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Panel sparks heated debate with students

■ More than 200 students attended the forum about affirmative action policies.

BY MARISSA DOWNS
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A panel of six speakers attempted to rationalize the pros and cons of affirmative action Monday night as what began as a structured discussion often faded into heated debate.

The audience of roughly 200 students participated actively in the debate, voicing their agreement openly.

Panel member John Hood, president of the John Locke Foundation, called affirmative action among "the most debated issues."

Hood and fellow opponents of affirmative action, claiming it promoted gender and racial inequality, centered their message around the ideology that "two wrongs don't make a right."

"The costs (of affirmative action) are incontrovertible," said panel member Roger Clegg, general counsel of the Center for Equal Opportunity.

"The first is you give up the right of nondiscrimination."

While those panel members opposed to affirmative action generally agreed racial discrimination was still evident in society, they did not feel that affirmative action was the means to eradicate it.

"The question tonight is whether more discrimination is the way to correct those problems, and the answer is no," Clegg said.

But Rene Redwood, executive director of America for a Fair Chance, warned against opponents of affirmative action who were "couched in the language of civil rights."

"If we are to ensure America's a democracy, we must be active in eliminating the barriers that keep some people shut out," Redwood said.

However, panel member Scott Rubush, chairman of Common Sense, a conservative group dedicated to bringing speakers onto campus, disagreed. He said affirmative action did not directly address the disparities between whites and minorities.

"Affirmative action fails to address the real issues in our society," he said.

But Karen Narasaki, executive director of the National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium, said affirmative action was a problem that affected women as well as minorities.

Narasaki, pointing to UNC demographics as support, said men, most of them white, held 85 percent of the full professorships.

"Affirmative action does more than open doors to certain minorities and women," Narasaki said.

"It makes sure that decision makers have all the opinions they need to make sound decisions."

While Narasaki said affirmative action was no longer needed for women in the college admission process, it was

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Consultants to scrutinize advising this week

BY MARISSA DOWNS
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After months of delay, outside consultants are scheduled to start a review of the University's advising program Thursday.

Lacey Hawthorne, Advising Steering Team member, said the review, first proposed last summer, was a big step toward advising reform.

"By looking outside, it really shows that the University is willing to invest money to make advising reform a reality," Hawthorne said.

The review is needed despite years of internal reviews of the advising program, she said. "Twenty years of using internal sources and we've seen very little change."

The review team will consist of Neil Richardson of the University of Wisconsin, Brangwyn Foote of the University of Colorado and Wendy Whittemore of the University of Maryland.

Hawthorne said the consultants were chosen from among "peer institutions"

as well as the institutions with the best advising programs.

"We looked to institutions similar to ours in size," Hawthorne said.

"We wanted a diverse team and a range of individuals."

The steering committee met Monday to discuss the itinerary of the consultants' three-day visit to the University.

While much of consultants' time will be reserved for individual meetings with faculty, an open forum on Friday from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Union 205 will allow students to give input.

Hawthorne said she was excited about the level of student interest with advising system reform.

"It's receiving more support than it ever has," Hawthorne said.

But Bobbi Owen, dean of advising for the College of Arts and Sciences, said the forum was not designed to be merely complaint sessions.

"The facilitators will prevent the forums from turning into gripe sessions and keep them constructive," she said.

Some steering committee members worried that the consultants might find

the purpose of the review rather vague.

"Are we trying to fine-tune, or do (the consultants) know we are open to radical change?" said Mandy Greene, steering committee member.

But Susan Kitchen, vice chancellor of student affairs, said the steering committee should not specify the types of recommendations expected.

"As a reviewer, you come to campus with a set of questions you'd like to answer," Kitchen said. "We don't want to be too prescriptive about what we want in the report."

Appetite for change



Many students have been satisfied with the Carolina Dining Service's performance in the absence of Lenoir Dining Hall. They have also been disenchanted with the construction and high prices of food.

■ Although many are excited about a new Lenoir Dining Hall, dining services still raise concerns.

BY ANDREW MEEHAN
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After more than a semester of temporary food services, students and candidates alike have spoken out about problems — including prices and construction safety — as well as ways to remedy the situation.

The newly renovated Lenoir Dining Hall is set to open in the fall, and many students and candidates are anxious to end the inconvenience of the current dining hall set up.

Many students are concerned about food prices. Mitchell Gore, a junior from Clemmons, said the dining services were bad last year, and they are even worse this year. Gore said the selection was terrible and the food was too expensive.

When told that some student body president candidates and CDS officials said student satisfaction was high, Gore said, "They must be delusional."

Neville and Charlie Roederer, both student body president candidates, differed on how to solve the problem of food prices.

Roederer said the real power of the student body president with the CDS is the strong advocacy of student concerns.

"CDS has a monopoly on (campus) food services. Free market can't reign," he said.

Neville said prices were ruled by supply and demand. She said students would start eating on Franklin Street if prices got too high.

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The Daily Tar Heel surveyed 305 students to find out which issues they considered the most important in the upcoming student elections. This week the DTH presents the following issues:

TUESDAY: Food Service
Wednesday: Cable & Internet
Thursday: Tuition
Friday: Ticket Distribution
Monday: Parking

UNC puts 360° negotiations on hold after staffers complain

BY LESA NAGY
STAFF WRITER

Negotiations with UNC Facilities Planning and 360° Communications to put cellular service antennas on campus were put on hold Monday.

The cellular carrier wanted to put the service antennas on the University's campus to expand the quality of coverage in Chapel Hill. UNC facility planners were considering locating the antennas at Hamilton Hall.

Elson Floyd, executive vice chancellor, decided Monday morning not to use the intended site at Hamilton for the antennas. He said he was unclear at this moment if and where the antennas would be located on campus.

"With the concern of health risks, especially from those on the top floor, it seemed more appropriate not to place the antennas on Hamilton," Floyd said.

The faculty and staff of Hamilton who opposed the project did so because of potential health risks caused by radio

wave emissions. They were also dissatisfied with the lack of consultation between the University and those in Hamilton who could be affected.

"I was very pleased with the decision not to put antennas at Hamilton," said Carol Nichols, a secretary in the Department of Political Science. "People should be aware of the decisions that are made without approval from faculty, staff and students."

Mary Woodall, an administrative secretary in the Department of History also

said she was happy the antennas would not be located on the roof of Hamilton. "I was concerned about the potential health risks and the condition of the roof top," Woodall said.

Bruce Runberg, associate vice chancellor for Facilities Management, said the negotiations with 360° were halted because they did not have a site for the antennas now that the Hamilton location was declined. The next step is to re-evaluate other potential sites on campus.

"We will do further investigations

and get confirming information that these (cellular antennas) are safe," Runberg said. "Then we will report back to the University."

Associate Director of Networking and Communications Steve Harward said the hold on negotiations hindered 360°'s ability to improve their coverage of Chapel Hill's downtown area, including the UNC campus.

"The request made by 360° to put cell-

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District attorney reflects on trail-blazing job path

BY SHELLEY LEVINE
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Fourteen years ago Carl Fox took his place in history as one of the nation's first three black district attorneys.

Since then he has remained the Orange-Chatham district attorney and said he had seen more blacks and women elected to the position, both in North Carolina and across the country.

"When I first became DA, I was somewhat conscious of being one of the only African-American DAs in the United States," Fox said.

"I thought if I did a good job it might

make a difference in the likelihood of other African-Americans and women being appointed."

Fox said that upon becoming a district attorney he wanted to change the position into a more proactive job by getting out into the community and talking to the people he worked to protect.

"I knew there were those that might have reservations when I was first appointed," Fox said. "I wanted to show that it was not a matter of race, but of doing the best job you can."

Fox said he had seen many advancements in the lives of blacks since his childhood, but there was still work to be done.

"There are African-Americans serving in the highest political positions in this country," he said. "A lot has been accomplished."

Fox said he recalled one incident of blatant discrimination while he served

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Carl Fox has been the Orange-Chatham district attorney for fourteen years. Seen here during the high-profile Wendell Williamson case in 1995, Fox attended UNC as an undergraduate student and a law student.

INSIDE Tuesday

That's all she wrote

ELECTIONS '98

Monday marked the last day for candidates to file in county elections.
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Getting wired

The Carrboro Aldermen will discuss a controversy regarding Time Warner Cable at their Tuesday meeting.
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Today's weather



Rainy;
High 40s
Wednesday: Rainy;
low 40s

To a man with an empty stomach, food is god.

Gandhi