

Hooker Urges Women to Break Male Domination

■ Carmen Hooker said women must work harder for success than men.

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Women need to work harder than their male counterparts to succeed in the workplace, Carmen Hooker said in a speech to the Womentoring group Friday.

A former Massachusetts state legislator, Hooker discussed her success in a male-dominated field and talked about changes in the health care industry.

To gain the respect of other legislators, Hooker said she had to tackle controversial issues that male legislators avoided. As a member of the Ways and Means committee, she defended budget cuts when others on the committee were unwilling to do so.

"If you sit back and wait for that golden opportunity to land in your lap, it's just not going to happen," Hooker said. "I proved that I knew what I was talking about. I wasn't afraid of the advocacy groups and was qualified for a leadership position."

Hooker said it was difficult to balance her public life as a legislator with finding time for her family. She said one of her favorite books while she was dealing with these issues was "Juggling for the Complete Klutz."

"You will come against those times when you feel like a real klutz and juggling 1,000 balls in the air," Hooker said.

Since she was first elected to legislature in 1984, Hooker said she learned that providing constituent services was the secret to getting re-elected.

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Co-chairwoman of the General Assembly's Health Care Commission



Co-chairwoman CARMEN HOOKER called for universal health care to control costs.

service people person," Hooker said. "If you don't do the most important part of the job, you're not fulfilling your charge as an elected official."

Since many Womentoring members are considering health care professions, Hooker also talked about changes in the health care industry.

The former chairwoman of the health committee for the Massachusetts legislature said she advocated universal health care coverage for practical rather than moral reasons. "You can't have true cost containment until you get everybody under the umbrella," she said.

Uninsured patients end up receiving treatment in the emergency room and those costs are passed on to insurance carriers, Hooker said. "You're subsidizing those businesses that aren't (providing insurance)," she said.

Hooker said long-term care and chronic disease are the defining issues not yet tackled by health care reform. She said the current inpatient system was not designed to deal with patients on a long-term basis. "It is the defining issue because how we figure that out will define who we are as a people and who we are as a nation."

When asked about government funding for academic health care centers like UNC Hospitals, Hooker said universities have problems in containing costs because they have the dual role of organizing the teaching of students and providing care for the sickest patients. "Managed care (programs) don't care that you're an academic health care center," she said. "If you have higher costs, they're not going to send their patients there."

Duo Makes New Furniture Using Old Money

BY GRAHAM BRINK
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Everyone dreams of getting their hands on a little extra cash: a couple hundred for rent, an extra grand for tuition, maybe even winning a big hit on the lottery.

But when it comes to money, Heath Scofield's dreams are unfulfilled.

Scofield, an independent industrial designer from Raleigh, has his heart set on \$7.4 billion. And he wants the Federal Reserve to deliver it.

Scofield and partner Scott Harvey developed a process to recycle old, discontinued currency — \$7.4 billion in the United States alone — into a viable pseudo-wood product. All they need now are the raw materials.

Each of the parts of the Federal Reserve system is a separate entity, Scofield explained, so several bureaucratic levels must be sorted through. "We're negotiating with the Federal Reserve and the U.S. Treasury," Scofield said. "They're extremely supportive of the plan but certain rules and regulations must be abided by."

The impetus behind the plan evolved from several basic observations, Scofield said. Landfills have limited space, discarded currency occupies some of the limited space

and U.S. currency, with its rigid processing guidelines, is an ideal raw material.

"We have great money," Scofield said. "Virtually indestructible and manufactured by the strictest rules. It has stringent design specifications that inevitably produce a consistent product."

One of the problems with filling landfills with shredded currency, Scofield said, is the money is so well manufactured that it won't break down. "It could take hundreds of years for the notes to disintegrate (in a landfill)," he said. "That's the great part of this process, we're not only recycling the money, we're making a viable and useful product out of it."

The finished products, Moneywood and Counterfeit, are fractionally heavier than balsa wood, virtually indestructible, resistant to all types of acid and dimensionally stable, according to Scofield. "This product is better than wood. It won't warp or twist with moisture or heat because of the currency and the way it's bound."

Moneywood mimics wood or stone in appearance and is workable like wood except it should not be nailed as it has no grain. "Nails just bounce off it," Scofield said. "Screws work a lot better."

Scofield and Harvey, self-proclaimed mad scientists, refined their process through

dozens of tests. The chemicals used are nontoxic and rendered inert after the process is complete, said Harvey. The waste product is "environmentally benign."

Scofield was reluctant to divulge any processing secrets, and would only say, "The process is surprisingly inexpensive." He did disclose that the process requires adhesives and tons of pressure.

And now the pressure is on Scofield and Harvey to see the plan through to fruition. To make more than three-inch pieces, the designers must raise \$250,000 to open the first processing plant.

"We thought that a production company would license the process, but that hasn't happened," Scofield said. "We never intended to self-finance the project, but we've already spent \$50,000 out of pocket."

They are raising the rest of the seed money by selling novelty items made from shredded currency at the Buck Stops Here, a store in Durham's Northgate Mall. Scofield is also negotiating a deal with a long distance phone company that wants to use \$5 bags of shredded cash in a promotion.

"We don't think raising the funds will be much trouble," Scofield said. "The product basically sells itself, so to speak." Scofield said he believed the first plant

would be running by the end of 1996, and he ultimately wants a plant near each of the 37 Federal Reserve banks that collect and destroy old currency.

The Federal Reserve refused to elaborate on the status of the negotiations, but Simon Baker, a spokesman for the Reserve, said, "The idea is sound, but we must explore all the legal avenues."

To promote the use of Moneywood, Scofield said he envisioned apprenticeship workshops at each of the plants. "We'll use some of the profits to train craftsmen in the use of the product," he said. "We're recycling and creating jobs." With the price of Moneywood estimated at \$8 per foot retail and \$4 per foot wholesale, Scofield said his target market is interior designers, craftsmen and architects. "It's a beautiful, high-quality product to work with," he said. "Ideal for long-lasting projects."

Scofield was not worried about the advent of a moneyless society disrupting his plans and said his first priority is to recycle the currency. "I don't think the so-called moneyless society will be a reality anytime soon. In the meantime, with the average life span of a dollar bill at 11 months, we have an opportunity to do the environment some good. Think of it as your tax dollars at work."

FACULTY COUNCIL

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why women leave at greater rates than men. A second resolution asks for a University-wide assessment of the procedures for promotion.

"(We want to examine) not just the written guidelines, but how the guidelines are actually implemented in each individual unit," McNeil said.

In other activity, the council unanimously passed two resolutions designed to increase faculty and student interaction. Pam Conover, chairwoman of the council's committee on intellectual climate, said she thought the council had a responsibility to address the issue immediately.

"(A good intellectual climate) is a sense of energy that emanates from the faculty and student body engaged in intellectual activity," Conover said.

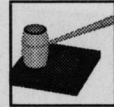
The first resolution called on the Educational Policy Committee to act as a con-

nection between students and faculty members. "This resolution is only one part of the effort of creating and maintaining an exciting intellectual climate at this University," Conover said. "The key is student-faculty relationships. Student-faculty interaction lies at the core of intellectual climate."

The second resolution asked the chancellor to create a task force to explore "mechanisms for facilitating student-faculty interaction both inside and outside the classroom, and for improving collaborative faculty-student involvement in the community."

"As a public university we have a civic responsibility to educate students as citizens," Conover said.

The resolutions stemmed from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools self-study, issued in 1995, which criticized the University's intellectual climate and stated that "too many students are indifferent to a 'life of the mind.'"



CONGRESS MINUTES

A summary of actions taken at the last Student Congress meeting.

SL-77-047 A bill to amend the Student Code, Title VI, which was vetoed by Student Body President Calvin Cunningham, failed to gain the votes necessary for an override. The override failed by a vote of 12-7-4.

RSA-77-099 A resolution to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the United Nations passed by voice vote.

RSA-77-109 A resolution to approve appointments by the student body president was passed by consent.

The bill appointed Charles Harris, Jacqueline Samek and April Lindell Jones to the positions of assistant student body treasurers.

RSA-77-106 A resolution to expand and comply with SCR-77-031 (Committee on AIDS Prevention) was withdrawn.

BRJ-77-089 A bill to amend the Student Code, Title III, Part I, Act I: Student Supreme Court, passed by consent.

RSA-77-110 A resolution to approve an appointment by the student body president passed.

The bill appointed Scott Hunter Boze to the position of student body co-secretary.

BFI-77-0954 An act to subsequently appropriate \$590 to the Women's Issues Network passed.

Campus Calendar

MONDAY

5 p.m. N.C. FELLOWS LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM applications are due in 01 Steele Building.

5:30 p.m. PHI DELTA CHI, a professional co-ed pharmacy fraternity, will be having a Sub Party in Beard Hall Lounge for all pharmacy and pre-pharmacy majors. Come check us out! Call 968-9709 for rides or information.

6 p.m. ALPHA CHI SIGMA, the co-ed professional chemistry fraternity, is having informal rush. The Kean Lobby information social is today.

Meet at Venable Bridge at 7:30 p.m. to go to Franklin Street for supper Tuesday. Attend any two of four events to be invited to Formal Rush on Wednesday.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Anyone interested in being CAMPUS Y co-President or co-treasurer can pick up an application in the Y. Elections will be held Feb. 6.

THE YACKETY YACK, UNC's yearbook, is now accepting applications for editor. Applications can be picked up in Suite 106 of the Union and are due Feb. 9. For more information, call 962-3912.

GOLDEN KEY NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY will hold its officer elections Thursday in Union 224. Are you interested? See you there.

ROBERT FRANK: The Americans, photography and books of Robert Frank will be presented Feb. 2 through March 30 (Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.) at 1317 W. Pettigrew St. in Durham. Call 660-3663 for more information.

BFI-77-098 An act to subsequently appropriate \$0 to the Carolina Union Activities Board to present Maya Angelou was withdrawn.

BFI-77-100 An act to amend the 1995-1996 budget to include \$3500 for the Asian Student Association's Atlantic Coast Asian-American Student Union Annual Conference passed.

BFI-77-101 An act to amend the 1995-1996 budget to include \$3000 for the executive branch passed.

BFI-77-096 An act to subsequently appropriate \$0 to the Carolina Union Activities Board to present Nadine Stausen as a speaker was withdrawn.

BFI-77-105 A bill to amend Title IV of the Student Code to include the Student Mediation Center Board of Directors passed.

BRJ-77-104 A bill to amend Title IV of the Student Code to include the Student Advisory Committee to the Chancellor passed.

BRJ-77-103 A bill to amend Title VI of the Student Code passed.

RSA-77-108 An act to initiate a referendum to create a Student Fee Audit Committee passed.

RSA-77-107 An act to initiate a student referendum on food service improvements was tabled to committee.

BFI-77-102 An act to subsequently appropriate \$800 for the Student Environmental Action Coalition's Spring Training Conference passed.

BFI-77-097 An act to subsequently appropriate \$0 to the Carolina Union Activities Board to present a jazz festival was withdrawn.

BRJ-77-093 The Darling-Gasperini bill to amend Title II, Part 6 of the Student Code passed by consent.

BRJ-77-092 The Darling-Gasperini bill to amend Title V of the Student Code passed by consent.

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