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Task Force Proposes Women's Center

In a report released today, the Chancellor's Task Force on Women calls for UNC to create an operational women's center within five years.

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The University should establish a women's center that would be fully operational within the next five years, the Chancellor's Task Force on Women will recommend in its final report, to be presented at today's faculty council meeting.

Among its tasks, the center would bring together existing services for women, develop educational programs and represent and promote the interests of women throughout the University, the report states.

The report does not recommend a location for the center, nor does it provide details on how the center would be paid for.

Chancellor Michael Hooker will make decisions about funding, a task force member said.

An advisory board, to be in place by September, would oversee the development of the center and implement other task force recommendations.

"I think it makes a lot of sense that all the activities that are already going on can be coordinated," said Professor

Jane Brown, a member of the task force.

Former Chancellor Paul Hardin established the task force in January 1995, about a year after the student group Women's Issues Network had proposed a women's center in response to what they called the "chilly climate" for women on campus. The 21-person committee included students, faculty and staff.

In addition to calling for the center, the report includes:

- results from a 1,232 person poll conducted partially on the Internet in the fall semester;
- information about resources and centers for women at 21 other universities;
- an inventory of existing services for women at UNC;
- recommendations for services varying from safety to the overall "campus climate" that affect women; and
- a brief history of women at the University.

"I think it's the best thing to come out of the University in a while," said senior Adrienne Lockie, a member of the task force.

Task force members debated whether to recommend a women's center, said Professor Noelle Granger, co-chairwoman of the task force. "Women were concerned that it would alienate their male colleagues," she said. "We certainly view the center as a place that would service women and men."

The unscientific poll, partially conducted on the Internet, showed that women respondents overwhelmingly supported creating a women's center.

"I think the biggest problem with meeting women's

needs on this campus has to do with lack of information," one respondent wrote. "I'm sure that there are many services offered by the University of which I am not aware ... Providing a few base contact numbers would help a lot."

Of the few respondents opposed to a center, one wrote, "First, there is no need, as women are a majority at UNC and therefore not marginalized. Secondly, such a facility would promote division between women and men. Finally, we do not have financial resources for this frivolity."

Committee member and Student Body Vice President Amy Swan said the decision to recommend a women's center was influenced by surveying other schools.

"We did not start off the committee with the recommendation that a women's center be created," Swan said. "Every single school like UNC has a women's center. That changed a lot of people's minds on the committee."

"Every school that did not have a women's center was in the process of creating one," Swan said.

According to the task force's research, schools that had women's centers commonly used them to promote campus safety, support victims of sexual harassment and violence, raise awareness of women's concerns and provide educational programs to help women develop personally and professionally.

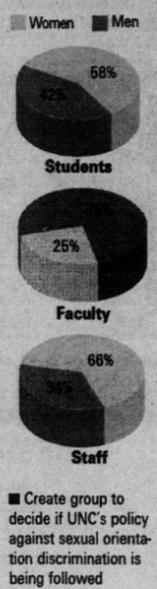
"It appears that most major institutions of the nature, size and composition of UNC-Chapel Hill have a campus-based women's center or comparable administrative unit ...," the report states. The faculty council will hear the report at its 3 p.m. meeting today in Wilson Library.

Women at Carolina

Some highlights of recommendations from the Chancellor's Task Force on Women:

- SECURITY**
 - Coordinate efforts of existing safety groups
 - Create advisory group about safety
 - Increase funding for Point-2-Point and other transit services
- HEALTH SERVICES**
 - Hire a full time obstetrician/gynecologist at Student Health Service
 - Increase SHS education efforts about issues like eating disorders and mental health
 - Coordinate SHS and community resources like Planned Parenthood
- WORK-LIFE ISSUES**
 - Hire adviser for faculty who need leave for pregnancy, adoption, etc.
 - Establish UNC-wide maternity leave policy
- CAREERS**
 - Make formal effort to promote qualified women staff to higher staff positions and ensure women applicants from within the University are considered for new administrative positions
 - Hire career development counselor for staff
 - Create scholarship for faculty and staff to participate in career development programs
- CHILLY CLIMATE**
 - Drastically expand Greek system gender education programs
 - Add resources to the Office of Student Counseling to assist African-American and Native-American students
- CREATE COMMITTEE TO ADDRESS ELDER CARE ISSUES**

Where are the women?



Student Bill of Rights May Be Rejected Again

BY LILLIE CRATON
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For the second year in a row, the Faculty Council recommended rejecting a Student Bill of Rights which would have established codes for faculty conduct in the classroom, calling it "confrontational."

The recommendation came in the annual report of the council's Educational Policy Committee.

However, the committee, which recommended the rejection of the draft, will form a subcommittee of students and faculty to create an alternative draft.

Anthony Passannante, a professor of anesthesiology and co-chairman of the committee, did not comment specifically on the document, but said he questioned the style in which the document was written.

"It was overly legalistic," he said. "It was too confrontational between faculty and students."

The Bill of Rights is a legal document explaining what students can expect and demand from faculty members in the classroom. For example, the Bill of Rights states that students should receive syllabi at the beginning of the semester listing every assignment and reading for which they are responsible.

Both drafts of the Bill of Rights were written by students who volunteered to

work on the document. Passannante said he thought student-faculty relations would be damaged by the document.

"We don't think that's the way this issue should be handled," he said.

Passannante said he thought the document only discussed the responsibilities of faculty and failed to discuss the responsibilities of students.

"Part of the responsibility of having a vibrant intellectual community goes to the student," he said. "We don't think a document that only goes one way will really accomplish what we want to accomplish."

However, the committee's undergraduate student representative Shelly Bao, a freshman from Raleigh, said she thought the document had many strong points.

"I think this is in the best interest of undergrads," she said. "It's not as restrictive as others may say."

Bao said some professional school faculty said that a syllabus would limit their classes. Bao also said she thought most undergraduate class should have a syllabus.

"It definitely communicates the need for a change in how things are done here," Bao said.

Passannante said the committee planned to create a subcommittee of students and faculty to create a new document that would detail both student and faculty responsibilities.

"We didn't feel we could shut the door

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THE COALITION FOR ECONOMIC JUSTICE

Group Wants Hooker's Ear on Housekeepers

BY MARISA FERGUSON
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Greenlaw Hall for sale? Chancellor Hooker missing?

Fliers across campus asking these questions are the work of the Coalition for Economic Justice, a campus organization that lobbies for economic fairness at the University.

Since its formation in the fall, group members have organized a march to support UNC housekeepers,



Gerald Horne speaks on Affirmative Action Day. DTH/JASON KIRK



Members of the Coalition for Economic Justice participated in a protest against privatizing housekeeping services during a national environmental conference last October. DTH FILE PHOTO

have met with members of the General Administration to present alternatives to privatizing housekeeping services, have held a speak out supporting affirmative action and have attended a privatization picket in Raleigh.

"Ever since the Black Cultural Center struggle in the early '90s, there has been a need to form a coalition of progressive organizations on campus," said junior Robin Ellis, a member of the coalition and the Student Environmental Action Society. "The need to react quickly to privatization was kind of a second calling."

Although the coalition also focuses on voter registration and financial issues, such as tuition increases, that affect students, fighting privatization of housekeeping services has been its biggest concern.

The coalition involves 11 campus groups, including the Women's Issues Network, People Organizing for Women's Empowerment and Rights, the Black Student Movement, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the Student Environmental Action Coalition.

Coalition members started researching privatization in the fall after the legislature commissioned a General Administration study on the economic benefits of privatization. The final study is scheduled to be released April 15.

The coalition claims that Chancellor Michael Hooker has been inattentive to their concerns about housekeepers' working conditions, salaries and possible privatization.

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Healthy Exposure



Frank Jeffreys dazzles his audience at the Wellness Expo held in the Student Recreation Center on Thursday. Jeffreys attempts to juggle three bags filled with air. See story, page 3. DTH/KRISTIN BOHAN

Black Workers Win Some Support for Pay Hike

BY AMY CAPPIELLO
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Although some Chapel Hill Town Council members agreed Thursday that public workers' salaries are inadequate, they would not commit to supporting a proposed tax increase to raise them.

At Wednesday night's council meeting, Black Public Works Association members asked the council to approve a 2-cent tax increase to fund pay raises, saying current salaries were too low to allow workers to live in Chapel Hill.

Council member Joe Capowski said Thursday the only way to raise the workers' pay without a tax hike would be to cut funding from other areas. Council member Richard Franck said the town could achieve salary increases without raising taxes,

but it would be a difficult process to complete.

"We've got quite a bit of money for pay increases," Franck said. "However, as (the BPWA) said at the meeting, a good chunk of that goes to people in the higher wage areas. We can reallocate some of that or pull money from other areas, but that won't be popular."

The town's workers receive annual pay increases, but Franck said he believed the process by which the raises are awarded was unfair.

"The problem has been that every year, pay raises have been on a percentage basis, so it's the same for every worker," Franck said.

"And, a worker making \$30,000 a year with a 2 percent increase receives a lot more than a worker making \$10,000 a year with a 2 percent increase."

Chapel Hill Mayor Rosemary Waldorf said

Thursday that when Town Manager Cal Horton brought back the town's budget proposal in mid-May, he would suggest that the lower paid workers receive a higher percentage pay raise than those in the higher pay brackets. Horton will also propose to eliminate the two lowest pay brackets, Waldorf said.

Franck said if a 2-cent tax increase was approved, it would be incorporated into the 1996-97 budget as a property tax increase that Chapel Hill residents would not pay until Jan. 1, 1997.

"I said a few weeks ago that I thought that we could go further to increase pay for our lower-wage workers," Franck said.

"I'm glad that they came to us and brought this to the table. It's given the council an idea of what's possible and what's feasible."

UNC Hosts National Literacy Conference This Weekend

BY DEANNA WITTMER
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Experts will address literacy education and its links to social issues this weekend when the Student Coalition for Action in Literacy Education hosts its national conference, "Partnerships for Power," at UNC.

SCALE will bring together college students, literacy professionals, community leaders and new readers to address partnerships between literacy programs and other community programs, said Kim Gordon, managing director of SCALE.

"SCALE is working to build the skills and knowledge necessary to develop effective literacy

programs by exploring the intricate links between literacy and social justice issues, such as crime, poverty, homelessness and racism," Gordon said.

The conference begins today at 10:30 a.m. with a welcoming presentation and will continue all day today and Saturday. Students, faculty and staff can attend one or both days. Registration is \$10 a day.

Pulitzer Prize-winning author Dr. Robert Coles, a child psychiatrist and professor at Harvard University, will deliver the keynote address Saturday at 2 p.m. Coles has devoted much of his life to community service and has written more than 50 books, including "The Call of Service, A Witness to Idealism." The free, public speech will be held

in 106 Carroll Hall.

The conference also will include workshops, a panel discussion with literacy experts and a reception. Anyone interested in learning about literacy and its link to social issues was invited to participate in the conference, Gordon said.

"SCALE seeks to address inequalities in communities," Gordon said. "We are trying to incorporate literacy in a variety of social programs."

The expert panel, which will be held Friday afternoon from 2:15 p.m. to 3:45 p.m., will include an interactive dialogue involving all conference participants.

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The secret of staying young is to live honestly, eat slowly and lie about your age.

Lucille Ball