

Campus Y Hosts Human Rights Conference

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About 200 high school students from across North Carolina will discuss social change this weekend at a conference sponsored by the Campus Y.

"UNC-CH: A Catalyst for Positive Social Change" conference will kick off Campus Y's annual Human Rights Week, said Teju Omolodun, conference coordinator.

Workshops will be held today through Sunday, and most of the workshops will be held in the Student Union. Human Rights Week will continue until Friday.

"(The conference) will provide a forum to discuss solutions for social issues," she

said. Issues to be discussed will include youth rights, student-school relations, gender relations and violence in schools, Omolodun said.

"The most important part is raising the awareness of youth ... by giving them a feeling of empowerment needed to change problems," Omolodun said. "I was involved in the first conference and seeing the energy and enthusiasm the kids had to implement change, ... it does do something for the community."

Omolodun said Darryl Lester, the program manager for the N.C. Public Allies, would be the keynote speaker for the weekend. He will speak at 7:30 p.m. today.

Harold Woodard, interim associate

dean of student counseling in the General College, will head a workshop entitled "Tolerance, Understanding and Respect: What Does It All Mean?"

University students will be registering the attendees, leading and assisting in workshop sessions and acting as guides to the campus, Omolodun said.

Conference promoters hope to "generate a vision of youth activism" and teach the students to "become catalysts and agents of change," Omolodun said.

Participants were selected through an application process administered by high school counselors, Omolodun said. The application consisted of an essay asking the student to identify the most important

social problem in his community and to explain how he could solve this problem. Two students were accepted from most counties to ensure a diverse group would be chosen, she said. "The students (selected) had issues they wanted to combat at home," she said.

This conference is the second one held by the Campus Y for high school students, Omolodun said. The first was held in 1993, coinciding with the University's Bicentennial.

Omolodun said she thought this year's conference would be a success, and she said it would help students when they return to their hometowns. "They have the power within themselves to do it."

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killed.

"Half of the Jewish population was wiped out, and that's extremely significant," he said. "I was fortunate, but had my family not been fortunate enough to get out of Europe at the time, I could be just another statistic."

Darin Diner, interim director of N.C. Hillel, said several of his relatives were killed in the Auschwitz concentration camp. "Whether or not we lost relatives, we all lost such a part of our community that we'll never see again," Diner said. "We'll never get to know what could have been because of what we lost."

Martin Meisels, who was visiting from Chicago to see his daughter in Chapel Hill, was a partisan in Slovakia during the Holocaust. Partisans were underground free-

dom fighters who escaped authorities and fought against government forces to help Holocaust victims. "I'm a survivor," he said. "I'm all familiar with what happened, and this service will bring back the memories."

Sophomore Beth Stern, co-chairwoman of UJA, read a poem at the service that she had written after a trip to Germany and Israel last year. "I went to the concentration camps and saw the death and destruction first hand, so to me it's a way to remember what I saw and to bring it back to teach other people," Stern said.

Diner said remembering the Holocaust was even more important today as fewer survivors were able to tell their stories. "The Holocaust survivors are dying," he said. "In 10 to 15 more years, you aren't going to have any Holocaust survivors who are going to remember what it's like to live in a concentration camp."

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the fears of African Americans; that this not become divisive but that it become an opportunity for dialogue between the races," she said.

Blacks' fears and ideas of genocide have been discussed for years in the mass media. One article, "AIDS, is it genocide?" was published in Essence magazine, and the black television news show "Tony Brown's Journal" has focused on the issue as well. The two are examples of the popular press, but white America may not read or see these media, Quinn said.

However, in 1993, The New York Times ran an editorial about a black man's fears of genocide, explaining that those fears were not strange to blacks, Quinn said.

She said the fear of genocide did not have to be negative. "Dialogue could begin to focus on, if African Americans believe this, how can we work with people at risk by virtue of their behavior to turn their fear into a positive factor," she said.

People who are frightened need to learn how to protect themselves, their family and their community, Quinn said.

Nationally, blacks are 12 percent of the population but constitute 33 percent of all reported AIDS cases.

Quinn said it was important to recognize how sacred the church was to blacks. "The church is historically the only institution wholly owned by blacks," she said. "The church is an advocate for those who don't have a voice in our community."

But there has been a reluctance of the black church to take on the AIDS issue, Quinn said. The church has traditionally been homophobic and churchgoers have denied that there is a real risk of AIDS facing its followers, she said.

Quinn said that because researchers had speculated that AIDS originated in Africa, some blacks were perhaps fearful they would be blamed for the virus as another

negative link to their culture and history.

Quinn is presently instituting a program to combat the fears of genocide. Under this program, health educators can use the church as a venue and work through their belief system to communicate with the many blacks who are either at risk of getting HIV or are infected.

Health professionals need to be educated as well as their patients, Quinn said.

"As long as white health professionals and society look at the results from the study and say 'That's bizarre,' we will never get past the distrust," she said.

Professionals need to learn to create an atmosphere where people feel comfortable

expressing their fears, to begin creating trust in the relationship, she said.

Quinn and her partner in the study, Dr. Stephen Thomas of Emory University, are in Atlanta, where delegates from churches, community groups and gospel radio stations in seven cities, including Raleigh and Durham, are meeting to receive training and technical assistance for AIDS education and care. This is part of the National Black Church Week of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS.

Quinn will use results from her study as part of her class discussions about race issues. She said she hoped the study would make students more culturally sensitive.

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Winston-Salem.

After the Hayes verdict, Linda Cantrell, the mother of one of Hayes' victims, worked with legislators to tighten the laws involving the not guilty by reason of insanity plea.

"They still need a guilty but insane verdict," Cantrell said. "The defendants still need to pay for what they do, and they can't do that from a hospital."

McDaniel said the bill he and Ballantine proposed would mean those found guilty but mentally ill would be sentenced to a mental institution until medical examiners judged them competent, and then they would serve the rest of the sentence in prison.

Ballantine said the bill was proposed during the long legislative session this year, but was never heard by the full legislature. He said a legislative study commission would have to propose the bill for it to be heard during the short session next year.

Dr. Seymour Halleck, a psychologist and attorney who is an expert on mental illness in the court setting, said the guilty but mentally ill plea was "best described as a hoax." Halleck said, "It does nothing any different than the guilty verdict. There are currently three men on death row that were ruled to be guilty but mentally ill."

HOUSING

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year."

Junior Nicole Davidson said she had been pleased with maintenance. "Over the summer we had a really bad wasp problem on our balcony, and Mrs. Brooks came over and killed them. We leave a message and a few hours later there's a knock on the door and she's there."

Brooks said she tried to contribute to that feeling by giving friends apartments that are near each other and by encouraging tenants to know their neighbors. "It's safer that way," she said.

Brooks said she tried to address complaints quickly. "My husband is the maintenance man, and we generally get to it the next day. If he can't fix it, we call an outside contractor. My policy is that I want to treat everyone like I like to be treated."

Students at Bolinwood Apartments, a condominium complex largely managed by Real Estate Associates, said problems were usually addressed within reasonable time periods.

Junior Bryan Pruitt said the management at Bolinwood addressed tenants' problems promptly. "My roommate had problems with the ceiling plaster falling down, but the management fixed it."

Junior Wade Downey said, "Whenever we need to get something fixed we'll go to

the handyman, and he'll fix it, usually within a day or two."

Sophomore Stacey Largent, however, said she and her roommates had experienced small maintenance problems that had not yet been fixed.

"We wanted a new rug, and they wouldn't give us one," Largent said. "There's other little things like leaks that we mentioned when we moved in and they haven't fixed yet. There's some water damage. I guess it's not top priority."

Tenants Taking on Tasks

While many students report overall satisfaction with their rented homes and their landlords, some have quit relying on landlords to fix problems and have taken on maintenance chores themselves.

Junior Chris Lea rents a house on Airport Road managed by Lilley Properties, which handles about 100 properties in the Chapel Hill-Carrboro area.

"I like the house," he said. "It has a lot of character. It has a porch swing."

Lea said the washing machine leaked but it did not bother him. "It's an old house, it's rustic, and a little bit of water and dirt here and there won't hurt anything. I study all the time, so I don't really notice a stain on the wall."

He said he had been concerned, however, about what he believed was old and outdated wiring in the house and had de-

vised to rewire his own room.

"My room was fairly easy (to rewire)," he said. "I have an expensive computer, so I had to take care of that. I do a lot of heavy computation, and if my computer were to blow up that would be especially bad."

Landlord Jim Lilley of Lilley Properties said he had put several weeks of work into the house Lea and his housemate rent. To the best of his knowledge, he said, all the wiring in all of his properties complied with safety codes.

Junior Ben Storey rents a house from Lilley Properties. He said repairs were completed quickly, but he and his roommates had had problems with upkeep.

A broken dishwasher has been in Storey and his roommates' yard since they moved in, and a car was finally removed.

"By the second week of school there were 50 to 60 trash bags in front of our place," Storey said. "My roommate and I finally got rid of them."

Storey said most repairs were completed quickly. "The only time he had to fix something, the dryer broke, but he took care of that pretty quickly," he said.

Storey and Lilley said they were generally content with their landlord-tenant relationships. "On the good side, we've been given a lot of freedom," Storey said. "He's not at all nosy. It's salutary neglect."

Lilley said he enjoyed having student tenants. "I always like the students, be-

cause it's very seldom that you have problems with them. The only time you have problems with them is if they're in a residential neighborhood where there aren't a lot of students."

Seniors Brent Inscope and Brad King live in a house near Carr Mill Mall managed by Gray-Nickell Realty.

They said they had experienced a slow response to small maintenance problems.

"First we had problems with our door lock," King said. "It was difficult to open the door. One of our roommates broke a key off in it just because it's so difficult to get it open. We had to have a friend come and fix it."

King said he thought Gray-Nickell Realty had trouble keeping up with maintenance requests because it managed many properties.

Legal Recourse

Senior Kirsten DeLuca and junior Laura-Julie Perrault lived in the same house last year that Inscope and King live in this year. "The house was great," DeLuca said. "I loved living there."

Although the roommates experienced very few problems with their house's maintenance and upkeep, they did find themselves in a legal dispute with their landlord at the end of the year.

When Inscope and King and their roommates moved into the house, their lease

allowed them to move in two weeks before DeLuca, Perrault and their roommates moved out. "When we moved in, the last tenants could be there until May 31," King said. "We moved in around May 15."

The first group of roommates moved out of the house after graduation, two weeks earlier than planned, to allow the second group to move in. The residents obtained help in negotiating the problem from SLS.

Despite the disagreement, DeLuca said she would have lived in one of Gray-Nickell's properties again if her original roommates had stayed together.

Bernholz said SLS saw many student-landlord problems during August and May, when the highest turnover of rental facilities happened, but she said overlapping leases were rare.

"If the landlord is in a hurry to move new tenants in, sometimes he won't inspect the property before they move in," Bernholz said. "We see a lot of disputes about 'Did the hole in the wall exist when the student moved in?'"

Bernholz said students and landlords can often solve their conflicts through compromise. "Our goal is to work with landlords," she said. "We deal with all the landlords in town."

But Bernholz said SLS still filed many cases in court. "We're in court just about all the time."

Campus Calendar

FRIDAY

5 p.m. APPLICATIONS for Student Opportunities Fund are due at the Office of N.C. Fellows and Leadership Development in 01 STEE Building.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

CAROLINA S.A.F.E. CPR challenge course Wednesday from 7:15-9:15 p.m. in Union 208.

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