

Dress Up, Eat Candy, Be Good

In Chapel Hill on the evening of Oct. 31, you're never too old to get dressed up, act silly, eat too much candy and enjoy Halloween for all that it's worth.

The yearly Franklin Street Halloween celebration is, in theory, a night when students and residents, locals and out-of-towners, old and



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young alike, all come together to participate in the revelries. Love it or hate it, you've got to admit that it's pretty cool of the town of Chapel Hill to let this crazy party go on every year — especially when it can be pretty

scary at times. If you like people-watching, Franklin Street on Halloween is the best place to get an eyeful. George W. Bush look-alikes, walking and talking Old Wells and girls who are showing as much skin as possible (despite the fact it is guaranteed to be below 50 degrees every year) all flock to the main drag to check out everyone else's costumes.

But combine this scene with the fact that many students have been drinking heavily, some are carrying large plastic weapons as accessories and many of the costumes are so realistic that you could swear that that bloody person walking around really looks like he died in 1975 — and you've got a fairly frightening party.

Fortunately, we live, work and play in a town that still can recognize the good, mostly clean fun in the yearly celebration. We've got law enforcement officials willing to work late hours to patrol the streets, retailers willing to deal with rowdy customers and taxpayers willing to foot the \$120,000 bill for the whole party.

Last year, Chapel Hill officials cracked down on the revelries big time with the intention of eventually shutting down the festivities altogether over the next few years.

Barriers were erected in a 1-mile radius around the town's center, preventing people from driving into the downtown area.

The measures, combined with the paranoia caused by threats of anthrax attacks and Sept. 11 fears, decreased the attendance from the normal 50,000 to about 25,000 partiers.

But the Downtown Commission's Executive Director Robert Humphreys said last year's Halloween regulations discouraged locals from coming out to the traditional celebration. Even Chapel Hill residents who live near Franklin Street said last year's atmosphere was not as fun as previous years.

This year, Chapel Hill officials have exactly the right idea about how to handle the celebration. The strict downtown area driving regulations of Oct. 31, 2001, will be abandoned, allowing all who wish to attend the chance.

This year, the town has officially accepted the role of host for the famous party by offering to deliver partiers to and from the Franklin Street action. Chapel Hill Transit buses will serve as shuttles from parking lots on the outskirts of town to Franklin Street.

Although the busing won't be the usual fare-free service — a round-trip ticket can be purchased for \$3 — they will provide a safe, easy and affordable way for partiers to reach downtown.

As always, the No. 1 concern for Chapel Hill officials at Halloween is safety.

While driving regulations will be relaxed, police on Franklin Street still will be confiscating alcohol and (fake and real) weapons before anyone can enter the heart of the party.

Like it or not, these measures are necessary to make sure that the street remains as safe and incident-free as possible — and also ensures the party can continue to be a Chapel Hill tradition for years to come.

It's always easy for students in a college town to complain about how town officials try to limit the fun of student celebrations. But when it comes to Halloween, it looks like the town of Chapel Hill has accepted the celebration as an enjoyable and unique tradition that brings many different groups together to share in the revelries.

So on Thursday night, it's important to dress up, act silly and eat too much candy — it's Halloween, after all. But it's also crucial we recognize that to keep this party rolling for years to come, it needs to remain good, mostly clean and safe fun.

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Curriculum Review Course Starts Look at Education

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A seminar course designed to review and explore changes to UNC's general education curriculum met for the first time Tuesday.

The seminar, designed to give students insight into the process of designing and revising a college's curriculum, counts as a one-hour pass/D/fail course.

Originally about 15 students showed interest in the class, but as of Tuesday only five students were enrolled.

"We want this seminar to give students a chance to immerse themselves in the thinking associated with curriculum decisions," said Laurie McNeil, steering committee chairwoman, who leads the course.

Students will read and discuss a vari-

ety of texts about college curricula and general education throughout the nation. They also will read and analyze UNC's proposal to revise the general education curriculum.

The main focus of Tuesday's class was to give students sufficient background on the development of college curricula nationwide, UNC's educational history and dilemmas facing general education.

"It's important that students understand where the curriculum itself comes from in regards to the University community and the nation," McNeil said.

The five students listened attentively to the lecture and responded positively afterward.

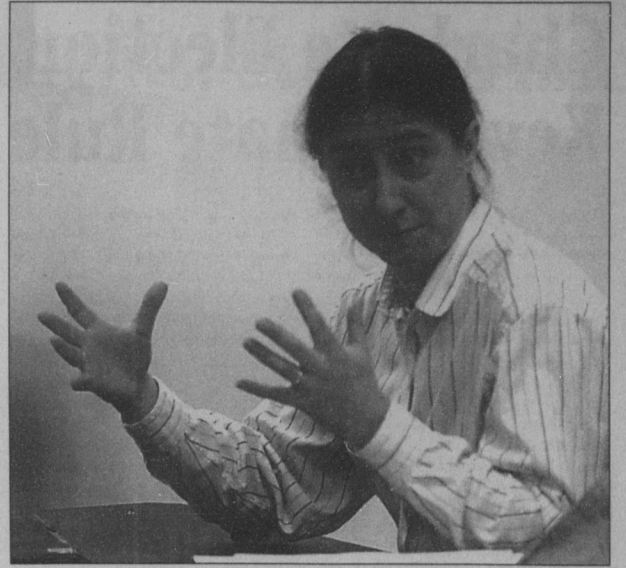
Sophomore political science and public policy major Matt Calabria said he found Tuesday's seminar "interesting because it showed us the educational

foundation throughout the country and especially at UNC ... In the next few weeks, I really hope to gain insight about what curriculum means to students and in terms of the interactions between faculty and undergrads."

Also in the seminar was Kim Sexton, student government's academic affairs chairwoman, who helped organize and recruit students to the seminar. "I think this seminar is going to give us a different methodology to look at things beyond our own view as students," she said.

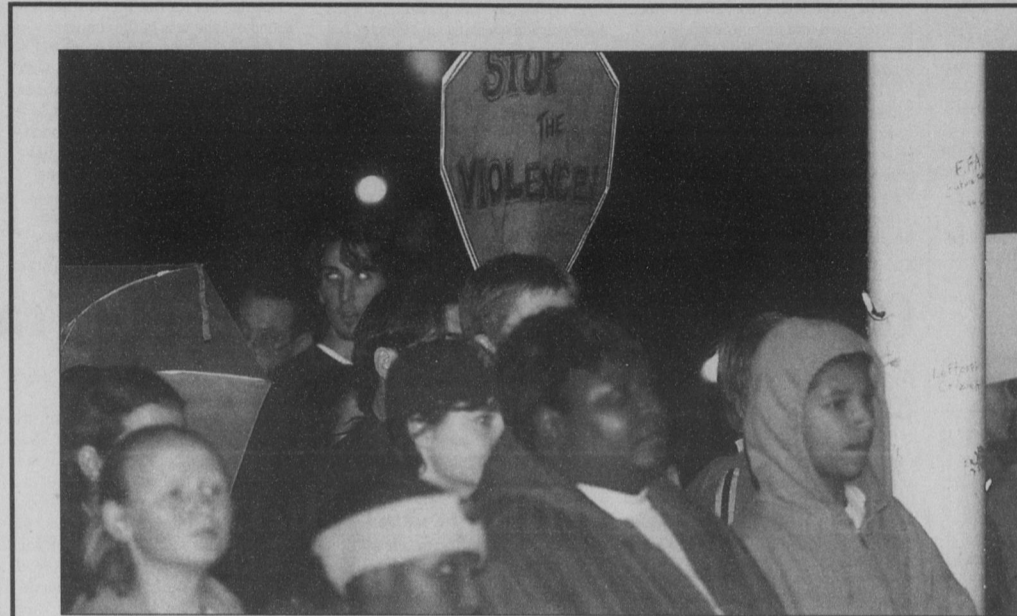
The seminar will have three more meetings over the next four weeks with the main focus on discussion, interaction and presentation. There is no exam or testing associated with the course, but participants will be responsible for two

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Steering Committee Chairwoman Laurie McNeil leads a curriculum review seminar in the Union on Tuesday afternoon.



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Event organizers, community members and UNC students participate in the March for Family Peace on Tuesday evening as part of Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Marchers Strive for Violence Awareness

By SUN KIM
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As part of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, dozens of people walked down Franklin Street on Tuesday night in the March for Family Peace, which is the last event to take place for this month.

The gathering consisted of not only event organizers but members of the community, as well as University students.

The marchers started at the Franklin Street Post Office and looped around Church Street, up Rosemary Street, down Henderson Street and back to the post office.

"The march gives people an opportunity to come together and commemorate their lost ones," said Amy Holloway, the executive director of the Family Violence Prevention Center of Orange County. "It gives people a sense of community, as well as support."

The night started out with a welcome speech given by Holloway at 5:30 p.m. that explained the purpose of the march. Shortly afterwards, the march began, with people walking down the predetermined route.

Shouting chants such as "Domestic violence feeds on silence" and "World peace begins at home," the marchers placed their way through the busy streets to get their message across to everyone within

hearing distance.

Back at the post office, there were programs such as poetry reading and a performance by the band The Delusions. The highlight of the evening however, was the Silent Witness Exhibit, which was held in honor of three specific victims of domestic violence.

This commemoration was also in the shadow of the recent Gates murder in July, where Valerie Gates, her friend, Cordae Lee, and Lee's two-year-old son, Kendall Dianis, were shot and killed by Gates' father, Alan Gates, at his ex-wife's home in the White Cross community near Carboro.

With such cases looming over the community, the FVPC, in conjunction with the Carolina Women's Center, is organizing these events to spread knowledge about the occurrence of domestic violence in the area, as well as provide support for victims.

"Victims are less willing to speak up because they are too ashamed and they feel unimportant," said Diane Kjervik, director of the Carolina Women's Center. "The abuser tends to isolate the victim. Therefore, communication is a key factor."

While the Family Violence Prevention Center serves all of Orange County, the Carolina Women's Center focuses on reducing violence on campus. However, both centers provide information and support for victims of domestic violence

through support groups and a 24-hour crisis line.

"We are trying to educate and direct services to the community, which are free and confidential," Holloway said. "Basically we are trying to give domestic violence victims more information."

The crisis line also employs many student and resident volunteers, giving the community an opportunity to join in and cooperate against domestic violence.

"I think it's important to raise awareness in the community because domestic violence affects everyone, regardless of class, race, age, or gender," said Emily Hooper, a student volunteer at the FVPC of Orange County.

"When victims call us, we provide them with information and also support them in their time of crisis."

Not only does the FVPC attempt to get the community involved in the prevention of domestic violence, it publicizes information throughout Orange County.

"Through events such as tonight's march, we are hoping to inform the community of how domestic violence affects society," Kjervik said. "The main point is not to be silent because domestic violence is everywhere."

The 24-hour crisis line number is 929-7122.

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'No' to New Era Awaits Approval From 3 on LLCAC

UNC unhappy with company's contract with its employees

By JENNY IMMEL
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After a second meeting of UNC's Licensing Labor Code Advisory Committee, a majority of members concluded that New Era has more work to do before UNC will reinstate its licensing contract.

Committee members want the major sports apparel manufacturer to revise its contract with employees before UNC will reinstate its contract, worth \$900,000 in retail value.

But the recommendation is not final until three absent committee members meet to discuss the issue, said Rut Tufts, LLCAC co-chairman and UNC's director of trademarks and licensing.

In a meeting Tuesday, Tufts, committee Co-chairman Jim Peacock and four other committee members recommended that a letter expressing UNC's concern should be sent to New Era. Tufts said he hopes to hear from the three other committee members later this week.

New Era was found in violation of labor codes in August 2001 after an investigation at its Derby, N.Y., factory by the Worker Rights Consortium, a labor rights watchdog group.

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Legislation to Set Internet Radio Fees Blocked by Helms

WXYC manager says senator's action will benefit radio station

Staff and Wire Reports

Only two weeks before his successor is elected, U.S. Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., has blocked legislation that sets fees for Web broadcasters who stream music over the Internet.

The legislation passed the House shortly before Congress recessed for the November elections, but Helms said he believes the discounted record label fees would still be too high for small companies.

He said Congress should try again, either next year or when it convenes after the election.

The move was applauded by some in the Web broadcasting industry, including UNC's student-run radio station, WXYC, but was rejected by others.

A spokeswoman for the Recording Industry Association of America said the association supports the existing legislation.

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UNC Objects to Plaintiffs' Latest Claims

By JOHN LIPPS
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The University submitted Monday its response to an Oct. 4 motion for an amendment filed by the plaintiffs challenging UNC's controversial summer reading assignment.

UNC had 20 business days to file its response. The U.S. District Court in Greensboro's clerk of court said Tuesday it had not yet received UNC's response.

The plaintiffs, who are represented by the American Family Association Center for Law and Policy, were asking for an additional amendment to their original complaint.

UNC's response requests that the Greensboro court deny the plaintiffs' motion — an attempt by UNC officials to put an end to a lawsuit that has attracted campuswide and nationwide attention.

The plaintiffs' proposed amendment contends that new evidence reveals that some students were informed that participation in the summer reading program was not voluntary.

One of the three UNC freshmen who anonymously filed the complaint claimed that his resident assistant suggested he attend the discussion and that an unidentified facilitator in the discussion group took attendance and collected essays.

According to the plaintiff, this new evidence demonstrates "a wilful pattern or practice of unconstitutional conduct."

But UNC's response states that because the court already has found that the program was not a religious activity, whether the program was required is unimportant to the case.

The response also says that the proposed amendment in no way supports a claim for a violation of the First Amendment because the plaintiffs could not prove that the summer reading activities were anything but secular in nature.

In its proposed amendment, the AFACLP also seeks to incorporate the series of events on campus hosted by the University that were related to the summer reading program.

According to UNC, the plaintiffs

have contended that the related events were discovered only recently.

UNC's response points out that the related events were in fact made public as of May 15 on the program's Web site and were therefore readily available to the plaintiffs and the general public. The University's response also states that publicity to "related events" was given in the same manner in previous years.

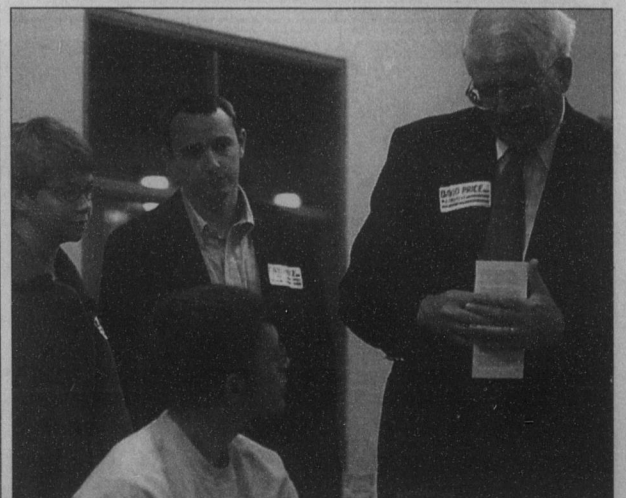
The University also points out that none of the events were actually a part of the summer reading program and almost all of them already have occurred. This, UNC claims, shows that the proposed amendment is moot.

"It was inexcusable neglect for the plaintiffs not to have included these assertions ... and their motion to amend to add these assertions should be denied."

Michael DePrimo, an attorney for the AFACLP, said he had not seen the University's response as of Tuesday and would not comment on its content.

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Junior Susan Navarro (left), co-president of Young Democrats, field coordinator Damien Graham and Rep. David Price, D-N.C., talk to students at Top of Lenoir on Tuesday afternoon.