ask Force Helps Minority Education

BY ROBYN TOMLIN HACKLEY STAFF WRITER

Despite inadequate funding, the recommendations of a Blue Ribbon Task Force from spring 1993 are helping improve the quality of education received by African-American students in area schools, according to a report presented to the Chapel Hill-Carrboro School Board on May 18.

The status report highlighted school programs aimed at improving the academic success of black students in the system.

The report detailed progress made on each of the 36 specific initiatives set up by the original seven member task force.

The expansion of the school system's

afterschool program and the coordination of a Summer Opportunities program for over 100 of the system's 1,600 black students are two of the most exciting improvements, said Ken Touw, school board chair-

While preliminary reports did not indicate significant improvements in African-American students' average test scores, school board officials said they felt that it would take several years for their efforts to

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pay off.
The task force's status report was presented to the school board by Tina Hester, interim coordinator of enrichment pro-

grams at Lincoln Center.

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During the meeting, Hester briefed the board on specific programs that have been effective during the last year.

"The effects of the task force's recomendations are that they have served to raise the consciousness level of the whole community about the specific needs of African-American students in this com-

munity," Hester said.

Hestertold the board that the Task Force would meet again this summer to review the status of the program and to devise a plan of action for next year. She said that the Blue Ribbon group intended to choose several of the most successful initiatives and concentrate on those during the 1995-

The task force was established in response to disparities noted in the average test scores of African-American students in comparison to the rest of the students in the system.
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highest average standardized test scores. However, African-American students have lagged behind the district's overall aver-

The Task Force's reccomendations were designed with the goal of improving the educational atmosphere and the achievement level of the system's African-Ameri-

One new initiative discussed during the meeting was the coordination of a systemwide Summer Opportunities Pro-gram specifically aimed at serving the system's disadvantaged and minority popu-

At Chapel Hill High School, the Summer Opportunities program is run by Vanessa Copeland, the school's family specialist and Bob Kepner, a math teacher and the school's representative to the National Association of Educators.

Copeland said this was the first year that the Summer Opportunities Program would

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The Chapel Hill Town Council discusses changes to the East Entranceway Comprehensive Plan Monday. The plan addresses urban sprawl, sustainable development and a mix of uses at a pedestrian scale.

Town Council Debates Mixed Use At Site of Meadowmont Project

BY JOHN SUTTON

The Chapel Hill Town Council discussed a proposed amendment to the Comprehensive Plan that would allow a mixed use of land and would promote develop-ment along the N.C. 54 entryway during

their regular meeting Monday night.

Discussions over the current Comprehensive Plan began because of the proposed Meadowmont development which would be located along the N.C. 54

entryway.

Council member Joyce Brown wrote a report including recommended changes to the Comprehensive Plan which incorporated comments from a May 15 public hearing, from the council and from the

corresponding work study group.
"I tried to take the work study group's work, public comments, written comments,

the Sierra Club's proposal as well as the notion of sustainability we've been work-

The council, the mayor and the town manager had a work session to discuss the proposed amendment.

proposed amendment.

The Comprehensive Plan, which acts as the foundation of Chapel Hill's growth management system, called for strictly residential growth along N.C. 54. The council opened hearings on development propos-als for this area in September 1994 which led to discussions on whether residentialonly development is still appropriate for the area. Council member Rosemary Waldorfes-

tablished the council's main goals in making a change in the Comprehensive Plan. "Our goals in contemplating this change to the Comprehensive Plan are:

■ To preserve and protect the appearance of the entryway;

■ To give the council control and flexibility over the development of this corri-

or;
■ To establish that we have decided that a mix of uses rather than truly low-density residential is what needs to happen out there," Waldorf said.

The proposed amendment defines mixed use as development which balances office, retail, and housing within the same zoning area. Mixed use includes a variety of housing that accommodates residents of low, moderate, and upper income levels.

The amendment also includes pedesrian and bicycle facilities throughout the development.

In other guidelines, the proposed amend-ment called for the preservation of the meadows and designation of land for public facilities.

The council plans to discuss the matter further during its June 12 meeting.

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as testing, grading, planning and diversity in the classroom. Some departments encourage but do

Some departments encourage but do not require their GTAs to attend these courses. "We're trying to work mainly through GPSF to require all GTAs to have some formal training," Hoffmann said.

The increasing reliance of state universities upon graduate students as teachers are trust a local problem, but has been a not just a local problem, but has been a

point of contention around the country, McCormick said. The issue was researched in an institutional self-study report com-piled over the past two years at UNC as part of the reaccreditation process.

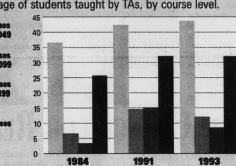
The study made 17 recommendations that dealt specifically with meeting the criteria of the reaccreditation committee Two of those recommendations addressed the need for UNC to establish guidelines

for the appointment, pay, evaluation and reappointment of GTAs. At the time of the SACS recommendation, the administrative committee was well on its way to compiling the data necessary for establish-ing University-wide standards, he said. Steven Birdsall, dean of College of Arts

and Sciences, is the chairman of the com

Teaching Assistants at UNC

Percentage of students taught by TAs, by course level.



SOURCE: UNC-CH INSTITUTIONAL SELF-STUDY REPORT, 1995

mittee appointed by McCormick to gather data and develop campus-wide policies. A progress report must be made to both the BOG and SACS by November 1995.

The committee has collected extensive data on the differing roles and responsibili-

ties of GTAs across the campus.

According to Paul Ilecki, who is work-

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ing to collate the information, it is essential that appropriate standards are set with "a thorough appreciation of the vagaries of teaching life on campus.

"Training and supervision should increase with responsibilities," he said. "We want to define clear guidelines."

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himself with UNC's mission and attitude toward change. As UNC's eigth chancel-lor, Hooker said he will try to preside over an increase in minority faculty and student recruitment. "It is something I will absolutely bust a gut to accomplish," he said.

Moving from president of a five-cam-pus system to chancellor of a single university should pose no problem, Hooker said.
"I think it will enable me to work more productively, having seen the world of a university from both perspectives," he said. After his arrival, Hooker said he would

talk to individual departments and use focus groups of both students and staff to learn about UNC issues and needs.

Carmen Buell, Hooker's wife of two years, said she planned on moving down to North Carolina in July and not finishing out her sixth term in the Massachusetts
House of Representatives.

She said she hadn't started looking for a
job in North Carolina, but wanted to find

work in the health care field. Buell did not rule out the possibility of eventually seek-ing elected office in North Carolina.

Chancellor Paul Hardin said he would help Hooker's transition in any way the

"When he asks for advice I'm going to give it as wisely as I can," Hardin said. "He has indicated that he wants to talk to me

and several other people here."

Although the local media has written extensively about critics of Hooker's administrations at UMass and at the University of Maryland at Baltimore County, where he was president, Hardin said that Hooker's past wouldn't handicap his new administration. "I believe this community

will give the new chancellor the courtesy of a clean slate," Hardin said. Before leaving June 30, Hardin said he had several items on his agenda, including internal priorities in the Bicentennial Cam-

paign, long-range planning and hiring a new Internal Auditor for the University. "I'm leaving the vice chancellor for Hooker," Hardin said, referring to the upcoming appointment of a permanent vice chancellor for student affairs to replace interim Vice Chancellor Edith Wiggins.

Note the Parmesan Spaghetti noodles, marinara sauce, tender chicken strips, topped with mozzarella sheese and baked to a golden brown.

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