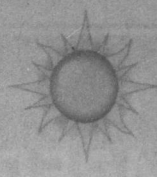


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Rape-Free Zone Focuses on Media's Influence



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Carrie Goodman, a member of Feminist Students United, shows freshman Stephanie Watts an organic tampon near the 24-Hour Rape-Free Zone.

By PAIGE AMMONS
Staff Writer

A wooden sign marking the entrance to UNC's 24-Hour Rape-Free Zone in Polk Place on Wednesday stated that "2,880 women are assaulted everyday in this country."

This statistic is one of the reasons members of Advocates for Sexual Assault Prevention began the event three years ago.

The 24-Hour Rape-Free Zone, which started at noon Wednesday, consists of several tables offering information about sexual violence and a long schedule of events focused on increasing awareness about the media's role in female assault.

"Our theme is violence against women, and our focus is to enlighten people about how the media objectifies women," said ASAP Co-chairwoman Tiffany Moore.

Members of various campus organiza-

tions, including Feminist Students United!, Queer Network for Change, the Department of Public Safety and the Human Relations Committee of student government sat at information tables to answer questions and distribute literature.

ASAP planned events that examined how music videos poorly represent women and how the violent lyrics in rapper Eminem's music impact women. They also held a workshop for preventing sexual assault.

"We hoped to get students involved by offering activities that students would like," Moore said.

The workshop, "Clarifying the Boundaries: Preventing Sexual Assault" was led by Krista Park, a health education counselor for sexuality at Student Health Service. Park played a tape describing a sexual assault situation and facilitated a discussion about the topic.

She said this type of discussion is the next step in preventing sexual violence.

"Not walking by yourself and protecting yourself is the first initial step," she said. "The second step is educating yourself about assault and the miscommunication associated with it."

ASAP members said the goal of the 24-Hour Rape-Free Zone is to raise awareness about sexual assault and to claim a safe space on campus for a 24 hours.

"One in four women will be assaulted in their lifetime," said Moore. "We hope to make people aware of the risk."

Another goal of the zone is to break the silence and the taboo nature of sexual violence.

"It shouldn't be something a victim should be ashamed of," Moore said.

She said this attitude is the reason behind the colorful T-shirts made by survivors and friends of survivors that were strung from tree to tree in Polk Place.

"The purpose of the T-shirts is to See RAPE-FREE ZONE, Page 9

Town Hails Fare-Free Bus Route

A Chapel Hill Town Council meeting Wednesday looked into the feasibility of a new fare-free busing system.

By GARY BARRIER
Staff Writer

The Chapel Hill Town Council met Wednesday evening to discuss the implications and the possibility of including fare-free transit in the town budget for the next fiscal year.

UNC students passed a fare-free busing referendum on Feb. 13. If the local governments agree to the fare-free plan, student fees will increase by \$8.49 per semester in the fall and spring and \$1.49 per credit hour during summer school sessions.

In a presentation outlining the proposal, Chapel Hill Transportation Director Mary Lou Kuschatka said the funding for fare-free busing would be shared, with Chapel Hill providing 44.3 percent of the funds, UNC 39.7 percent and Carrboro 16 percent.

Kuschatka said although all three involved parties have shown enthusiasm for the plan, officials say there are many factors that must be considered.

"Right now all buses with the exception of those in shop are being used," she said. "At this time, it's impossible without other buses. Others have been contracted, but they're not expected for arrival until about mid-October. We're limited with what can be done between now and August 15 (when students return to campus)."

Kuschatka fielded concerns from council members, saying while it would be ideal for the fare-free busing to start next fall, it would be more feasible to aim for a Jan. 1, 2002 deadline.

But with available resources, she said many aspects of the proposal can be funded, including an additional campus shuttle and an increase in bus service to the park-and-ride lots and the F route until 8 p.m.

Kuschatka said the University also is requesting extended P route service and

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Day of Silence Shows Support For LGBT Rights

To draw attention to the issue, some participants in the QNC-sponsored event formed a human chain across a pathway.

By KARA EIDE
Staff Writer

"Please understand my reasons for not speaking today. I support lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender rights."

Participating demonstrators toed this message along with them on little paper cards for the National Day of Silence on Wednesday.

Organized by UNC's Queer Network for Change, the protest called for participants to remain silent throughout the day until 5 p.m.

"It's a really wonderful way to get some introspective thought," Jamie Sohn, demonstrator and QNC secretary, said after breaking her silence.

At 1:15 p.m. in Polk Place, some participants added another element to their demonstration by linking arms to form a human chain across the end of a main pathway.

Wearing white cloth gags and serious expressions, the

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Protesters promote awareness of the oppression of gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transgenders Wednesday, a National Day of Silence. Participants in the demonstration broke their silence at 5 p.m. by screaming in the Pit.

Quarry Expansion's OK Draws Local Criticism

By PHIL BAILEY
Staff Writer

Some Orange County residents say the Orange County Board of Commissioners' decision to allow the expansion of a rock quarry is based more on financial gain than on actual needs in the area.

Despite opposition, the commissioners approved a special-use permit Tuesday night allowing American Stone Co. and the Orange Water and Sewer Authority to expand an existing rock quarry in Hillsborough.

When American Stone stops drilling in 2030, OWASA will turn the quarry into a reservoir for local water needs. Officials say the area will be in dire need of additional sources of water as the area grows.

"The OWASA board of directors has determined that the extended stone quarry reservoir is the most desirable option for meeting the long-term water supply needs of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro community," said Ed Kerwin, executive director of OWASA.

But Elliot Cramer, a retired UNC statistics professor, disagreed that the quarry will run out of water in 2030. Cramer claims that OWASA's estimates that

population growth will explode in Chapel Hill and Carrboro are incorrect. "Exponential growth is utterly absurd," Cramer said. "That's the way rabbits multiply. Communities don't grow that way."

The expansion will move quarry operations, including high-impact blasting, closer to residents' homes in the area of Parrish Road.

American Stone and OWASA will be required to reimburse some residents for devaluation of property and damage to wells, but only those whose homes are within a 3,000-foot radius of the quarry and were constructed before the quarry was established in 1978 will qualify for compensation.

Erwin Danziger, who owns property near the expansion site, criticized the 3,000-foot radius stipulation as arbitrary. "Up to a mile and a half away you can feel the ground shake," he said.

Danziger said the existing quarry would provide more than enough capacity for the county's continuing water needs.

"There is no question that there is a 3 billion gallon reservoir there for OWASA," he said. "The only reason to

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Young Fulfills Promise of Diverse Staff

The diversity of the new Cabinet and officers ensures that many campus groups will be well represented.

By STACEY GEYER
Staff Writer

When junior Rudy Kleysteuber told the audience at the student body officers' inauguration Tuesday that he is gay, a theme of diversity and inclusion in Suite C was further solidified.

"I think it's important to know and say it in a public forum," said Kleysteuber, who was sworn in as student body vice president Tuesday.

"It's an interesting facet of diversity that can be in the open or stay hidden," he said.

His decision to share this information was supported by Student Body President Justin Young, who said during his campaign that diversity within the Cabinet and student body officers is important in making student government accessible to all students.

The positions of student body president, vice president, secretary and treasurer are now filled by a black male, a gay white male, a black female and a black female, respectively.

Young and Kleysteuber said the

effects of the officers' diverse backgrounds on the student body will be positive.

"I think that diversity strengthens the representation (of the student body)," Young said.

And many students said diversity in student government is necessary in an intellectual atmosphere.

"I would think any university would stand for a unification of cultures," said senior Jin Lee.

"If there's tolerance anywhere, it should start here - where we're here to learn."

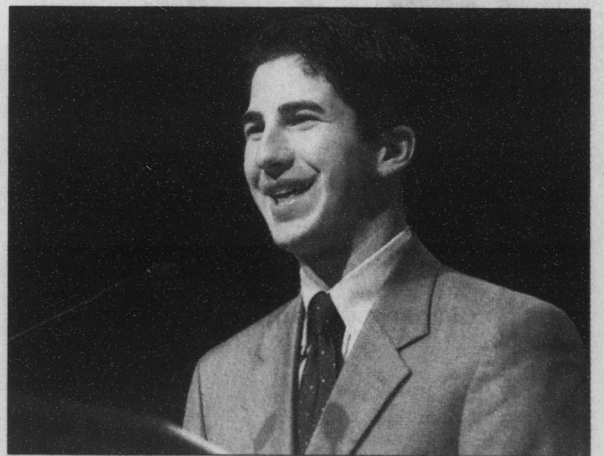
Though every group at UNC cannot be reflected in the four student body officer positions, Young said all students will be well represented.

"Just because I'm a black student body president does not mean I can only represent black students - or because Rudy is gay that he can only represent gay students."

Kleysteuber said the common denominator of being students also ensures that everyone will be well represented.

He added that applicants for student government's 24-member Cabinet "ran the whole gamut of diversity" - a factor Kleysteuber said is a positive result of Young's efforts to make student government welcoming to everyone.

Young also said that beyond their



DTH/BRENT CLARK

Student Body Vice President Rudy Kleysteuber announced that he was gay in a speech after being sworn in Tuesday in the Great Hall.

diverse backgrounds, the people filling the student body officer and Cabinet positions are all well qualified.

Dean Bresciani, associate vice chancellor for student affairs, said finding both qualified and diverse people is a difficult task that Young successfully completed.

"I think the challenge in my mind is

finding a diverse group that will work well together," Bresciani said.

"It's easy to find a diverse group or a group that will work well together, but it's pulling both factors together that is important."

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Well-timed silence hath more eloquence than speech.

Martin Fraquhar Tupper