

McDaniel examines race in recently published reader

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Clyde McDaniel, professor of sociology at UNCW, recently published his fifth book, "21st Century African-American Social Issues: A Reader." McDaniel and his daughter, Anita McDaniel, a professor at Augusta State University in Georgia, put together the reader, which is a compilation of articles written by prominent figures on the issue of race in the 21st century.

The book is divided into three distinct sections and an appendix: "The Research Model for Studying Black Issues" The first section is background for the reader and simply sets the stage for what will be discussed later in the book such as historical references and connections with Africa. The second section deals with stratification, which is a sociological term concerning socioeconomic levels and the perception levels associated with them. McDaniel emphasizes that racial

categories are dynamic and always changing. The third section of the book is concerned with key issues such as the influence of pop culture, language, crime and violence.

"My idea is that race is still important and there are still issues that need to be focused on; some are more subtle, but they still exist," McDaniel said.

In addition to this reader and over 80 other publications, McDaniel has published four books. These books include a research methodology text, a book about black leadership, "The Family," and a book about African American sociology.

As if this is not enough, McDaniel has been teaching for 39 years. He specializes in applied social research, social problems and urban sociology. McDaniel has taught in public schools, directed research centers and presented papers.

"I think we are moving towards ethnic-blending, merging regardless of race, and we are getting rid of the superficial distinctions," McDaniel said.

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cally saying that anybody can call the police and say it's too loud for them."

According to the ordinance, a violation occurs if the noise is "plainly audible within any occupied structure not the source of the noise" from midnight to 7:00 a.m. Monday through Friday or 1:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. Saturday and Sunday.

"In legal terms, it's a vague ordinance and enforcement of it would be considered arbitrary and capricious," said Wallen, the attorney who is representing a group of bar and club owners protesting the ordinance.

The changes of the ordinance were developed by a focus group made up of business owners, residents and property owners. The Downtown Area Revitalization Effort, Inc. (DARE) supports the proposed amendment.

Thomas O. Mitchell, a member of the focus group wrote a letter to the mayor and council members stating that the agreement is not tough enough on noise

disturbances, especially since Charleston, S.C. recently adopted even tougher standards than Wilmington's. In Charleston, playing amplified music or other sounds outdoors or through open windows after 11 p.m. and before 7 a.m. or "in such a manner as to be audible in any public street or right-of-way" is completely prohibited.

A group of bar and club owners met last Thursday at the Reel Café to discuss what options they have to fight the amendment. Some of the businesses represented were Sharky's, Bessie's, The Shanakee, Mickey Ratz, Charley Bownz, Marrz and Metropolis.

"We are good corporate citizens," Moseley said.

While the proposed amendment represents a compromise between the business owners and residents downtown, no one appears completely happy with it.

"I hope to see that they set the whole thing aside and rewrite it," Wallen said. "If they want to have that standard, they need to tie it to the decibel standard as well... it's a provable, scientific standard."

alone," Evans said.

The DOC schedules kayak day tours and kayak camping trips throughout each semester. A complete schedule can be obtained at the DOC, located in room 138 of the Student Recreation Center.

All kayak clinics are \$7 and take place in the Trask Natatorium (pool) from 8:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. Registration for kayak clinics takes place in the DOC and deadlines are 5 p.m. the day of the clinic. The next clinic will be offered Wednesday, Oct. 11. For more information, call 962-4052 or visit the website at: www.uncwil.edu/stuaff/camprec

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water."

Coastal North Carolina offers no roiling, whitewater rapids, but there are plenty tidal wetland and black water rivers to be explored, as well as sea kayaking, or surfing in a whitewater kayak, for more extreme appetites. Evans recommends learning to roll before attempting sea kayaking.

"The main thing to remember... is that (many areas) may seem tame, but danger is not easily seen, so always go with someone experienced, wear a PFD (personal flotation device), and never go



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