

ESPN features UNC students in program about Nike, labor

■ The program begins a five-part interactive Internet series about labor.

BY BETH HATCHER
STAFF WRITER

ESPN's Thursday program "Outside the Lines" captured the debate and tension that surrounds the University's \$7.1 million contract with Nike Corp. The sports channel used UNC's Nike Seminar, "Economics, Ethics and Impacts of the Global Economy: The Nike Example," in a segment of a show dealing with Nike factories in Vietnam. Students have criticized the University for contracting with Nike, a company they say has harsh, unfair labor practices. The show examined the working conditions in the Nike factories and the debate they incite in America. "The show deals with a lot of the issues we cover in class," said Pete Andrews, chairman of the Faculty Council, who helped create the class.

ESPN reporters visited factories in Vietnam and examined the health problems and underpayment of the workers. The Nike seminar explores human rights issues related to labor, Andrews said. The class had studied the apparel industry and industry in Asian societies, as well as the charges against Nike, to get the broader picture of the issue, he said. One segment of the show exposed the complex nature of the University's contact with Nike and the controversy surrounding it, said Carla Jones, the teaching assistant for the course. "I'm glad they showed that the students understand how complex the issue is," Jones said. Todd Pugatch, a student in the class, said that although he thought the segment was well-done, it could not truly relate the depth and complexity of the issue to viewers. "You can't really know what it's like inside those factories," Pugatch said. Andrews said that even though many students had seen the program and were happy to participate, he was originally

somewhat skeptical of ESPN's interest in his class for the segment. He said he was afraid the issue would be manipulated. "I didn't want the students snipped into sound bites," he said. Mark Nguyen, president of the Vietnamese Students Association and a member of the class, said he was glad the class got publicity. "The class has been phenomenal," he said. "All these different people from different backgrounds trying to put together the pieces of this mad puzzle is really cool." Pugatch agreed the publicity for the class was a good thing. "I hope the program will help spawn debate on other campuses," he said. Andrews said he hopes the publicity creates other classes as well. "This has been a great issue to teach global economy," Andrews said. Andrews said the program kicked off a five-part Internet series in which people can participate in an interactive debate with him and students from the class. "This is an exciting opportunity to let the world in on our discussions."

Parents upset with redistricting plans

■ Discussion centered around the redistricting of elementary school children.

BY ANGELA LEA
STAFF WRITER

In the wake of a Grey Culbreth Middle School student's death on school grounds Monday, residents spoke out against proposed redistricting planned by the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Board of Education. Thursday night's meeting was slated to take place at Culbreth, said School Board Chairman Nicholas Didow. Although the board considered choosing another location in light of 13-year-old Laura Ashley Williams' death, Culbreth principal Carolyn White asked that the Board meet there. "White" thought it was important for developing and continuing some sense of normalcy," Didow said. But the tragedy was by no means overlooked. Before the group even adopted its agenda for the evening, Didow requested a moment of silence in honor and memory of Williams. With the recent tragedy in mind, some residents said they were even more concerned about the negative impact

that redistricting could have on students. Denise Todloski, a parent of a McDougle Elementary School student, said the opening of Southern Village Elementary School for the 1999-2000 school year could cause students who lived in the Jones Ferry Road area to be assigned to a different school. For some, this would be the second or third time they had changed districts. Such a disruption of routine could have a devastating impact, Todloski said. "In light of recent situations and circumstances, don't let this happen to any of our other children," she said. "Uprooting children does upset them, although some cases are more extreme than others." Edith Allen, a parent of another McDougle student, said she held a similar opinion on redistricting. "There are serious losses, both personal and educational (when redistricting of children takes place)," she said. "They may not be quantifiable, yet we know we are putting stress on children, families and educational systems." Allen said she had submitted a letter to Superintendent Neil Pedersen requesting that multiple reassignments of the same children be avoided when decisions on redistricting were made. "I know the Board would never

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McDougle Elementary School parent
actively choose to continually uproot the same neighborhoods over and over again, but this is in fact what has happened, and you must be willing to actively prevent it from occurring again," she said. Didow said the board would take into account how frequently certain areas had been redistricted and that the board was by no means removed from the situation. He said he and board member Harvey Goldstein both lived in the Jones Ferry Road area, and that the reassignments had affected their children, as well. Didow said he believed negative attitudes on the parts of parents could make moves to other schools hard on their children. "We know our children take many of their cues from the way we talk about (redistricting)."

Survey to measure UNC student satisfaction

■ The UNC General Administration will survey sophomores and seniors.

BY KELLI BOUTIN
STAFF WRITER

The UNC-system General Administration is conducting surveys to develop a picture of student experiences at the 16 system campuses. The Office of Institutional Research mailed student-satisfaction surveys to almost 5,000 sophomores and graduating seniors as part of the systemwide effort in March. This year's sophomore survey includes a special section of questions for students at UNC-Chapel Hill. The

questions ask students to evaluate the quality of their interactions with faculty members, OIR Senior Research Associate Lynn Williford said. UNC-CH officials said they hope to gain valuable information from the surveys. "We're always interested in learning about how we can improve the quality of services given to the students, and surveys are obviously the best way to do that," Chancellor Michael Hooker said. Last year, pilot sophomore surveys showed students were unhappy about the advising system, and student opinions led to efforts to evaluate and improve the system, Williford said. UNC-CH Chairman of the Faculty Pete Andrews said he hoped the survey would be the first step toward a positive dialogue between students and faculty. But surveys this year differ from years

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past. This is the first year that sophomores and seniors have been surveyed together. Sophomores were surveyed for the first time last year, Williford said. The General Administration created the sophomore survey to evaluate student experiences during the first two years of college, while senior surveys focus on the final two years of under-

graduate study and post-graduation plans, she said. "We're interested in the student perception of the quality of instruction, student-faculty interaction and services which (students) have come into contact with at this institution," Williford said. Williford said the General Administration plans to stagger the surveys, surveying sophomores and seniors one year and alumni the next. The General Administration requires that 65 percent of students surveyed respond, so officials at the OIR will conduct phone surveys during the last two weeks of April, she said. "It's so important for us to get a good response. The surveys are voluntary," Williford said. The General Administration would release the results of the survey this summer.

University to 'ignite' during Noche Latina

BY CAROLYN INGRAM
STAFF WRITER

The Carolina Hispanic Association will hold its seventh annual Noche Latina festival from 7 p.m. to midnight Saturday in the Great Hall. The cultural event will include a dinner, show and an after party. CHisPA member Ulka Patel said the purpose of Noche Latina was to promote CHisPA, provide awareness of the Hispanic culture, dance to salsa, relax and enjoy a good show and good meal. "The Hispanic community is the largest growing section of the United States right now ..."

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President-elect, CHisPA
She said the food, which will be provided by local restaurants, would range from Caribbean to Puerto Rican to Mexican dishes. CHisPA members also hope to provide entertainment and educate the audience with performances from William Strickland, a flamenco guitarist; Querico, CHisPA's dance group; and a Capoeira (sword fighting) demonstration, among others. Noche Latina will commence with a live salsa band and dancing from 10 p.m. to midnight. "Planning Noche Latina is a lot of hard work," Smith said. "Once Saturday comes and we see a sea of people dancing, it will be well worth it." Through Noche Latina, Agosto said she hoped people would see a connection between cultures, the influence that the Hispanic culture has had on other cultures, and how other cultures have influenced it. "Chispa means spark of fire. And that's what CHisPA is going to do — ignite the campus."

Noche Latina
Latin dinner, show and fiesta
7 p.m. to 12 p.m.
Saturday
Great Hall

Campus calendar

Friday
11 a.m.-2 p.m. — The Student Environmental Action Coalition will present Craft Day in the Pit. Students can come out and make T-shirts, banners and flyers while they learn more about what they can do to improve the environment.

Items of Interest

The new Women's Perspectives program in Cobb Residence Hall is still accepting applications. Representatives will be in the Pit from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 6-8 to answer any questions. The Department of Music will present the Guitar Ensemble on Sunday at 4 p.m. in the Person Recital Hall. Admission is free. The ensemble will be directed by Billy Stewart. The Association of English Majors and the Association of Graduate English Students will host a reading and discussion of students' papers from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. April 7-8 in the Donovan Lounge of Greenlaw Hall.

REACTION

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cases, such as the Mitsubishi class-action suit, Booth said. These wins should remind women that Jones' case is only one of many sexual harassment suits, Scott said. "It is just this particular case," she said, adding that Jones' case was never strong. "The judge in this case made a very careful and reasonable decision." And although Jones lost, her case brought much-needed attention to sexual harassment, Scott said. "I think a lot of legal scholars felt gratified that she had the courage to go ahead with her convictions, whether right or wrong."

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