Church Group's Visits Spark Parents' Concern

By KATE HARTIG

Lunchtime visits by a college religious group has prompted some East Chapel Hill High School parents to question the school's visitation policy and the organization's intent. Young Life, a Christian Ministry

Outreach program, has about 70 volun-teer UNC students who work with high school students.

Sandra Cummings, an ECHHS school governance committee member, said parents had voiced concerns about the college students' visits. The governance committee is comprised of parents, faculty and students designed to oversee the activities in the school.

"They are definitely within legal premises to visit the school," she said. "But my main concern is that the clear intent of the club is to convert non-Christians, and I have a problem with

Clay Nolan, a senior at ECHHS who is involved with Young Life, said con-cerned parents were unclear on the

background of the Young Life program.
"(Young Life leaders) don't push anything on the students at all," he said. The whole basis behind it is about

being there for us."

ECHHS Principal David Thaden said student leaders had permission from the administration to visit students

"Technically, what they are doing is fine," Thaden said. "They have lunch with a few kids who are in that group; they have come to lunch maybe five times over the year. It's fairly benign."

Young Life leader Sarah Fergusson, a UNC senior English major from Asheville, said she occasionally had lunch with students at ECHHS.

"Young Life is about relationships," she said. "We go to local high schools and meet kids and build friendships."

UNC junior David Reule, a Young Life leader at Jordan High School in Durham, said he went to Jordan to play basketball and football with his friends.

"The whole philosophy behind Young Life is working through friendships," said Reule, a political science major from Charlotte. "We try and help be a positive influence in their lives. I go to see them and find out how they are

Ty Saltzgiver, regional director for Young Life in North and South Carolina, said he did not view the issue of school visits as a problem.
"We understand the delicate balance

between (the separation of) church and state," he said. "All meetings are off campus, usually at someone's home."

Saltzgiver also added that there was a misunderstanding about the organization. "There is no joining or member-ship," he said. "It's not in our spirit to ressure anyone."

Weekly Young Life has "club" meet-

ings that are open invitation. Students can come anytime they want and do not have to come every week.

Hunter Lambeth, a 1989 UNC alumnus and former Young Life leader, said the program extended an open invitation to all students.

"People can come as they want," he said. Lambeth, who now is the director of special projects for Young Life in Latin America, said. "There is no such thing as a member in Young Life, there are no fees. Kids are not measured or picked, it's not like that at all."

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Duke Protesters Demand Full Disclosure

By Worth Civils

Duke University students protesting for the disclosure of all factory locations manufacturing Duke apparel did not have a long wait before the administration met their demands.

About 25 to 30 students protested for less than an hour outside Duke President Nannerl Keohane's office Tuesday. Keohane was not there, but Executive Vice President Tallman Trask answered the students' demands.

Trask said he told the students that Duke was sending letters to the compa nies licensed to produce apparel for the university. He said the companies would have until Thursday to reply with the location of their factories.

If the companies do not reply, they have 15 days before Duke could cancel their contracts.

Casey Harrell, a senior and protester, said 72 percent of the companies which hold licenses with Duke have disclosed their factory locations, but many of those were simply post office boxes.

The original agreement, set after student protests last February, called for full discoure of factory locations by Jan. 1 of this year.

"We had (Trask's) signature on a piece of paper," Harrell said, referring to the agreement from last February. "Duke took a stand last February to say locations would be disclosed by January 1, and they weren't. We get more upset as dates get moved back." Similar protests have been staged on

the UNC campus.
UNC students camped out in South Building for three nights last April, calling for interim Chancellor Bill McCoy to require all licensees to disclose their location. Like Keohane, McCoy agreed to a Jan. 1 deadline, but only about half of the companies UNC is licensed with have provided the necessary informa-

Todd Pugatch, a member of the UNC Licensing Labor Code Advisory Committee to the chancellor, said no protests calling for the remaining com-panies to disclose their locations have

But he said he planned to raise the issue at tonight's advisory committee

Pugatch also said he hoped the successful protest at Duke would resonate

with UNC-CH administrators.

"I hope (the Duke protest) will make a push to the licensees that not disclosing is not acceptable and we will not do business with anyone that doesn't," he said. "We have plans to take action soon,

but they are not firmed up yet."

Duke administrators did not plan to send letters to its licensees until the protest, Harrell said.

"The university was dragging its feet,"

he said.
"It's partly the licensees' fault, but

partly the administration's fault."

But Trask said not all the licensees provided the location of their factories by the deadline, forcing the administra-

tion to attempt to get that information.

"(The students) would probably like us to be ahead of where (the adminis-

tration) are," he said. "I told them where we stand, and they seemed to be satisfied.

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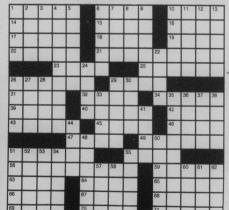
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