

# Union organizers compare labor movement to civil rights struggle

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Union organizers from UNC-Chapel Hill, Duke University and several other area schools met at N.C. Central University Wednesday night to discuss the growing role of student activism in the labor movement.

The event, sponsored by the Freedom Road Socialist Organization, was aimed at building alliances between students and laborers both on- and off-campus.

"Where are we today?" asked former UNC student Chris Baumann. "It's the unfinished business, I think, of the civil rights movement."

It was a theme that ran throughout the night's discussion, which ranged in content from how best to organize students and workers, to more specific issues like

the UNC Housekeepers Association's battle with University administrators.

Ajamu Dillahunt, a member of Black Workers for Justice and the president of the Raleigh Postal Workers Association, said one of the keys to successful union organizing was having a definite goal to reach.

"You've got to keep your eyes on the prize," Dillahunt said. "The prize is the elimination of oppression by race, by gender and by sexual orientation."

Dillahunt said one of his goals was increasing the percentage of N.C. workers who have been unionized. Right now, Dillahunt said, about 4 percent of N.C. workers are in unions, but he said he hoped to see the number increase to 35 percent or 40 percent.

But Kim Diehl, a UNC senior from Longwood, Fla., said she was often frustrated by the apathy with which many students greeted her attempts to organize pro-labor elements of the student body.

"It should be a lifelong thing for everyone, not just activists, but people with conscience," Diehl said.

Yonni Chapman, a UNC graduate student and co-manager of Internationalist Books, said another valuable resource for organizers was members of university faculties. "I think it's really important not to undersell the possibilities there," Chapman said.

Barbara Prear, a leader in the UNC Housekeepers Association served on the panel for the discussion. Prear said she felt UNC was indebted to its minority workers.

"I think the University of North Carolina owes black women for the years of struggle they've been through."

# Hooker returns 1997-98 calendar for revisions, satisfies Employee Forum

■ Some employees would have had to work on Labor Day and Good Friday.

BY MARK LINEBERGER  
SPECIAL TO THE DTH

Chancellor Michael Hooker asked the Calendar Committee to provide an alternative that would preserve two employee holidays at the Employee Forum meeting Wednesday.

On behalf of the employees who are disgruntled with the proposal to have them work Labor Day and Good Friday, Hooker said he would send the calendar back to committee to get it changed.

"I've asked the committee to take the calendar back to the drawing board," he said.

"(The employees) have the right to

treat these holidays as sacrosanct," Hooker said. "People shouldn't feel coerced to work on these days."

Hooker said he had asked Interim Provost Dick Richardson to take the calendar back to the Calendar Committee to find an alternative to staying open on these holidays.

The new schedule, which would add an extra four days to the school year, would add six days to the school calendar, including the holidays, and take away two others, making a net gain of four days.

The changes come from a request by UNC-system President C.D. Spangler for all system schools to have 150 days of class.

Executive Vice Chancellor Elson Floyd issued a memorandum to department heads last week, allowing them to decide whether to keep their departments open on the holidays. Departments that

decide to stay open would not receive extra funding for those days.

Some members of the forum were still upset because of the inconveniences of working on traditional holidays, such as a lack of bus service.

Hooker also discussed his plan to use the budget's allocated flexible dollars on four projects he feels are vital to keep UNC competitive with the nation's top universities. The foremost project would improve technology on campus to keep students abreast of the latest developments.

Also on Hooker's list were plans for a graduate student health insurance plan, faculty grants, an outreach program to help improve local public schools, plans to get out-of-state students more representation and a plan to invite state legislators to campus for a day to see what is being done by the forum.

The forum will meet again on Oct. 2.

# Paired for Progress gives UNC students chance to serve

■ The program matches freshmen and seniors to do community service.

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There is a saying that says one is alone, three is a company, but a pair is perfect.

Perhaps this is the reason the Newman Catholic Student Center named its new program Paired for Progress.

The program will couple freshmen with seniors in a big brother/big sister relationship. The pairs will devote much of their shared time to performing com-

munity service projects.

Paired for Progress co-coordinator Christine Nicolette, a senior program participant, said the program would try to instill a sense of community in its participants.

"It's to promote campus unity, and it's a good way to get (students) involved in community service activities," Nicolette said.

Program participants will take part in community projects affiliated with organizations like Habitat for Humanity, the Oxford Orphanage and the Ronald McDonald House.

Nicolette said the program would serve as an opportunity for seniors to give back to the University and a way to ease fresh-

men into the rigors of college life.

Sister Margaret Harig, associate campus minister, said Paired for Progress participants would have to enroll in a course which would educate them in matters other than academics.

The class, Carolina Adventures Challenge, is a ropes course — a nonacademic course — which teaches students how to build character.

It will teach students to trust one another, care for each other and test their own limits, Harig said.

Pairs will also spend leisure time together so freshmen can share concerns with their senior partners, Nicolette said.

Sister Harig said the Carolina Parents' Association and the office of the vice

chancellor for student affairs granted Paired for Progress a \$600 Student Opportunities Fund. Sister Harig said she was glad someone finally decided to fund the program.

"I'm really pleased that we have been given some resources to implement what we have tried to carry out in the previous years, thanks to the Carolina Parents' Association," she said.

Sister Harig said two Newman Center interns wrote a proposal for the grant last year.

The grant will be able to support a maximum of 25 freshman-senior pairs.

There will be a meeting for students interested in Paired for Progress at 6:30 p.m. today in New Carroll TI.

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Conley said.

Angie Harris, a spokeswoman for the Governor's Office, said the governor emphasized the need to stop regulations that he believes could hurt many families living in the state. "The governor — because the tobacco industry is such a major industry in this state — believes that he needs to take legal action to protect the state's economy," Harris said.

"(Gov. Hunt) doesn't want them to regulate tobacco out of business. He wants there to be alternative methods to stop teenage smoking without regulating the tobacco industry."

Seneca said the Department of Agriculture was also fighting for the hundreds of thousands of people who would be affected.

"(Agricultural Commissioner Jim Graham) opposes any attempts to regulate tobacco as a drug. He sees the FDA regulations as the first step toward prohibition," Seneca said. "He is concerned that tobacco growers are being accused of growing an illegal crop."

"Tobacco is a crop that has allowed many farmers to stay on the land and continue farming when many people are being drawn away from agriculture. The regulations would have a significant effect on the economy."

But the governor's decision to file a lawsuit has not met everyone's approval. Rep. Robin Hayes, R-Cabarrus, nominee for governor, supports Hunt's oppo-

sition to the regulations but said he believed Hunt's actions would be ineffective.

"Hunt's election-year lawsuit might provide good political cover, but it will do little to solve the real problem," Hayes stated in a press release. "Unfortunately, lawsuits and letters are not going to stop Bill Clinton."

Andrew Duke, a spokesman for the Hayes campaign, said the lawsuit would bolster support for Hunt but would accomplish little else.

"There have been many lawsuits filed by companies and other governors in the past few weeks," Duke said. "Hunt and the government can file this lawsuit, but they might as well get in line."

"The bottom line is that the only way to truly address the problem — the problem being that federal government is imposing new regulations on tobacco — is to make a decision on Clinton's candidacy."

The lawsuit that Hunt has proposed filing would be a long court battle, Conley said. The state would first have to concentrate on proving that the FDA had no standing to regulate tobacco sales.

"My guess is that this could be a very complicated, expensive lawsuit because of legal complications and expert witnesses. It could easily go up into six figures," Conley said.

"The bottom line is that this is all political games — Bill Clinton's issuing the regulations and the governor's response, but the response is also political to protect a state industry."

## Campus Calendar

### Thursday

11 a.m. to 2 p.m. - The Student Environmental Action Coalition is sponsoring a recycling and waste reduction demonstration. Performance, song, games, and speakers. Refuse, reduce, reuse, recycle!

noon to 3 p.m. - The UNC Young Republicans "Rush Room" will open in Union 226. Take a break, relax, listen to Limbaugh, study, mingle with other YRs, bring your lunch and a friend. Stop by and get your Rush Room Sched-

ule for other dates this September.

noon to 6 p.m. - The Executive Branch of student government will be holding an open house for all interested students. Come join one of our committees: student services, academic affairs, human relations or external relations.

5 to 6 p.m. - Alpha Epsilon Delta interest meeting for prospective members. Meet in Union 226.

5:30 p.m. - The Vietnamese Students Association first general meeting will be held in

Union 210. Refreshments will be served.

5:45 p.m. - The Baptist Student Union will hold a worship and fellowship service at the Battle House. A fellowship meal (\$2) will follow immediately afterward. Call 942-4266 for more information. All are invited to attend.

7 p.m. - There will be a general interest meeting for anyone interested in getting involved with Club Track & Field in 106 Fetzer Gymnasium.

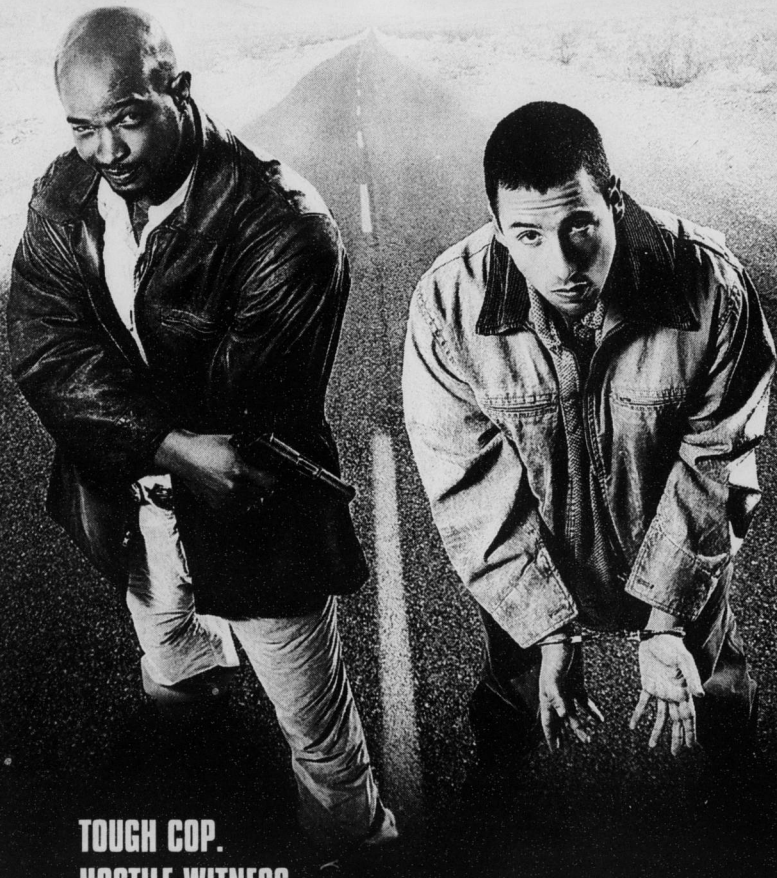
7 p.m. - Are you interested in praising God through song? If so, *Voices of Praise*, a brand-

new praise and worship choir on the campus of UNC, will be holding its first interest meeting in Union 205-206. Call Joy Rollins at 914-0707 for more information.

8 p.m. - The Association of International Students will have one final mandatory Beach Trip meeting in 103 Bingham Hall.

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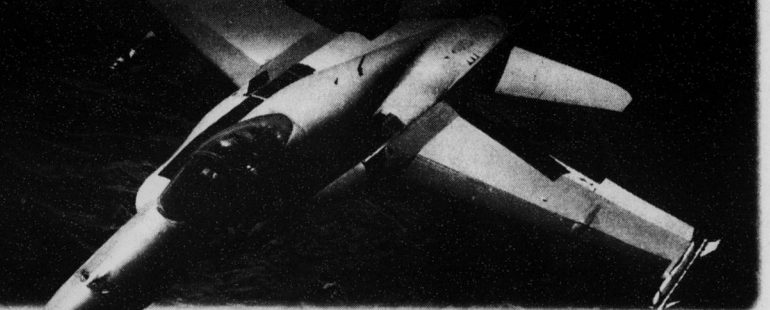
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