

Qatar Curriculum Reflects Cultural Differences

By JOELLE RUBEN
Staff Writer

The curriculum for a proposed UNC business school in Qatar recently has received scrutiny as negotiations between UNC and Qatari officials slow down.

Discussions were complicated by the Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development's request that UNC provide pre-engineering classes to Qatari students.

In recent weeks, foundation officials also have approached the University of Texas at Austin about a possible business school. UNC officials have said that despite the new competition with UT, the proposed curriculum has been delib-

erately modeled after the University's own and will not be negotiated.

Tom Tweed, associate dean for undergraduate curricula and member of the Qatar Planning Committee, said the only change to the proposed College of Arts & Sciences curriculum is that Qatari students will have fewer classes to choose from.

"Size limits, almost by definition, the number of courses that can be offered and number of faculty that can participate," he said. "We have to make some decisions for them. That's a constraint we can't get around."

He said the committee's main goal was to create an Arts & Sciences curriculum similar in structure to that of UNC, while adapting it to a Qatari context.

Although the Qatar Foundation imposed no specific limitations regarding gender, religion, or other sensitive issues, Tweed said that the Qatar Planning Committee took linguistic and cultural differences into consideration.

"We're presuming that English will be most students' second language," he said.

The proposed curriculum currently requires students to take English 10, with subsequent courses in English 11 and 12.

The curriculum also includes a cultural diversity requirement. Like UNC programs designed to enlighten students on ethnic, racial and cultural differences within the country, Qatari course offerings would reflect diversity within the region.

"We think it is important for our Qatari, as well as our Chapel Hill students, to understand ethnic and cultur-

al diversity," he said. "It makes more sense for them to study a course dealing with Islam, Christianity and Judaism."

A similar contextual change applies to the proposed curriculum's history requirement. Like the University, the Qatari curriculum would require students to complete a pre-1700 Western and non-Western comparative history. But Tweed added that courses on topics such as Western civilization would provide a new perspective for students at the satellite campus. "We've been asked to do what is best and most characteristic of the UNC campus," he said. "We were trying to move what we thought was great about Chapel Hill to Doha."

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Developments in the War on Terrorism

U.S. Taliban Fighter Walker Charged

John Walker, the 20-year-old Californian who fought with the Taliban, was charged Tuesday with conspiracy to kill U.S. citizens. He will be tried in a civilian court and could face life in prison. See Online.



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Bombing Halted for Residual Taliban

U.S. warplanes halted their bombing of a mountain riddled with suspected terrorist dens as U.S. Marines scoured the outskirts of their largest Afghan base for armed Taliban and al-Qaida holdouts. See Online.

Baggage-Check Law Could Create Delays

Across the country, more airline passengers could find themselves standing in line or sitting on planes delayed at the gate when a federal law requiring the screening of all checked bags goes into effect. See Online.

Local Volunteer Orange! Unites With UNC Campus Y

By MEREDITH NICHOLSON
Staff Writer

Students, faculty and staff wanting to find a local volunteer opportunity to match their interests can now wander into the Campus Y office and establish a link with the community.

Volunteer Orange!, a service of the Triangle United Way located on N. Columbia Street, began holding office hours in the Campus Y this semester to advise on volunteer options.

After hearing the potential volunteer's areas of interest, Volunteer Orange! staff members recommend and refer students to nonprofit organizations in the Triangle that need volunteers.

They also collaborate with the Campus Y and other area organizations on mentoring programs and events such as the Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service, said Leslie Holmes Gydos, volunteer coordinator at Volunteer Orange!

Gydos said the partnership with the Campus Y will open new doors for collaboration between the community volunteer center and the University.

The collaboration starts at the front door of the Campus Y, and Gydos said Volunteer Orange! staffers will make an active effort to match potential volunteers with their skills, whether it be with kids or power tools.

Senior Janelle Barnette, an intern at Volunteer Orange! and chairwoman of the Advocates for the Empowerment of Women of Color committee at the Campus Y, will hold office hours from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Wednesday in

the lobby of the Campus Y to point interested students in the right direction.

"Anyone can just walk in and get information about volunteer opportunities," Barnette said.

"It's like bringing Volunteer Orange! to the students."

Gydos said she feels the collaboration will be valuable because it will allow Volunteer Orange! to tap into the resources at Campus Y.

She said holding office hours on campus also will be beneficial for students. "A lot of people are looking for opportunities (to volunteer) and aren't sure where to turn," Gydos said.

Barnette said that as chairwoman of a committee at the Campus Y, she often speaks to students who are looking to volunteer.

"There are more opportunities out there than just what the Campus Y has to offer," she said.

Barnette said she feels volunteering is important for everyone, not just students who are required to do so for a scholarship or club.

"It makes me feel good to know that I've helped someone and given something back," she said.

"There are so many of us. We can really make a difference if everyone volunteers."

Gydos said volunteering is a very fulfilling experience, and it benefits everyone involved.

"It's a good way to build up our community."

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Campus Calendar

Today
8 p.m. - The North Carolina Fellows Program will be having an interest meeting for first-year students in the first floor lounge of Hinton James Residence Hall.

Thursday
2 p.m. - Sonja H. Stone Black Cultural Center's Blacks in the Diaspora

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7:00pm
17th ANNUAL UNIVERSITY/COMMUNITY MLK BANQUET
Morehead Planetarium Banquet Hall

MONDAY, JAN 21 9:30am
YOUTH LEADERSHIP DAY
Great Hall, Frank Porter Graham Student Union

12 noon
A DAY FOR SERVICE
The Cabaret, Frank Porter Graham Student Union

7:00pm
ORATORICAL CONTEST "A DREAM OR A NIGHTMARE: HOW CLOSE HAS AMERICA COME TO THE FULFILLMENT OF DR. KING'S DREAM AND WHAT CAN WE DO TO MAKE HIS DREAM A REALITY?"
Krege Foundation Commons Room, James M. Johnston Center for Undergraduate Excellence in Graham Memorial

TUESDAY, JAN 22 12 noon
AROUND THE CIRCLE
Sonja Haynes Stone Black Cultural Center, Frank Porter Graham Student Union

6:30pm
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CANDLELIGHT VIGIL AND PROCESSION
The Pit

7:30pm
KEYNOTE LECTURE: DR. M. JOYCELYN ELDERS AND PRESENTATION OF TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SCHOLARSHIP
Memorial Hall

WEDNESDAY, JAN 23 12 noon
A SHOW OF HANDS FOR PEACE AND UNITY
Polk Place, UNC Campus (outside area in front of South Bldg)

5:00pm
BREAKING THE BREAD
Toy Lounge, Dey Hall

7:30pm
CORETTA SCOTT KING: THE WOMAN BEHIND THE MAN
Toy Lounge, Dey Hall

THURSDAY, JAN 24 4:00pm
WORKSHOP: INTERNALIZING THE SPIRIT OF DR. KING
Toy Lounge, Dey Hall

7:00pm
AWAKENING THE DREAM
Union Auditorium, Frank Porter Graham Student Union

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INFORMATION SESSION ON FELLOWSHIPS
Thursday, January 17, 2002
6:00pm - 7:30pm
Dinner is provided
Toy Lounge
4th Floor of Dey Hall

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The Center has funding available to support recognized student organizations in their public service efforts. One-year grants of up to \$2,000 are available; from a pool of \$10,000. Mini-Grants of up to \$300 are also available. Deadline for proposals is March 8.

INFORMATION SESSION ON GRANTS
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