

STUDY
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Bacchanalian partying and campus sororities and fraternities in particular were branded the other major anti-intellectual influences at UNC.

"The Greek system is identified as the primary culprit in perpetuating this party atmosphere, primarily through its emphasis on all-weekend partying and drinking, which — even by the most permissive of standards — must be deemed excessive," the report states.

The study cites a survey of 380 undergraduates that found that three out of four Greeks went to bars at least once a week while only one out of four non-Greeks reported the same behavior.

Conover said Greek organizations not only distracted their own members from academics but also had a spillover effect, distracting nonmembers.

"Even though they are not a large proportion of the students, they have a disproportionate influence in undermining the commitment of students to academics," she said.

The report states that changing UNC's social climate is a necessary step in improving the academic environment and suggests that University administrators take an active role in combating the prominence of sports and partying.

"Administrators must take the lead in informing the public, state legislators, and students that education is the central mission of the University," the report states.

College sports must be de-emphasized, the report states, even if doing so has a detrimental effect on alumni contributions.

As the report, while stopping short of suggesting dismantlement of the Greek system, said the system should be reformed to increase interest in academics. Suggestions include tighter enforcement of alcohol policies in fraternity and sorority houses and postponing rush until sophomore year to let freshmen adjust academically.

The undergraduate programs report also suggests that residence hall administrators enforce the alcohol policy more strictly and that resident assistants encourage the pursuit of social activities that do not involve alcohol.

The self-study does not have a monolithic vision of UNC, however. There is disagreement about key conclusions in the report, even among the task force chairmen.

Conover, a political science professor, said she thought the intellectual atmosphere on campus had declined during the 11 years she had been at the University.

But David Eckerman, whose committee examined student development services, said that he had seen the climate change several times since he had been here and that it had improved during the last decade. "I think we have a better intellectual environment now than we did 10 years ago, although it would always be nice to improve it."

"This campus used to be a rich Southern men's school — that's when it was really a party school."

Darryl Gless, chairman of the self-study, said that he had sensed no decline in the campus intellectual atmosphere but that he might have been spoiled by his students. Gless said he taught classes students chose to take — not those that filled requirements.

The Other Side of UNC

While painting a sometimes stark picture of UNC's intellectual climate, the report gave much higher marks to residence hall life and the IM-Rec sports program.

Eckerman said the reorganization of the Department of University Housing was successful. "We thought housing had been quite responsive to student needs, so we weren't very critical of them," he said.

The study praised housing staff as highly educated and committed to maintaining good communication and healthy living environments. "The department is willing to adapt, both programmatically and organizationally, to the changing needs of students," the report states.

This segment of the study does not recommend stricter enforcement of the alcohol policy, and Eckerman said the housing officials that committee members had spoken with had not raised the issue. "No one brought it up as a problem," he said.

The study supports the housing department in its goals to rewire some buildings, improve air conditioning, and install cable television and computer networking. These projects will cost an estimated \$25 million in the next 10 to 15 years, the report states.

"Continued efficiencies, collaboration with other departments, and the marketing and expansion of summer conferences is essential if we are to develop sufficient funds for the remaining needs," the report states.

The report on student development services also lauds the IM-Rec program, which provides opportunities for athletic competition through intramural sports, club sports and open recreation. "We thought they were doing a good job," Eckerman said. "They got high marks."

But the study suggests that the program should respond more actively to the Americans with Disabilities Act. "The regulations strictly apply to jobs, but we're trying to apply them to many aspects of student life."

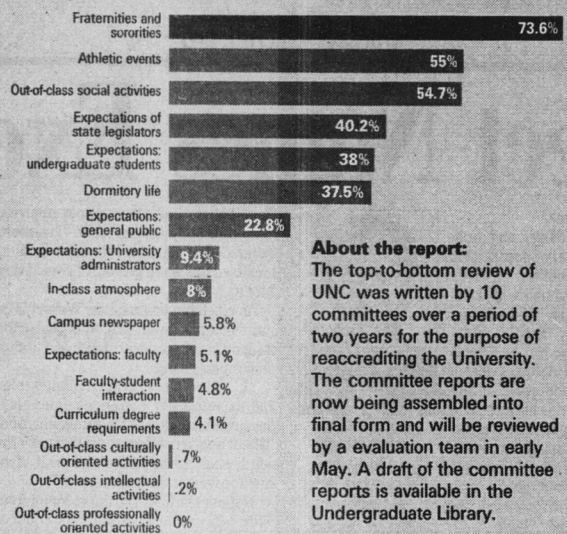
Currently, IM-Rec offers no programs specifically designed for students with physical disabilities, and although no disabled students have themselves requested such programs, the study encourages IM-Rec to develop and publicize more such activities. "We're being pro-active by trying to reach out to students with disabilities," Eckerman said.

The report also says that accessibility to sports facilities, especially to Woollen Gym, should be improved.

"I don't think we have a major problem here," he said. "But I think the Department of Physical Education is interested in

Greeks Unpopular With Faculty

A 1994 faculty poll identified Greeks as having a negative effect on the University's academic atmosphere. Percentages represent the number of faculty who mentioned an item as one of the top four negative influences on UNC's intellectual environment.



SOURCE: 1994 FACULTY SURVEY

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HIGHLIGHTS**RESIDENCE HALLS**

One task force lauded the Housing Department while another suggested that alcohol policies be enforced more strictly in dorms and that RAs be taught to direct student social lives away from alcohol. It also encouraged UNC to investigate the possibility of creating residential colleges to "bring together students with similar interest with particular faculty advisers."

DIVERSITY

Says that UNC has made progress in developing a "rich civic environment" but that work remains. ■ Supports efforts to hire and retain women and minority faculty and graduate students

reaching out to students with disabilities, and I think that's an effort we should support."

The report also recommended that a proposed \$3.25 IM-Rec fee increase be approved. The current fee of \$6 is the lowest of any school in the UNC system, the report states.

Eckerman said faculty and staff working on the study had attempted to recognize areas that needed improvement rather than presenting detailed solutions. "We didn't figure out the complexities. We

■ Calls for expanded diversity training for faculty and students and continued education about sexual and racial harassment

■ Encourages increased support for Afro-American and women's studies curricula

IM-REC SPORTS

Lauds the program but recommends: ■ That the proposed \$3.25 fee increase be approved to cover the program's budget shortfall

GRADUATION

Compares the ceremony to a sporting event where "drunken students run wild across the field as if it were, indeed, one more fraternity party."

looked at what needed to be done.

"It's an opportunity to look at what we are doing, and it seems very healthy that a lot of effort was put into this," he said.

Gless said the report, scheduled for final publication in April, represented the University accurately.

Differences among the reports will be acknowledged in the final version, he said. "In some instances, they are substantial, and the self-study points those out," Gless said. "We will make visible the difference of opinion in the body of the text."

RHA Week to Develop Sense of UNC CommunityBY BRIAN VANN
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Residence Hall Association Week continues today with RHA Staff Appreciation Day. Today's schedule will include a DJ Party in Carmichael ballroom, a Retro Ball in the Union Cabaret and a diversity workshop in Gerrard Hall co-sponsored by Students for the Advancement of Race Relations.

Other themes planned for the week include Cultural Celebration on Wednesday, Community Service on Thursday and Saturday's culmination of RHA Week, Springfest.

RHA President Jody Davis said there were many reasons why the RHA had decided to bring back the week after a five-year hiatus.

"The governing board decided we wanted to sponsor it again because it's such a great way to let people know what RHA is all about," Davis said. "Since all the events are campuswide, we should be able to develop a greater sense of community."

"Hopefully, people from all different residence areas will come out and meet students from outside of their areas."

Davis said that in the past the RHA had used its funds to sponsor various events throughout the year. This year, however, it will concentrate all its programs and funding into one week.

"We hope that since everything is happening at once, lots of people will attend."

Many events will be held in conjunction with each day's general theme. On Wednesday, members of the Carolina Hispanic Association, the Black Student Movement, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the Asian Students Association and Sangam will perform in the Pit as part of a cultural celebration. Also planned for Wednesday are a performance by hypnotist Tom Deluca in Carroll Hall, Open Mic Night in the Morrison recreation room, and a DJ party at Pantana Bob's.

Thursday's Community Service Day will consist of a Casino Night in the Carmichael ballroom with all proceeds

RHA Week**Today, Residence Hall Staff**

Appreciation Day
8 p.m. - 12 a.m., DJ party, Carmichael Ball room
8:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m., Retro Ball with DJ Jon Carter, Union Cabaret
7 p.m. - 9 p.m., SARR Diversity Workshop, Gerrard Hall

Wednesday, Cultural Celebration

11 a.m. - 2 p.m., Pit performances by CHispa, BSM, NAACP, ASA, Sangam
8 p.m. - 10 p.m., Hypnotist, 106 Carroll
8 p.m., Open Mike Night, Morrison recreation room
10 p.m. - 1 a.m., DJ Party, Pantana Bob's

Thursday, Community Service

8 p.m., Casino Night at Carmichael Ballroom (proceeds go to charity)

Saturday, Springfest

12 p.m. - 3:30 p.m., McIver Beach
12 p.m. - 2 p.m., Barbecue

going to charity.

Students for the Advancement of Race Relations, Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity and the Carolina Union Activities Board will participate in the week's events. APO will co-sponsor Casino Night, and CUAB will co-sponsor the hypnotist.

The week will conclude with Springfest, an outdoor extravaganza being held at McIver Beach from noon to 3:30 p.m. The event, which had been moved inside in recent years, is now being moved back outside in hopes of increasing attendance.

"Because of the move inside, most current students don't even know what Springfest is all about, but hopefully they will take advantage of it now."

Davis said that Springfest would consist of volleyball, Frisbee disk games and a barbecue. Dillon Fence, Doxy's Kitchen, and Plutopia will be performing live.

All RHA Week events, with the exception of the barbecue and Casino Night, will be free to students.

Campus Calendar**TUESDAY**

3:30 p.m. Theoretical Physics Seminar: "Vacuum Collapse: Making Black Holes From Nothing," will be presented by Niall O'Murchadha in 258 Phillips.
5:30 p.m. Remember Grandma's soup simmering on the stove? Have some delicious old-fashioned Jewish cooking from Cameron's Kosher Cafe at 210 W. Cameron Ave., N.C. Hillel.

7 p.m. American Power Conversion will hold a presentation open to all interested students in 210 Hanes Hall.

8 p.m. Music Professor Recital will be held in Hill Hall auditorium.

WEDNESDAY

7 p.m. "One Woman's Vietnam" will be projected in the Union film auditorium.
7:30 p.m. Kallisti, the UNC student pagan organization, will meet for a personal shields workshop in Union 208.

Carolina Cycling Club will meet in Union 205.
8 p.m. "An Evening with Tom Deluca and Hypnotism" will be held in 106 Carroll.

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