

Students discuss issues at the diversity workshop Wednesday night. The workshop was sponsored by the Asian Students Association and the Cultural Diversity Project and was part of Asian-American Heritage Week

Diversity brings students together

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A number of minority organizations came together Wednesday to sponsor a

two-hour cultural-diversity workshop.

The workshop was part of a series of ongoing events for Asian-American Heritage Awareness Week.

"The purpose of the workshop in eneral is to promote the open dialogue about issues of diversity and issues that arise out of having a diverse campus population," said Kirti Shastri, student ograms coordinator for the Diversity Campus Training Project.

Approximately 25 people, including students and UNC alumni, attended the workshop. All attendants were members of a minority group.

Cal Allen, Elizabeth Irvin and Shastri, all members of the Diversity Campus Training Project, led the work-shop. The trainers divided the participants into different minority groups hich the participants felt were targets of discrimination on campus, including black women, students with dual-cultural identities and Asian-Americans.

The participants discussed the advan-tages and disadvantages of being a member of their certain group. Group members also discussed what they would like others to know about their group in order to become better allies.

After 15 minutes of discussion, the groups presented this information to other members of the workshop and an open discussion ensued.

Although the participants were

pleased with the overall outcome of the workshop, many were disappointed that they saw no new faces. "With a workshop like this, you only reach those people who are already interested in issues dealing with multiculturalism and diversity", said Jed Lau, vice president of the Asian Students Association. "It's those people who wouldn't come to stuff like this that need to be reached."

Sponsors of the workshop were the ASA, the Black Student Movement, Carolina Hispanic the Korean-American Association, Student Association and Vietnamese-Student Association.

Lau said, "This is the first time that (the workshop) has been done with students from different minority organizations on campus.'

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rather than try to act as another lobbvist. "Lobbying is not glad-handing at state legislators," Nathan said. "The job is to project that student opinion to the

ature as clearly as possible. "It's very helpful for them to be able

to sit down with someone whose going

Spangler said Nathan's tact with leg-

islators made him effective.

"Even a good idea is not accepted if it is not put forth in a good way," Spangler said. "He has characteristics that should make him an effective spokesperson."

Nathan also involved himself in state

politics by opposing a \$400 tuition increase proposed last school year. As politics by opposing a \$400 tuition increase proposed last school year. As student body co-secretary, he helped students learn about the increase which legislators proposed during the summer.

Although the increase passed, Spangler said Nathan represented students opposed to the increase well in that debate.

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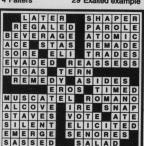
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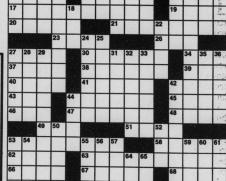
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