

UNC tries to make it easier for workers to take classes

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University officials are trying to work out a way to increase employee access to academic courses.

"Employees want to have the opportunity to take academic credit courses," said Norm Loewenthal, chairman of the Career Development Committee of the Employee Forum.

"For many employees, it would be helpful to have more classes after five," Loewenthal said.

A survey sent to University employees last year identified this concern.

Employees are interested in having more late classes offered, increasing registration priority and accessing more courses through the Internet, said Dr. Ron Strauss, Faculty Council Liaison to the Career Development Committee.

"If the University is to be a place where intellectual climate is improving, the Career Development Committee would like to ensure that staff would be participants as well," he said.

Employee Forum members submitted recommendations to Vice Chancellor Elson Floyd for increased employee course access.

"Our committee's been working on this for about two years now," said

Eddie Capel, an Employee Forum delegate.

Floyd said the University was looking into putting the recommendations into action.

"We're still looking at the details ... we feel it is absolutely crucial to provide educational opportunities for the entire University," Floyd said.

The employee education survey, sent to 500 University employees by the Career Development Committee, showed inconvenient class times were the major concern.

Results showed that most employees indicated classes after 5 p.m. would be more convenient.

Low registration priority was also an issue, Strauss said.

People attending evening classes are not allowed to register until after the full-time student registration has ended. This means employees are sometimes shut out of classes, he said.

Capel said the Employee Forum's recommendations addressed these concerns.

The forum will continue to study these issues, Loewenthal said.

"It's a complicated subject; we need to put our heads together," he said. "There are a number of interests we need to balance."

Students vote, let political voices be heard

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Students came to the polls Tuesday and dropped books in exchange for ballots.

The Chapel Hill Town Council and Chapel Hill-Carrboro Board of Education elections gave some students the opportunity to have a voice in local government.

Several students said they felt it was a citizen's obligation to vote and that students were responsible for what went on politically in town.

"I feel like, as a member of the community, it is my duty to vote," said Brian Uthlaut, a junior from Atlanta.

"As a true, permanent resident of the area, citizens are responsible for what goes on with elected leadership and actions of people in leadership."

Voting Tuesday had additional importance to at least one student.

"Voting is just as important to students because we will live here for four years, and some may live here after graduation," said Ulka Patel, a junior from Roanoke Rapids.

Senior Vince Rozier from Tar Heel said he realized the personal importance of casting a ballot.

"Most students who go to large uni-

versities like UNC become more involved in things on campus instead of things in the community at large," he said.

Several students interviewed said they were most informed about the Chapel Hill Town Council race.

"The Town Council race is most important to me because of a greater influence they will have," Uthlaut said.

"It is also interesting with Waldorf running unopposed."

The Town Council and its decisions influence the lives of students living off campus, Rozier said.

"I live in an apartment, and the Town Council will affect what I do once I leave campus," he said.

The environment and education were the issues of most importance to several students interviewed Tuesday.

"The environment, education and public housing issues are important to me because they are crucial to the future and the present of the country and world," said Mary Menton, a junior from Scarsdale, N.Y.

Off-campus voters at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and Chapel Hill Public Library had different views on the importance of voting and why they came out to vote.

Some said they understood why student turnout was typically low in local elections.



Mary Menton, a junior environmental science major from Scarsdale, N.Y., was among the few students who voted Tuesday evening.

Joe Herzenberg, a former council member from Chapel Hill, said he always voted but knew students didn't always vote.

"I don't blame students for not (voting)," he said. "The fact is that most things don't directly affect students."

Herzenberg said as a voter he was interested in having good local government members and beneficial bond referendums.

But for Season Pearson, a graduate student from Illinois, the biggest issue at stake in the elections was growth in Chapel Hill. But she admitted understanding why students wouldn't be equally compelled to vote because of such issues.

"It's kind of easy for me to see why students don't vote," Pearson said. "In Chapel Hill, (students) don't feel like much is at stake."

Technology forum draws Hunt, Broad

State officials said new technology would improve the lives of N.C. residents.

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N.C. officials understand the significance of new technology in improving the state's quality.

A symposium held Tuesday addressed the importance of incorporating technology into the lives of N.C. residents.

Jointly hosted by IBM and the N.C. Citizens for Business and Industry, the symposium gave Gov. Jim Hunt, UNC-system President Molly Broad and other business executives a chance to examine the benefits offered by today's technology.

"The purpose of the symposium was to look at how the state government can be made more responsive, can provide improved services and improve the state's overall economic climate," said Bob Page, an IBM spokesman.

Page said the success of the symposium pleased him.

"(The event) reflected the fact that North Carolina has taken a leadership role within the nation with regard to the use of technology."

Page cited examples such as a mobile computer system that would provide data on suspects for the N.C. Highway Patrol. It could allow them to perform their duties more effectively, he said.

In addition Page highlighted the example of Service Ontario, a computer system that allows citizens to renew automobile registrations or pay fines from kiosks located in shopping malls.

Hunt said suggested changes like these could improve residents' lives.

"We want to cut bureaucracy and make our organizations operate more effectively," he said in his speech.

He stressed the need for an unsurpassed infrastructure, something that these projects should provide.

Durham Middle School students will be among the first to benefit from the state's commitment to the virtual environment. Page said the "wired for learning" program would increase parent-teacher interaction.

"Parents can now interact with teachers, allowing them to enter the virtual equivalent of their child's school environment," Page said.

Currently, no UNC-system school has implemented this program, but they might benefit in the future from the development of distance learning.

One of the main worries of the symposium concerned the use of such technology against the individual.

Hunt said privacy considerations must be taken into account when providing efficient technology.

Broad was unavailable at press time, but she also stressed the need to provide technology while honoring privacy.

Diversity marks Berholz's UNC years

BY KRISTIN MILLER
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An impressive resume is one thing, an admirable character is another and an interesting personality, yet another.

Individually, these characteristics are admirable, but they are outstanding when found within a single person.

Senior of the Week Robin Berholz of Toronto, is such a person, said her friend and roommate, Jacey Pittleman, who nominated Berholz for the award.

"I can think of no one who deserves this award more than Robin," Pittleman said. "Her determination and passion for learning and involvement is unparalleled by any other."

Berholz, a Morehead scholar, has

been involved in a litany of activities at UNC. Her involvement ranges from acting and being a resident assistant to working with the N.C. Fellows Program and acting as the sophomore representative to the Student Advisory Committee to the Chancellor.

"Serving on that committee helped expose me to other student leaders and groups," she said. "It motivated me to get more involved at UNC."

Some of her most meaningful experiences, she said, include working at the Daily Tar Heel as the first staff development coordinator and leading campus tours for potential student applicants.

"Giving tours has been wonderful," she said. "It's great to see the turnover, and to see the faces from tours on cam-

pus the next year."

Berholz, a political science and communications studies double major, also studied Spanish extensively.

After a semester in Spain and a travel study in Ecuador, Peru and Bolivia, she currently volunteers at the Bilingual Pre-school in the United Church of Chapel Hill.

After graduation, Berholz said she aspired to return to work in Toronto for a few years before attending graduate school to study communications.

"I'll be sorry to leave Carolina," she said. "Being a student here has inspired me. Seeing students' passion for learning, advocacy and getting involved outside the classroom has been such a valuable experience for me."

Most University construction projects on right track

Officials say construction on Lenoir Dining Hall is slightly behind schedule.

BY ANGELA MERS
STAFF WRITER

University officials want to assure students trudging around the campus construction that most projects are on schedule or only slightly behind.

Renovation of Graham and Aycock residence halls, and additions to the Paul Green Theatre are on schedule, Director of Construction Administration Ed Willis said.

Construction on Lenoir Dining Hall is slightly behind due to a few delays, but it should be ready by fall 1998, said Rutledge Tufts, director of auxiliary services.

"These delays were caused by asbestos and utility related problems," he said.

Once the construction crew began work, it discovered asbestos needed to be removed from the dining hall's pipes, walls and beneath the floor, Tufts said.

"We had to move much more slowly," he said.

Tufts said utility pipes caused another problem in the Lenoir project. It took more time than expected to deliver new pipes, and there were problems with the

installation of one of the steam pipes.

Although there were a few problems, they will not delay the opening of Lenoir Hall, he said.

Tufts said Lenoir will be done by June 1998 and training will begin in July for Carolina Dining Services employees.

"We are getting the large-scale construction on schedule and will pick the time back up," he said.

Students said Tuesday that it appears the construction of Lenoir is coming along.

"The crew seems to be working hard," said Sally Chadborn, a junior from Alexandria, Va.

Anna West, a freshman from Greensboro said, "I think the construc-

tion is slowly progressing, but I do see the workers out there all the time."

Willis said the construction of the Aycock and Graham residence halls is on schedule.

All demolition work inside of the buildings is complete and crews are beginning to work on the rooms, Willis said.

"The project should be completed by late July or early August just in time for incoming students of the fall semester," he said.

Willis said the Paul Green Theatre construction, which will allow the Department of Dramatic Art to move from Graham Memorial Hall, should finish by June 1998.

"I'm not at all sure right now, but it's something I'll be giving a lot of thought to over the next few weeks," Franck said.

Madeline Jefferson, who placed just behind Franck, said she was interested in the position. "I hope to be considered for Chilton's place," she said. "I'm going to throw my hat in for the position."

The town has an ordinance that outlines how council vacancies will be handled, Waldorf said. The council must allow seven to 30 days to accept applications and then consider them at a meeting.

Waldorf said she had tremendous empathy and respect for all the candidates.

"I really want to congratulate not just the winners but everyone who ran," Waldorf said. "It takes a very strong soul. Everyone who ran was very hard-working and very sincere."

Campus calendar

Speakers will include Donna Smith of the grassroots Dogwood Alliance. Anyone who is interested is welcome to attend.

4 p.m. — The curriculum in peace, war and defense and the School of Journalism and Mass Communication will present Thomas Ricks, Pentagon correspondent for the Wall Street Journal.

Ricks will talk on "The Military and the Media: Old Whines and New Battles," in 104 Howell Hall.

UNC alumnus feels blue due to new store

Store owners said there was a very strong market for used blue jeans.

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Chapel Hill's got the blues. Ol' Blues, a used blue jean store, brought its special kind of jeans to the area with the opening of its doors at University Mall.

UNC alumnus Tommy Reed is the owner and operator of Ol' Blues. He said he chose to start his first business in his home town of Chapel Hill because of the college clientele in the area.

"I saw a news report on a couple of people (selling used jeans) in another college town, and they were really successful," Reed said. "I graduated from Carolina in '92, and when I was there old blue jeans were a big thing and will probably stay that way because they are so comfortable."

Reed said he thought a store like his was good for students because jeans were such a staple of the student wardrobe. "Blue jeans have been a part of student life for quite some time, and I suspect they will remain that way for quite some time," Reed said.

Time After Time Vintage Thrift Shop in Chapel Hill has sold used jeans for a number of years. Lindsay Griffin, a clerk at Time After Time, said her store sold an average of three to five pairs of used jeans a day. "(Used jeans) are just sort of in," she said. "They're a popular fashion. Everybody wants used jeans."

Meg Thomas, owner of The Stock Exchange in Chapel Hill, said her store sold a large number of used jeans because they were such a popular wardrobe item. "Everybody needs jeans," she said. "They pretty much go with everything. Most people on campus wear jeans. It's just a good basic."

Reed estimated he had around 800 pairs of this student basic in Ol' Blues, the majority of which were Levi's. Reed currently sells jeans and cutoff denim shorts in Ol' Blues but said he would soon be selling overalls as well.

Reed said his first weeks of business were successful and hoped it would continue. "Business has been great since opening Oct. 21," he said. "It has met my expectations so far."

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Chapel Hill."

In addition to plans to work on affordable housing, Nelson has also been involved in the process to find a landfill site for Orange County, a process that will continue into his second term.

A site for the new Orange Regional Landfill must be chosen by Dec. 1.

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doors open an hour later, he said.

Several students were also stuck in elevators in Hinton James Residence Hall, police said. Power did not return to Hinton James until about 7:40 p.m., and a steam valve closed there, shutting

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bonds, and I really wanted that bond to help the senior citizens' center," she said.

The bond, whose main item was \$2.6 million in renovations for area senior citizens' centers, received scrutiny from Carrboro officials because it did not fund Carrboro's senior center, officials said.

"I think for Carrboro in the last few

Candidate Judy Anderson was unavailable for comment.

The Carrboro mayoral campaigns dealt with many issues such as affordable housing, high property taxes and growth management.

Nelson said he enjoyed dealing with these issues.

"I'm pleased we all ran a campaign on issues ... one of grand civility," he said.

"I was very pleased to be involved."

off heat for several hours.

The blackout caused minor inconveniences at polling places on campus.

Lloyd said lights at Boshamer Baseball Stadium and a nearby parking lot will be fixed today, when trucks can drive onto the field.

Lauren Beal contributed to this article.

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and neighborhood issues.

"I think the stances I've taken over the last eight years helped (in this election)," she said.

Rosemary Waldorf will continue to lead the council as mayor, and she said she was looking forward to her two-year term.

"I think we are under a strong obligation to work together and be a model of civility for the whole community, to be constructive and responsible and make good decisions," she said.

Although four seats have been filled, several candidates mentioned the seat that will be vacated by council member Mark Chilton on December 1.

Franck, who placed fifth in the election, said he was uncertain if he would apply to fill the vacancy.



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