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Students Hang Nooses, Posters To Protest Names of Buildings

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In the hours before the sun rose Wednesday morning, a group of students covered campus buildings and trees with banners, fliers and nooses.

A sheet reading "Hitler Hall" hung above Murphey Hall and one reading "David Duke KKK" decorated Steele Building.

The students, members of the new group Students Seeking Historical Truth, were protesting against campus buildings named in honor of slaveholders and affiliates of the Ku Klux Klan.

But by 8 a.m. and the start of classes, University police had cleared all traces of the early morning display from the buildings.

"This was vandalism - it doesn't belong stuck on a building," said University Police Maj. Jeff McCracken.

"It was discovered when people began to come into work, mostly too early for students to

be around yet."

The focus of the group's activity was to draw attention to the fact that Col. William Lawrence Saunders, the namesake of Saunders Hall, was the founder of the state branch of the KKK.

"We put up posters that told the truth of what Saunders was - 77 (posters) for the 77 years that the building has been erected," said sophomore Kristi Booker, founder of the group.

"We created our own memorial to show what Saunders was: a murderer, a slave owner and the emperor of the KKK," said Eboni Staton, a member of SSHT.

The group organized the protest after learning about the history of the namesakes of many campus buildings, Booker said.

At the Black Student Movement meeting Wednesday night, SSHT members reported that many buildings on campus, including Ruffin and Aycock residence halls, and Davie, Mitchell, Swain and Memorial halls, carried the names of Confederate supporters and activists for the rights of slaveholders.

Members of the group said they wished that the message could have been seen by more people before police and Physical Plant workers removed the banners.

"We wanted the University to see what Saunders really looked like, so we created our own plaque, but the University didn't want you to see that," Staton said.

Booker said it was important for all University students and faculty members to understand the truth of UNC's past involvement with men who oppressed minorities and the fact that many campus structures were named to honor them.

"A threat to justice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere," she said, quoting

"There are no public hoods or sheets, there are no cross burnings, or voices shrieking white power - these things are well hidden in the walls of the University."

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In protest, students hang a Ku Klux Klan banner above the doorway of Saunders Hall on Wednesday.

Group: UNC Must Own Up to Past

Students Seeking Historical Truth founder Kristi Booker says students should know about building's namesakes.

By BROOKE ROSEMAN
Staff Writer

After covering campus buildings with posters and banners in the early morning, a group of students formally presented themselves in red arm bands and black outfits at a Black Student Movement meeting Wednesday night.

Students Seeking Historical Truth is a newly formed group interested in promoting the historical truth of the UNC campus.

Sophomore Kristi Booker, the organizer of the group, said it all started after a conversation with a friend when she learned that Saunders Hall was named after a Ku Klux Klansman.

She said she thought her friend was crazy.

But then Booker went to Wilson Library and researched on her own about the history of UNC buildings.

Booker said the group of about 20 students decided that Wednesday would be their first formal protest because they thought the situation was pressing.

"It was the type of thing that needed to come out immediately," she said.

Chapel Hill resident Yonni Chapman was pleased with SSHT's presentation.

"I thought it was great the way they took each building and gave some information about the person it was named after," he said. "This is something I had been hoping to see for years."

Chapman serves on the Campus Y advisory board and describes himself as a community activist. He also wrote a 400-page thesis on the history of the black community in Chapel Hill and the origins of the Civil Rights movement up to 1963.

"I think it's so important that the University and the Chapel Hill community own up to the terrible racist history embedded in everything about the institution and still has an effect today," he said.

Booker said the group hoped to obtain recognition from the University to legitimize its claims and educate stu-

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Board To Debate Aid Plan

The aid package would give an additional \$32 million to in-state students already receiving financial aid.

By LANI HARAC
Staff Writer

Proponents of an historic need-based financial aid proposal expect a positive response from the UNC-system Board of Governors at its meeting today and Friday at Appalachian State University.

The proposal, formulated by the UNC Task Force on Student Financial Aid, would mark the first systemwide aid program of this magnitude ever funded by the state.

The proposal would include a formula for distributing an additional \$32 million to in-state UNC-system students receiving financial aid.

About two-thirds of UNC-system undergraduates apply for aid annually, but only about 5 percent have their needs fully met.

UNC Association of Student Governments President Jeff Nieman, who served on the task force, said the program was aimed at low-income students. "We as a state have never had a state-level need-based financial aid program," Nieman said. "We have a responsibility to educate the citizenry of North Carolina."

The BOG was "supportive of student financial aid," said task force Chairman Gary Barnes, UNC-system vice president for programs assessment.

At a Friday workshop, task force members will present the proposal and general guidelines for awarding aid, with the hope that the BOG's planning committee will endorse it in November. After the committee vote, the report would go to the full board and then to the N.C. General Assembly.

"If we continue to get the green light on this, we'll go over the details and let the board make any recommendations for changing the proposal that they want us to make," Barnes said.

"If we find out that something about those guidelines didn't work, we'll go back and revise them."

The program's price tag could slow its passage, especially in light of recent emergency aid allocated to repair damages after Hurricane Floyd.

"It's too early to know what level of funding might be appropriated," said Sen. Howard Lee, D-Orange.

Lee said he did not foresee legislators approving a new initiative unless other

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Mind Over Matter



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Field hockey midfielder Carrie Lingo tore her anterior cruciate ligament after her freshman year at UNC and needed nine months to rehabilitate the knee. She said overcoming fears of reinjury was one of the most difficult parts of the process.

Healing Psyche Tougher Than Wounds

By JOHN ZHU
Staff Writer

When North Carolina's Kate Sidebottom injured her left knee in January 1996, she knew it would take her a while to recover.

She just didn't know it would take nine months.

"I went into surgery and didn't know that I had a torn (anterior cruciate ligament)," said Sidebottom, a field hockey midfielder.

"It was kind of traumatic when I came out of surgery and realized that the rehab was going to be nine months instead of three."

The long rehab was not the only cause of trauma for Sidebottom. She also had to deal with missing the field hockey season during her senior year in high school.

"Basically the whole second half of my senior year in high school I was not able to participate in the sport I love," Sidebottom said. "It's something I had to work through."

Dr. Bradley Hack, a licensed clinical psychologist who works in

Counseling and Psychological Services, said injuries were traumatic for athletes because of the effort the players had put into their sports.

"They've invested a tremendous amount of time and energy in their sports to get to a place like UNC. When they have an injury it really shakes the foundation of their identity," said Hack, who estimated that 40 percent of his patients are UNC athletes.

Hack, who specializes in sports psychology, said the trauma from a

serious injury can result in anxiety and depression because the injured players worry about their athletic futures.

If the athletes were starters or players who received significant playing time they might be concerned about losing their spots. Athletes might also become so worried about getting reinjured that it interferes with the rehab, Hack said.

Athletes recovering from a severe injury also have to deal with a heightened level of stress. Hack said many athletes used their sports as a mechanism to cope with everyday stress.

When athletes cannot play because of injuries they have to find other ways to deal with the daily tension and the injury-incurred trauma.

"The first thing I do when I talk to an athlete is to find out what has helped them deal with stress in the past," Hack said. "And then we start

talking about new (ways to release stress)."

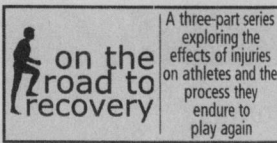
Hack said treatment for stress is very individualized because each person relaxes through different channels, such as reading, writing or listening to music.

He emphasized that it was important for injured athletes to be able to release their stress. Otherwise, the athletes might exhibit symptoms of anxiety and depression, which include difficulty sleeping, eating and concentrating, sadness, loss of motivation, constant worrying and jittery feelings.

Social support is a key to coping with the trauma of recovering from a serious injury. Hack said it was important to give people dealing with stress a sympathetic ear.

This is especially true in sports, because injured athletes often are reluctant to discuss the injury and

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A three-part series exploring the effects of injuries on athletes and the process they endure to play again.

INSIDE Thursday

Taking a Stand

Members of Students United for a Responsible Global Environment

protested against sanctions against Iraq with a candlelight vigil in the Pit on Wednesday night. See Page 2.

Campus Connection

Underneath Abernathy Hall, computer consultants work daily to keep e-mail and computer services running on campus. See Page 15.

Notes on the Net

The Internet and MP3 files are becoming useful tools for artists in promoting their music as the record industry adopts new policies to counteract electronic piracy. See Page 5.

Today's Weather

Sunny;
High 60s.
Friday: Sunny;
High 60s.

Prejudice is the child of ignorance.

William Hazlitt