonstration beginning Oct. 14 at the Department of Education in Washington, D.C., to lobby for access and equality in education, and an Oct. 17 rally at the Pentagon calling for an end to military aid to El Salvador. The rally is being held by D.C. SCAR (Student Coalition against Apartheid and Racism).

Another major event the SAU has scheduled is an April 4 world candlelight vigil, where it will call for all universities to divest from South

"At this conference we agreed to a statement of purpose," Segal said. "People are spiritually and philosophically committed to this.

"Our message is so true - peace and social justice. It's going to work because we're right."

For now, the SAU is looking for students who are concerned about the world they live in.

"We students have been partying for about 20 years now, right?" Segal said. "But we can party and change the country at the same time. There's plenty of laughter and good times, but yet we're dead serious about changing the country."

Interested students can work on several local projects, including a voter registration/education drive led by Cypress.

"We're trying to get people involved not just on election day, but afterward," Cypress said. "If we don't keep people politically active and politically aware after election day, we're not going to get much out of our elected officials.

Kirk Ross, a graduate student and a graphic artist at a local newspaper, is editor of the national newsletter for the SAU. He is busy preparing the first issue, which is due out Oct. 1.

"We're not real interested in making a big media splash," Ross said of the SAU's goals. "We're just trying to get the job done."

The group's first organizational meeting will be Thursday, Sept. 8, at 7:30 p.m. in Murphy 105.

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they had less experience than several other officers who applied, because they had filed grievances and the department was trying to appease

li Edwards said that discrimination within the police department is blatant.

"There's no administrator at the University of North Carolina who can explain to me why I am the only black female in the University police force, and the only one who's ever been hired," she said Friday.

She said qualified black females had applied for positions but had been turned down or never been granted an interview.

Edwards' other major complaint was that the University grievance process was unfair. She said according to the official process, the employee relations department's solutions are not supposed to be put into effect until the complainants agree to the resolution. After the officers filed their initial grievances and the department suggested the reopening of six positions to appease them, the officers said they were not satisfied, but the department pro-

ceeded with its solution anyway. "We said no, but they went ahead (with the reopening)," Edwards said. "Nothing stopped. What kind of process is this? Why give me all these options when you're going to do what

you want anyway?" Also, she said she felt that the employee relations department had taken the police administration's side by the time the step three hearing took

"In order for an employee to have a backup, you have to get a lawyer," she said. "We had no one. (The employee relations department) cannot represent both parties."

Edwards said morale in the department is low in the wake of the reassignment controversy.

"There are so many employees who are mentally defeated," she said. "They don't have a prayer. You go back (to employee relations), and you're mistreated and harassed because you went and told on them. Employee relations will call your supervisor before you get back.

"Maybe it's time for me to go outside the University and see if they see it any differently," she said.

Vice Chancellor Harold Wallace expressed little surprise that Edwards had decided to appeal her grievance. "She's always felt she had a legitimate complaint," he said, "and it was only appropriate that she press it to the end.

Wallace said he thought Edwards' complaint was justified.

"In 14 years she has been the only black female on the force," he said. "You just look at the facts. Considering the results, one would be surprised if someone didn't raise the question of whether racism was a problem."

Wallace, who said he had been a "confidante" for Edwards and several other officers who had filed grievances, declined to comment on the substance of the appeal while it was still pending.



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Chapel Hill investor faces imprisonment

By JEANNA BAXTER

Chapel Hill businessman Guilford Waddell III, charged with taking more than \$2 million from clients of his insurance and investment companies, faces up to 16 years in prison after a plea bargaining agreement was made last

Under the agreement, Waddell pleaded guilty to four counts of obtaining property under false pretenses, two counts of securities fraud and 14 counts of embezzlement. Other charges pending against him were dismissed.

Waddell now faces a maximum sentence of 16 years, Orange-Chatham District Attorney Carl Fox said. Although he could have been sentenced to up to 190 years, such a long sentence is not usual for cases like Waddell's.

"Anyone expecting a longer sentence, like 40 to 50 years, is not thinking realistically," Fox said.

Waddell's sentencing hearing will be Oct. 31. The delay between the plea bargaining and sentencing will give Waddell the opportunity to design a restitution program, Fox said.

Waddell owes \$1,062,374 to investors in the 20 charges to which he pleaded guilty. A solid plan of restitution may help mitigate his sentence, Fox said.

However, Fox said he does not see any funds forthcoming and expects Waddell to be given the full 16-year sentence, although he could be eligible for parole in six

"If he could come up with that kind of money, he wouldn't be in this predicament now," Fox said.

The plea bargaining agreement ensured that Waddell was convicted of 20 charges and saved the state a lot of time and money, Fox said. It was unlikely that Waddell would have been convicted of the other 13 charges, he said.

Between 1981 and January

1988, Waddell allegedly took about \$2 million from clients of his investment and insurance firms, Waddell Investment Group, Waddell Jenmar Securities and

Waddell Properties. Waddell initially contacted the district attorney's office in January and then turned himself in to State Bureau of Investigation agents.

Waddell was arrested in February and charged with eight counts of embezzlement, three counts of obtaining property under false pretenses and four counts of felonious securities violations.

He spent five days in the Orange County Jail before being released on a \$20,000 cash bond.

In April, he was charged with 16 more counts of embezzlement and two more counts of obtaining property under false pretenses.

It is believed that Waddell spent the majority of the money on his lifestyle and business expenses, Fox said.

Mental health programs help deal with stress

By FRANCINE ALLEN

Unfortunately, life has never existed without problems. And the rigors of college can feed those problems.

But the mental health section of the UNC Student Health Service can help students deal with the stress of college life, said psychologist Meredith Mayer, a mental health staff

This fall, the mental health section is offering group counseling and support for student victims of childhood sexual abuse, students of alcoholic parents, students with eating disorders and gay or lesbian

"There are a lot of adjustments at college," Mayer said. "A lot of people get stuck with problems. With help they are able to see clearer (those) things that are bothering them."

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married and unmarried couples, said clinical social worker John Reinhold.

Students can participate in these groups at no cost, Reinhold said. If space is available, faculty members and other people who are not students can participate in the group counseling for \$25, although individual counseling is usually not available to them, he said.

With individual counseling, Reinhold said, "there are step-by-step discussions between the therapist and the student to clarify difficulties and then help the student to deal with those problems."

When students need additional help, staff members refer them to

private practices in the area or to the outpatient clinic in the mental health section of N.C. Memorial Hospital,

Funds for the counseling and therapy provided by Student Health Service come from student fees. Reinhold said.

The mental health section is open between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Reinhold said. But it also accepts people on weekends, during emergencies and without appointments.

"I enjoy seeing the students grow and develop," Mayer said. "We (the mental health section staff) feel a commitment to the population we serve."



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