

Minority Programs at Colleges Cause Segregation, Report Says

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Programs and organizations geared toward minority college students tend to segregate the student body, according to a report released earlier this month by the New York Civil Rights Coalition.

But college officials — including representatives from UNC — say such programs are essential to help students adjust to the college environment.

The NYCRC, an organization devoted to racial diversity, examined Web sites

and brochures of more than 30 public and private U.S. institutions and concluded that they pursue segregationist agendas through programs targeting minorities.

“(University) policies and funding go to support a new form of ethnic and racial segregation in higher education,” the report stated.

The report shows that special programs and orientation services for minorities foster stereotypes that the groups are educationally disadvantaged.

Theme housing that separates students on the basis of ethnicity or race also lim-

its students’ ability to interact with people different from them, the study states.

Such residential programs are in place at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where housing for black students is called Chocolate City after a song by musical group Parliament. The primary focus of the program is to promote black culture, according to MIT’s Web site.

“In a not-so-subtle way, colleges tell students of color they as minority students need special help in a competitive environment,” states the report.

Programs aimed at minorities send a

paternalistic or even racist message, said NYCRC Executive Director Michael Meyers. “They suggest minorities are inferior and need special treatment.”

The report also points to Boston College’s Office of African-, Hispanic-, Asian- and Native-American Students as a program that alienates some students in an attempt to help minorities.

But AHANA Director Donald Brown said the office does not segregate, adding that there is a need for a support system for AHANA students.

“To be black or Latino, for example,

students will feel alienated or isolated and might need someone to talk to,” he said. “There are some students that need AHANA as an option in order to be successful. Some students are not prepared.”

At UNC, minority students have a variety of options for assistance, such as the Office of Minority Affairs and the Black Student Movement.

Such organizations are important for the success of minority students, said BSM Secretary Erin Davis.

“In a university such as this one it is important for the minority students to

assimilate themselves,” she said. “I do not see (the BSM) as segregating because it is open to all people. It is a place where you can meet people of the same background.”

Davis stressed that organizations such as the BSM help students find a place on campus. “The experience here will be different as a minority than the experience of a majority,” she said. “Organizations let people know help is available to you if you need it.”

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Residents, Businesses Conserve Water During Drought

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Most of the businesses that violated the Orange Water and Sewer Authority’s water restrictions during the peak of the drought responded immediately to complaints, and many violations reported have been false alarms.

OWASA is keeping a running tally of hundreds of reported violations — not all of which are declared as such by OWASA officials — by businesses and residents.

Ed Kerwin, executive director of OWASA, said both residents and businesses have followed water restrictions well. “My general belief is that the community complied quite nicely,” he said. “Rarely was there a repeat offender.”

OWASA used mailings, paid ads in newspapers, media coverage, Web announcements and signs around the area to inform the public about water restrictions. “Our efforts blanketed everyone pretty evenly,” Kerwin said.

OWASA’s public register of reported water restriction violations includes significantly more private residences than businesses.

Antonio Torres, El Rodeo manager, said his business received OWASA’s mailing containing water use reduction suggestions.

A Chapel Hill resident reported the restaurant to OWASA for not waiting for customers to request water before serving it. The manager said the report was false.

“We don’t serve water until we are asked,” Torres said. “We have water now.

Who knows if we’ll have water later?” Charlie Tsui, owner of Charlie’s Chinese Restaurant, said he first heard of the drought restrictions through media coverage.

“I see it on TV every day,” he said. “Everybody knows there are drought restrictions. My car hasn’t been washed for six months.”

A man approached Tsui about not waiting to serve water to customers. He said water always has been the drink of choice in his restaurant.

“You cannot eat without water,” he said. “I’ve been in business 20 years, and I’ve never had a customer who ate their dinner without water.”

Charlie’s Chinese Restaurant continues to serve water to all customers but takes other steps to conserve.

“We never wash the front or back ground anymore,” Tsui said. “I let the rain wash them now.”

Glenn O’Neil, manager of The Grill at Glen Lennox, said The Grill was falsely accused of washing the back lot, an impervious surface.

“What we were doing was washing the floor mats from the kitchen,” he said. “I can see how someone who was driving by could think that.”

He said much of the water used by restaurants is required by health regulations. “We’re not watering any plants or any lawns or anything,” O’Neil said. “Anything we do is just to keep the restaurant up to health standards.”

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The Meridian Arts Ensemble, a six-man band based in New York City, plays in Hill Hall on Sunday afternoon as part of the William S. Newman Artists Series. For the full story, visit www.dailytarheel.com.

Commissioners Decide on Independent APS Audit

By BILLY CORRIHER
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The Orange County Board of Commissioners, amid allegations of dishonesty and corruption within the county’s Animal Protection Society, decided to begin negotiations for an independent audit of the APS.

The work session, held Monday night in Chapel Hill, allowed citizens to voice their opinions about the shelter and the planned audit. County Manager John Link said the audit will look at account-

ing practices, customer interaction, budgeting and what else is needed to reopen the Wildlife Rehabilitation Center run by the APS, which closed in September.

The APS of Orange County is the private, nonprofit entity that runs the publicly funded Orange County Animal Shelter.

Several former employees and residents accused the APS of inaccurate accounting practices, misappropriation, secretive decision-making and inadequate responses to citizens’ concerns.

County resident Judith Reitman said the APS misrepresents the number of ani-

mals treated and misleads residents who adopt animals. Reitman said these concerns show the need for an outside audit. “Few, if any, statistics offered by the APS can stand up under scrutiny,” she said.

Reitman and other citizens questioned the budgeting practices of the APS and accused its management of misappropriating public funds.

Orange County resident Elliot Cramer said the problems with “sloppy record-keeping” and inappropriate discretion in decision-making began when the APS came under new management earlier this year. “The APS is acting like a secret society despite its public funding,” he said.

Members of the APS board of directors and volunteers defended the organization and welcomed an external audit. APS board member Suzie Cook said that while the organization is imperfect, it is “willing to open itself up and be evaluated.” Cook refuted the allegations directed at APS management.

APS board of directors President Pat Beyle said that the allegations from former employees have “turned ugly and

negative” and that the shelter should be recognized for its positive programs like low cost spaying and neutering, veterinary services and dog training.

One area the APS board of directors and others at the forum agreed on was the inadequacy of APS facilities and staff for wildlife care. Both sides agreed the APS is best equipped to care for domestic animals and serve as a shelter, and some said the community would benefit from having a wildlife center much like the one being organized by Bobby Schopler.

Schopler, who said he was fired as the APS veterinarian over management disputes, is asking Orange County to support his center. The commissioners have not yet weighed in on Schopler’s request.

Commissioners Chairman Barry Jacobs said that because the county’s lease on the APS lot expires soon, the public debate and Schopler’s proposal present a “perfect opportunity” for examining the county’s options for animal care.

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noon — “Tricks or treats: What do you want from your legislators?” **Campaign to End the Death Penalty** will host a pre-election rally across from the Historic State Capitol in Raleigh until 1 p.m. A carpool leaves from the Campus Y at 11 a.m. E-mail fferris@email.unc.edu for more information.

3 p.m. — Ever consider studying abroad in Asia? Come to a presentation on Asia by the **Study Abroad Office** and the **Chinese Undergraduate Students Association** in 104 Howell Hall.

For the Record

In a caption to a photograph with the article “Opinions on Occupancy Limits Vary” in the Oct. 29 Daily Tar Heel, Sarah Bruce was misidentified as Sarah Burke.
The Daily Tar Heel regrets the error.

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