



The University and Towns IN BRIEF

Students to Receive Chancellor's Awards

Student recipients of the 1999-2000 Chancellor's Awards for excellence in academics, leadership and service will be honored from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday in the Student Union.

Interim Chancellor Bill McCoy, Provost Dick Richardson and Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Sue Kitchen will present the awards in the Great Hall of the Student Union.

The ceremony is free and open to the public.

Also to be honored at the ceremony are faculty and teaching assistants who were chosen by students for the 1999-2000 Student Undergraduate Teaching Awards.

National Group Honors UNC English Professor

English Professor Erika C. Lindemann will receive the John C. Gerber Award from the Conference on College Composition and Communication, a constituent group of the National Council of Teachers of English.

The award recognizes exemplary service and leadership during the conference's first 50 years of existence.

Lindemann, who is among six people being honored, will receive the award at the conference's annual convention April 13 to April 15 in Minneapolis.

The conference is a gathering of college-level educators specializing in the teaching and writing of communications.

Professor Named Head Of Medical Association

Dr. George Sheldon, a Zack D. Owens distinguished professor of surgery and chairman of the Department of Surgery at the UNC School of Medicine, in the new chairman of the Association of American Medical Colleges.

The association helps improve public health by enhancing the effectiveness of academic medicine.

It also helps academic medicine institutions, organizations and individuals carry out their responsibilities for educating the medical work force, discovering new medical knowledge and developing technologies for prevention, diagnosis and treatment of disease.

Volunteer Coaches Needed for Program

The Carrboro Recreation and Parks Department is accepting volunteer coaches applications for the 2000 Pee Wee League (6- to 8-year-old) Baseball Program.

Coaches must have good organization and communication skills.

They also must be able to demonstrate an ability to teach proper playing skills, sportsmanship, fundamentals and provide an enjoyable atmosphere at practices and games.

For an application or additional information, contact Cynthia Leach at the recreation department at 968-7703.

Muffin Morning to Help Youths Make Friends

The Carrboro Recreation and Parks Association will hold a muffin morning for young children.

Parents/caregivers and young children (toddlers to age four) are invited to this weekly informal event that will give children the opportunity to meet new friends.

The program will take place from 10 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. Tuesdays and will meet outside at the Carrboro Town Commons. It is a free event scheduled to begin April 16.

For more information contact Carol Rosemond at 968-7703.

Literacy Council Seeks Volunteers for Tutoring

The Orange County Literacy Council is seeking volunteers for one-on-one tutoring, group tutoring and family literacy workshop facilitation.

An orientation will be held from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. April 20 at the Chapel Hill Public Library. Prospective volunteers will gain more information of the Literacy Council there.

Attendance is a prerequisite to enroll in the council's 12-hour tutor training workshop.

Workshops are offered quarterly and the next one will be held April 29, May 1, and May 3 in Chapel Hill.

Volunteers are especially needed in Hillsborough.

All prospective volunteers should call 933-2151 for more information.

From Staff Reports

QNC Fights Intolerance With Silent Screams



Emily Millay Haddad, a member of Queer Network for Change, makes a statement against prejudice and discrimination at QNC's silent protest in the Pit on Wednesday.

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Clad in black and gagged with white cloth, members of the Queer Network for Change sat proudly in the Pit on Wednesday in an effort to "tear down the closet."

QNC members soundlessly protested for an hour to celebrate the National Day of Silence, a day to reject the oppression forced upon people for some aspect of their identity.

"We want to let the campus know that the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community is silenced," said QNC Co-chairwoman Sarah Levin-Richardson.

Last year, QNC changed its name from Bisexuals, Gays, Lesbians and Allies for Diversity, or B-GLAD, to increase its presence on campus.

While QNC has been a campuswide organization for 25 years, the Day of Silence was established across the nation only two years ago, Levin-Richardson said. "This is the first time we've done something like this that's so dynamic," she said.

Students displayed bold signs that screamed "Our Silence is Deafening," and "Why Fear What You Can't Hear?" as they sat in a meditative state.

Levin-Richardson said she felt the protest would

heighten student awareness of QNC's concerns. "A lot of people don't know there's discrimination out there, and this is letting them know what's going on."

Freshman Wayla Chambo said her purpose was to raise awareness in a visual way and call attention to the silenced people who were not protesting.

"The fact that there were 10 of us here on a campus of 20,000 shows how many people are silenced," Chambo said.

After the protest, members embraced each other in a group circle, shared stories of their day of silence and offered hugs of support.

Junior Jamie Sohn tearfully told a story of passing elementary school children who were not afraid to shout demeaning terms like "dyke" to the protesters.

But Sohn said the children were not completely without heart. "There were two really awesome kids who walked up in solidarity and stuck out their hands to shake," Sohn said.

Levin-Richardson said a number of adults blatantly overlooked the signs. "There was a father who I tried to hand a flier to and he acted like he was going to catch gay or something."

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School Preps for New Principal Search

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After losing three principals this decade, Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools officials are preparing to conduct yet another principal search for Chapel Hill High School.

School officials want to find a permanent replacement by fall for Carlotta Armstrong, who has taken leave until the end of the semester and then will

begin a new position at the state Department of Public Instruction on July 1. Kim Hoke, spokeswoman for Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools, said the principal selection process would begin with national advertisements.

"The first step involves placing ads in educational journals and publications nationwide," she said.

However, Hazel Gibbs, director of human resources for the school system, said the application process had not begun because they needed to decide on

the details.

"Ads for a new principal have not been published yet because the school system has to decide whether an outside firm will handle them," she said.

Superintendent Neil Pedersen said a committee of teachers and parents would convene to decide what characteristics they were looking for in a principal. Then, they would recommend a set of finalists from the applicants, who would have to pass through reference checks and interviews.

Pedersen would then recommend one of the finalists to the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Board of Education based on certain qualifications. He said the next principal should have dedication and high academic standards.

"A person has to have many skills to be successful," he said. "They have to work well with people, have a vision for a strong academic program and they have to be committed and willing to

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RHA Eyes National Distinction

UNC's RHA chapter already nabbed awards in the state and national regions for their campus work this year.

By JESSICA JOYE
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For the second consecutive year, UNC's Residence Hall Association is in the running for a prestigious national award.

With its recent regional award for the best RHA chapter in the South under its belt, the RHA will vie nationally for the School of the Year award in May.

The group grabbed the regional award after winning the state competition, sponsored by the N.C. Association of Residence Halls in February.

In the coming weeks, the RHA plans to revise their submitted bid for the competition to include accomplishments from recent months, said former RHA President Murray Coleman.

The competition is based on a list of accomplishments and goals submitted by the individual RHAs.

Coleman said the RHA had made tremendous strides in the past year.

The new resident assistant liaison program was initiated to bolster the relationship between RHA and the Department of University Housing last fall.

The RHA has also collaborated with other campus groups in order to enhance the UNC experience, Coleman said.

The group worked with the Carolina Athletic Association to promote student support for athletic events by holding pep rallies before basketball games.

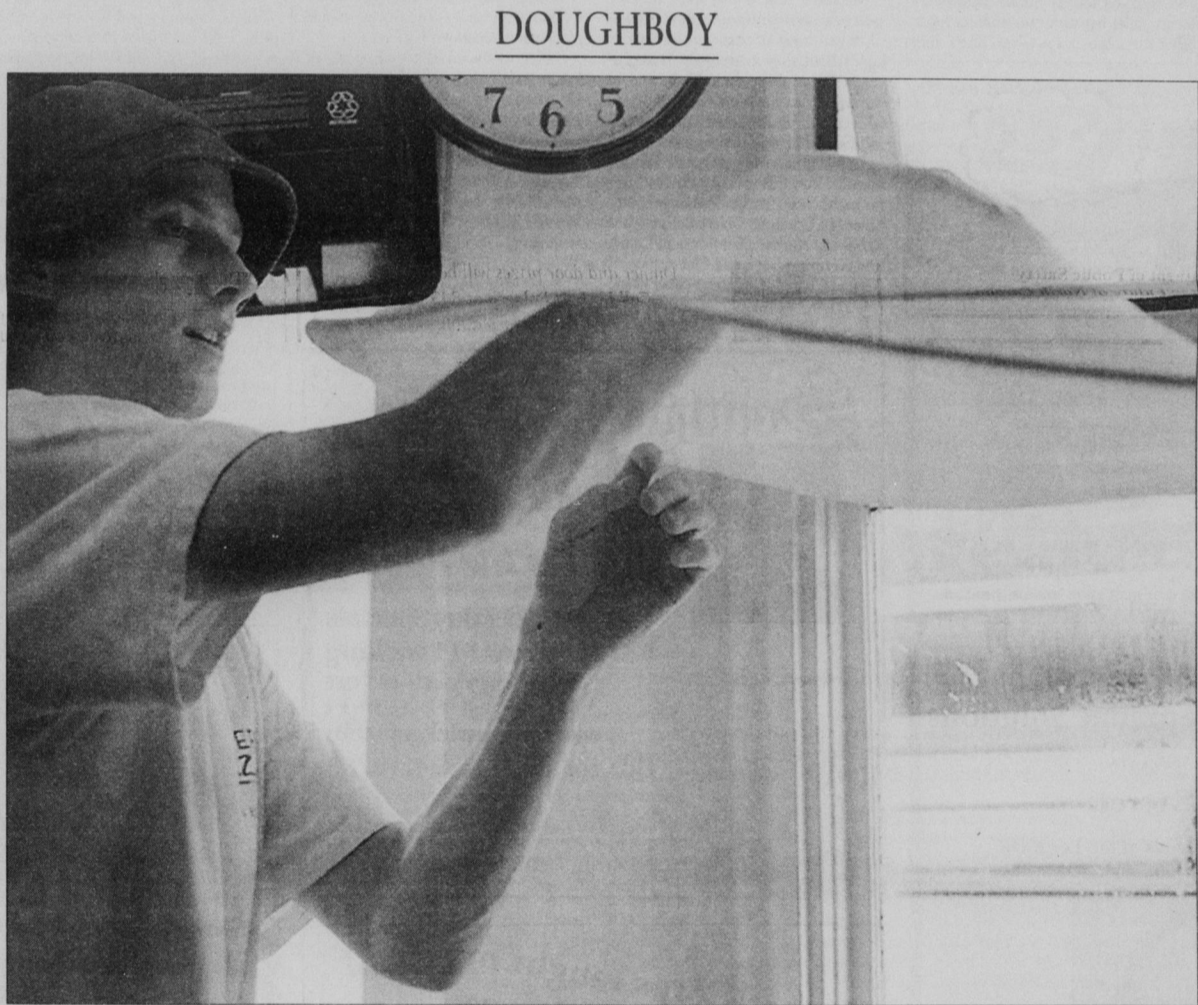
Recently, the RHA has also worked hard to produce mature residence hall leaders by creating a resource manual to assist new and old RHA members, Coleman said.

Jennifer Brammer, the new national communications coordinator for RHA, said she was excited about the chances for the RHA to bring home another prestigious award.

"I feel confident that we will go far in the national competition," she said.

Former national communications coordinator Shea Craig said she was proud of the RHA as a whole and said she felt this award gave the RHA some much-deserved recognition.

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UNC graduate Stephen Galloway tosses dough Tuesday afternoon at Pepper's Pizza on Franklin Street. He has been working at the popular local pizza joint for three years. Galloway has perfected his skills after flipping dozens of crusts, previously at Gumby's Pizza and now at Pepper's. The street-side window reveals the production of each pizza, luring passers-by into the restaurant and entertaining the cooks.

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TAs Make Push to Unionize UNC Delays Deadline For Advising Awards

Illinois graduate students want collective bargaining, but university officials fear creating a larger workload.

By LANI HARAC
Staff Writer

Debates over the status of graduate teaching assistants — as students or employees — are going strong at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

UIUC administrators have stonewalled graduate teaching assistants' efforts at unionization, refusing to meet with graduate employees to discuss the issue.

"We would like to talk with them about the working conditions under which we labor, and for them to recognize us as employees and not just students," said Theresa Ferguson, UIUC TA for the Division of English as an International Language and communications officer for UIUC Graduate Employees' Organization.

"They refuse to recognize us as employees, (so) they can deny us any collective bargaining," Ferguson said. "We don't have any voice in crafting our rights, our working conditions, salaries, benefits. We're completely shut out of the process."

Graduate students formed the organization eight years ago to seek representation for the more than 5,000 teaching and research assistants at UIUC. According to a press release from the organization, graduate employees teach more than 30 percent of all credit hours and more than 50 percent of intro-

tory credit hours.

But UIUC officials said a union would only place barriers between TAs and the faculty for whom they work, making it more difficult for faculty and graduate employees to negotiate working conditions on an individual basis.

"The school does not want to recognize a union made of students because they are concerned about the impact of the relationship between students and faculty," said Bill Murphy, UIUC associate chancellor for public affairs. "We're very concerned about having some sort of mechanism put in between (them)."

Students are allowed to unionize under Illinois state law, but the law does not require the university to recognize the union or to bargain with it.

But labor concerns do not seem to have been a problem for the nearly 5,000 graduate employees at UNC.

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By HARMONY JOHNSON
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Low response has prompted officials to extend the deadline for students to nominate outstanding advisers for upcoming awards.

The date for nominating an adviser for the two Excellence in Advising awards and three class of 1996 awards for advising excellence has been pushed from Friday to April 14 after only two students submitted nominations.

The five honors will be given at the April 28 Faculty Council meeting.

Physics Professor Nalin Parikh, who heads the awards committee, said he hoped recent approval ratings would spur students to submit as many nominations as possible.

In a survey conducted by the office of

academic advising, the current advising system received a 91 percent overall satisfaction rating from several hundred students.

But students still adjusting to the new advising system might be a reason for low nominations turnout, Parikh said.

"It takes a little time for students to understand the team idea," he said.

The General College and the College of Arts and Sciences revamped the advising system last fall in response to student complaints that advisers were not accessible.

The new advising system is divided into eight teams that focus on different majors. There are eight full-time advisers, five assistant deans, 23 part-time advisers and 15 peer advisers.

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