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Class Aims To Perfect Lobbying

A course beginning Tuesday aims to teach students how to lobby the N.C. General Assembly more effectively.

By PHILISSA CRAMER
Staff Writer

A lobbying course Student Body President Jen Daum proposed last month that will teach students how to present their issues to state governing bodies will meet Tuesday for the first time.

The course has been designed so that students interested in learning how to be effective at influencing the N.C. General Assembly can now be formally instructed.

Daum said the course will present issues that are relevant now as the University faces budget cuts from the General Assembly.

"During these hard budget times, we need to be as informative as possible to ensure that the state remains committed to higher education," she said.

The course will meet twice a week for three weeks and is open to all students. One hour of credit will be awarded to students who attend five of the six classes.

The classes will be Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. at a place that is yet to be determined.

"Any student is welcome to sit in on any session and come to as many sessions as they want," Daum said.

Political science Professor Thad Beyle will be the course instructor. He is the faculty adviser of "N.C. Student

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Formation of Tuition Committees Stagnates

By MIKE GORMAN
Staff Writer

Administrators at UNC-Chapel Hill and N.C. State University have made little progress in organizing committees to study long-range tuition plans.

In January, the UNC-system Board of Governors approved a proposal asking system schools to develop collaborative five-year tuition plans. The BOG asked schools to have plans ready by the October board meeting.

But since then, administrators have

made little planning progress.

UNC-CH administrators said in March that they planned to have a tuition planning committee in place by early April, although officials now say it will be in place before the end of the semester.

UNC-CH Provost Robert Shelton met with UNC-CH Student Body President Jen Daum Wednesday to discuss the committee's future.

"We've been waiting until she set up her administration and Cabinet before proceeding with plans to establish a

tuition planning committee," Shelton said.

He said the committee will likely have 11 or 12 members drawn from the student body, faculty, administrators and UNC-CH Board of Trustees members. Shelton said the biggest difficulty will be finding representatives who can meet during the summer.

Shelton said he wants to make the body a permanent standing committee to deal with tuition issues on a month-by-month basis.

Daum said the organization of the planning committee likely will be simi-

lar to the tuition discussion panels organized early this year with some changes.

"Naturally we want as much student representation as possible," she said. "We're making modifications to make sure the committee is as fair as possible."

Shelton said he is looking for people who will be able to meet once or twice a month during the summer.

"What a lot of people don't realize is that it can be just as hard to find available faculty members in the summer as it can be to find available students," he said. "A lot of professors have projects or research

they conduct during the summer months."

Daum said she will try to get as much feedback on tuition as possible from the student body before the end of the semester. During the summer, she said, she will use students on campus to voice concerns about tuition planning.

Daum added that the committee will have to wait to establish solid long-range financial plans until the N.C. General Assembly votes on tuition increases this year. "The sooner we start discussing

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VIVA LA DIVA!



DTH/MALLORY DAVIS

Kristina Watson and Amy Callahan of the musical group A Little Green harmonize together Thursday at Night of the Divas. The evening was organized by Advocates for Sexual Assault Prevention to benefit the Orange County Rape Crisis Center. Other performers included the Loreleis, Opeyo and Kamikazi. For the full story, see www.dailytarheel.com.

Area Landlords Fear Consequences of Ordinance, \$10 Fee

But advocates say the new rental licensing program won't pass costs on to renters and that more accountability will benefit renters.

By ADRIENNE CLARK
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The mere mention of Chapel Hill's new rental licensing ordinance elicits an immediate reaction from Shari Staccio, property manager of 82 Magnolia at 100 Saluda Court.

"We're against it," Staccio said quickly. "I don't think the ordinance deals with the issues. They should enforce the laws already in the books."

And Staccio is not alone in this opinion.

The new rental licensing ordinance, passed by the Chapel Hill Town Council on Monday, makes landlords' housing code violations available online and all landlord records available for renters. Landlords will have to fill out a registration form and obtain a \$10 rental license starting Jan. 1, 2003.

All records will be available at the Chapel Hill Town Hall. Property manager Heather Brown of Walden at Greenfields at 103 Melville Loop said the ordinance puts the burden of a small number of delinquent landlords on the whole community.

"Because of a few bad apples in our community, ultimately cost will be spread to all consumers," Brown said.

Staccio said she thinks that landlords will be unfairly targeted and that renters now will have to pay more to offset the landlords' \$10 fee.

"This will directly affect residents," Staccio said. "There will be an increase in overhead cost."

But Lee Conner, a UNC law and business graduate student, said any increase in cost to renters is unjustified because the ordinance is not designed to increase rent fees. Conner sat on the Rental Licensing Task Force that crafted the proposal for the Town Council.

"Any landlord that substantially increases rent and blames it on (rental licensing) simply wants to increase their profit," Conner said. "The fee is \$10 a year. That's 83 cents a month."

"The landowners who increase rent are upset they're being regulated. No one likes to be accountable."

Brown said she fears the ordinance will have a negative impact on Chapel Hill's rental market.

"(The ordinance will make) Chapel Hill apartment communities less desirable than our competition in neighboring counties," Brown said.

But Town Council member Edith Wiggins said property renters in Chapel Hill deserve the right to see past performance of landlords regardless of the consequences to the property owners. "Sharing information is our responsibility. We want to get information out."

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UNC Not Sure About Matching Child-Care Fees

By JESSICA SLEEP
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UNC-Chapel Hill officials say that although they have begun meeting with involved students, it is still too early to determine whether the University will be able to match funds generated by the recently approved child-care referendum.

Before student voters passed the referendum last February, the Chancellor's Child-Care Advisory Committee made a formal recommendation to the administration that the University match any revenue generated from the increase in student fees.

But Sue Kitchen, vice chancellor for student affairs, said a discussion about matching funds is premature because the 75-cent student fee increase has not officially been approved by the necessary governing bodies.

Kitchen said the Student Audit Fee Committee, the Chancellor's Committee on Student Fees and the UNC-CH Board of Trustees all must approve the increase before it is implemented. If those three groups approve the increase, it then can be considered by the UNC-system Board of Governors, who ultimately approves all student fees.

Kitchen said the increase will not be considered by the BOG until 2003. Because the

BOT submits its fee proposals to the BOG in January, the results of the February referendum could not be considered for the next academic year. The earliest increase would be implemented for fall 2003, Kitchen said.

Kitchen said that if the BOG approves the increase, University administrators could begin to consider the possibility of matching the generated funds. "If the fee goes into effect, then we would look at a request (to match funds) during the University's budget process," she said.

While the possibility of matching funds is uncertain, advocates of improved child-care options are pressing forward to complete the necessary paper work in order to have the rec-

ommendation considered. Child-care committee member Marc David said Chancellor James Moeser received the recommendation in mid-February and instructed the committee to forward its recommendation to the University Priority and Budget Committee, which makes funding decisions about the school's budget.

But Kitchen said that in light of the state's budget crisis, it is difficult to predict whether UNC will be able to match an increase. "We're in for some tough times. We are certainly going to have to make some very tough choices."

Child-care committee members are work-

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Students, Faculty Encourage More Activism

By JAMIE DOUGHER
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Students and faculty at UNC said this week that they want the University community to encourage strong on-campus activism, which many believe has subsided since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

The Royster Society of Fellows, an interdisciplinary fellowship program for graduate students, held a forum Wednesday titled, "Can you Say that on Campus? Perspectives on the Limits of Free Speech at UNC-Chapel Hill."

Organizers intended to discuss how students and faculty are exercising their rights to free speech, noting the teach-ins that followed the Sept. 11 attacks.

Graduate student David Pizzo, who

attended the forum, taught at one of several teach-ins scheduled after Sept. 11 to address issues related to the attacks and subsequent military action.

The teach-ins elicited concern from many who labeled them unpatriotic, prompting hundreds of angry e-mails sent to campus administrators. Anthropology Professor Catherine Lutz, who spoke at one of the teach-ins, said at Wednesday's forum that she even received a death threat after the event.

Pizzo said that overall, the teach-ins enabled students, faculty and the community to come together and react in the wake of Sept. 11 and that he thought they were a good example of how the campus allows speech regardless of its content.

But now, more than six months after

the attacks, many believe interest in actively speaking out has tapered off, especially in students. "It's hard to sustain interest," Pizzo said. "People are confused, and they lost interest or they're afraid to address these issues."

Student Body President Jen Daum said that while she agrees activism has waned on campus, she thinks it is probably because of other issues facing students, such as academic responsibilities.

But she said that in general, the campus is a place that supports free speech. "I think we have a very open climate for a diversity of opinions," she said.

Organizers of the teach-ins and student activists now face the task of encouraging student involvement in new capacities.

Pizzo said professors also could do

more to foster student interest in current issues. "Professors are afraid to put their necks out there or afraid of saying something wrong," he said.

Philosophy Professor Gerald Postema was one of the panelists at the forum on free speech. He discussed the distinction between an individual's right to freedom of speech and the academic freedom professors have to present all sides of an issue.

"I'm not sure academic freedom is alive and well because I don't think the faculty is doing its duty," he said at the forum. In a later interview, he said faculty should be encouraged to practice academic freedom "concerned with free, no-holds-barred teaching and discussion."

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DTH FILE PHOTO

Community members applaud a speaker at a teach-in Oct. 2. The event was the second in the series of controversial teach-ins held on campus.

If I cannot air this pain and alter it, I will surely die of it. That's the beginning of social protest.

Audre Lorde