

# New Class Conducts 'Environmental Audit' of UNC

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A group of ecologically conscious students are hoping to use their research and coursework to convince UNC officials to take a second look at how their policies and waste affect the environment.

The members of the Environmental Studies 100 course culminated their semester-long research projects with a public poster-viewing session and a panel discussion in the James M. Johnston Center for Undergraduate Excellence on Thursday.

The new class, designed last year by

junior Leigh Ann Cienek, focused on the University's environmental sustainability, which is the practice of conserving available resources. "I wanted to go through University practices in an environmental audit," Cienek said.

The course is part of the Carolina Environmental Program, a cross-campus program that includes 92 environmental studies and science majors and research initiatives. "The course focuses on teamwork and critical thinking," said Bill Glaze, CEP director and course instructor. "It is more like an undergraduate research course."

The class was divided into three

groups that researched different environmental topics within the University.

The three specific areas of study were pesticides, green building standards and procurement. Each group prepared a report with findings and suggestions on how to improve sustainability and then sent the reports to University administrators and the Sustainability Coalition.

The coalition is a group of students and faculty that was established at UNC in 1999 to pursue environmental ethics.

The pesticide group researched the current chemical usage on University grounds, the athletic fields and Finley Golf Course. Group member Rhea

Kelley, a senior biology major, said the group found that good pesticide techniques were used on the grounds, but the athletic fields and Finley Golf Course were excessive in their pest management. She said UNC groundskeepers use many preventative methods, applying pesticides prior to actual infestation of the pest.

The procurement group researched the University's option to purchase recycled paper and organic food and the possibility of having an organic product section in Student Stores.

The green building group focused on three residence halls that are up for reno-

vation: Alexander, Winston and Connor.

The group suggested ways, such as reducing water and energy usage, to make the residence halls economically sound.

Glaze predicts that the students' research reports will be effective in years to come. "The course gives a little, gentle nudge for the University to get serious," Glaze said.

"I think that these students might catalyze change in the University and this will help the Sustainability Coalition with work in the future."

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## The University and Towns IN BRIEF

### Applications Available For Essay Contest

The Mensa Education and Research Foundation is accepting applications for its annual essay contest. Scholarship winners will receive awards of \$200 to \$1,000. The essay should describe the applicant's academic and career goals and be limited to 550 words or less. Applicants must be U.S. citizens. Applications are due Jan. 31. For further information call 542-4434.

### Police Sponsor Holiday Food Drive in Carrboro

The Carrboro Police Department and Department of Social Services in Orange County are collecting nonperishable food donations for less fortunate Carrboro families.

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### N.C. Boys Choir Holds Christmas Concert

The North Carolina Boys Choir and Chamber Choir will hold its annual Christmas concert at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 18 at the Duke University Chapel.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$6 for children under 10. Tickets can be purchased at the door or beforehand at Paint the Earth in Chapel Hill.

For more information, call 489-0291 or visit <http://www.ncboyschoir.org>.

### Conversation Lessons Offered at El Chilango

El Chilango, a Mexican restaurant in Carrboro, offers Spanish conversation practice from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. every Tuesday for Spanish speakers of all levels. An introductory session for beginning speakers is held from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. every Sunday night.

There is no charge for the event. For more information, contact Lisa Dombay or Jacques Menache at 960-0171.

### Campus Calendar

Today

6:15 p.m. - N.C. Hillel is hosting an Interfaith Shabbat.

Learn about another faith's sabbath tradition (or more about your own). The service starts at 6:15 p.m., dinner at 7:30 p.m. RSVP to [shoshana@nchillel.org](mailto:shoshana@nchillel.org).

The event will take place at 210 W. Cameron St., behind Granville Towers.

For more information, contact [dfchap@email.unc.edu](mailto:dfchap@email.unc.edu).

7:30 p.m. - Come chill out with the Upperclassmen Council of the Black Student Movement as we go ice skating at the Triangle SportsPlex in Hillsborough.

Pay \$7 Tuesday through Thursday in the Pit to reserve your spot. Contact Tracy at [rolife@email.unc.edu](mailto:rolife@email.unc.edu) or Tiffany at [tmrichar@email.unc.edu](mailto:tmrichar@email.unc.edu).

### For the Record

The caption for the feature picture on Dec. 5 mistakenly identified the burning automobile as belonging to freshman Danielle Ponds.

The Daily Tar Heel regrets the error.

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# BCC Director Search Forges Ahead

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Administrators for the Sonja H. Stone Black Cultural Center met with faculty members and student representatives Thursday to help decide on desirable qualities for the new BCC director.

Interim BCC Director Harry Amana and his staff spent the majority of the time listing qualities they think the future director should have, including creativity, competence, approachability and accountability.

The meeting in South Building was run by Charles Daye, a professor of law and chairman of the search committee for the BCC director.

Sue Estroff, faculty chairwoman and

a member of the provost-appointed committee, said the committee hopes to have a new director in place by June, although no definite deadline has been set. The meeting consisted largely of Daye and others on the committee asking questions of Amana and his staff.

Amana took over as acting director during the fall of 1999 when Gerald Horne stepped down to pursue studies in Hong Kong as a Fulbright Scholar. When it became clear in June 2000 that Horne would not return to the position, Amana became the interim director, and the search for a new director began.

Amana began by stating the BCC's purpose. "Basically our mission is to share black culture with the University and the ways which we do that are myriad," he said. "My emphasis (as director) has been on a couple of things: student leadership and community outreach."

Daye also offered his view on whether the candidate should be a UNC professor or an "outsider."

"If one has tenure, it might give them more 'stature' in the community," he said. "At the same time, it would detract from their administrative capabilities, especially with the new BCC building, because of their responsibility as a tenure professor."

Nadera Malika-Salaam, the programming coordinator for the BCC, voiced a different concern to take into account. "It is very important for (the new

director) to be able to work with their programmers and to suggest new programs on a somewhat regular basis," Malika-Salaam said.

Another issue that the committee said might factor into the choice of a new director is the upcoming construction of a freestanding BCC building.

Ground breaking for the new center is set to take place in April 2001, with construction due to be finished no later than two years after that. The new building will house the BCC on the first floor, Upward Bound on the second floor and the Institute for African-American Research, the research-oriented department of the BCC, on the third floor.

Amana said he hopes the center will be a focal point of future BCC activities and that he wants a director who agrees with that idea. "I would like to see as much of our programming as possible take place in that building," he said.

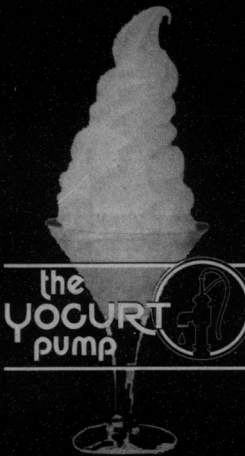
Ultimately, the committee agreed to not discount any potential candidates as they begin advertising for a new director. "We should cast the net as widely as possible," Daye said.

Amana offered his sole requirement for a new director in a closing statement.

"It has to be person who really believes the mission," he said. "It's not just a job."

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