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University

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 class-es 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-

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erately modeled after the University's own and will not be negotiated. Tom Tweed, associate dean for under-

aduate 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.

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Although the Qatar Foundation imposed no specific limitations regard-ing 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

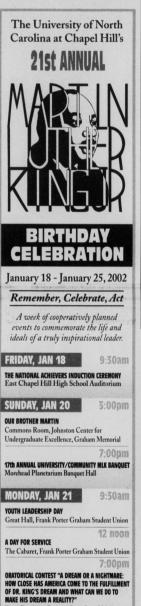
subsequent courses in English 11 and 12. The curriculum also includes a cultural diversity requirement. Like UNC pro-grams designed to enlighten students on ethnic, racial and cultural differences within the country, Qatari course offerings would reflect diversity within the region.

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

Today

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

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



Thursday

hold its general meeting in Union 226. Join the struggle. 7 p.m. – **The Philosophy Club** will present a talk by Professor Doug Long on "Is There an Alternative to Dualism and Physicalism?" The talk will be given in the lounge of Caldwell Hall. In the Future Organize a team to fight cancer in the first-ever UNC Relay for Life, spon-

sored by the Campus Y and Healthfocus. For more information, stop by 103 Bingham Hall at 8 p.m. on Feb. 5, March 6 or March 19, or at 7 p.m. on Feb. 21 or April 4. You can also e-mail dossary@email.unc.edu.

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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. 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 stu-dents to complete a pre-1700 Western

and non-Western comparative history. But Tweed added that courses on topics such as Western civilization would pro vide 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."

al diversity," he said. "It makes more sense for them to study a course dealing

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5 p.m. - The UNC chapter of the National Association for the

Advancement of Colored People will

Lecture Series presents "Caribbean and Afro-Latin Intellectual Tradition." The lecture will feature William Santiago-Valles, director of the Lewis Walker Institute for Race & Ethnic Relations at Western Michigan University.

Santiago will reconstruct the presence of the "missing pieces" in the method of analysis of the African experience across the Americas. Santiago

> 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.

and refer students to nonprofit organizations in the Triangle that need volun-

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!

unteer center and the University.

Volunteer Orange! staffers will make an active effort to match potential volun-teers with their skills, whether it be with kids or power tools.

Senior Janelle Barnette, an intern at 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Wednesday in

the lobby of the Campus Y to point interested students in the right direc-

Anyone can just walk in and get information about volunteer opportuni ties," 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

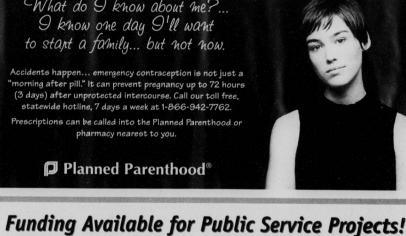
I've helped someone and given some-thing back," she said. "There are so many of us. We can

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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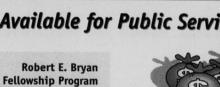
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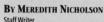
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Developments in the War on Terrorism

Local Volunteer Orange! Unites With UNC Campus Y



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. as born in Puerto Rico and educated

After hearing the potential volun-teer's areas of interest, Volunteer Orange! staff members recommend

They also collaborate with the

Gydos said the partnership with the Campus Y will open new doors for col-laboration between the community vol-

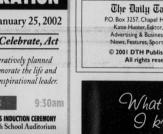
The collaboration starts at the front door of the Campus Y, and Gydos said

Volunteer Orange! and chairwoman of the Advocates for the Empowerment of Women of Color committee at the Campus Y, will hold office hours from

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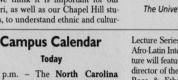
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