

Campus and City

New program to give underclassmen peer advisers

By JEFF D. HILL
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The senior class peer advising program will begin operation Monday in response to the need to supplement existing faculty academic advising for General College students, organizers said Wednesday.

Robin Craig, the project's co-chairwoman, said: "Kids don't really have time (with their academic advisers) to get information about class selection, course selection and class descriptions. Whereas, upperclassmen who have had the classroom experience would be able to help them with that sort of thing."

The program will coincide with preregistration for the spring semester, which also starts Monday. Office hours are 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily. The office is in 216-A, Suite B of the Student Union.

Senior peer advising was instituted by Senior Class President Bobby Ferris. "Peer advising is an organized version of doing what is already done on campus," he said. "That is asking who is the teacher to get, what class to take to fill what perspective and such. This is done to supplement Steele Building (General College advisers)."

Both Craig and Ferris emphasized that the program was not intended to

replace regular appointments with General College advisers.

"A lot of times (as an undergraduate) I wished I had upperclassmen to talk with to see what classes to take," said peer adviser Jennifer Morris, a senior from Southern Pines. "We're not here to help someone pick a major, but we can offer some advice on some classes."

One General College adviser, Ron Hyatt, expressed some concern about possible misinformation being given to underclassmen. "Sometimes they (underclassmen) get incorrect views from upperclassmen," he said. "A peer adviser may not know the new qualifi-

cations which have been put into place for admission to that particular program. A peer adviser may not be as current as they need to be."

About 25 senior advisers have been selected through an application process. They have been trained to use the majors manual, undergraduate bulletin and class schedules, Craig said. Peer advisers have also learned whom to send students to should they have a more complex problem than the adviser has been trained to handle, she said. In addition, the senior advisers have role-played possible peer advising situations.

"We like to do a smoothing-off training to smooth off the rough edges," Ferris said. "But basically they have had the training for the last four years. What we do is put them through some extra things like the role-playing, as well as having Dean Jicha come speak with them and give them a sense of what it's like being an adviser."

A peer advising program has been tried before at UNC, Ferris said. The idea has been around since the 1970s, he said.

The groundwork for this year's program began when Ferris was working

on 1988-89 Student Body President Kevin Martin's campaign. Ferris said he researched the feasibility for Martin then and decided when he became senior class president that he wanted to start this project.

This attempt will be successful, Ferris said, because the program has a staff adviser — Mary Bowman, assistant dean of students. She will serve as the continuing link from one senior class administration to the next. Past programs have failed because graduating seniors were unable to find a way to continue the program once they left, he said.

Black alumni set for reunion

By CHRIS HELMS
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This weekend's ninth annual Black Alumni Reunion will be the largest in the history of the event, according to alumna and reunion organizer Cheryl Lockhart Jacobs.

Jacobs said more than 160 alumni preregistered, though she expected more than 200 alumni to attend the reunion held in the Carolina Inn. In the past, attendance was usually about 65, she said.

The attendance increase is the result of a year of planning, phone calls and advertising, Jacobs said.

An alumni committee concentrated efforts on attracting the 11,000 alumni in the Triangle, according to organizer Johnnie Southerland. He said turnout

from out-of-state alumni was generally good, because they rarely return to Chapel Hill otherwise.

Southerland said he expected alumni to come from as far away as New York, Chicago and Atlanta.

The reunion program features seminars, a luncheon, a presentation and time for alumni to catch up.

The seminars focus on internships, career development and health care issues in the black community. All three will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday. The seminar about internships may be of special interest to current students.

Elson Floyd, assistant vice president for student services, will host the seminar, titled "Internships: Where Do I Begin?"

In addition to the seminars, a variety

of speakers will address the alumni. Speakers include 1952 graduate Harvey Elliot Beech, the first black student to graduate from the University. Other alumni will speak about issues such as financial and economic development in the black community.

Saturday night there will be a "Weekend Extravaganza" at the Koury Natatorium next to the Smith Center. This will be the only event not held at the Carolina Inn.

The reunion will end on Sunday with an evaluation, planning for next year's reunion, and a discussion of the future of UNC and that of black students at the University, Jacobs said.

Information about registration, hotels and events is available from the General Alumni Association.

Group to update economic plan

By CAMERON TEW
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The Orange County Economic Development Commission (OCEDC) will update its Strategic Plan for Economic Development in Orange County at its meeting Thursday in Hillsborough.

Olivier Devaud, OCEDC assistant said the strategic plan was implemented in December 1988 to encourage economic growth throughout the county. The program's goals include providing more jobs and increasing the non-residential tax base in the county.

The strategic plan committee is divided into five subcommittees, Devaud said. The subcommittees have been working during the past two months on reports they will deliver to the OCEDC executive committee at the meeting.

Reports will include individual findings and plans for implementation of the strategic plan. The plan has targeted 12 challenges for economic growth in Orange County and has a specific time frame which runs through June 1990. The OCEDC will update and evaluate the plan each year.

The five subcommittees have focused their efforts on different areas concerning economic growth in Orange County, Devaud said.

The Target Advisory Group has the broadest focus of the subcommittees, he said. This subcommittee reviews how land in the county should be set aside, zoning of land and cost benefits of businesses considering locating in Orange County.

The Public Information Committee

and the Infrastructure Committee play important roles in the strategic plan also, Devaud said. The Infrastructure Committee deals with road construction, telephone lines and sewage lines.

"This is a countywide strategic plan, and since Chapel Hill is part of Orange County, it is considered an important part of the plan. Chapel Hill can only benefit from the plan."

Downtown Commission co-director Margie Haber said the commission supported the strategic plan and tries to work with the OCEDC when its plans affect downtown Chapel Hill.

"We started our own plan before the Strategic Plan was implemented, but the two work well together. We haven't seen the effects of the plan yet, but it is too early."

Local officials to attend N.C. league convention

By JEFF MOYER
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Four Chapel Hill officials will participate in the annual convention of the North Carolina League of Municipalities (NCLM) on Oct. 15-17. The convention will address the trends and problems of cities and towns throughout North Carolina.

Public affairs director Margot Christensen said the convention would center on the theme "Back to the Future." Workshops and lectures will focus on issues such as waste management and the city's role in the fight against drugs.

The convention will also address city interaction in natural emergencies, Christensen said. The effect of Hurricane Hugo and the resulting

statewide city interaction will be the topic of an open session.

"Many cities throughout the state donated services to the areas struck hardest," she said. The league tries to capitalize on these types of interactions.

Chapel Hill Town Manager David Taylor will be a member of a workshop addressing the question, "Are you an ethical public official?"

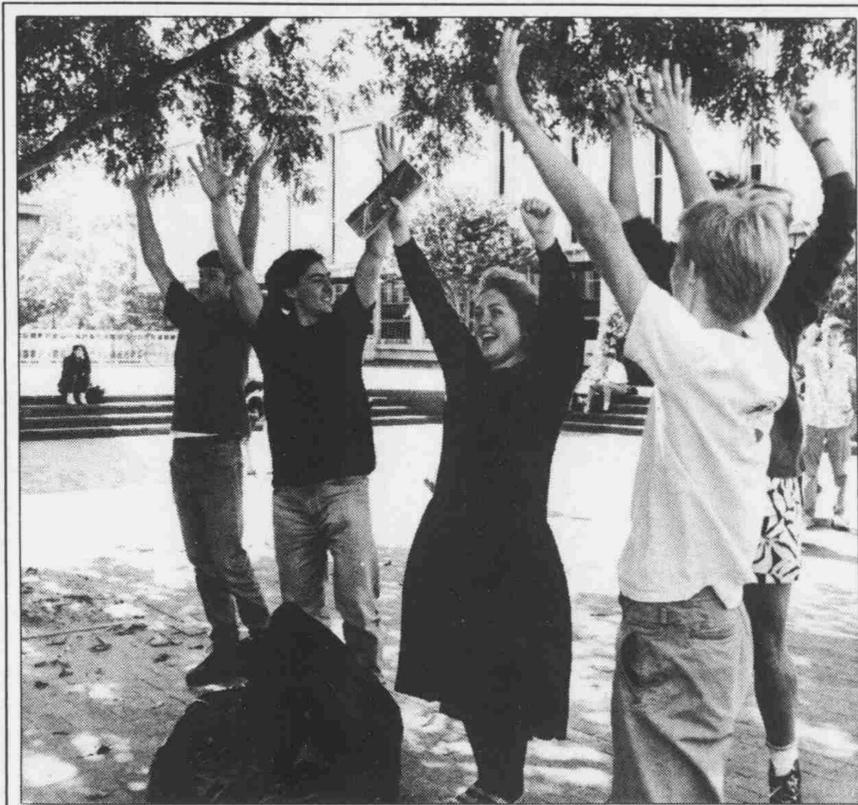
The workshop will consist of a panel discussion on the ethical questions facing municipal governments around the country, Taylor said. "The public officials will discuss possible ways to deal with difficult issues and hopefully gain a better understanding of what these ethical problems entail."



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Taking the plunge

Delta Zeta sorority member Monica Stein gets du naked as part of Sigma Chi Derby Days. Proceeds benefit N.C. Children's Hospital.



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Soda cans pop

The 'Crush Groove' can-crushing team celebrates its foot-stomping victory in the Pit Wednesday afternoon in the contest sponsored by the Tarheel Aluminum Recycling Program (TARP).

Clean-up continues in Hugo's wake

Charleston-area schools suffer extensive damage to facilities

By ERIC LUSK
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School officials in and around Charleston, S.C., are still in the process of cleaning up the damage caused by Hurricane Hugo that has kept students from attending classes for weeks.

Students at the College of Charleston resumed classes Oct. 2 after Hugo forced evacuation of the school Sept. 20.

"We've had to adjust our schedule somewhat by canceling Fall Break and moving exams back a few days in December, but we are going to make it through the semester," said Harry Lightsey, president of the College of Charleston.

While estimates vary from day to day, damage to the campus is figured to be in the range of \$6 million to \$8 million, Lightsey said. Most of the problems included lost roofs, structural damage and water damage. One building was completely destroyed, he said.

While enough rooms are available to hold classes, some students have no place to live and have been relocated to other rooms until all the damage can be repaired, Lightsey said. "Some of our dorm rooms just aren't livable yet."

Various clean-up and disaster relief committees have been formed by student volunteers at the school. Food and money donations are being made to help needy students, faculty and other members of the community.

"I'm proud of the way our students have bonded together through this chaos. I think, as a school, we've all grown a lot closer with one another."

Elementary and secondary schools in the Charleston County District have not yet resumed classes. School officials said they planned to have students back in the classroom Monday.

"We have a lot of proposals on the table presently to accommodate for all the lost time," said Martha Knight,

supervisor of volunteer services in the school district.

One proposal takes away all the teacher workdays, two days of Christmas vacation, three of Spring Break and two other holidays, she said. Another proposition adds one 60-minute period to each school day for one month in the spring. Saturday classes are also a possibility.

"The S.C. legislature will have to approve any of our proposals before they can go into effect," she said.

All 70 schools in the Charleston School District sustained some sort of damage, Knight said. One elementary school and one high school were damaged severely and will not be operational until much later.

"We've had to create new classrooms and reassign those students attending schools that will not be ready next Monday," she said. "A couple of schools will even be forced to have their meals brought in from other schools because of destroyed cafeterias."

Clean-up efforts have continued for the Charleston School District, and supplies, food, money and clothes continue to roll in by the truckload.

"We've been contacted by people from places as far away as Wisconsin and California, who have said that they want to help us," said Elizabeth Boineau, director of public relations for Charleston County Schools.

PTA members, parents and even students have lent a helping hand in the clean-up effort, she said. More than 200 people showed up one day to clear the grounds of one school. The military has also worked to help clear campuses of trees and other debris.

"We've really benefited from all those folks who have pitched in to help us," Boineau said. "I don't know what we would do without their sacrifice."

APO putting together project to relieve victims still in need

By KENNY MONTEITH
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Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity is organizing a group to aid victims in Charleston who were struck by Hurricane Hugo and is hoping to bring awareness of the problem to the UNC campus, said Linda Sheppard, APO service vice-president.

"We want to let the campus know that Hugo isn't over. We're hoping that students will feel that they are making a difference because they are helping someone."

According to Sheppard, one way for students to help the people of Charleston is to contribute items such as building materials, heavy-duty cleaning supplies and big sponges. "These things will make the houses at least livable. They have some food, but we should go one step beyond that to the next level."

Campus groups can also help students within the area hit by Hugo. Sheppard said that if any UNC campus groups had "brother" groups in the immediate area of Charleston, they could contact the group and find out the group's need.

Twelve Duke staff members went to Charleston Tuesday to help elderly women either move into new apartments or clean the apartments, according to Miriam Jicha, a volunteer for Emergency Operations, a group helping coordinate clean-up in Charleston, Dorchester and Berkeley counties.

"They (Charleston authorities) are requesting that no clothes be sent," Jicha said. "But they do need things, especially Clorox so they can scrub down mildew." Jicha added that lime was also needed to help with odor and possible sanitation problems.

"Heavy-duty supplies such as shovels are needed to get the mud out of the houses. Plastic buckets are needed too; in addition they need manpower."

Jicha also said there was a major distinction between the regular operations and the emergency operations that the people need. "Regular operations are for sustaining the people as they are, while emergency situations are helping to get them back into their homes and into jobs."

"There are professional people such as nurses and professors who are now getting food stamps because the money that they had access to has been spent." Jicha said many people were unable to travel because of flat tires, thus making it difficult for them to reach banks in nearby towns or shelters that have food.

"Before Hugo, food stamps were distributed because of income. Now the requirements are an adjusted net income, that's since Hugo took his share."

Jicha said there was one case in which a man who worked for a national food distributor and whose business now lay in ruin. "He has a wife and four children and now he must provide for them until his employment begins again in November."

"Not everyone is in the same boat, but a larger segment is in need," she said. The food stamps are in effect until Oct. 20, and officials are unsure what their next step will be, Jicha said.

According to Jicha, a friend wrote her and said "Savor your fond memories of Charleston, they will never be the same."

Any UNC group interested in helping Hugo victims should contact the APO office at 962-1044 and leave a message so that someone may return the call. Emergency Operations' command center phone number is (803) 554-5951.

Checks may be payable to Charleston County Disaster Relief Fund and sent to Harold Bisbee, Comptroller, 2 Courthouse Square, Charleston, S.C. 29401.

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