

Group Prepares Judiciary Counsel

Monday's Student Judicial Review Committee meeting marked the first time that outsiders participated.

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Members of the Student Judicial Review Committee say focus groups, surveys and the recent hiring of a new staff member are bringing them closer to a final recommendation to Chancellor James Moeser about student judicial improvements.

Committee Chairwoman Marilyn Yarbrough said that at their most recent meeting Monday, members interviewed officials from the Honor Court and the judicial system.

The meeting marks the first time outside participants have been involved in the committee's proceedings.

Yarbrough said that during the course of the meeting, Judicial Programs Officer David Gilbert and Honor Court Chairwoman Marcela Vasela related their experiences with the judicial system and gave their opinions about its strengths and weaknesses.

The committee also decided to create Web surveys for students, teaching assis-

tants and faculty, Yarbrough said. She said the surveys will contain no more than 15 questions, and there will be a separate survey for each group.

"We want to get a sense of what people know about the judicial system," Yarbrough said.

"We'll ask questions like, 'Are you aware of the Honor Code?' and 'Do you feel there's enough emphasis placed on it?'"

Student Body Vice President Rudy Kleysteuber said the committee also decided to create small focus groups that will discuss issues surrounding the judicial system like the fairness of the standards of proof and sanctions used.

Kleysteuber said the focus groups will be composed of five to 20 participants who have directly experienced the judicial system, such as students who have been witnesses or faculty who have filed charges.

Kleysteuber said that although the focus groups will not be open to the public, the committee plans to hold public forums at a later date.

"These discussions will give people

an opportunity to express their concerns about the judicial system," he said.

Yarbrough said the focus groups will take place March 5, 6, 19 and 21. She said the March 5 session will involve faculty members, and the March 19 forum, involving students, is scheduled to be held at Lenoir Dining Hall during lunchtime.

She said the committee has not yet decided who will participate in the March 6 and 21 focus groups.

With the January hiring of graduate student Heather Dichter to assist mem-

bers in research and organization, Yarbrough said she believes the committee is progressing well.

"I think we know a lot more than we did before," she said.

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Yarbrough said the committee will make its recommendation and report to the chancellor by the end of the semester.

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MARILYN YARBROUGH
Review Committee Chairwoman

Developments in the War on Terrorism

Pentagon: Strikes Could Be Coming

Pre-emptive strikes by the United States could be on the horizon as the United States fights terrorism. "We've already lost enough Americans. We're not going to lose any more by hesitating," said Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz.



Pentagon Plan to Influence Opinion

The Pentagon is working on a plan to influence public opinion in both hostile and friendly nations to help the war against terrorism — a still-developing effort that critics say could spread false information at home and abroad.

Bush Seeks to Assure South Korea

President Bush sought to assure South Korea on Tuesday that he is not rushing toward military confrontation with communist North Korea, which he has branded part of "an axis of evil." He also plans to renew an offer to negotiate with North Korea.

Campus Calendar

Today

11 a.m. — **The Carolina Electronic Music Symposium and UNC Dance Marathon** present a day of music and breakdancing in the Pit. The event will last until 4 p.m. and showcase many of UNC's most talented DJs and breakdancers.

noon — **The Sonja H. Stone Black Cultural Center** will be hosting the film "Boma Tervuren, The Journey" in Union 208-209. The film is the third in a series being presented this month as part of the Diaspora Film and Discussion series.

1 p.m. — **The Curriculum in Medieval Studies** is hosting a lunchtime colloquium called "Notes from the Marriage Court: Honor, Fathers and Children in Quattrocento Venice" in 569 Hamilton Hall. It will be hosted by history Professor Stanley Chojnacki. Cookies and beverages will be provided.

4 p.m. — **The International Center** presents the Class of '38 Summer Abroad Fellowship information session,

a question and answer opportunity for all sophomores and juniors interested in learning more about this \$3,500 award to pursue their own project abroad for the summer of 2002. It will take place in Union 210. For more information, contact the International Center, 962-5661.

6 p.m. — **Theta Nu Xi Multicultural sorority, Inc.** would like to invite all interested women to an information session this evening in 302 Dey Hall. For information, contact Alicia East at east@email.unc.edu.

6:15 p.m. — Come to the **Habitat for Humanity** meeting until 7 p.m. in 103 Bingham Hall. We will discuss upcoming chances to serve and the upcoming Spring Break trip to Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

6:30 p.m. — Sex, love and romance around the world: Join the **United Nations Organization** for an exploration of these themes in your favorite foreign films in 213 Graham Memorial.

7 p.m. — Tonight on **Carolina Week**: In light of recent assaults on the Duke campus, we'll look at safety at Carolina's residence halls. Plus, why Dance

Marathon is struggling to raise money this year and why teacher applications are up. Today on Channel 2 in the residence halls and Thursday at 7:30 p.m. on Channel 8 in Orange County.

7 p.m. — On the top floor of New West, **The Hill** will be holding its first interest meeting. The Hill is a new political review just beginning on campus that is looking for writers and staff.

8 p.m. — Come to **"Who's sleeping in your bed?"** a discussion of feelings, thoughts and stereotypes toward intimate relationships often considered outside the mainstream in today's society, specifically interracial dating and LGBT relationships. The discussion will be held until 9 p.m. in the Teague Basement.

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