

# Study finds teachers' program flawed

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A study recently submitted to the General Assembly has reinforced opposition from N.C. teachers to statewide implementation of the career ladder program.

The study, prepared for the General Assembly by the Research and Service Institute of Brentwood, Tenn., found no evidence that the state's pilot career ladder program led to more teacher resignations, hirings or applications.

A 295-page report on the study noted there were problems with the career ladder program that was tested in the 15 systems.

"We feel that the study indicated

the North Carolina Association of Educators," Karen Garr, president of NCAE in Raleigh, said in a telephone interview Tuesday.

The NCAE is opposed to statewide implementation of the career ladder and was satisfied with the results of the study, she said.

"We feel that it represents what the NCAE has been saying all along. We don't believe in this program. It's a bad plan."

Members voted 38,411 to 2,076 against the career ladder at a recent convention meeting, she said. Of the 15 systems with the career ladder program, only three — Burlington City, Montgomery County and Fdenton-Chowan — voted to imple-

ment the program permanently, Garr said.

The NCAE is "on the record" for supporting the accountability of teachers, she said. "We think that there ought to be evaluations."

An NCAE counterproposal to the career ladder calls for individual schools to set their evaluation guidelines.

The study compared 15 systems experimenting with the career ladder to 15 systems of similar size without the ladder.

Sixteen systems in North Carolina have an experimental career ladder.

The Charlotte-Mecklenburg system, which employs its own plan, was not included in the study.

The study undertaken to evaluate North Carolina's career ladder was a comprehensive one, according to Lynn Cornett, associate director of the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) in Atlanta.

"It is one of the comprehensive type, third party evaluations that has been undertaken," she said. "It certainly comes under the category of a comprehensive study."

The SREB monitors career ladders in the states that have them, Cornett said. Determining the effectiveness of an individual program is difficult, she said.

"I think most of (the programs) are still fairly new."

# Keg party guidelines set at University of Pennsylvania

PHILADELPHIA — Administrators at the University of Pennsylvania lifted the keg ban in effect for the past 10 months and issued guidelines for having keg parties.

In May, the state of Pennsylvania passed "one of the tightest (alcohol laws) in the country" that prompted university officials to ban beer kegs at parties, said Francine Walker, director of student life at the University of Pennsylvania.

The legislature expanded the definition of "furnish" in the alcohol law to mean that no one could provide, sell or give alcohol to anyone under 21 or allow anyone under 21 to possess alcoholic beverages on property held by an individual or institution, she said.

Because of the tighter restrictions, she said the university became more liable when alcohol was distributed without regard to a person's age — as often happens at keg parties.

"There was a fair amount of agitation about it," Walker said. "Students were very upset about the fact that kegs were banned."

After appointing a committee to study the issue, Walker said the administration decided kegs could be permitted in "fairly circumscribed areas."

Any group wanting to have kegs at a party must present a plan to the building administrator at the party's location, guarantee the alcohol will not be accessible to everyone and require partygoers to present proof of age if they wish to drink.

Walker said no compliance problems had been reported since the new ruling went into effect.

## SHS packet protects students

TUCSON, Ariz. — Oranges, condoms and some friendly advice were among the items the Student Health Service (SHS) at the University of Arizona offered to students as they left for spring break.

Health educator Koreen Johannessen came up with the idea of offering a spring break packet, which turned into a cooperative effort between different university departments and the community.

The college of agriculture donated oranges to prevent dehydration, and the cancer center

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supplied sunscreen and tips about skin cancer, said LeAnn Hamilton, a health educator at the SHS.

Since many University of Arizona students go to Mexico during spring break, the packages also included a sample of Pepto-Bismol and advice on how to stay out of Mexican jails, she said.

Other items included information about wearing seat belts, a button saying "When I say 'No,' I mean No," a reminder for students to call home and tips on stress management for those who spent their vacation in the library.

"We're concerned about students' whole health and tried to come up with an idea that would bring all that together," Hamilton said.

About 1,000 students picked up the free packet before leaving for spring break, she said.

## Students protest bar's closing

CLEMSON, S.C. — Students at Clemson University turned out in full force earlier this month to protest the city council's converting the largest downtown bar into office space.

The Tiger Town Tavern has been a popular spot for university students during its 12-year existence, but the building's out-of-town owner will not let the bar's owner renew the lease.

Tiger Town Tavern now pays \$2.50 per square foot to rent the building. City officials plan to convert the building to offices and rent the space for \$10 per square foot, said Danny McElmurray, assistant director of public relations and communication for the Clemson University student government.

But students weren't the only ones who wanted the bar to remain open.

"It outraged a lot of alumni," McElmurray said. "It's one of the closest bars to campus, and we have a dry campus."

Students have formed a group to propose buying the lease and turning it back into the Tiger Town Tavern, but they have been unsuccessful so far, he said.

— compiled by Susan Holdsclaw

# Timberlyne managers request rack removal

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The managers of Timberlyne Shopping Center have asked several newspapers to remove their racks from the front of the shopping center because of complaints from merchants and shoppers.

Timberlyne's property manager at Westchase Development Corp., Peggy Holt, said Westchase will install a newspaper rack holder Thursday to hold five newspapers: The Chapel Hill Newspaper, The (Raleigh) News and Observer, the Wall Street Journal, the Greensboro News and Record and The New York Times.

Holt said the management chose to keep the newspapers that had the greatest circulation.

Papers that will be removed from

Timberlyne include The Village Advocate, the Spectator, the Community Sports News and The Daily Tar Heel, Holt said.

If Timberlyne's customers request that another newspaper be included in the rack, Westchase will consider making a change, Holt said.

At least one paper may have trouble removing its rack.

Sara Van, a spokeswoman for The Village Advocate, said its rack had been chained to another paper's rack at Timberlyne, but The Village Advocate will try to comply with Westchase's request.

The Village Advocate places its boxes near heavy pedestrian traffic, Van said. It places its racks on private property, but will remove boxes at the request of the owner.

The Advocate does receive requests

to remove its racks, but it does not happen regularly, Van said.

Willow Creek Shopping Center also asked that newspapers remove their racks last month, and The Advocate complied, Van said.

Three of the shopping center's merchants said they do not object to the racks if they are maintained.

Dave Boyce, vice president of Mind Windows, said he has no problems with the placement or number of the racks and has made no complaints.

"That (the complaints) did not come from us, I assure you."

A manager of Timberlyne's Food Lion said she does not mind the racks. "As long as they are kept neatly, it is fine with us."

The manager of another Timberlyne store said he did not mind the

racks being at the shopping center so long as they are not in front of his store.

"It is not bothering me as long as they (the racks) are at the other end," he said.

But Holt said she has heard several complaints from shoppers and merchants who say papers litter the area around the boxes, and the racks are so numerous they get in people's way.

"They find it very unsightly that the boxes are not maintained," Holt said.

Holt said the number of newspaper racks has increased from five to fifteen in the past few years.

"They are just coming and putting them here without permission," she said. "This is private property and we are within our rights to have the boxes removed."

# Carrboro considering regulating bikes

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Concerned Carrboro residents will meet Wednesday to discuss a proposed ordinance concerning designated sidewalk restrictions for bicyclists and the general attitude toward bicycling in Carrboro.

"We're more of an advocacy group as opposed to a bike or riding club. We express community needs for bicyclists to the town," said David Perry, spokesman for the Carrboro Bicyclists Network.

There is an immediate problem with bicyclists using a portion of sidewalk on Jones Ferry Road rather than the designated bike path and riding through the Wendy's Restau-

rant parking lot, Perry said.

Some bicyclists ride through the Wendy's parking lot to avoid waiting at the intersection stoplight, he said. "I think it is best not to cut through Wendy's. I think this is a very reasonable regulation."

A proposed town ordinance would restrict bicyclists from sidewalks in certain areas, such as the Carrboro business district, he said.

"There is a feeling that there has been some conflict between pedestrians and the town," Perry said.

"We don't perceive a problem between bicyclists in the town."

The town is growing and this is a cause for increased conflict on many issues, Perry said. "We want to

examine what is the safest way for bicyclists, motorists and pedestrians to get along in Carrboro."

Randy Marshall, a member of the Carrboro Board of Aldermen, said a request was presented to the board by residents wishing to outlaw bicycles from the sidewalk on one portion of Jones Ferry Road.

"There was something brought to the board about the fact that people were riding bicycles on Jones Ferry Road and not using the bicycle path," Marshall said.

Bicyclists continue to ride on the sidewalk rather than cross traffic to reach Main Street, he said.

Jones Ferry Road is traveled frequently by university students

living in Old Well and Woodbridge Apartments, Marshall said.

Marshall said there is a question about how to address the issue. "There was a concern on the part of the Board of Aldermen about taking bicycles off only one stretch of sidewalk."

Mayor Pro-Tem Hilliard Caldwell explained that the issue involves bicycles and traffic laws.

"The whole thing generated from bicyclists observing laws," he said.

The ordinance was originally proposed because there have been concerns from the town and police department about the enforcement of traffic laws in Carrboro, Caldwell said.

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