

Panel speaks on women in UNC athletics

The first in a series of forums celebrates 100 years of women at the University.

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"Athletics helps us to see who we are and leads to a great sense of friendship," said the voice of women's basketball and field hockey, Jan Boxill, in a panel discussion Thursday.

Boxill, associate chairwoman of the Department of Philosophy, was joined by four other leaders in women's sports in a forum titled "Women in Athletics at Carolina."

The discussion on women in athletics, the first in a series of five sponsored by the General Alumni Association, celebrates the centennial anniversary of women's admission to the University.

Women's field hockey coach Karen Shelton, cross country coach Joan Nesbit, women's soccer coach Anson



Joan Nesbit tells the audience of the panel discussion about growing up as a young female athlete and the ridicule she received while proving her dedication to track.

Dorrance and the founding member of women's crew, Lucienne Papon, also spoke on the panel.

Boxill spoke of the sexual discrimination she faced in athletics.

"I couldn't play basketball, football or soccer in school, only tennis and field hockey," Boxill said.

"I wanted to do the things I was good at and wasn't allowed to do," Nesbit said she "rode the wave of Title IX" throughout her life.

She was the first girl on the cross country team in school, the first female sports editor in high school, and one of the first women ever to coach a men's team.

"Luckily for me, I grew up in a time of rapid advancement of women's rights," Nesbit said.

Dorrance said one of the great things about women's athletics was the connection between players.

"Our players play best when they play for each other," Dorrance said.

Papon talked about the experience of being part of a team of strong women. "Even when life got tough, I knew there was a team of women out there, supporting me and reminding me of who I am."

Both Dorrance and Shelton said they taught their girls it was okay to be competitive.

"I try to teach them it's okay to be the best," Dorrance said.

"We have created a new environment for them to succeed."

Shelton said attitude was everything. "I tell the players to look at obstacles and see them as challenges," she said.

Dorrance said that if he had learned anything in the past 25 years, it was that men and women are wonderfully different.

"Different doesn't mean unequal," Dorrance said.

"It just means different."

"And we all have some unique and powerful contribution to a new direction."

Leaders discuss role of adviser consultant

BY BETH HATCHER
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Campus leaders who decided to hire a consultant to help them revamp academic advising are now asking just exactly what a hired consultant should consult on.

Members of the Advising Steering Team, which met Thursday, wanted to decide which aspects of the University's academic advising system needed the most reworking so they could tell a consultant.

"We feel it would be helpful to find someone with a fresh perspective," said Student government's Academic Affairs Co-chairwoman Barbee Crowley, student member of the committee.

Members said that a consultant could guide and research tentative suggestions on improving the advising system.

Committee members said that current faculty advisers cannot make advising their top priority.

Members debated the benefits of hiring full-time, professional advisers.

Members cited advising programs at other schools, such as Penn State University, which had nine full-time professional advisers in its undergraduate program.

Committee member Pete Andrews, chairman of faculty, said UNC needed

a core set of advisers, possibly professionals, who knew about advising and could be mentors for other advisers.

Andrews said faculty also reported General College advisers and those in other schools did not communicate well.

A high turnover in advisers contributed to the lack of communication, Andrews said. A core set of advisers could keep the advising program consistent and foster exchange between the General College advising program and the programs in other departments.

Student committee member Mandy Greene said communication was also a problem for students.

"I'd like to see a seamless advising system created," Greene said.

Improving the University's technology would help improve communication, faculty and students said.

Andrews said he'd like to see a more automated advising system that could call up a student's computer records instantly.

Student Body President Mo Nathan said he saw progress. "We've taken a lead on how to approach this problem."

Members created a subcommittee to recommend a consultant to the others.

Other members divided into three subcommittees that planned to research problems in the advising system and tell the consultant about them.

N.C. officials try to block new law

State officials asked for a delay in the enforcement of the Driver's Privacy Act.

BY KARA KIRK
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North Carolina officials are joining the bandwagon to challenge a new federal law that closes all driving records to the general public.

Government leaders are trying to block the enforcement of the Driver's Privacy Act, which came into effect last month.

Gov. Jim Hunt, Attorney General Mike Easley and the N.C. Press Association recently asked Congress to delay the law, which they maintain is unconstitutional because it denies the

general public access to records.

Sean Walsh, Hunt's press secretary, said the decision was a result of careful collaboration between the three united groups.

"The governor is a big supporter of open records and meetings," Walsh said.

"Together they have determined that this would be the best course of action."

Hampton Dellinger, special council to Easley, said Hunt and Easley asked U.S. Rep. Charles Taylor, R-N.C., to delay the law until 1999, which is when a federal decision will be made regarding its constitutionality.

Dellinger said that after 1999, one of two things would happen.

"The law will either be held unconstitutional and not put into effect, or it will be declared constitutional and North Carolina will have to comply

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HAMPTON DELLINGER
N.C. Attorney General's Special Council

with it," he said.

Dellinger said it would be useless for North Carolina to enact the law until the question of constitutionality was determined.

He pointed out that states should not pay for something that the courts might later make them undo.

Roger Francis, Taylor's chief of staff, said Taylor did not make a decision yet on whether to push for the delay.

North Carolina is not the only state to question the new law.

Controversy arose in other states when they declared the law a violation of their rights.

"A big cloud is hanging over the law in terms of constitutionality," said Hampton Dellinger, special council to Easley.

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Latest N.C. report reveals slight rise in violent crime

BY COURTNEY VANHOOK
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North Carolina became a slightly more violent place to live during the first six months of 1997, a recent report stated.

On Wednesday, the N.C. Attorney General's office released their semi-annual crime report.

According to the report, the overall number of reported statewide crimes during the first half of this year increased by 1 percent.

But in the same time period juvenile crime fell by 4 percent, the report stated.

"While I am happy that the murder rate continues to fall, the overall crime reports are too high," said N.C. Attorney General Mike Easley in a press release.

However, Sean Walsh, Gov. Jim Hunt's press secretary, said the report's figures on juvenile crime were some-

what misleading.

"Juvenile crime is actually increasing — violent juvenile crime is up 172 percent, drug violations increased over 500 percent, weapon violations increased nearly 500 percent (all within North Carolina since 1987)," Walsh said.

"We haven't done enough to send a strong signal to young people that they will be punished for crimes, I believe we need to reach young people before it is too late."

John Hood, president of the John Locke Foundation, a conservative think tank in Raleigh, said the percentages still had time to change because they only took half of the year into account.

"You want to know what the longer trend is, we've seen the crime rate going down before," Hood said.

"It's important not to jump to too many conclusions with such little data."

Although the murder rate and violent crimes decreased overall for North Carolina, Hood said work is needed to reduce crime in the state.

"We are on the right track," Hood said.

"There are two parts to the puzzle — one is that sentences are too brief and not a threat, the second is that the court system lacks the resources and management to deal with all the arrests it needs to deal with."

Addressing the existing problems in the state's justice system would be the first step, Hood said.

"We don't have tough enough sentences on some crimes, and we have a number of crimes with small sentences."



Gov. JIM HUNT said the statistics showing an overall decrease in juvenile crime were misleading.

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Phi Sigma Pi honor fraternity will hold the fourth annual Samaritan 5K on Saturday to benefit the Orange County Rape Crisis Center. Pre-registration is \$12, \$14 the day of the race. Visit the table in the Pit.

Amnesty will have a discussion and movie on human rights and labor rights in Indonesia on Saturday in Union 211.

The Air Force ROTC and the Arnold Air Society will sponsor the Ultimate Frisbee Challenge on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Carmichael Fields. The entry fee is \$15 per team. Prizes will be awarded.

The Sunshine Run Celebrating Little Heroes, a 5K race and fun run/walk, will be held Nov. 2 at Fetzer Field on campus. Registration begins at 12:30 p.m. Entry fees are \$15 after Oct. 24. Proceeds will benefit the pediatric patients and their families at N.C. Children's Hospital in Chapel Hill. Call 966-6500 for more information.

The Ackland Art Museum will continue its presentation of "Geometric Abstraction" through Oct. 26. Museum hours are Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free. Call 966-5736.

If you ordered a 1997 Yackety Yack, please come by Union Suite 106 to claim it.

Students at University Baptist Church will host the "Hard Hat Cafe" on Sunday at 7 p.m. The event will feature a free blues concert and free dessert and coffee. It will be held at the church, located on the corner of Franklin and South Columbia streets. Call Nathan at 914-3395 for more information.

For the record

In the Oct. 23 article titled "Franklin Street shop closes after 70 years," the owner's son should have been identified as James Mousmoules' son.
The Daily Tar Heel regrets the error.