

Committee discusses benefits of privatization

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The Outsourcing Steering Team discussed Friday the benefits of hiring a private contractor to help define how the committee will evaluate areas within the University that are being considered for privatization.

An outside contractor would be used to help the steering team to define what it wants from the study areas. The contractor would help to develop a "memorandum of direction" for the studies, said Bruce Runberg, chairman of the team.

HDR, a company that advises public entities that want to compete to retain services, gave two presentations to the

University, Runberg said.

"Everyone that I've talked to felt the information that they provided was very constructive and informative," Runberg said.

Aramark, a similar company, also gave a presentation, Runberg said. "HDR and others have been through this," he said. "We could



Outsourcing Steering Team Chairman **BRUCE RUNBERG** said the team would not lose authority under a contractor.

perhaps tap into their knowledge."

Several members of the team voiced concern over any possible loss of control under a contractor.

"I want to be sure that we are not giving up any of our control over criteria," said Laurie Charest, chairwoman of the employee relations subcommittee.

Runberg said the team would retain authority. "We're not giving up control of anything," he said.

Runberg, Howard Gorman, chairman of technical support subcommittee, and Roger Patterson, chairman of the accounting subcommittee, will begin working Wednesday to decide the specific duties of a contractor.

The steering team also discussed five

recommendations made by the Employee Relations Subcommittee to involve employees in the study process. These recommendations advise involving employees in defining the work statement for particular areas of study, encouraging employees to visit other sites that have been outsourced, developing a clear plan for study with specific tasks to be accomplished and developing a communication plan for the outsourcing study, Charest said.

It is important to get the information out to as many employees as possible, said Ann Hamner, chairwoman of the Employee Forum.

The committee generally supported the five recommendations.

Medical marijuana rally results in activist's arrest

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What began Friday afternoon as an educational rally in support of medical marijuana use turned out to be more than expected when one of the speakers was arrested in the Pit.

Independent researcher Alan Gordon of the American Drug History Institute turned himself in to University Police after smoking marijuana in the Pit to prove his belief that marijuana is already legal in all 50 states.

"We don't need to fight for a right we already have," he said.

Gordon said he had written a viable license that gave him the right to possess, use, cultivate and deliver marijuana in all 50 states. "If (marijuana users) should be arrested, they could use this as a defense in criminal court."

Gordon's "Marijuana License" contains scientific information stating that marijuana use in mammals is an adaptation to increased ultraviolet-B radiation. It also states that marijuana combats the harmful effects UV-B has on the immune system.

He said the penal codes of the federal and state governments "contain a justification defense for circumstances in which breaking a law is less harmful than not breaking it."

To set an example that marijuana is legal in all 50 states, Gordon began to smoke marijuana in the Pit before turning himself in to University Police.

"(Gordon) said he wants to make a political statement," Public Safety Officer Larry Caldwell said.

The leader of the UNC chapter of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws, which sponsored the rally, said the NORML did not endorse Gordon's actions.

But Andrew Ogden, co-president of Carolina NORML, acknowledged that he was intrigued by Gordon's use of his marijuana license. "He seems to have a legitimate case, and it will be interesting to see what happens with it," he said.

The events that transpired with Gordon and UNC police overshadowed the original purpose of the rally. "We hope to increase awareness about marijuana and its medical uses," Ogden said.

In his introduction to the rally, Ogden gave facts about marijuana to inform the audience of its uses outside of recreation, especially its medical uses. "We think it's really ridiculous that people are being denied medicine simply because it has been deemed illegal."

He also discussed marijuana's recent legalization for medical purposes in California and Arizona and the possibility of such action in North Carolina.

Native American culture highlighted at festival

BY JENNIFER PENDER
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"Oceo." It is the Cherokee word for "hello to you."

The Carolina Indian Circle presented the third annual Native American Performing Arts festival Friday at Memorial Hall. Nearly 100 people gathered to see the performance, which explored the theme of "Then and Now."

"(The theme's purpose) was to show that we hold our roots in tradition but that we've still evolved and walk in the modern world," said Genford Brewington, a freshman and member of the group's dramatic team.

Native American students might attend chemistry or other classes during the week and attend powwows on the weekend, Carolina Indian Circle Presi-

dent Linwood Watson told the audience.

"We are working to maintain our culture but working and evolving as a people. Native Americans are pushing together toward the 21st century."

Exemplifying the weaving of the traditional with the modern in Native American lives, six jean-clad men in the drum group "Southern Suns" beat traditional songs on one drum. Dancers from Triangle Native Dance Team encircled them wearing the traditional regalia of southeastern Native Americans such as the Cherokee, Lumbee, Haliwa-Saponi, Tuscarora, Coharie and Choctaw.

Unheard Voices then performed pieces written by Native Americans. The dramatic team's purpose is to promote and educate people about Native Americans in nontraditional ways, Brewington said. Storyteller Kat Littleturtle told "Com-

ing of the Corn," a story about a grandmother's unselfish gift to her grandson. "There are lessons in all the legends if you are willing to listen," Littleturtle said.

Littleturtle said cultural background did not matter as much as the love in people's hearts and the fabric of families, and she encouraged parents to talk with their children about their life experiences.

Rebekah Revels, Miss Lumbee 1996, told the audience that as a beauty queen she walked in a more modern Indian

circle but that she still hoped to preserve and represent Native American culture.

Native American sororities such as the Alpha Chapter of Alpha Pi Omega at UNC-CH and the Beta Chapter at the University of North Carolina at Pembroke helped to preserve and promote traditional culture, Revels said.

The University's Alpha Chapter performed a modern dance and a "Swan Dance" to honor Native American ancestors. "Once divided by tribe, now united by pride," a voice announced.

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money," he said. "It's being sucked into Durham. It doesn't matter whether it hurts the merchants or not; that certainly goes without saying. The impact here is in the tax dollars."

The tax money goes to build schools and fund county services, Humphreys said.

He said the retail sales' decrease was especially alarming when compared with the county's great increase in popula-

tion.

Wallace Kuralt, owner of the Intimate Bookshop stores on Franklin Street and in the Eastgate Shopping Center, said large supercenters had affected his stores' business. "We're an 80-percent impulse business, and obviously we need a lot of walk-in traffic, and anything that affects our walk-in traffic will certainly affect our sales," he said.

Joel Harper, president of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce, said small businesses on downtown streets could not attract walk-in customers as

easily as businesses in large shopping malls, which depend on larger stores to bring in customers.

"Downtown will never have an anchor—a Wal-Mart or a Sears—and a lot of the time it's the anchor that drives walk-in shopping," he said.

Harper said smaller merchants could distinguish themselves from the large chain stores in key areas such as cus-

tomers service.

"The one thing the big chains, or the big boxes, as we like to call them, seem to offer better than anyone else is incredibly low prices," Harper said.

"But the one thing they can't offer is incredible customer service, and people have shown again and again that they will spend their money where they are treated royally."

Campus Calendar

Monday

3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. — The office of Leadership Development will present "Women in Government," a session for Womenators and proteges, in Wilson Library.

4 p.m. — University Career Services will conduct "Job Hunt 101: Orientation Workshop" for seniors and graduate students in 210 Hanes Hall. This workshop provides basic information on how to use the UCS office.

The UCS will also conduct "Job Hunt 102: Résumé Writing Workshop" for seniors and graduate students at 5 p.m. in 210 Hanes Hall. This is a workshop on how to construct a professional résumé.

5:30 p.m. — N.C. Hillel's Rabbi Ed will be conducting the last part in his series on "Sexuality and Judaism." All are welcome.

The class will be held in G-7 Burnett-Womack building.

6 p.m. — There will be a meeting of the March of Dimes Collegiate Council in 108 Bingham Hall.

7:30 p.m. — The Dialectic and Philan-

thropic Societies will debate "Resolved: Leftism is the root of all evil" on the third floor of New West. Guests are welcome.

Items of Interest

Triangle Hospice's Unicorn Bereavement Center will present "Living with Grief Through the Holidays," a workshop for grieving persons who want to learn more about coping with their grief in an educational setting, on Thursday, Dec. 5 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Unicorn Bereavement Center.

Conversion partners applications are available at the International Center. If you would like to befriend a new international student by volunteering to converse for one hour a week, one-to-one, at a mutually convenient time and place, apply at the International Center, on the main floor of the Union. Call 962-5661 for more information.

The Duke Art Museum is having an exhibit entitled "Chaika: Preserving the Images of Ideology" through Dec. 29 as part of a growing collection of contemporary Russian art. Admission for the general public is \$3.

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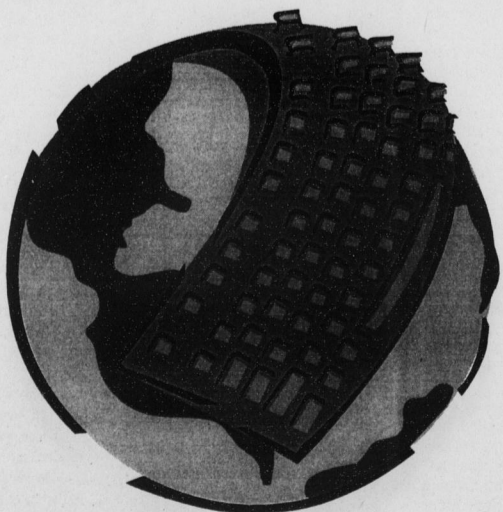
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