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B-GLAD backs sensitivity training classes

The student group wants to hold sensitivity training sessions for professors.

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B-GLAD has canceled its plans to send a letter to UNC professors asking them to identify themselves as bisexual, gay, lesbian, transgender or an ally.

Instead, Bisexuals, Gay men, Lesbians and Allies for Diversity is planning a workshop to increase sensitivity and train individuals to become allies for diversity.

"It would be premature to send out

the letter without doing these things first," said Susan Hazeldean, media coordinator for B-GLAD. "It wasn't that big of a deal (to change from a letter to a workshop)."

Hazeldean said B-GLAD hoped to involve professors in planning the workshop so that it appeals to their interests and addresses their needs.

B-GLAD Co-chairwoman Lorelei Costa said a workshop would be the first time many professors would talk about sexual orientation issues and consider how they affect lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender students.

Costa said the workshop would initially be confidential and voluntary and address basic information and topics.

Costa said putting faces with the issue

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SUSAN KITCHEN
Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs

could make a big difference.

The idea for a training program originated with Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Susan Kitchen, who attended a workshop called Safe Zone while at the University of Maryland-Baltimore County.

Kitchen said the program prepared people to be allies of diversity and understand students' needs.

"I think it's not about identifying what (a professor's) sexual orientation is or if they're an ally," she said.

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Kitchen said a workshop could be conducted next semester.

But not all the ideas contained in the original letter have been tabled.

B-GLAD's letter would have also asked professors to tell whether they taught a class that dealt primarily with sexual orientation topics. B-GLAD planned to post the information on the Internet.

Hazeldean said B-GLAD still intended to collect information about the classes to form a database for students.

Classes dealing with lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender issues are listed under special topics classes in the directory of classes, so some students aren't aware of them.

"It will be really great to have this resource available," said Ian Palmquist, co-chairman of B-GLAD. "I'm personally interested in taking some LGBT courses."

Professors might hesitate to come out because they fear for their job security, Costa said.

"Neither the federal government nor

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Some at UNC say local vote doesn't count

Chapel Hill Transit will offer free busing to polls on Tuesday for voters.

BY SEAN ROWE
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Despite efforts by student government and political candidates to encourage students to vote, some students said more needs to be done to make Tuesday's local elections relevant to them.

"I see the Pit preacher more than I see somebody who's running for something," said Valeda Hood, a senior from Henderson. Hood said speaking in the Pit could give candidates a chance to directly discuss the issues and how they would affect the student body.

Junior Carey Kotsionis of Winston-Salem said she thought it was wrong when uninformed students vote blindly.

"I don't think people should vote if they don't know anything about the elections," she said. "The people running the elections have the responsibility to inform us about the issues they stand for."

Students will have the opportunity to vote for the next Carrboro mayor, four Carrboro aldermen and four Chapel Hill Town Council members. The ballot also includes three seats on the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Board of Education.

"I think we've done a lot this year considering this is not a big election," said Rebecca Hockfield, co-chairwoman of student government's Academic Affairs Committee.

"We did a better job helping them recognize that the local elections affect them greatly, even though we are a part of the University community."

Typically, a small number of students vote in local elections, but student government has been busy preparing them all to vote, Hockfield said.

Student government co-sponsored an

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Complaint filed against developer

Developer Roger Perry was accused of influencing elections through ads.

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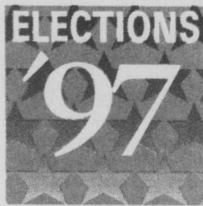
The political action committee of the Alliance for Neighborhoods filed a formal complaint with the N.C. State Board of Elections late Friday.

The complaint stated that the East-West Partners Management Association, the firm undertaking the Meadowmont development project, had broken state law by making an expenditure for a political purpose in the form of an advertisement for Meadowmont.

Meadowmont is a heavily debated

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Striving for a common ground



BY MEEGAN P. SMITH
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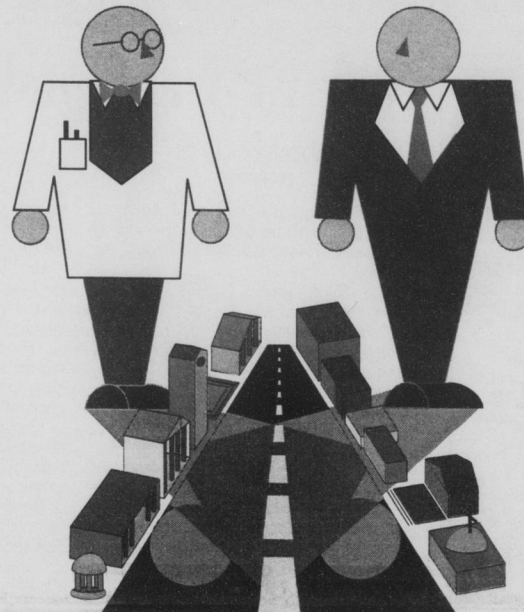
The relationship between the University and local government officials is an issue of mounting concern to some students and of importance to the campaigns of candidates.

With the elections in Chapel Hill and Carrboro on Tuesday, candidates are defining their positions on town-gown relations.

Although students and University officials frequently come in contact with both town governments, several candidates said each government shared an individual relationship with the University.

Several candidates said the University was more alienated from the workings of the Carrboro government than the Chapel Hill Town Council, mainly because of the greater physical distance.

David Collins, Carrboro mayoral candidate, said the relationship between the town and the University



GRAPHIC ILLUSTRATION BY JEREMY DOETSCH

was strained.

"I do not think the relations between Carrboro and the University are at a high point," he said.

Collins said the recent events involving the Carrboro Police Department were examples of the declining rela-

tionship between the two.

"I think that there needs to be a determined effort on the part of the town to view the University and other community partners as a collaborative

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Fights, arrests part of Halloween festivities downtown



DTH/MICHAEL KANAREK

Locals paraded in a wide variety of costumes on Halloween. The rain didn't stop party-seekers from enjoying Franklin Street on Friday night. The revelers crowded into the sidewalks of Franklin Street well into the evening because the local police would not close the road to vehicles until about 11 p.m. for Halloween celebrations.



DTH/DANA GARDNER

BY JENNY SPRINGS
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Traffic-filled streets and periods of pouring rain did not keep thousands of students from flocking to Franklin Street for the annual Halloween bash.

Police estimated the crowd reached 17,000 people at its peak.

More than 200 police officers and civilians, including Town of Chapel Hill employees, contract employees, Carrboro police officers, Orange and Durham County deputies, University Police officers and Alcohol Law Enforcement officers, helped patrol the crowd.

Despite residents' concerns about the mobile station in Granville Towers South, students reported the police did not make their presence known. "We were in the lobby for a while, and we were kind of surprised we didn't see any police at all," said sophomore Kelly Alexander of High Point.

Carrie Farr, a junior from Asheboro, said she didn't notice the police either. "They were not highly visible," she said.

According to a press release, police reported several fights resulting in only minor injuries. Four people were arrested for simple affray, and one person was arrested for intoxication and disruption.

Officers responded to a call about a person with a gun in a bar at 12:50 a.m., but no gun was located.

One man was arrested for disorderly conduct, resisting, delaying and obstructing an officer and communicating threats. Another man was arrested for disorderly conduct and resisting, delaying and obstructing an officer, the release stated.

One woman was arrested for driving while intoxicated after being stopped for

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NICOLE BARBER
Junior from Long Island, N.Y.

driving on East Franklin Street while it was closed to traffic, reports stated.

According to the release, at 11:54 p.m., a pedestrian was struck by a vehicle at Cameron Avenue and Wilson Court. The pedestrian was transported to UNC Hospitals, but the injuries were not life-threatening.

A Volkswagen Beetle that was overturned between the Sigma Nu fraternity house and Granville Towers, causing a fuel leak, was turned upright by Chapel Hill Fire Department personnel, the release stated. Despite the crowd, Franklin Street was not closed to vehicular traffic until 10:54 p.m., the release stated.

"It was annoying because everyone was trying to walk on the sidewalk," said Nicole Barber, a junior from Long Island, N.Y. "Everyone was moving really slow."

Police efforts to keep everyone on the sidewalks didn't work, Harrington said.

"The craziest (time) was when everyone poured into the streets and traffic stopped," he said.

Barber said the night improved after the streets were closed.

"People could spread out, and you could see everyone's costumes and interact," she said.

Police said all pedestrians were cleared from the street around 2 a.m. and cleanup lasted about an hour and 30 minutes.

INSIDE Monday

Run, sun, more than fun

The first-ever Sunshine Run was held Sunday to raise money to benefit N.C. Children's Hospital patients and their families. Page 2

Poems with your Papa

Papa John's Pizza delivery man Charles Evans brings more than just pepperoni to late night parties. He also brings a slice of culture with his poetry and philosophy. Page 3

Today's weather

Partly cloudy; low 60s
Tuesday: Mostly sunny; high 50s

How many husbands have I had? You mean besides my own?

Zsa Zsa Gabor