

# Role of organization advisers differs among groups

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University policy requires organizations to have a faculty adviser, and those groups determine the role that the adviser plays.

Yet, the way a group runs from year to year can depend on the involvement of the adviser. A pending lawsuit against the Order of the Grail-Valkyries made members question how active their adviser should be.

That group is now seeking a new adviser. Current President Charles Harris said he hoped a new adviser would serve an active role in the group.

"It's a new group, ready to move forward," Harris said. "We are looking for an adviser to go forward with us."

Presidents of other student organizations said they had experienced both active and less active advisers and had found different ways to balance their relationship with their adviser.

Eamon Gilmartin, president of UNC's newest organization, the Carolina Shag Club said the club's faculty adviser has been "integral in helping this happen."

"She has been absolutely awesome from the beginning," Gilmartin said. "She has connections to places in the shag world I didn't know existed."

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Adviser, The Carolina Review

Rachel Hoffman, former president of Intersarsity Christian Fellowship, said she only contact her group's advisers to sign forms.

Hoffman said, however, that she felt

the system of faculty advisers for student organizations was a good one.

"It provides a good tie between students and professors," he said.

The balance between self-governance and an adviser's role differs from organization to organization, depending on the needs of a particular group, said Jon Curtis, who heads student activities and advises student government.

Curtis said the University does not specify what advisers should do, which leaves groups to work out their own relationships. Curtis describes the problem as a double-edged sword. He said the adviser position was way for faculty and students to get to know each other.

Faculty, who serve as organization advisers, also said that their levels of involvement varied.

Jim Shumaker, who serves as the current adviser for the Carolina Review, said he spent little time advising.

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Curtis said it would help an organization and its adviser to have a more specifically defined set of guidelines about involvement.

Curtis is compiling a list of suggestions which specifies how advisers can assist a group without taking it over.

# Construction slows during weeks of rain

Workers say they put in extra hours to clear mud before they can work.

BY CAROLYN INGRAM  
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Although the rain has put a damper on construction around campus, workers say they are making sure everything goes as scheduled.

Workers renovating Lenoir Dining Hall have put in longer hours and extra days the past three weeks.

Lenoir's renovation began last fall, and work is supposed to finish before students return next semester.

Bob Beke, the University construction manager, said he expected the Aug. 16 finish date to fall several weeks behind.

Some construction workers said, however, that with extra effort everything would move along as scheduled.

Brothers Travis Hunt and Archie Hunt of Acme Plumbing, who are working on Lenoir Dining Hall, said the mud had made their work more difficult.

The crews have had to battle several bouts of rain since September. As a result they've learned to deal with the set back, Travis Hunt said.

Their crew does the same work that would be done in clear weather, but before they can get started on the plumbing, they have to pump the water out and remove the mud.

Lenoir's renovation requires dry soil because much of the work is being done on its foundation. The mud is usually moved to sites off campus where it is more useful.

Travis Hunt said he and his co-workers, have extended lots of nine-hour days to fourteen hours. Workers have also spent Saturdays clearing mud and water out of the site.

Despite the effort put into getting the job finished, some students and faculty members said they were inconvenienced by the construction in general.

Information and Library Science Professor Helen Tibbo complained about the diesel fumes in the ventilation system of her office, which is near Lenoir Dining Hall.

"I'll be glad when it's done."

# Student group explores views, life concepts at weekly sessions

Philosophy, truth and reality were some topics raised at Worldviews 101.

BY AMY MASSENGILL  
STAFF WRITER

For a handful of UNC students Tuesday nights now mean a new level of thinking.

The first Worldviews 101 meeting, held Tuesday evening in Manning Hall, marked the beginning of a semester-long endeavor into the real issues of life.

Approximately 20 students, from freshmen to graduate students, were in attendance to discuss 'worldviews,' which the participants defined as different ideas of beliefs, truths and philosophies.

Chris Yates, student body vice president and a senior history major from

Falls Church, Va., organized the group meeting and was pleased by the diversity of participants' ages.

When he first considered starting a worldviews meeting, Yates was concerned that freshmen would not show interest in the discussions.

The idea for a no-credit but structured "classroom environment" discussion came to Yates last summer. He plans to maintain an academic focus with weekly readings.

"I really want to have an educated conversation about the things that really matter in life," Yates said.

Yates said the group would continue to meet every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. as long as there was student interest and faculty support.

He hopes to have professors as guest lecturers or discussion leaders.

Students in attendance reacted positively to the ideas and showed interest in continued weekly meetings.

"I want to be in a group that wants to pursue and understand other worldviews," Jonathan Kaplan, a senior history major from Easley, S.C., said.

"I'm interested in understanding people's worldviews and how they're consistent with their lives."

The planned objectives for the semester include understanding, examining, evaluating and articulating worldviews. Also, students will discuss reality, relativity, validity and truth.

Yates realizes there is going to be disagreement among the class members and welcomes the opportunity for debate.

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He hopes students will welcome the debate and not become frustrated by the circular discussions.

"A student's interest will keep them here," Yates said.

Heidi Schmitt, a senior psychology major from Mascoutah, Ill., said she had always been interested in philosophy and debate, was excited about the group and would continue to attend the classes.

Although Yates will graduate in May, he hopes to give the group a history so it can continue in the fall.

"If it develops into a working idea, I would like to see it sustained."

## Campus calendar

### Thursday

3:30 p.m.-5 p.m. — The Center for Teaching and Learning's Graduate Teaching Consultants will present "Contextualizing Foreign Language Exams," a workshop for TAs, in Union 210. To register call 966-1289.

6:30 p.m. — The UNC Adult Literacy Program will hold a general interest meeting in the basement of the Campus Y. The program is open to committed volunteers who are willing to help adults improve their reading skills.

7 p.m. — The UNC Psychology Club will have Movie Night. Meet in the lobby of Davie Hall. Anyone interested in psychology is welcome. Refreshments will be provided. For more information call 914-0016.

7 p.m. — The UNC Pre-Vet Club will

have an interest meeting in 210 Coker Hall. Come meet others who share your interests, and learn about a career in veterinary medicine.

### Items of interest

Anyone interested in coaching Club Track & Field should come to practice at the track at 5 p.m. on Monday through Thursday. For more information, call Brian at 918-7501 or Mike at 914-7700.

The Cross Cultural Communications Institute of the Sonja H. Stone Black Cultural Center is sponsoring a weekly dialogue workshop series for black and white women to come together and discuss issues. Dialogues will continue on Tuesday from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the BCC and will continue on Tuesdays for a minimum of three weeks.

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