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Today's Weather

Partly sunny; low 70s.

Weekend: Cloudy, low 70s.

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Asian studies course added for spring '96

The class will examine how diverse Asian groups arrived in America.

BY DAVE SNELL
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Looking for a B.A. Social Sciences perspective that will also satisfy your cultural diversity requirement? Frustrated at the lack of Asian-American studies? How about taking the University's second-ever Asian-American studies course, "Asian-American Immigration and Experience"?

Sociology graduate student and teaching assistant Indermohan Virk said the class would examine how diverse Asian groups arrived in America and assimilated into American society.

"This class will study the history of immigration of different Asian groups and try to relate the immigration experience," she said.

Asian Students Association President Albert Hwang said the region's attitudes have had an adverse effect on potential Asian-American curriculums in the UNC system.

"In the South especially, people tend to forget Asian-Americans played an integral part in the history of America," he said. "They've been in America for 400 years but we constantly overlook their contributions to society."

For example, early Asian immigrants worked on plantations in Hawaii and built the western part of the transcontinental railroad, Hwang said.

In addition to studying people of East Asian descent, Virk said she wanted the course to include groups not traditionally considered to be Asian-American, like Indian and western Asian peoples.

"We will consider who the term has been used to describe and which groups have been excluded," she said. "People tend to think 'Asian' is synonymous with 'East Asian.'"

This class will enable people to learn

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Graduate representatives storm out of Student Congress

BY JOHN SWEENEY
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Several graduate Student Congress members walked out of the body's Wednesday night meeting, citing frustration about a lack of funding for graduate student organizations as their main concern.

The issue arose when Town and Gown, a group that plans to publish a magazine of writings by homeless people and convicts, appeared before Student Congress to request funding.

But several Student Congress members asked that the bill be cut. Representatives of Town and Gown refused, claiming the \$962.80 they requested was the

bare minimum they would need for the publication.

Rep. Josh Cohen-Peyrot, Dist. 16, said he had hoped Town and Gown would consent to the cuts because he was concerned about Student Congress' spending this semester.

"We've been pretty free with our money so far and I think (Wednesday) night a lot of us realized we couldn't continue to spend at that rate," Cohen-Peyrot said.

Student Body Treasurer Julie Gasperini said she had been regulating the amount of money Student Congress could allocate at each meeting because she was afraid the group would spend too much of its emergency reserves. If more

than \$15,000 is allocated this semester, the reserves will have to be replenished using money from next semester's student fees.

Student Congress members then asked Town and Gown to wait until the spring for the funds, when more money would be available, but a motion to table the bill until next semester failed.



Congress member JAMES HOFFMAN, Dist. 15, said graduate representatives had overreacted.

When the bill was finally voted on, it failed, prompting most of the graduate student representatives to leave the meeting. Several of those representatives claimed undergraduate representatives opposed the bill only because Town and Gown was composed of graduate students from the School of Social Work.

"Congress decided to tighten its purse strings when a graduate group came before them," said Rep. Bryan Kennedy, Dist. 4. "It seemed to some of my colleagues that it was a slap in the face of graduate students."

Of the graduate representatives, only Rep. Evelyn Poole-Kober, Dist. 5, remained. Poole-Kober could not be reached for comment.

While Kennedy and Rep. Dara Whalen, Dist. 8, eventually returned to the meeting, the absence of other graduate representatives meant Student Congress did not have the two-thirds majority necessary to allocate funds. Thus, the two groups that followed Town and Gown on the agenda could not be funded.

Rep. Michael Holland, Dist. 4, said he felt undergraduate members of Student Congress were being too stingy with funds when it came to graduate student groups.

"A lot of undergraduate members of congress begrudge returning fee money to graduate student groups," he said. Holland, a two-term veteran of Stu-

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UNC students march to take back the night

BY KAITLIN GURNEY
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Point-2-Point was still running and the SAFE Escort golf carts whizzed by, but something was different last night: it was the one day of the year that women could walk without fear.

UNC students and members of the community gathered in the Pit on Thursday evening for the annual Take Back the Night march and rally.

The event, designed to protest violence against females, included a performance by the Opeyo! Dancers and speeches by Judith Scott, UNC sexual harassment officer, and women's activist Bertha Holt.

Scott gave an emotional speech to the cheering crowd, detailing statistics about domestic violence and rape.

"In the past five minutes while I have been speaking, one woman has been raped and at least two have been battered," Scott said.

The spirited group, carrying signs and banners and shouting cheers such as

"People unite, take back the night," began a triumphant walk around campus following the rally. The crowd marched up to Franklin Street and finished at Gerard Hall, but many said the highlight was the trip through Coker Arboretum.

"It is empowering to be able to go places I have never been before because I have the strength and solidarity of a group of women. It is the one time I get to see the Arboretum at night," said Mary Catherine Bauer, a senior from Charlotte and co-chairwoman of the Greek Women's Issues Group.

March participants drew from many facets of the University and came up with different personal causes.

Katie Smith, a senior from Asheville and the other co-chairwoman of the Greek Women's Issues Group, said this was the first year that many Greek women had been able to participate in the march, which was usually held on a Wednesday and conflicted with chapter meetings.

"Greek women are often seen as rape victims — silent victims," she said. Nancy Kiplinger, mother of a UNC student and a Chapel Hill resident, said she was participating in the march because it was important that her daughter be safe at school and everywhere else.

"I want to feel safe at night when I



Men and women participate in the Take Back the Night march that wound through campus Thursday night. The march was held to counter violent and abusive behavior towards women.

walk the dog, on the freeway when I have a flat tire and when I do research here at the library," she said.

The participants were by no means all female. Jason Stajich, a sophomore from Hillsborough, said, "Sure, it's a bit in-

timidating to be here, but it's nothing compared to the intimidation women suffer when they are raped."

Dean with Distinction

BY LAUREN AGRELLA
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Michelle Cofield doesn't have an easy job. But perhaps that's why she likes it so much.

Aside from serving as assistant dean of students, Cofield is the harassment and assault prevention coordinator on campus.

She was instrumental in the planning of Rape Awareness Week events and is constantly thinking of new ways to serve the student community.

"I see a need for diversification in terms of the options available to students," she said. "My work here is dedicated to all students. Students are the ones who decide what programs happen."

Her philosophy of diversity carried over to the coordinating of the week's events.

"She has done a fantastic job of making Rape Awareness Week very inclusive in terms of getting lots of groups involved," said Margaret Barrett, UNC's judicial programs officer and a close colleague of Cofield. "In previous years, it was hard to make

the week a priority, but what she's done has been phenomenal."

Cofield is not just an expert on sexual harassment laws, and she's not just a University administrator who helps students with general needs. She's both of these rolled into one.

Cofield doesn't fit the mold of a typical administrator. Carrying a backpack and joking about her overloaded schedule, she has the air of a UNC student.

"My students say I'm the only dean who will sit — in silk pants — on the floor with them," Cofield said.

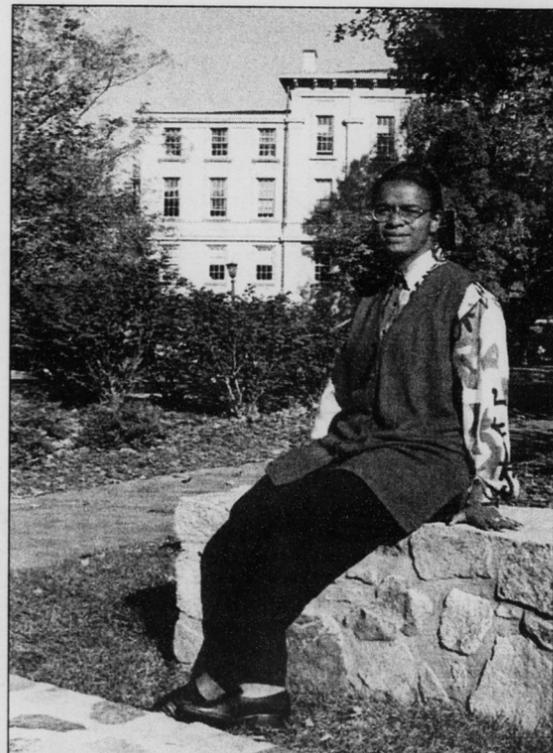
Judith McKeon, the Parents Program director for UNC, works in the same office as Cofield.

"She's delightful to work with and so enthusiastic and interested in her work," McKeon said.

Cofield, who was appointed last December, said her goal was to create a comfortable environment for students. Her office deals not only with rape and harassment issues, but with racial, sexual orientation, gender and other areas of assaults involving UNC students.

Barrett said Cofield's position provided students with an added outlet for support.

"It gives students someone to come



Michelle Cofield, assistant dean of students, created assault prevention programs and tried to make Rape Awareness Week more inclusive.

to who they can trust and who knows what all the resources are," Barrett said. "She's very open and approachable to students."

Eager to dispel the misconception that her duties stop at dealing with

sexual harassment, Cofield explained that she dealt with all magnitudes of student emergencies and programming — not just those relating to her title

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Educators seek to integrate technology into curriculum

The human element in teacher-pupil relations must stay, professors say.

BY CHARLES HELLWIG
STAFF WRITER

A new way of learning is sprouting up at campuses across the country, and UNC officials are looking into methods to best use emerging computer technology.

"It is absolutely essential that we prepare our universities to be able to provide each of its students with the technology that will get the most out of the advances that are being made," Board of Governors member Helen Marvin said. "We've got to move forward."

Last week representatives from UNC-Chapel Hill met with IBM to discuss the company's "Global Campus" program, a worldwide, high-technology program aimed at helping colleges expand their offerings for students.

Judith Wegner, dean of the UNC-CH School of Law, one of the meeting participants, was looking for ways to take advantage of cyberspace.

"We had a good meeting with IBM last week, and that was just the most

recent step in a year-long process," Wegner said. "We've been exploring a whole variety of ways to best use the computers and new technology."

Peter Petschauer, chairman of the UNC-system Faculty Senate, said his group has stressed the importance of computers and cyberspace for teaching.

"Students are actually ahead of most teachers on this curve," Petschauer said. "The resources available on the Internet are fantastic and students are already making use of them. Teachers have to learn how to do the same."

Petschauer said he believed computer assisted classes were another way of faculty using new technology. "Classrooms are the traditional setting and obviously the most accepted and talked about, but they are not the only setting."

Petschauer said he thought that making sure teachers maintain control over their curriculum was important. "It comes down to giving teachers the option to do what they think is best for the students," Petschauer said. "Different faculty members will obviously think very different things."

Jane Brown, chairwoman of UNC-CH's Faculty Council, agreed with

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Most things I worry about never happen anyway.

Tom Petty