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NAACP leader urges action in King's spirit

Myrlie Evers-Williams came out in support of affirmative action.

BY LAURA STOEHRE
STAFF WRITER

Students should march forward and be active in the same manner as Martin Luther King Jr., civil rights leader Myrlie Evers-Williams said Tuesday.

Evers-Williams, chairwoman of the board of directors of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the widow of slain civil rights leader Medgar Evers, shared her experiences in the civil rights movement and emphasized the need for activism.

"It was a time of being alive, of not knowing from one moment to the next if you would take your next breath," she said.

Evers-Williams said women involved in the movement deserved more recognition. "To all the women who have gone ahead and helped to pave the way and lift up the brothers, I say thank-you," she said.

Recognizing people's efforts, whether they are small or large is important, she said.

Evers-Williams said Americans must be secure about their identities before they act to change society.

"Who are you? Do you know who you are?" she asked. "That is why Martin Luther King isn't with us today. He knew who he was and what he had to do."

America is at a crossroads, and must choose a direction, Evers-Williams said.

"We, the activists, are responsible for the direction America takes," she said. "Now is a time for you to be involved as activists."

"I believe there are enough young adults who believe in their power, their strength, and say 'it will be done.'"

Evers-Williams stressed the need for affirmative action programs.

"As you look around you see something that has helped you move forward about to be dismantled," she said.

Evers-Williams said discussing race



Myrlie Evers-Williams captures the audience's attention at Memorial Hall Tuesday evening. Evers-Williams was the keynote speaker.

relations, no matter what stance one takes, is important. "The more discussion we have, the closer we will come to solutions," she said.

"May the challenges always come —

not always hard — not always difficult — not always impossible — but as they come, may we see them not as problems, but as challenges.

"Don't forget. Act."

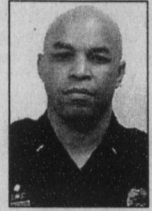
UNC police changes, disputes remain same

BY SHARIF DURHAMS
UNIVERSITY EDITOR

Everyone agrees that the team of campus law enforcement officers coming next week to look at the University Police gives good advice.

And everyone agrees that the University changed how the Department of Public Safety was managed to put the assessors' ideas into practice seven years ago.

But administrators disagree with some complainants about the results of those changes. While those who oversee University Police say an administrative overhaul made promotions less political and employee treatment more fair, some complainants say those goals have not been reached.



University Police Lt. C.E. SWAIN made complaints that forced administrators to call in an independent team of assessors.

police officers in the state," said Lt. C.E. Swain, an officer whose complaints against his supervisors have led to a public relations fiasco for the University.

"Because of the interference, some people don't want to show those skills because of the reaction they'd get."

Swain filed a complaint in October, claiming his supervisors tried to fix an underage drinking ticket he gave to Board of Trustees member Billy Armfield's daughter Caroline Hancock, a 19-year-old UNC freshman.

UNC invited assessors from the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators to critically examine University Police to improve any negative perceptions that stemmed from complaints by Swain.

When an IACLEA team reviewed the department in January 1990, they found problems that included what some officers called "management by deception," and a "paralysis" in the department's administrative structure.

"Evidence exists that the University personnel department is deeply involved in the day-to-day operation of the department as it relates to the human

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Grant doesn't prove higher drug usage

The grant will only be used to fight drug use in public housing projects.

BY HUGH PRESSLEY
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Some officials say Chapel Hill's new Drug Elimination Grant should help weed out drugs in public housing, but other local leaders say the drug problem is not as serious as it seems.

The \$99,992 grant, approved by the town Jan. 12, was received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. It will only be used to prevent drug use in Chapel Hill public housing developments, said Karen Rose, the town's human services coordinator.

"The reason we have this grant is because it's available," she said. "I feel like there's a (drug) problem, and residents (in Chapel Hill public housing) are telling us that."

Rose proposed the grant on the basis of a survey of public housing residents who named drugs, safety and programs for children as main areas of concern.

However, in an earlier interview, Chapel Hill Town Manager Cal Horton said the town did not receive the grant in response to a major drug problem.

"We received this because our application was consistent with the grant's requirements, not because there is an extreme drug problem in Chapel Hill public housing," he said.

Tina Vaughn, director of the Chapel Hill Department of Housing, said the criteria for the approval of a Drug Elimination Grant had little to do with the size of a town's drug problem.

"It's not necessarily that we have a big drug problem," she said. "We just want more prevention so that our young kids don't get involved in drugs."

However, she said the town did submit drug statistics to HUD when applying for the new grant.

"(HUD) pretty much gives a town a grant if they have demonstrated that (the grant) is worthwhile and (the town) is carrying out past grants according to plan," she said.

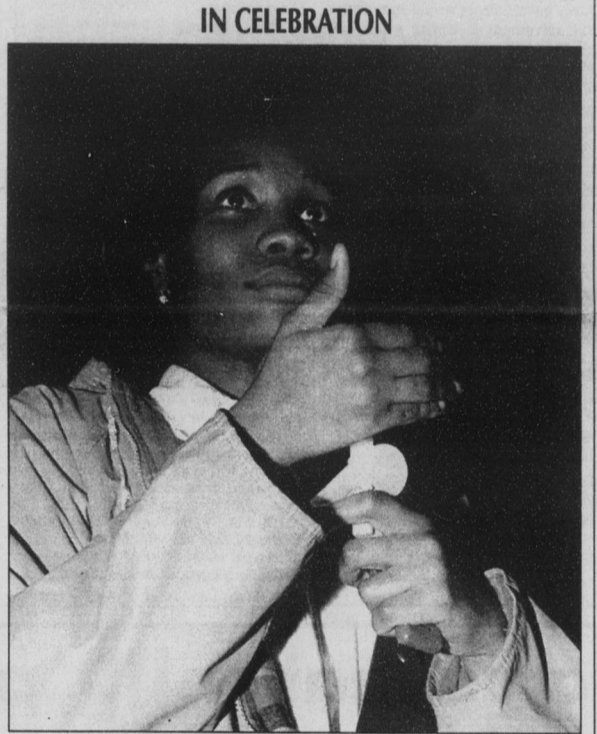
Chapel Hill has received four grants from HUD, including its first one in February 1992.

Jessie Handforth Kome, director of public affairs for Greensboro HUD, said the application used a checklist of priorities.

"(HUD) mainly asks questions like, 'Can (the town) manage this grant if they get it?'" she said.

Despite Chapel Hill's large student

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Dawn Anderson, a sophomore journalism major, holds a candle in the Pit to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday during a vigil Tuesday night.

Abortion debate continues to spark reaction 25 years later

BY TRISHA L. DABB
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The Supreme Court's 1973 ruling in the *Roe v. Wade* case legalized abortion, but 25 years later the issue continues to ignite tempers and spark debate.

The decision, which passes the quarter-century mark Thursday, remains one of the most controversial issues discussed in society. It is inevitably a subject of discussion during political campaigns, but between elections, passionate supporters of both sides work diligently for their causes.

Numerous pro-life and pro-choice organizations formed after the courts ruled to legalize abortion. Since the decision, anti-abortion organizations have campaigned to reverse the decision. And while they have not succeeded, significant legislation has passed, making it more difficult to have an abortion.

Laws that require parental consent, institute a waiting period and prevent federal funding for abortions worry Deborah Ross, executive and legal director of the American Civil Liberties

Union, about the future of the *Roe* decision.

"I am concerned that these laws are chipping away at women's rights. Poor and young women in the most need of abortions have the most impediments," she said. "Pro-life people are holding the pro-choice movement hostage politically."

Barbara Holt, state president of the North Carolina Right to Life Coalition, said the organization works to pass protective legislation and endorses pro-life candidates. Its main purpose, however, is to persuade the Supreme Court to overturn the *Roe* decision.

"Our goal is two-pronged. We want to change hearts and minds so people will not look at abortion the same," she said. "We also want to undo what the Supreme Court did in 1973. They really made a law instead of just interpreting one."

The groups' differences run deeper than their causes however. While Ross attributed the recent push toward anti-abortion legislation to the perceived permanence of the pro-choice right, Holt said people are becoming more educated to the truth about abortion.

"As people understand what is at stake when a woman has an abortion, it has really caused a lot of people to ques-

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Fraternity theft might not be isolated

Pi Kappa Alpha has had a large amount of bulk food stolen from its house.

BY JON OSTENDORFF
CITY EDITOR

A string of recent thefts has one fraternity president believing his house is being targeted.

Bill Warren, president of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, said on many occasions robberies have taken place after the fraternity has received a shipment of food.

"This is a repeating occurrence," Warren said. "There are times when I often wonder if this is organized, if we are being targeted."

Warren said Pi Kappa Alpha had been robbed three times in the last two weeks. He said the kind of food stolen from the house was restaurant-grade bulk food, not something one individual could consume.

"I have questions about what they are doing with the large amounts of food being stolen," Warren said.

Warren said the fraternity feeds about 60 people a day, and they routinely store large quantities of food in their kitchen. He said the fraternity has had a problem with homeless people breaking in and

eating food in the past. Because of this problem, Warren said he thinks the homeless people might be responsible for the recent thefts of bulk food.

Warren said the Chapel Hill Police Department has been doing what it can to stop the break-ins and apprehend a suspect. "The police have been doing a good job in helping us patrol our property," he said.

Police spokeswoman Jane Cousins said fraternities have had problems in the past with theft. Police have no suspects in the recent break-ins.

"We are investigating the thefts," she said. "This kind of fraternity theft is not an unusual crime."

Brian Bullard, business manager for the Fraternity Trade Association, said the problems with fraternity theft in Chapel Hill were very serious. "It's almost ridiculous," he said.

Bullard said it was unlikely that the food was being consumed by the thief, due to the bulk quantities that were being stolen. "Someone who is hungry is not going to break-in and disregard already prepared food," he said.

Bullard said the Chapel Hill Police were not considering the thefts a priority. "I have mentioned the break-ins to the police and was met with, 'Well if they had proper security measures it would not happen,'" he said.

"If someone is found and held (the

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BILL WARREN
President of Pi Kappa Alpha

police) will pick them up, but it is not a priority."

Carter Ward, president of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity, said while his house has not had a lot of bulk food stolen, they have had several break-ins. Carter said he thought it was possible that fraternities were being targeted. He cited a lack of security and the large number of people living in the houses as possible reasons for the theft problems.

"I think if you are going to target anyone, fraternities would be easy to pick on," he said.

Angela Parris, office manager of the Inter-Faith Council Community House, said it was unlikely that homeless people were responsible for the stealing the bulk food. "I would say that no one would be selling food on the street," she said.

"It would be difficult for a homeless person to carry around a large box of food."

INSIDE

Got milk?
Scientists announced Tuesday a new cloning technique that allows them to produce milk in cows that contains medicine for humans. The first cloned cows were born last week. Page 6

Night fever
Senior Claudia McClinton solves off-the-wall problems working the late shift at the front desk of Granville Towers West. Page 2

Pack safely
A recent attack on American students in Guatemala has Study Abroad faculty concerned with the safety of students visiting other nations. Page 5

Today's weather
Mostly sunny; high 40s
Thursday: Rain; lower 40s

Beyond Roe vs. Wade

The Supreme Court has played an instrumental role in shaping America's policy on abortion. Since *Roe vs. Wade* in 1972, the court has made decisions that have defended or amended that ruling. Below are some key cases:

- 1973** - *Roe vs. Wade* - The court by a 7-2 vote said the constitutional right to privacy gives women the right to choose an abortion.
- 1976** - *Planned Parenthood of Central Missouri vs. Danforth* - The court struck down a Missouri abortion law requiring the consent of a woman's husband and her parents.
- 1979** - *Belotti vs. Baird* - The court ruled that states cannot require women under age 18 to obtain parental consent for an abortion. Mature minors may get permission from a judge instead of going to their parents.
- 1989** - *Webster vs. Reproductive Health Services* - The court by a 5-4 vote approved significant new restrictions in abortion law, including allowing states to ban public funds for abortion and prohibit abortions at public facilities or by public workers.
- 1994** - *National Organization of Women vs. Schiedler* - The court unanimously said a federal racketeering law can be used to stop anti-abortion opponents from blocking clinic entrances.
- 1997** - *Schenck vs. Pro-Choice Network of Western New York* - The court upheld a 15-foot buffer zone designed to keep protesters away from abortion clinic doorways, driveways and parking lot entrances.

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Lead me not into temptation; I can find the way myself.

Rita Mae Brown