

State and National

Program teaches parents of Wake students to cope

WINSTON-SALEM — Parents of incoming freshmen at Wake Forest University are eligible to participate in a series of seminars that are designed to help them adjust to their children leaving home.

Wake Forest psychology professor David Catron, who with his wife has been active in helping married couples improve their relationships, developed and directs the program.

In the program, parents are taught how to adjust to home life without their child and how to start seeing their child as an adult.

He first thought of the program when he noticed the number of incoming freshmen and their parents at Wake Forest.

Across the Campuses

"It started out as a 'see if it would fly' proposition," Catron said in a telephone interview. "I went to the provost and he thought it sounded good."

That was nine years ago, and the program is still going strong.

"We had 350 parents sign up this year. That's probably the biggest registration we've had."

Catron said parents were very appreciative of the program and often remembered him years after the seminar. "I hardly go to graduation these days

without someone saying they were in the program."

New clinic offers rehabilitation

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. — Rutgers University students who are dependent on drugs or alcohol can now check themselves into an on-campus rehabilitation center to receive treatment.

The Hurtado Health Center is a 15-bed in-patient rehabilitation center where students can spend up to 28 days recovering from substance abuse, said Jackie O'Herron, director of the center. The clinic is in its first year of operation.

The on-campus clinic enables students to receive treatment for their

addictions and continue to go to class, she said in a telephone interview.

"It is set up like a small dormitory. We have full-time counselors plus medical and nursing staffs."

Once the students complete their treatment, they are released to return to university housing, she said. Each patient's situation and condition is followed-up.

Insurance money picks up the tab for most patients, although a limited amount of grant money is available, O'Herron said.

The clinic has received several inquiries from other universities, she said. "We would accept referrals from other colleges."

Texas schools dual for library site

HOUSTON, TEXAS — Students at the University of Houston want President George Bush to designate their campus as the eventual site of the Bush Presidential Library.

In August, Student Association President Mikal Belicove met with White House officials and presented them with a framed resolution that was passed in the University's Student Senate. The resolution was a formal invitation for Bush to designate Houston as the site of the library.

Belicove is cautiously optimistic about Houston's chances for receiving the library.

"It's coming along very nicely," he said in a telephone interview. "President Bush is not in a position to say where the library will be."

"It's a little presumptuous for a president to say where his records will be kept (this early in his term). It's just a little too early."

Catron said he was presently asking the University of Houston system to come out in favor of the students' position.

"They're coming along very nicely. I expect an announcement by the end of the month."

Bush has said he wanted the library established in Texas. Houston is competing with Texas A&M for the library.

Drug testing to begin in prisons

By WENDY BOUNDS

Random drug testing will begin this fall in N.C. minimum security prisons to determine if there is a significant problem with inmate substance abuse.

The Governor's Crime Commission has allocated \$51,999 to the Department of Correction for random drug testing of state inmates who are allowed community leave. Eight prisons will be involved, according to Gregg Stahl, executive director of the Governor's Crime Commission.

"After initial testing in all eight prisons, four will continue to be tested over a series of months and four will not. At the end of the designated time we will look to see if the threat of detection in the four tested prisons is enough to curtail substance abuse."

The problem of substance abuse with

minimum security inmates lies with their using drugs on community leave and also smuggling these narcotics back into the prison. There are a variety of ways the inmates can sneak these drugs past the guards, said Lattie Baker, assistant secretary of correction for alcohol and drug abuse.

Drugs can be enclosed in balloons and then swallowed by the inmates who eventually will either regurgitate the balloon up or pass it in another fashion, Baker explained.

"The drugs can also be stuffed up any body cavity and retrieved later. Inmates also sew drugs into clothing items, hide narcotics in books and conceal them in objects with compartments specially designed to hold drugs."

Some officials question whether the mandatory testing is the most efficient way to approach the abuse problem.

Anthony Mulvihill, executive director of the Alcohol-Drug Council of North Carolina, said he didn't want the program to simply become a means for getting more prisoners in trouble.

"The problem exists at all levels — I don't want this program to concentrate on getting more people in deeper trouble."

Mulvihill also said if testing was going to be effective, prison employees also would need to be tested.

"The testing will need to include all those involved with the prisoner's who may have abuse problems. Otherwise the program will be ineffective."

Earl Beshears, eastern geographic command manager for the Division of Prisons, said the purpose of the program was to determine whether testing was an effective means of curtailing substance abuse.

Fire causes nuclear plant shutdown

By JANNETTE PIPPIN

A fire that ignited in one of the three main electrical transformers at the Shearon Harris nuclear power plant led to an automatic shutdown of the plant, but officials said the fire never posed a threat to the public.

"Since the fire was located on the steam side of the plant in the turbine deck at the transformer, it remained external to the concrete buildings which house the nuclear systems of the plant," R.B. Richey, Harris Nuclear Project manager said in a press release. "At no time was there any danger to the public."

At approximately 11:15 p.m. Sunday, the fire was reported and the Holly Springs and Fuquay-Varina fire departments were called to the site

near New Hill to assist in the firefighting effort. A hydrogen leak resulted from the fire, and the hydrogen used to cool the generator ignited.

By 2:43 a.m., officials reported that the fire had been extinguished and the hydrogen leak had been contained. No injuries were reported in the efforts to control the fire.

Based on the fire and hydrogen leak, an alert — the next to lowest classification prescribed by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) — was declared. Appropriate notifications were made to state and county officials and to the NRC.

An investigation into the origin of the fire and damage estimates are being conducted, said Kyle Hampton, a spokesman for Carolina Power and Light (CP&L) Co., which owns the

plant.

"The thing to remember is that the fire involved an electrical transformer. This, on a larger scale, is the same kind of transformer you would find on a utility pole in Chapel Hill, Raleigh or anywhere else."

Hampton said the plant will remain closed for the next eight to 10 weeks.

The plant was scheduled to go out of operation Oct. 21 for routine refueling. Because of the fire, the plant will begin the refueling process early as well as repair any damage to the transformer, Hampton said. The refueling for the plant will include routine testing and inspections.

Service to CP&L customers has not been disrupted because of the fire, Hampton said.

Grievance

he needed additional time to interview McSurely's witnesses, and had to revise his own list because the issues in the case had apparently changed.

Nesnow denied McSurely's request to subpoena three black female applicants who were turned down for jobs at University police as witnesses, but agreed to subpoena their job applications and the applications of the white officers hired in their places.

McSurely unsuccessfully argued that the witnesses were necessary to establish the racist context for Edwards' grievance.

Before the hearing, reporters from three television networks, a radio station and three newspapers crowded into

the tiny conference room in the Student Union as Edwards and representatives of Student Government read prepared statements denouncing the delays in the hearing.

Banu Ogan, co-chairwoman of the Network for Minority Issues (NMI), said, "If these allegations are true, then the UNC police department is blatantly racist and sexist. Racism or sexism existing on this campus is a blight upon the reputation of our great University."

The statement was signed by Student Congress Speaker Gene Davis, Student Body President Brien Lewis, members of Students for the Advancement of Race Relations and the Black Student Movement, and executive members of

the Campus Y.

NMI co-chairwoman Shilpi Somaya said that if Edwards' case were not heard, the group would be "forced to take further action," but declined to elaborate on what the action might be.

Edwards said that her life had "been like hell" since she filed the grievance.

"I have to be aware at all times that the University has this policy to silence me. It's just tension and stress every day, but I have to keep on pushing, because I believe in what I'm doing."

Davis said, "Officer Edwards' claims of racism and sexism in the department must be thoroughly investigated in order to restore confidence in the police department and the University."

Election

vide for the needs they may feel in the future and that are not felt by the other group."

Student Congress Speaker Gene Davis proposed the third referendum, which will change The Daily Tar Heel's bylaws to document the addition of five seats to its board of directors. This referendum received a 194-61 votes.

"I am very pleased with the outcome of The Daily Tar Heel referendum because it allows for the correction in the bylaws in order to expedite the incorporation of the DTH," Davis said. "The incorporation of the DTH is one of the most important actions taken on this campus in many years. The Student Congress is excited that they have had a part in this historic action."

Russell Dula, a senior from Carrboro, won the District 16 seat over senior David Turlington of Tarboro. Dula received two votes, and Turlington received one.

Nick Kontogeorgopoulos, a sophomore from Toronto, won the new seat for District 18. Kontogeorgopoulos won with a 13-11 vote over Ginny Hewitt, a junior from Wilson.

"I am really disappointed with the turnout (of the election), but I thank

those who turned out for showing they care about student government," Kontogeorgopoulos said. "Hopefully, I can use last year's experience to improve any aspect of congress or off-campus district issues."

Davis said: "The Student Congress is excited to have both vacant seats filled. We now have a full congress

Changes

only a restricted education in a particular discipline, Milan said.

"We hope this curriculum will foster a broader understanding of many areas of education," he said.

The program suggests a strict course curriculum concentrating in five main areas of discipline: cultures and civilizations, foreign language, mathematics, natural sciences and social sciences. Colleges adopting the program would require specific courses for freshmen, sophomores and some juniors.

Many schools substitute a core curriculum for what are known as general distribution requirements. UNC-CH mandates that freshmen and sophomores take two English composition

which allows for the best possible representation for the student body, and we are excited about working with these two people.

"We were down to 27 seats for a brief time, and it is very important to have all 29 seats filled. It expresses the confidence the student body has in the Student Congress."

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