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Students, Housekeepers Protest Privatization

■ Activists spoke Sunday against contracting out UNC's housekeeping jobs.

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Members of the Housekeepers Association joined forces with the Student Environmental Action Coalition Sunday in a march to protest the treatment of UNC housekeepers and possible plans for the privatization of their jobs.

Sunday's march began in Polk Place and ended outside of UNC-system President C.D. Spangler's house on Franklin Street.

"The state is washing its hands of the issue," said student activist Fred Wherry, who was one of the speakers at the event. "Privatization could result in wages falling once again to below the poverty line and housekeepers being given more work."

The march was the final event of this weekend's national SEAC conference, whose members have pledged to fight unfair labor practices and to stop unsound environmental policies.

Speakers at a rally before the march called on UNC students to demand that

the administration treat the housekeepers with respect. They also asked that students realize that the campus would not be as well maintained without the housekeepers' efforts.

The protest came in response to a bill which the General Assembly passed this summer. The bill asked the 16-campus UNC system to conduct a study about contracting housekeepers jobs to private companies.

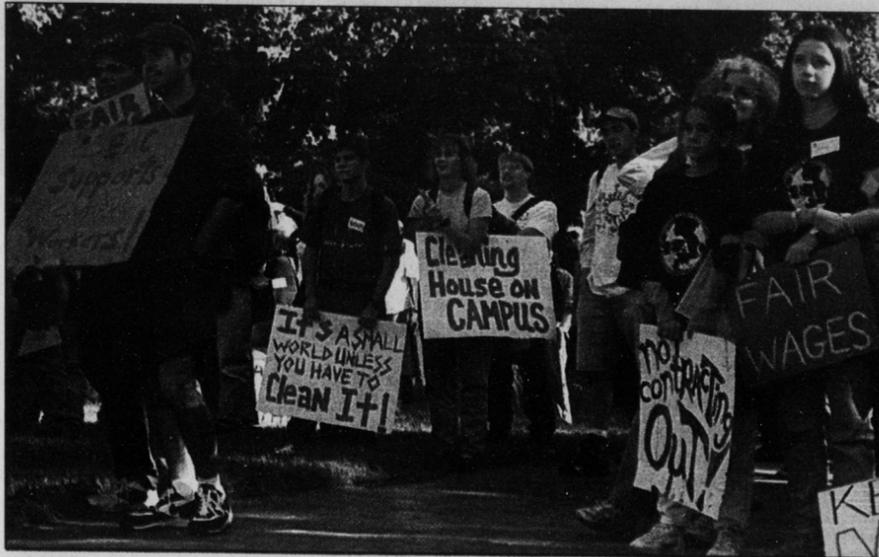
Housekeepers only recently had their wages raised above the poverty level, Wherry said. According to recent estimates, the starting salary for a University housekeeper is \$14,800.

"It's what I call the right to human dignity," Wherry said. "Housekeepers need not be treated so poorly by their supervisors. There are a lot of things that can be done on this campus to improve their situation."

The housekeepers are concerned that there will be a decrease in services, in benefits and a decline in real wages, Wherry said. "They may not have their wages cut now, but they might not get any raises either. Over time this will hurt."

Ajamu Dillahunt, a representative of the Black Workers for Justice, spoke on the

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Students gather at Polk Place Sunday afternoon for a rally and a march to show their support for UNC housekeepers. The rally and march were the final events of SEAC's Fourth National Conference.

Vote on Partners Delayed

■ On Friday, the Faculty Council called for action on domestic partners, salary inequities and faculty-staff relations.

BY J. C. JOHNSON II
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Members of the Faculty Council voted to delay a vote on extending benefits to domestic partners of employees and debated salary and professional behavior standards at their meeting Friday.

According to the Executive Committee of the council, a domestic partnership is defined as a committed relationship in which partners are considered life partners, share a principal residence and are financially interdependent.

"Since its inception, one of the primary concerns of the Executive Committee has been issues of community and to try and work to ensure that no members of the University community (are) excluded or disenfranchised," said committee member Paul Farel, professor of physiology.

To learn how to provide benefits for domestic partners, the committee compared UNC to other universities and private companies that have already done so. The description of a domestic partnership suggested by the committee is based on those used by such institutions as Duke University, Princeton University, R.J.R. Nabisco, IBM and others.

According to University policy, all employees are entitled equal-access to employment benefits. The extension of these benefits, previously reserved for married couples, to domestic partners is under investigation by a faculty ad hoc committee. The committee, formed by Chairwoman of the council Jane Brown, consists of four faculty members.

Farel said the committee did not want to set a hard and fast criteria for defining of domestic partnership.

Council members will vote on the criteria for establishing financial interdependence at their next meeting in November.

"Let me know how we're doing. Our hope is that we can continue to concentrate on institutions that are part of the University community that we can change," Farel said.

On the subject of salaries, the members See FACULTY COUNCIL, Page 2

Candidates Reach Out To Students

ELECTIONS '95
Carrboro Mayor & Board of Aldermen

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At The Daily Tar Heel-sponsored forum Sunday, Carrboro municipal office candidates placed emphasis on issues of primary student concern, including student involvement in local politics, development, affordable housing, public safety, town-gown relations and mass transit.

"It is important for students to get involved in the local elections. While you may only be here four years, there is a student behind you, and so forth. You are permanent residents in that way, and you may also end up settling in Carrboro," said Aldermen candidate David Collins.

Twelve-year board veteran Hilliard See DTH FORUM, Page 2

More Students Are Binge Drinkers, Study Says

BY MEGAN MCLAUGHLIN
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Binge drinking at UNC is on the rise, following a national trend of students across the country, according to a study released in August by the Harvard University School of Public Health.

Judith Cowan, director of UNC Student Health Services, said binge drinking on campus reflected the national trends.

"The faculty has identified alcohol as a force that adversely affects the University climate," Cowan said. "The chancellor has placed it as one of 13 problems to be addressed."

Several campus programs aimed at discouraging drinking include residence hall presentations, Zero Proof Day and a program to discourage drinking during Spring Break. Other resources include the Delta Squad, a group of peer counselors, and three other counselors who assist students.

"We have quite an extensive substance abuse and alcohol prevention program," Cowan said. "Drug education leads to alternatives."

Because a large number of students were cited in violation of the new open container law at the beginning of the year, SHS has created an opportunity for students to attend an educational session in order to

fulfill their court requirement.

At the national level, the Harvard study disclosed that 84 percent of all students drink during the school year and 44 percent of all students fall into the category of binge drinkers. As defined by the study, a female binge drinker consumes four or more drinks in a row and a male consumes five or more drinks in a row at least once in a two-week period.

The study reported the highest binge rate is for white males (54 percent) and the lowest rate is for black females (12 percent). Eighty-four percent of fraternity or sorority residents engage in binge drinking.

Students in the study said they often have hangovers, skip classes, regret or forget actions, argue, engage in unplanned sex and damage property as a result of drinking.

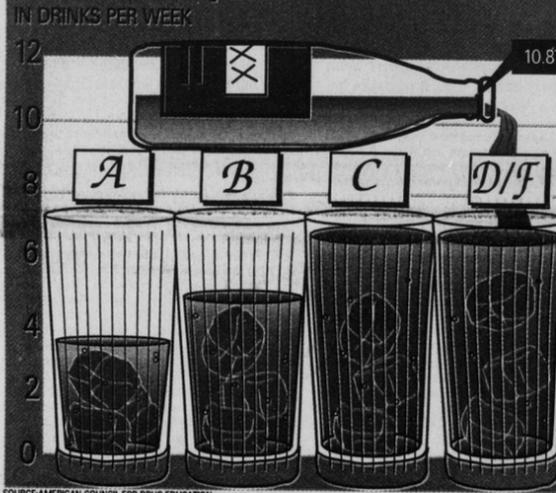
There are many nationwide organizations designed to curb student alcohol consumption, said Joan White Quinlan, a representative of the National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information.

Several strategies promoted by this organization include providing students with alternative activities to drinking, limiting alcohol advertising on campus and raising

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Here's to the Future...

According to a survey of 56,361 students, a correlation exists between GPA and alcohol consumption. The survey was administered from 1989 to 1991 at 78 colleges.



SOURCE: AMERICAN COUNCIL FOR DRUG EDUCATION

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Ready to March: Leaders continue to voice support as black men gather in Washington for this morning's Million Man March.

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A Royal Event: Seven candidates were selected as finalists for this year's Homecoming queen. Check them out in our special Homecoming insert.

Reading, Writing and Running: Candidates for the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Board of Education discuss their plans for the system.

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Weather

TODAY: Sunny, high 65.
TUESDAY: Sunny, high 70-75.

LOCAL ELECTIONS ISSUES

Dwindling space, eager developers and the hope of maintaining a community atmosphere are giving Chapel Hill ...

GROWING PAINS



Construction like this future Franklin Street home of Customer Management Services create challenges for planners.

BY ADAM GUSMAN
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Chapel Hill Town Council member and candidate Jim Protzman told a popular joke at the Oct. 9 council meeting that begins this way:

"How many people does it take to start a business in Chapel Hill?" The answer is two — one to begin the business and the other to find a place for it in Durham.

While jokes about Chapel Hill's status as a wealthy, mostly residential college town may be common, many council and mayoral candidates believe that the town's relative lack of commercial tax revenue is no laughing matter.

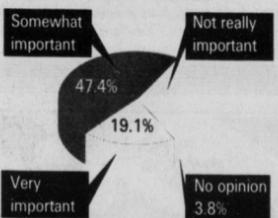
About 80 percent of Chapel Hill's real estate tax base comes from homeowners, which means that they bear the brunt of funding for schools

and services.

"That's disproportional," said Town Council candidate Herschel Slater. "There's not very much land left in Chapel Hill, and a greater proportion of our development should be

Importance Poll

The Daily Tar Heel conducted an intercept poll on Oct. 2 at locations around campus. 710 respondents filled out two pages of questions about Chapel Hill, Carrboro and University issues. The sampling error is +/- 3.7 percent. The following chart indicates how important respondents thought increasing commercial development should be to the next mayor, Town Council or Board of Aldermen.



in the commercial sector rather than in the residential.

In a recent Daily Tar Heel survey, two-thirds of the respondents indicated that increasing commercial development should be a very important or somewhat important issue for the next Town Council members and Chapel Hill mayor.

Commercial development has several advantages over residential. Having more retail businesses in the community brings in more money from local sales tax revenue. In addition, businesses do not demand all of the

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Running is an unnatural act, except from enemies and to the bathroom.

Unknown