

Students Get Hands-On Experience in Sign Language Class

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Communication can take on many forms. It can be expressed verbally through everyday conversations and formal presentations. It can be artistic as in paintings and music. And it can also be more physical like dance and sign language.

Through a non-credit course taught by junior Lindsay McIntyre, 20 students at the University are getting a chance to learn and experience the art of sign.

McIntyre, who works as an interpreter for deaf students on campus, said she decided to offer the course to students when she saw there was an interest in signing and discovered there was no class offered at the University.

"(This sort of class is important because) there are deaf students in and

amongst us on this campus and in the community," she said. "Through this you can reach out into the community with those people and learn from them. The deaf community has a lot to offer."

"It's almost like teaching a foreign language, only it's not on paper and not in the classroom," McIntyre said. "It's a language unto itself. I think it's equally as valuable as knowing a foreign language."

McIntyre said the class was a co-curricular opportunity for students to get exposure to the deaf culture.

She said students registered for her class, which isn't actually offered through the University, by putting their names on sign-up sheets.

McIntyre said 70 students registered this semester for the 20 spots available, which meets on Mondays and Fridays for eight to 10 weeks.

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A \$10 photocopying fee was required of the participants so McIntyre could provide literature showing the signs and information about issues affecting the deaf.

Currently, McIntyre is not working with any hearing impaired students. The English and communications major from Chapel Hill is teaching the course for the third semester.

Katharine Maddocks, a junior from

High Point, said she could use what she learns in the class in her summer jobs.

"I worked at a camp where, for two weeks, you are surrounded by deaf children," she said. "If you didn't learn to speak to them, you were going to be by yourself."

After working at the camp, Maddocks said she felt she needed to develop her signing skills further, which led her to McIntyre's class.

"It sparked my interest, and I felt I needed to learn more and become more proficient in it," she said.

Maddocks said the class had helped her to appreciate her own hearing more than she ever had before.

"I just never realized how important it is for me that I can hear," she said. "I think before I would have been devastated if I had lost my hearing, but now it's not as big

a deal. They (the deaf) are happy, fulfilled, and live perfectly normal lives."

And while many students find it hard enough to attend the classes for which they receive credit, these students attend the class without receiving University credit.

"I enjoy it more than any of the classes I'm taking for credit in my major," Maddocks said. "I like learning it and doing new things with the deaf culture. I would definitely recommend it."

For April McMahan, a freshman from Marion, McIntyre's class is her first experience with signing.

"I really think it helps you understand other people more," she said. "I think I've learned more in three days here than in any other class."

"I think it should be implemented as a foreign language on campus," she said. "It's a whole different culture."

Night Owls Find Nest at Undergrad

BY JENNY SMITH
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Officials and students who pushed for an experimental 24-hour Undergraduate Library said Wednesday that many on campus were taking advantage of the prolonged schedule.

The Undergrad has been operating 24 hours on weekdays since Sept. 5.

Dave Taylor, head librarian, said the new hours were becoming more popular with students. "The most interesting thing to me is how steady the crowds seem to be increasing," he said.

The extended hours allow students access to computer labs and reserve lists, along with many other resources, he said.

Depending on the day and time, around 30 to 100 people have been using the library during late-night hours, Taylor said.

John Dervin, who co-authored a proposal to keep the library open 24 hours a day, said he was satisfied people were taking advantage of the extended hours. "Students are using it and like it," he said.

"I've been there at 3:30 a.m. and I've seen at least 30 people," Dervin said. "I stood outside last November and counted up to 100 people leaving at 2 a.m."

Dervin said the all-night hours for the Undergraduate Library provided an essential service for students. "24-hour access to computers is a necessity at the University," he said. "It's a great place to engage in late-night studies and it's safe."

A guard is stationed at the front entrance every night to ensure safety for students. Taylor said the guard could also call SAFE Escort or Point-2-Point for students leaving the library in the early morning.

"Security is well taken care of," Taylor said. "With a guard at the door who has access to campus police, we have no problems... We've had no incidents of people who didn't belong here."

Amy Swan, student body vice president, said members of student government had worked hard to get the extended hours for students. "We're really excited that we were able to get this accomplished," she said. "It's something that the (student government association) has been talking about for several years."

Taylor said that the continuation of a 24-hour Undergrad looked promising, but said that it was too soon to tell if the extended hours would become permanent. "It's really too early to tell, but it looks pretty positive from my point of view."

Street Hockey to Come to Craige Deck

The Nike-sponsored event offers prizes to participants, sports equipment to IM-Rec.

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Students will compete in the second annual Nike "POWER PLAY" Street Hockey Challenge 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday in the Craige overflow parking lot.

Nike will provide two inflatable hockey rinks, an obstacle course, a speedshot contest and all equipment.

Students must organize in teams of five to eight players. A team consists of four

players, a goalie and as many as three substitutes.

Nike will donate all of the equipment used this weekend to UNC's intramural program.

"It is really exciting that they are donating the equipment and providing the program to our students at no cost," said Marty Pomerantz, director of IM-Rec sports. "They've put up a lot of money to offer this to UNC and the other campuses."

Pomerantz said students should wear T-shirts, shorts and tennis shoes.

The event will include 32 teams, and there will be male, female and coed divisions, he said.

Pomerantz said that there was room left

for eight or nine teams and that each team was guaranteed three games.

The entry fee is \$20 per team, and students may register from noon until 4 today in the Pit.

Students may also register in the IM-Rec office, he said.

All proceeds go to IM-Rec.

Tournament prizes include Nike/NHL Street Hockey jerseys, Nike Street Hockey shoes, and Nike T-shirts, sweatshirts and caps. Nike will also hold prize drawings every hour.

Nike Street Hockey will visit 12 campuses, including Florida State University, the University of Michigan and the University of California at Berkeley.

Senate Subcommittee Votes To Slash AmeriCorps Funding

BY MARK SWEET
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A U.S. Senate subcommittee added another obstacle to the future of President Clinton's AmeriCorps program when it voted to defund the National Service Corps for the upcoming fiscal year, and one N.C. senator vowed to continue to fight funding for the public service program.

Despite its lack of support in the House of Representatives, AmeriCorps members were more confident of their chances of gaining financial backing in the Senate.

The VA/HUD Appropriations Subcommittee's Monday vote, however, tarnished any hopes for a quiet approval from the Senate.

AmeriCorps, a service program in which members receive a \$4,725 tuition voucher in exchange for a year of community service, has just completed its inaugural year and currently enlists 20,000 members. The Clinton administration had proposed a \$817.4 million financial package for program. The subcommittee "zeroed out" the program Monday.

"The action is a triumph of politics over principle," said Eli J. Segal, CEO of the Corporation for National Service, the group which runs the program. In a statement released Wednesday, Segal said, "Those most harmed by today's actions are the communities who will wonder if they will get the help they need, and the young Americans who are trying to decide whether to continue their schooling, head to the work force—or commit a year in full

time service to their communities through AmeriCorps."

AmeriCorps representatives said they remained confident in their prospects for success, despite being disappointed by the Senate's actions. Wendy Grassi, a spokeswoman from the AmeriCorps' Office of Public Affairs, said she was "confident that the President would not sign any bill which zeroes out the program."

Zenobia Hatcher-Wilson, who directs the Campus Y and also serves as the UNC liaison for AmeriCorps, said she thought it was "unfortunate that the senators took such a punitive look at a worthy student service."

She said the program gave contributing members with a need to work the opportunity to help their community that they normally would not have.

Similar to the opinions of most Republican senators, North Carolina's Lauch Faircloth, who voted against the program originally, did not support the continuation of the AmeriCorps program.

Heidi Wood, a spokeswoman for Faircloth, explained that the program was "extremely expensive." Overall, she said the program was not cost-effective because it benefited so few people. The program is "a gimmick," Wood said. "Participants were being paid for something they should be doing without pay anyway."

A spokeswoman for Sen. Christopher Bond, R-Mo., who headed the subcommittee, said "the overriding reason for Senator Bond's decision was due to budget allocations," of more than 20 major independent agencies.

SENIOR CORPS

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"Our initial intent is to get seniors to give back to the community and promote class unity," he said. "This is our way of doing this. We plan on doing this once a month."

In the coming weeks, a meeting will be held to discuss future projects. King said 350 letters had been sent out to local agencies inquiring about projects. The meeting will be a brainstorming session to get input from seniors, he said.

"We want seniors to let us know what are some of the things that need to be done," he said.

Dervin said some of the future projects would include registering students to vote and helping the Student Environmental Action Coalition.

Woody said students who wanted to join SeniorCorps would be asked to pay a membership fee of \$10, for which they'll get a T-shirt. The money will go to charities, which will be discussed at the meeting.

"We really expect to generate more (members) after the event," Woody said.

Besides these major projects, seniors could also sign up outside the Senior Class office to get involved with smaller projects like HeadStart, King said.

"Whether you have an hour or 10 hours

to give, you can still make a difference," he said.

Dolby said he envisioned SeniorCorps becoming an active organization in the community.

"SeniorCorps has the potential to be a great organization," he said. "There are many opportunities we are looking at and can be a part of."

Dervin said it was necessary for students to understand the causes for which they were volunteering.

"Although we're doing volunteer work, we're going to focus on the issues," he said. "That's been a constant criticism — the kind of mindless volunteering. We want to understand the issues as well."

VEGETARIAN

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Lal said there was a lot of variety at Lenoir with the additions of the veggieburger and the addition of the salad bar. She also said most restaurants offered vegetarian fare, too.

"A lot of restaurants make exceptions and are very flexible," she said. "You just have to ask them."

Scott agreed. "Chapel Hill is a great place to eat if you're a vegetarian," she said. "(The restaurants) are very accommodating."

Tim Perkins, a senior from Cary, said: "You can generally find something to accommodate you, but it's the vegetarian in the group that limits you (when you want to eat out). There's only one or two things that you can always order."

A popular alternative to the dining hall or cooking one's own meal is the vegetarian dinner sponsored by the Hare Krishnas every Wednesday.

Each week, vegetarians flock to Gerrard Hall for a free meal that is served to anyone interested.

"It's good and tasty and a variety to a vegetarian diet," said Perkins, who switched to being a vegetarian two sum-

mers ago.

Students offered several explanations for practicing the vegetarian lifestyle, ranging from health reasons to ethical ones.

"I started cooking for myself and read through nutritional information," Perkins said. "I reached the conclusion that it was healthier and also cheaper to be a vegetarian."

Kristin Curran, a junior from Ho-Ho-Kus, N.J., said she became a vegetarian because a lot of people around her were.

"I thought about why they were vegetarians, and I thought about what I was eating and how animals were treated," Curran said. "It's totally not appealing anymore."

Scott said she agreed and gave several other considerations as to why she became a vegetarian two years ago.

"First, the whole philosophy of eating lower on the food chain," Scott said. "The chemical dioxin gets in the meat and bioaccumulates in the body. Eating meat increases the concentration, and then it's passed on to your children. It's very carcinogenic."

She also said the issue of deforesting rain forests for pasture land had influenced her decision. "It cripples developing country's economies," Scott said.

"I realize it is a luxury to live in a

country and get my nutrients through meat," Scott said. "But I don't miss eating meat."

The main question that vegetarians are often asked is how they get their nutrition and protein, Perkins said.

"You get it through a varied diet," Perkins said. "You're not gonna get protein through a bean. You need to incorporate a variety of whole grains. No one source will give you all the protein you need."

Curran said she ate lots of carbohydrates like pasta and couscous.

"I'll eat tuna and chicken for the sake of protein, but I don't enjoy it," Curran said. "It depends on your philosophy (of vegetarianism)."

Vegetarians agreed that they didn't feel any less healthy because of the lack of meat in their daily regime, in fact they felt better.

"I eat a lot better," Scott said. "I try to eat lots more vegetables."

Perkins said there had been a noticeable change in how he felt since he became a vegetarian.

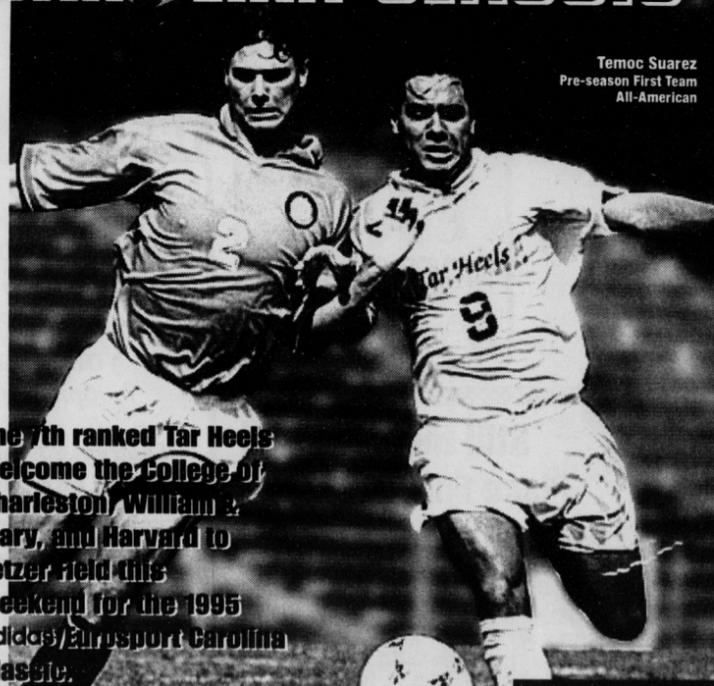
Cravings for meat do not come up either.

"It's probably because I'm used to it," Lal said. "Since I've never tried meat before, I have nothing to lose. It's probably difficult for people who eat meat."

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Friday, Sept. 15
Sunday, Sept. 17

CAROLINA CLASSIC



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The 7th ranked Tar Heels welcome the College of Charleston, William & Mary, and Harvard to Fetzer Field this weekend for the 1995 adidas/Eurosport Carolina Classic.

Carolina is led by 1st team pre-season All-Americans Temoc Suarez and Eddie Pope and by Senior Kerry Zavagnin.

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