

Group plans to clarify student courts' rules

BY NAHAL TOOSI
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The Committee on Student Conduct discussed the practice of giving students lesser sanctions for academic cheating because of "unusual mitigating circumstances" at their Thursday meeting.

Sanctions Subcommittee Chairman Robert Adler, associate dean of the Kenan-Flagler Business School, said the possibility of imposing lesser sanctions because of unusual mitigating circumstances gave student courts more flexibility. But Adler also said clarification of the term was necessary to prevent confusion for student judges.

"Maybe the system has gotten a little

too loose, and maybe we can do something to tighten it up," Adler said.

Currently, the normal sanction for academic cheating is suspension and a recommended grade of F in the course. If the student can present evidence of unusual mitigating circumstances, there is a possibility of a lesser sanction, such as probation.

The committee member Robert Byrd, a professor in the School of Law, said it would be difficult to have an all-encompassing definition of the term, but said recent trends in imposed sanctions signify a need for clearer guidelines.

"The suspension sanction is not being imposed as frequently as it was at one time," Byrd said.

Judicial Programs Officer Margaret Barrett said students sometimes received lesser sanctions because of the threat of revocation of international student visas upon temporary loss of student status.

Other reasons included psychological and family problems faced by the student and financial hardships as a result of suspension.

The committee discussed the possibility of giving the court authority to delay the onset of a sanction until the following semester.

The committee also talked about the different effects of sanctions imposed on graduate students vs. undergraduate students.

According to a subcommittee memo,

although the Code of Student Conduct does not distinguish between graduates and undergraduates, the impact of sanctions imposed on graduate students is more severe.

Adler said the courts were well aware of that possibility.

"The vast majority of graduate students convicted argue unusual mitigating circumstances and prevail," he said.

The committee discussed a third issue in the memo, the emphasis placed on a defendant's life circumstances rather than his offenses.

Subcommittee members felt that too many students avoided punishment because the courts were swayed by their life circumstances, the memo stated.

System president search arrives at waiting phase

BY VICKY ECKENRODE
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Board of Governors members searching for the next UNC-system president are playing the waiting game as they prepare to watch applications either trickle or flood in for what BOG chairman C.C. Cameron called "one of the best jobs in the country" in August.

Now that the Board of Governors has a profile of the person they want to see as the next system president, committee members say the next step is to actually find that person to head up the current UNC system.



Current UNC-system president C.D. SPANGLER will step down from his position in August.

The search to replace the current president, C.D. Spangler, began Aug. 9 after Spangler announced his retirement that will take effect June 1.

Jim Holshouser, chairman of the search committee, said, "Advertisements just went out and will soon be going out in higher education publications."

The BOG hired the consultant firm A.T. Kearney Executive Search as an aid in the search, said Jack Jordan, a member of the search committee.

"They will help us with the screening

of the candidates from the normal means like ads," he said.

"Because of their background, they can bring in some names that might not normally come up," Jordan said.

A spokeswoman for the firm said the consultants would probably be experts in the education area and would have excellent contacts.

"Generally the role of the executive search firm would be to bring as many suitable candidates as possible before the Board of Governors and to advise them to help with the selection," the spokeswoman said.

Once the applications start rolling in, the screening committee takes the next essential step in the presidential search process.

Jordan said, "The committee will look at the names and forward to the search committee those they deem have the right criteria."

The first phase of the search consisted of an intensive collaboration between the leadership statement committee and the public in an effort to decide which qualities should be sought after for the next president.

The leadership statement committee presented their report on future presidential candidates to the BOG on Nov. 8.

Both a screening and search committee have been appointed by the BOG to seek out applicants.

The committee will then evaluate promising candidates on their credentials.

Sorority forum focuses on UNC's intellectual climate

BY KAITLIN GURNEY
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The explosive discussion titled "Sex, Drugs and Rock 'n' Roll" equalled an explosive discussion at the Greek Women's Issues Group meeting Thursday evening.

Although inclement weather deterred many people from attending, a small group of sorority members had an animated forum about the Greek community's place in the University's intellectual climate. Discussion stemmed from an article about the same topic in the Tuesday edition of The Daily Tar

Heel, the second in a five-part series titled "Climate Control."

Mary Catherine Bauer, co-chairwoman of the Greek Women's Issues Group, opened the discussion. "There seems to be a given that there is an anti-intellectual climate here," she said. "But where do Greeks fit in?"

Jennifer Womble, a senior from Plymouth, said she did not think UNC was different from other universities. "We are known for our academics, and then called a party school," she said. "I don't think Greek women drink any more than non-Greek women."

Joelyn Tonkin, a junior from Greens-

boro, said she thought the Greek community was blamed for a lot of the anti-intellectual climate because "Frat Court parties are the most visible."

Bauer said although alcohol might play a role at some Greek functions, it was not an inherently Greek institution. She also said she had seen many sorority members at campus events contributing to the intellectual climate.

"I have had some extremely intellectual conversations in my sorority house — conversations I never would have had in the Hinton James dorm lounge."

Dianna Chapman, a junior from Pennsylvania, said, "In class the other day, I

had to wonder: 'Why is it that sorority and fraternity members sit in the back left corner?' It should be possible to make an 'A' and wear your letters."

The group discussed ways that their sororities could contribute to the intellectual climate. Suggestions such as cultural nights, class evaluations, study nights, peer tutoring or a Friday night talent show were made.

"This is where we need to go," said Katie Smith, co-chairwoman of the Greek Women's Issues Group. "We should not be so concerned about appearances, but change by instigating such activities and then let people notice."

Fireside chat group discusses immigration

Participants expressed concern about language barriers among immigrants.

BY MIKE HIRSCHER
STAFF WRITER

Immigrants enter the United States facing unfair expectations from Americans, local residents and members of the Orange County Human Relations Commission said Thursday night.

"To me, the issues of diversity and multiculturalism are probably more important than they've ever been," said Lucy Lewis, director of the Commission. "We're seeing a growing number of people from all countries."

About eight community members discussed such thoughts at the Chapel Hill Public Library during Thursday's "Community Fireside," a monthly community

discussion sponsored by the Human Relations Commission. This discussion's topic was immigration, although topics vary from month to month.

Quinton Baker, chairman of the commission and facilitator for the discussion, said immigration has always been a big issue because very few people have been in this country for many generations. "We're a country of immigrants," he said. "Most of us have come from someplace else."

Rosalyn Gurnell, a community development worker, said that Americans expected immigrants to speak English, and that they also expected to hear English when they travel to other countries.

"There's something wrong with that picture," she said.

Another problem for immigrants is an unequal distribution of wealth in the country, which makes it harder for them to gain high economic standing, Gurnell said.

"Seventy percent of the wealth is owned by 10 percent of the population," she said. "It's in their best interests to keep people divided."

"Obviously distribution of wealth is a problem," Baker said.

Immigrants also must decide to what degree they should keep their own culture and to what degree they should adopt American culture.

Martha Drake, a Chapel Hill resident, said many immigrant groups clung together and did not blend with others.

"America's supposed to be a melting pot," she said. "We'd like to see everyone melt."

Gurnell disagreed with Drake's views. "I hate the thought of melting," Gurnell said immigrants often lost their own culture when trying to fit in.

"I don't want to be like everyone else," she said.

"I don't want (immigrants) to lose their culture."

TECHNOLOGY

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more meaningful class discussions and make teachers more accessible to students. But some members of the academic community question whether computer-enhanced education really can improve the intellectual climate.

"I haven't heard the argument for why it's a better teaching methodology," said Eric Downing, a professor of comparative literature at UNC. "It could work. The ivory tower hesitation of opening itself up to new media has proved itself over and over again to be potentially misguided."

Until Global Campus — and the rest of UNC's steps to further integrate computers into education — are actually implemented, its effect on the intellectual climate is uncertain. Even those creating the tools do not know what to expect.

"We're experimenting," said William Graves, the director of the Institute for Academic Technology, which has been developing the software the Global Campus will use.

"This is basically new ground. It's an evolutionary process, and it's still much more new than not. But by next fall, there will be some interesting things to show for all of this."

Specific ways in which technology will be applied will be disclosed in December, when academic departments submit their proposed uses for technology to the Task Force for Instructional Technology. When the University reveals these plans — and the winners of funding are chosen — there will be a better sense of how far the University wants to go down this road.

Several professors, including members of the Task Force for Intellectual Climate in the Classroom, have offered suggestions for future use of technology. But they have also questioned how faculty-student interaction and the spread of education outside of class — two features of a vibrant intellectual climate — would fit into a system allowing courses to be taken over the computer.

"What isn't clear to me is how distance learning can involve student-faculty interaction," said Marshall Edgell, professor of microbiology and chair of the in-class task force. "I think it's very useful to have these tools. What I have

not heard is an articulated approach to how these tools will involve student-faculty interaction."

There is no shortage of ideas for how to apply computers to the classroom. Schools around the country and in other parts of the world have been experimenting with high-tech higher education for the past few years.

At Wake Forest, each incoming freshman receives a laptop computer as part of their tuition. The University of Maryland offers a class in which students sit before their own computers so they can ask other students questions via modem. Students at the Monterey Institute of Technology in Mexico can take courses between the school's 20 campuses over computer.

And with the assistance of computers, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute offers "studio" classes in physics, calculus and chemistry, in which lectures, labs and discussion groups are rolled into one. The class sizes average 30 students, who sit together in groups of two or three with the team computer. Each group reviews homework problems and struggles to find their solutions. The computer does the grunt work, looking up formulas and computing results, as teachers move around offering support.

"The computer saves you for more human activities and learning," said Alan Wetzler, a professor at RPI who teaches the studio physics course. "There's too much of study that is routine dog work."

"This is intended to be self-empowering for a student. It develops communication skills as well as other skills. Every group gets talked to every single period by one of us. The computers help us tremendously, and I wouldn't do without it."

RPI also offers the Rensselaer Satellite Video Program, which provides engineering courses taught worldwide with televisions and computers. Wetzler, a professor of 40 years, said the reaction of the 789 students enrolled in the video courses has been as positive as that of the students in the studio courses. The well-publicized success of both programs has made RPI a name frequently linked with the idea of melding computers with education.

Yet one of the harshest critics of the virtual university is Langdon Winner, a professor of science and technology studies at RPI. He wrote a critique of California State Polytechnic University's experiments for a 1994 issue of Technology Review.

"Virtual education is an excellent name for this trend," Winner wrote. "As the virtual classroom expands, our students can look forward to receiving what seems like, but is not quite, an education."

"The spectacle of 100 students sitting in a room together staring at monitors and seldom if ever coming face to face with a knowledgeable human being seems to me a counterfeit of higher education."

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STD STUDY

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people, particularly young women, in this area," Cates said. "Those are the people with the worst consequences."

Health care providers cited lack of education among sexually promiscuous

people as a major factor in the rapid spread.

"I think people aren't very informed about the way STDs can be transmitted," said an information specialist at the CDC. "Most people don't know that any time you engage in unprotected sex, be it oral, anal or vaginal, you should get tested for

STDs," she said. Brown said a national emphasis on STDs was needed.

"STDs affect every part of the country," she said. "Even people who get regular check-ups could have an STD if they don't use proper protection."

For further information on STDs, contact the CDC hotline at 1-800-227-8922.

BROWN

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away against No. 24 Virginia last weekend. The Tar Heels will now likely be invited to the Jan. 1 Gator Bowl.

"Certainly North Carolina has got a wonderful year going," Spurrier said. "I know they're disappointed in the game last week, but heck, 8-2 ain't too bad."

Brown is 57-45-1 in nine seasons at UNC and 74-73-1 in 13 years as a college head coach. Over the last seven seasons the Tar Heels rank 16th in the country in total wins.

Brown said: "Our football team has worked extremely hard to be in a position to earn an award such as this, and I consider the recognition to be exactly that — a team accomplishment belonging to our players and assistant coaches."

Campus Calendar

Friday

10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. — UNC NORML will present "Medical Marijuana Day" in the Pit. Come and educate yourself about hemp and the legal, religious, health and medical aspects of marijuana. Medicinal marijuana user Bill Brantley will speak at noon.

12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. — The Public Policy Analysis Majors Union will present professor Jeffrey Swanson of Duke Medical Center with a lecture titled "Doing All They Can: Physicians' Balancing of Call-of-Life Treatment" in 102 New East. End-of-Life at 962-1600 for more information.

4 p.m. — The Physics and Astronomy Department will present a UNC Physics Colloquium titled "Electric Magnetic Blackhole Duality" with Stanley Deser of Brandeis University in 265 Phillips Hall.

6 p.m., 9 p.m., midnight — The Carolina

Union Activities Board Film Committee will present Matthew McConaughey and Samuel L. Jackson in "A Time to Kill" in the Union Film Auditorium. Admission is \$2. The CUAB-Film Committee will also present Patrick Stewart, Steven Weber and Michael T. Weiss in "Jeffrey" at 6:30 and 9 p.m. Saturday in the Union Film Auditorium. Admission is free.

6:15 p.m. — Join students from across the state at Hillel as we host a statewide Shabbat. Services will be held at the N.C. Hillel building at 210 W. Cameron Ave.

7 p.m. — The Carolina Native Circle will present the Third Annual Native American Performing Arts Festival in Memorial Hall. Tickets are on sale now in the Ticket Box Office \$3 for students and \$5 for the general public.

8 p.m. — The Chapel Hill Players will hold its November improv comedy show in 111 Murphey.

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