

City and State

Forum to address abortion questions, legal rulings

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The Activating Awareness for Choice and Equality Organization (ACE) and the Women's Forum of the Campus Y will sponsor a presentation on "Reproductive Rights: Whose Choice?" at 8 p.m. in Student Union room 211.

Speakers are Brenda Williamson from the Religious Coalition for Abor-

tion Rights in North Carolina and Professor William Reppy from Duke University Law School.

Williamson, a member of the Women of Color Partnership Project, will discuss the importance of keeping abortion a legal alternative for women, said Polly Guthrie, co-chairwoman of AACE. Reppy will clarify the issues which the Supreme Court will be discuss in upcoming months.

Debbie King, a member of the Women's Forum, said she was looking forward to attending the presentation. "The speakers are worth the time it takes to go," she said.

AACE is a newly-formed group that consists of faculty members and students and is affiliated with Planned Parenthood and the National Abortion Rights Action League (NARAL). "Our goal is to keep abortion safe and legal

and to show that pro-choice supporters can be visible and vocal," Guthrie said.

Other abortion rights activities will be conducted on campus. Amy Schutz, co-chairwoman of the Women's Forum, said a letter-writing booth would be set up in the Pit today from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

"Students can write letters to local Congress people about abortion," she

said. The booth, which will be manned by members of the Women's Forum, will appear again in the weeks ahead, she said.

The program and the booth are being presented at a time when many groups are dealing with abortion, Schutz said. During Human Rights Week, on Nov. 12, a mobilization for abortion rights sponsored by the National Organization of Women (NOW) will take place

in Washington. Both AACE and the Women's Forum will organize buses to transport people to the event.

The Coalition for Choice, which consists of NOW, NARAL and Planned Parenthood, will sponsor a Green Ribbon Campaign on Nov. 12 for those people who are unable to go to Washington. "Everyone will be encouraged to wear a green ribbon to show their support for pro-choice," Guthrie said.

Program encourages students to help in hurricane clean-up

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Students can help the three-county area in South Carolina hit hardest by Hurricane Hugo, said Miriam Jicha, a volunteer for Emergency Operations, a group coordinating clean-up in Charleston, Dorchester and Berkeley counties.

Roofing supplies, heavy-duty cleaning products and manpower are needed most, she said.

Food also is needed, she said. "The shelters are still popping out of the seams with people out of their homes. This will get people back into their homes."

Money to help repair homes can be

sent to the Charleston County Disaster Relief Fund. Jicha encouraged UNC groups to hold fundraising events to raise money for the areas hit by Hugo.

Students can also give their time and energy to the cleanup effort. "Go down and help haul wood, shovel mud, scrub a wall," Jicha said.

"If a group goes down, even a small

group, they should call the Emergency Operations command center, which will tell them where to go. There are trucks coming from everywhere backed up bumper-to-bumper on the highway, and they (students) could lose a lot of time."

Groups should bring food for themselves, Jicha said. "If you go down you need to be self-sufficient."

"A friend of mine said, 'This is not society as you know it. We're a Third World nation.'"

Campus groups also could help students in the area by "adopting" a group at schools in the stricken area, Jicha said. "A group on (the UNC) campus could adopt a comparable group on a campus (in Charleston). They could

call and see what the group's specific needs are and cater to those needs."

Emergency Operations' command center phone number is (803)554-5951.

Checks payable to Charleston County Disaster Relief Fund can be sent to Harold Bisbee, comptroller, 2 Courthouse Square, Charleston, S.C., 27401.

State law to determine amount of child support

By SANDY WALL
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A new state law establishing guidelines regarding the amount a parent must pay for child support went into effect Sunday.

Under the new law, judges are given binding guidelines for setting the amount of child support a parent must pay.

The guidelines set percentages of gross income that a parent is obligated to pay in child support, based on the number of children that the parent is ordered to support.

For example, if a parent is ordered to pay child support for one child, that parent must allot 17 percent of his or her income for support payment. Likewise, if a parent is ordered to pay child support for two children, the parent must pay 25 percent of his or her gross income.

The percentage-of-income guidelines are actually the same as those judges have been operating under for two years, only now they are binding and uniform throughout the state, said John Taylor, service projects manager for the N.C. Administrative Office of the Courts.

"Prior to this law, the guidelines were advisory in nature," Taylor said in a telephone interview. "We are using the same percentages (only now) they are presumptive. They are mandatory to be used."

The law establishing the child support guidelines was passed by the N.C. General Assembly in response to a federal order which said the state must

make child support guidelines binding by Oct. 1, Taylor said.

Because the state receives federal funds for enforcing child support payments, North Carolina was obligated to pass the law making the guidelines for child support amounts mandatory, he said.

"The purpose of the bill was primarily to comply with federal law."

The Conference of Chief District Court Judges has been instructed to study the current guidelines and make recommendations during the 1990 short session of the General Assembly, he said.

Janet Sparks, director of Child Support Enforcement of Orange County, agreed the new law will make child support more uniform throughout the state.

"The court is now required to use them (the guidelines)," she said in a telephone interview from Hillsborough. "They've become presumptive."

But the new law will not be a drastic change for the Orange-Chatham County District Court judges, who have been using the guidelines in most child support cases, Sparks said.

"They were used in more than a majority of cases."

Under the new law, a judge may deviate from the mandated percentages but only when there are extenuating circumstances, Sparks said.

The new law will make it clear how much a parent is required to pay in child support, she said. "People will know what's expected of them."



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On the lookout

Brothers Andrew, left, and Paul Steckel, both of Jacksonville, Fla., climbed a tree in McCorkle Place Monday afternoon while visiting the University.

School board candidates discuss election issues

By TRACY LAWSON
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The four candidates vying for three seats on the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City School Board believe raising students' test scores, implementing middle schools and raising the quality of education will be some of the key issues in the Nov. 7 election.

The candidates are Doug Breeden, Jack Gibson, and incumbents Mary Bushnell and Ted Parrish.

Bushnell, who has served on the board for two years, is in charge of customer service and correspondence for the Executive Health Report newsletter. Bushnell won an unexpired term in 1987.

She said the two biggest issues that needed to be addressed were continued support of extended education opportunities and the implementation of middle schools.

"We need to continue to provide excellent education opportunities for every student in the Chapel Hill area even though we are growing at a tremendous rate."

Bushnell, a former English teacher, said it was important for a school system to have middle schools. "I once taught on the middle school level, and

I feel they are a real benefit to the development of the student."

In 1988 Bushnell worked to pass a bond referendum that raised money for the expansion of the school system.

Parrish, an incumbent running for a fourth term, is the chairman of the health education department at N.C. Central University. Parrish said the biggest issues would be action on overcrowding, raising minority tests scores and the implementation of middle schools.

"The school system is growing rather rapidly. Our 10-year plan is already out of date. We need to look at building a new elementary school in addition to the plans allowed in the bond referendum."

Recent test scores have revealed that minority students have not improved as much as the system would like, Parrish said. He also said the board needed to keep planning in mind when it developed new ideas.

"Recently the proposed middle schools were affected because we are growing too rapidly. We have a sort of tail-wagging-the-dog scenario that can be avoided if we keep planning in mind."

Parrish, who is the chairman of the school board, said his accomplishments included placing attention on "at-risk"

students. He said that historically the system had done well with high achievers but not so well with low achievers.

"Recently the superintendent, the school board and principals have drawn up plans to help at-risk students. One example is approving articulation between the high school and local community colleges."

Gibson, who is running for his first term, is a program assistant at Southeastern Educational Improvement Laboratory. Gibson said the biggest issue facing voters in the November election was the quality of education in Chapel Hill.

"I think it is important to address the quality of education offered to students in the area, especially focusing on the underachiever."

Gibson also said there should be added attention placed on improving students' long term memories.

"So often students are taught information on Monday and then tested on Friday. My philosophy is students should be held responsible for knowing all the information they are taught indefinitely."

Gibson said students needed to be exposed to standardized tests repeatedly to prepare them for college admis-

sion exams and similar exams.

"Many times top students wind up not making high scores because they are not used to this type of exam."

Breeden, who also is running for his first term on the board, is a finance professor at Duke University. He could not be reached for comments.

DTH U-desk seeks writers

Interested in a career in journalism? Tired of watching too many soaps? Sick of your roommate? Then the University desk of The Daily Tar Heel may be for you.

We're looking for a few good writers to cover University-related news. Previous experience is not needed, but a willingness to put time, effort and hard work into the job is. We'll need you to work at least two days a week.

Anyone interested in being a U-Desk (as we so cleverly refer to ourselves) should call University editors Jenny Cloninger or Justin McGuire at the DTH office (962-0245) before Friday. A tryout story may be necessary. And remember, it'll be fun, fun, fun.

\$10 million program to renovate W&L fraternities

LEXINGTON, Va. — A \$10 million program approved by the Washington and Lee Board of Trustees has a double motive of renovating fraternity houses and setting uniform standards in all the local chapters, according to Kevin Nash, Interfraternity Council president.

The "Fraternity Renaissance Program" will allow a facelift for the university's 17 fraternity houses, but at the base of the program is a set of "Standards for Fraternities" that must be adopted in order to participate in the program. The standards, which were adopted by the university, set forth operating guidelines that define the privileges and responsibilities of the fraternity houses.

Once renovated, houses will be leased back to their respective housing corporation, which will be responsible for meeting specified interior and exterior physical standards.

Film sparks racism discussion

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. — At Pennsylvania State University, Spike Lee's movie "Do The Right Thing" became the background for a student discussion of racism.

Project Growth, a university program that fosters greater sensitivity among students on campus, sponsored the event. According to Project Growth Coordinator Stephanie Jefferis, the movie, which was attended by approximately 200 students on campus, stressed mutual respect and understanding.

Jefferis said the discussion afterward was a chance for students to express their emotions and also a chance to listen to others.

Across the Campuses

Iowa fine arts college proposed

IOWA CITY, Ia. — A suggestion that several departments at the University of Iowa combine to form a separate college for fine arts has faculty members concerned that it could move students away from a broad liberal arts education.

A report by the state Board of Regents suggests that the university establish a College of Fine Arts by incorporating the separate departments of art and art history, theater, writing and music.

Wallace Tomasini, director of the School of Art and Art History, said he believed creating a smaller college that specialized in a limited number of classes might prove detrimental to a well-rounded liberal arts education.

"I'm a great supporter of teaching within the liberal arts setting," Tomasini said.

University receives federal grant

BELLINGHAM, Wash. — Western Washington University's Office of Student Life has received a \$119,642 grant from the U.S. Department of Education for a drug abuse education and prevention program.

Ninety-three institutions received such grants, which were authorized by former President Reagan's signing of the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act.

COMING NEXT WEEK —
Minority Career Fair - October 10
and Carolina Career Fair - October 11 in the Great Hall