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Classics course about sex roles slated for '93

By Jennifer Mueller

The classics department will be introducing a course in spring 1993 whose approach will be anything but classical. Associate Professor Cecil Wooten

will team-teach "Sex and Gender in the Ancient World" with Cynthia Dessen of the Office of International Programs. Wooten said the class would focus on homosexual and women's issues in an-

"As with women, most homosexuals have been passed over in the ancient world," he said. "They are important and have not been dealt with in any meaningful way. We're hoping to correct that imbalance."

This is the first UNC course with a primary focus on homosexuals. Wooten said he proposed a course four or five years ago in the honors department that dealt wholly with gay issues, but it was canceled after only four people registered for it.

At least six students must register for a course to keep it from being dropped. Although Wooten said he had heard of many classes at other schools that focused on women in antiquity, he knew of no other class that looked at homosexual issues during this period.

Wooten, who is the adviser for the Carolina Gay and Lesbian Association, said interest expressed by CGLA mem-bers served as an impetus for him to teach the class.

But he said he did not see this as a foundation for a gay and lesbian studies

"I would hope that once there is a precedent set, if other people feel this is a legitimate topic in their department, they will be encouraged to start a class,"

Tammy Williams, CGLA treasurer, said she thought the class was a great

"I hope that people - not just gays take this class and understand that homosexuality has occurred in many different times in many different cultures," she said. "Sometimes it has even been predominant."

Wooten said homosexuality was even glorified at times in history.

"I hope that there will be a realization that attitudes towards homosexuals in the ancient world were much more tolerant, and this will help modify attitudes towards homosexuals today," he

Van Wilson, a Latin major in the classics department, said, "It's just as relevant to study sex and gender in the ancient world as it is to study heterosexual love or war or anything else in

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Gem of a guy

Mason Cutchin, a goldsmith at Baum Diamonds-Jewelry Makers on West Franklin Street, keeps his eyes focused and his fingers steady as he puts the finishing touches on

a new pair of earrings. Cutchin is a resident of Chapel Hill and has been making jewelry for 11 years.

Universal AIDS tests would cost hospitals

By Heather Harreld

Proposed guidelines recommending AIDS tests for all hospital patients have caused some UNC Hospitals officials to worry about the possible financial implications.

The guidelines, which were issued Thursday by the Center for Disease Control, recommended that all hospitals "routinely offer and encourage" AIDS testing of their patients, particularly in areas with a high rate of HIV infection.

The report stressed that no Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome tests should be performed without the patient's consent or without proper counseling.

Dr. Charles van der Horst, director of the AIDS Clinical Trials Unit at UNC Hospitals, said testing is useless if post-test counseling cannot be provided for patients who test positive.

But he did not foresee the hospital being able to afford the additional counseling if the guidelines were implemented, he said.

This would be an incredible waste of money," van der Horst said. "Tax dollars will be going to a process that will identify a rare person who is HIV

North Carolina did not have the staff to reach 50 percent of the HIV positive patients last year, he said.

"The reason you test is so you can provide counseling for patients and that's the only reason," he said. "There's not an unlimited pool of money. We do not have a printing press in the basement."

Patients would be required to pay for the tests, which cost \$30 to \$50.

Peter Barnes, assistant director of operations at UNC Hospitals, said the hospital would look at alternatives before hiring additional laboratory staff members to evaluate tests.

"Our first approach would be to look to automation and technology before hiring additional staff," Barnes

Dr. Judith Cowan, director of Student Health Services, said although students were sometimes admitted to the clinic, they would not be subjected to testing if the guidelines were adopted.

"At this point no one is considering mandatory AIDS testing for people coming into the clinic," she said. "We do offer confidential AIDS testing, and we would encourage students who are high risk to be tested."

Chuck Fallis. spokesman for the Centerfor Disease Control in Atlanta, said the guidelines are only recommendations now.

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Friends of victim plan

By Sally Bright

Friends of UNC student Robert Rapp, who died after a hit-and-run automobile accident this weekend, have been meeting to set up a memorial service on campus, said Dean of Students Frederic

Rapp's roommate, Bart Verdirame, said the group would like to hold the will be in Chapel Hill next week. Verdirame said.

'We would like to have it while she is here," he said.

Jorge Lopez, 19, of C-8 Tarheel Manor Apartments, Carrboro, allegedly

lane on Highway 54 at Columbia Street, striking the vehicle Rapp was driving. Lopez allegedly fled the scene, according to police reports.

Police officials said they detected an odor of alcohol in the car driven by Lopez. Lopez was arrested for driving while impaired in November 1990.

Jane Cousins, Chapel Hill police planner, said the department is following rehend

"We're approaching this two ways," she said. "We're contacting people locally and nationwide.

Cousins also said that patrols at the U.S.-Mexican border have been contacted about Lopez, a native of

Lopez is described as being 5 feet, 8 inches tall and weighing about 160 pounds. He has dark hair and a medium build, and has lacerations on his forehead as a result of the accident, Cousins

Anyone with information about Lopez or other possible suspects is urged to call Orange County Crimestoppers at 1-800-851-7867. An unspecified reward being offered

Rapp, a 20-year-old junior from Raynham, Mass., had just finished playing basketball with his friends when the accident occurred.

Robert Creighton, Rapp's uncle, said the accident overwhelmed the family.

Rapp's father died of cancer last year.

Akbar Sharfi, a close friend of Rapp, said about 20 of Rapp's University friends will drive 15 hours to attend funeral services in Raynham.

"It will show his mother that he was respected and that we loved him." Sharfi said. "He was such a nice guy, didn't have animosity toward anyone. He was so laid-back, he had a great outlook."

Sharfi said Rann put things in a prope perspective. "We've pulled many an all-nighter studying for finals," he said. 'He'd just lean back in his chair and say, 'It's only a test," Sharfi said.

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Paul Hardin

Hardin unsure ot program

By Chris Lindsey Staff Writer

While North Carolina seeks to reform its ailing education system, the idea of an apprentice program for high school students receives mixed reviews from UNC Chancellor Paul Hardin and other state education leaders.

The N.C. Democratic Leadership Council held a panel discussion on "The Crisis in Education and Our Economic Future" in Raleigh Monday.

The discussion focused on whether North Carolina should adopt a high school youth apprenticeship program, which would allow a non-college-bound student to learn and train for a specific skill under an employer.

Along with Hardin, the panel included Ed Gaskins, chairman of the Raleigh Chamber of Commerce's Education Subcommittee: James Andrews, secretary-treasurer of the N.C. AFL-CIO and Richard Daugherty, IBM senior state executive.

"We need to get the culture to accept that not everyone should be prepared to go to college," Daugherty said. Instead, the state needs to find a means for helping those students who want to move directly into the work force, he said.

But Hardin said he was skeptical of the program and feared students might be forced into remedial courses when they could expand their horizons in

higher education. 'I see too many late bloomers," Hardin said.

An apprenticeship program would place significant cost burdens on employers who would train and supervise apprentices, Hardin said. Companies would also feel pressure

to shift funds to primary and secondary educational programs, a move that would cut some funding of higher education programs, he said.

Perhaps actual work experience and on-the-job training are not what is needed and would only place more pressure on an already beleaguered educational system, Andrews said.

"The current school system can't do it all," Andrews said. "It needs to focus

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cooperation Mayoral candidates stress better town-gown communication,

Editor's note: This is the third in a three-part series focusing on major issues in the 1991 Chapel Hill mayoral

By Amber Nimocks

Chapel Hill mayoral candidates Ken Broun, Tommy Gardner and Rosemary Waldorf agreed that more effort should be made to improve relations between the University and the town but differed on how to address student concerns.

"There are efforts being made by both the University and the town to communicate better," Broun said.

Communication is better than it was when the University ran the town, but there is still work to do, he added.

Gardner said the town and the University should work together to further both their interests.

Waldorf said Chapel Hill officials and residents needed to know what the University's long- and short-range physical development plans were.

'It's my impression that the University did a pretty good job ... presenting its long-range development plans to the city," Waldorf said, "They tried to explain to citizens what their plans were and to answer questions.

She said the town and UNC needed to address traffic and transportation problems in open discussions.

Broun stressed the importance of planning for the relocation of Horace Williams Airport.

The University-owned airport, located off Estes Drive Extension, has been mentioned as a possible sight for a satellite campus.

not whether the airport will move, but campaign due to Mark Chilton's bid for

what happens when the airport moves, Broun said. "We should figure out what the needs of the University are, what the needs of the community are and figure out how to use this 900 acres of land."

None of the candidates said the town council's decision to keep South Loop Road off the state-funded thoroughfare plan was a stumbling block to better cooperation, but they thought UNC should work with Chapel Hill to provide more affordable housing

The construction of South Loop would destroy Odum Village, UNC's student family housing, and force students to seek affordable housing in the community. Housing advocates have said low-income people in town could suffer if Odum Village is destroyed.

Student participation in local gov-"One of the most significant issues is ernment has been a focus in this year's

one of the four open town council seats and to the fact that Broun is a professor at UNC's School of Law.

Gardner said he did not think it was necessary to have a student on the council for students' needs to be represented. "Students are more or less long-term visitors," he said.

Gardner said he had an excellent working relationship with Gerry Cohen, the last student to sit on the town council. Gardner and Cohen, who was a graduate student, served together on the council in the early 1970s

One way Gardner would try to listen to the concerns of students and residents would be to invite the public to discuss issues in an informal setting Broun said he considered students an

important constituency. They represent a lot of people people to come," he said.

But students could be active in the community on more than just a political level, Broun said. 'I would like to see some of the town

social service agencies tap student enthusiasm much more than it has been done," he said. Broun suggested more students get involved in organizations like the Inter-

Faith Council for Social Service, the Orange County Rape Crisis Center and the Orange County Women's Center. Waldorf said she thought groups like the noise ordinance committee helped

students and town residents cooperate in the governmental process. "It's important for students who want

see the whole picture," she said. Waldorf said she would try to listen

age the University to improve safety and lighting conditions on campus.

Neither Gardner nor Waldorf said Broun's affiliation with the University would affect the campaign.

Broun said he did not foresee a conflict of town and University interests if he wins the election.

"I was able to separate my interests, as dean of the law school, from those of the University," he said. "I don't see the town and the University as adversaries. I see them as friends who disagree. have no problem taking even very controversial stands against the Univer-

Broun added that his experience with the UNC administration would enable him to work better with the University.

to get involved in town government to Mayor Jonathan Howes, finishing his second term, is not running for re-elec-

Most of us know how to say nothing; few of us know when. — Anonymous