

**Campus Calendar**

**Today**

8:15 p.m. - **Studio II** of the drama department presents "Exit Plato," written and directed by Bekah Brunstetter, in Kenan Theatre in the drama building. The cost is \$5 or free with a privilege card or Playmaker's subscription.

**Saturday, Oct. 26**

noon - The town of Cary Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources Department and Hum Sub, Inc. of Cary will organize and present Cary Diwali Celebration 2002 until 8 p.m. at the Amphitheatre at Regency Park in Cary.

The annual Town of Cary Diwali is a showcase of Indian culture and heritage. Diwali is the most widely celebrated Indian festival, which marks the victory of good over evil.

7 p.m. - The Transforming Love Community, a Unity Church in Chapel Hill, plans to host "Casino Night" at the American Legion Post on Legion Road. All that is required to attend is an admis-

sion ticket or \$20 at the door.

**Monday, Oct. 28**

noon - The N.C. Public Policy Symposium will host Senate majority leader Tony Rand, D-Cumberland, and Sen. Ham Horton, R-Forsyth, for a symposium on the 2002 elections. The event will be held in the rotunda of the UNC School of Law.

5 p.m. - **Campus Y** and the campus chaplains invite you to discuss the possibility of war in Iraq from a faith perspective. People of Faith Consider Military Action will present three chaplains with diverse perspectives on faith and war. Come to the Campus Y basement. Refreshments are provided.

7 p.m. - The **Carolina-Duke Andean Studies Working Group**, the **Working Group on the Environment in Latin America**, and the **UNC Department of Anthropology** are sponsoring a presentation by two speakers from the Centre for Biodiversity and Indigenous Knowledge called "Biodiversity, Indigenous Knowledge and Agri-Cultural Calenders from the Sacred Mountains of the Eastern Himalayas (China) and the Andes (Peru)" in 08 Gardner Hall.

7:30 p.m. - **Fellowship of Christian Athletes** invites you to Union 1505 for a special meeting. There will be free pizza, worship and speakers! Come and bring a friend.

# ACT Members Back Sliding-Scale Permits

## Permit fees may vary according to income

By SARAH KOTT  
Staff Writer

A sliding-scale option for parking permit prices is the topic of discussion for members of the Advisory Committee on Transportation.

Under the proposal, the University's highest-paid employees would see a large permit cost increase, while lower-paid employees and students would have a significantly smaller increase.

Committee members have until the end of the semester to officially recommend an option to the University vice chancellors.

Permit prices could be raised as part of a five-year plan to help officials eliminate a budget deficit caused by the cost of gating parking lots, the loss of spaces to construction and a court ruling that requires UNC to hand over money from parking fines to area school districts.

Last year, the Transportation and Parking Advisory Committee, which has since been replaced by ACT, attempted to solve the budget crisis with a night parking plan.

The plan was rejected by the UNC Board of Trustees, forcing ACT to devise a new funding source.

The sliding-scale option, proposed by the faculty last year, seems to be the "most equitable way to distribute the cost of parking on campus," said Sue Estroff, Faculty Council chairwoman and a member of ACT.

Employees who earn less than \$50,000 per year and students would see an annual price increase of up to 5 percent.

Employees earning salaries between \$50,000 and \$100,000 would pay an annual increase of up to 10 percent.

Those employees who earn more than \$100,000 would face price increases up to 20 percent each year.

"It's hefty," said Estroff, who would expect to pay an extra \$120 per year for her permit.

"It might hit some people the wrong way, but it's as fair as it can be on a large

scale," she said.

ACT's student representatives, including Rebekah Burford, chief of staff for Student Body President Jen Daum, also support the option.

"It would not be fair to have employees and faculty pay the same price when the staff's salary is increments lower," she said.

The sliding-scale proposal seems to be the most promising option thus far, said ACT member Tammy McHale, senior associate dean of finance and planning.

Applying a flat-rate increase would harm lower-paid employees, making it harder for them to purchase permits, she said.

But she and other members have expressed concern that prices will continue to rise after the five years, despite officials' anticipation that costs will return to normal.

"Prices must not continue to compound," McHale said.

"Future price deviations would be ridiculous."

Even though higher-paid employees could see a 100 percent price increase by the end of the five-year plan, McHale added that UNC's permit rates are below market value.

"It just means that higher-paid employees would reach normal prices quicker," she said.

Leaders from all groups affected said every side has been represented fairly.

"I try to take everyone's perspective into account, not just my own," McHale said.

Discussion about the five-year plan that will begin in January will continue at ACT's next meeting, Nov. 27.

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SUE ESTROFF  
Faculty Council Chairwoman, ACT Member

# Study: Campuses Underreport Sex Crimes

## Indifference, fear blamed for low numbers

By FAYE FERNANDES  
Staff Writer

Thirty-seven percent of colleges and universities nationwide do not accurately report sexual crime statistics,

according to a study released earlier this month by the Education Development Center Inc.

The study states that most institutions severely underreport incidents of sexual crimes.

Researchers almost expected the results, said Heather Karjane, the study's principal investigator. "We had an idea that schools weren't complying, so the results weren't shocking," she said.

She said the study focused on nine different types of schools. According to the report, four-year public and private colleges and universities were better at reporting sexual crime than higher education institutions overall.

Officials said there are many factors why such a large portion of schools did not comply fully with federal law.

Karjane said each school often categorizes sexual crimes differently, which results in confusion. "There's a lot of igno-

rance because the laws are complicated."

Daniel Carter, senior vice president of Security on Campus Inc., a group that assists victims of sexual assault and seeks to educate college students about risks, said ignorance is a big problem for universities.

Carter said there is a deliberate indifference to reporting procedure for sexual crimes. "If they wanted to inform themselves, they know the information is out there."

But Carol Kozel, UNC director of nursing at Student Health Service, said the University has a clear procedure for reporting sexual crimes to Office of Student Affairs. She added that all assaults at UNC are reported.

One problem universities face is victims' unwillingness to come forward,

Kozel said. "Women aren't able to admit that just because he's a friend doesn't mean he's not violating the school Honor Code or criminal code."

But Kozel said making victims aware they have options is the biggest problem faced by university officials when trying to accurately gauge the number of assaults

on campus. "Many victims worry about the press and going to court and ask themselves, 'Will I be traumatized twice?'"

Carter said another problem is that universities are unwilling to acknowledge that

they have problems with campus crime. He added that officials might keep reports or information to themselves to avoid negative press and other effects.

Karjane said she thinks schools need to start including an investigative process when students report sexual crimes. "The reality is that assaults usually involve alcohol and someone that the victim knows."

Carter said state government needs to set some concrete consequences for universities that do not abide by the law by not reporting sexual assaults.

"(The N.C.) Department of Education needs to publish a handbook about reporting sexual crime statistics and act swiftly to impose fines on those schools not following the law," she said. "Universities need to start accurately publishing the truth of crimes occurring on their campus."

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