

# Advocates aim to end apathy

## New group to focus on honor, ethics

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Honor and Integrity Week ended Friday, but a new group of students hopes to keep the issues at the forefront of student life throughout the year.

Carolina Advocates for Honor is a new organization formed to reverse apathy toward the Honor Code.

It aims to inform students, faculty and staff about the new changes in the Honor Code and raise awareness concerning ethics and honor.

The group has about 15 members but is looking to expand to about 100.

The advocates were all asked to join because of their interest in or connection with the Honor Code, but advocate leaders are looking for a diverse section of students outside the Honor Court.

Advocates participated in many events during Honor and Integrity

Week last week.

The group's plan for the semester involves talking to groups or classes who request them, said Student Attorney General Jonathan Slain.

"We want to inform everyone about changes in the organization of the honor system," Slain said.

He pointed out that some students mistakenly view the Honor Code only as a way to get students in trouble. But rather than focus on what students can't do, advocates are working to create more trust between professors and students.

"We've been working with faculty on issues like these," said Mela Kirkpatrick, a senior advocate who also is chairwoman of the UNC Undergraduate Honor Court. "We're all under the Honor Code at all times."

She and Slain said that the Honor Code should work both ways and that it is one of the goals



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Student Attorney General Jonathan Slain (left) and Chairwoman of the Honor Court Mela Kirkpatrick (right) lead "dorm storming" Wednesday.

of Carolina Advocates for Honor.

Though some of the events last week created awareness for the advocates, others, such as "Storm the Dorm" on Wednesday night, were not as successful.

The advocates hoped for a

strong turnout, but few students participated. Students in Hinton James Residence Hall were pulled from the lobby couches and as they waited for elevators in order to participate in the discussion.

With HonorCarolina — a year-long initiative to promote honor and integrity on campus — still underway, Slain and Marc Hennes, outreach coordinator for HonorCarolina, hope to keep students and faculty aware of the honor system throughout campus.

Advocate leaders said they want to pair the current members who are experienced with the UNC honor system with average students to gain a wider opinion.

Hennes said, "We're looking for people who are interested in the issues and who have a passion for ethics and honor."

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# Officials address local school overcrowding

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Enrollment in Chapel Hill-Carrboro City schools has increased by almost 300 students in the past year, with 196 of the new students enrolled in the area's two high schools.

System enrollment has risen to 10,653 students, 297 more than last year.

Chapel Hill High School is 17 percent over capacity, and East Chapel Hill High School is 5 percent over.

To offset overcrowding, each high school has added four mobile classrooms. Four more mobile classrooms will be added to each school by January.

The units are expected to increase each school's capacity by more than 200 students, said Neil Pedersen, CHCCS superintendent.

Plans for adding a third high school to the district have been approved recently by the Orange County Board of Commissioners.

Pedersen said the new high school likely will be able to handle growth in high school enrollment through the end of the decade.

Solutions to the overcrowding problem seem easier to define than causes for the increase. Officials disagree as to why almost 70 percent of the system's growth occurred at the high school level.

Pedersen said he believes that the difference in enrollment levels follow demographics. Several years ago, he said, there was a large influx of elementary school students.

But Steve Scroggs, CHCCS assistant superintendent for support services, said the burgeoning high school enrollment is attributed more aptly to housing costs rather than a carry-over from a

previous enrollment burst. "That's where (Pedersen) and I disagree," Scroggs said. "The average price of a house in Chapel Hill is \$320,000. If I'm a 28-year-old with a 5-year-old kid, can I afford to buy a house in Chapel Hill?"

City schools are not the only ones dealing with overcrowding. Enrollment in Orange County Schools has increased from 6,255 last year to 6,506.

Most of the overcrowding in the county system has occurred in its middle schools, said Anne D'Annunzio, spokeswoman for the county school district. She said proponents of a merger between the two area systems have used these facts to bolster their argument.

"Some of the talk was, if we were to merge, our high schools could help with their high school overcrowding, and vice-versa," D'Annunzio said.

Pro-merger activists say consolidation between the two systems would create less of a financial burden than building new schools.

But while a merger might delay new school construction for a few years, enrollment will continue to increase, and eventually new schools would be necessary, Scroggs said.

He asserted that, with the exception of the Robeson County consolidation of five years ago, school system mergers in the state have been fiscal failures.

"No school system in the history of North Carolina that has merged has saved money," Scroggs said. "Anyone who says 'we need to merge to save money' is barking up the wrong tree."

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## THE Daily Crossword

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### CROSS

- 1 Mexican money
- 5 The Evil One
- 10 Diminishes
- 14 Bruins' sch.
- 15 Untethered
- 16 Person, place or thing
- 17 Press
- 20 Pull behind
- 21 Morsel of food
- 22 Magna
- 23 Type size
- 24 Ridiculed
- 26 Recently
- 29 Of the kidneys
- 30 Warm up
- 31 Fable writer
- 32 Slippery one
- 35 Press
- 39 Fr. holy woman
- 40 Caravan stops
- 41 Shaving-cream additive
- 42 Happy face
- 43 Ancient Central Americans
- 45 Friendly
- 48 Hertz rival
- 49 Ancient country on the Aegean
- 50 Valhalla leader
- 51 Demented
- 54 Press
- 58 Owl's call
- 59 Type of energy
- 60 Square meas-

### DOWN

- 1 Green stroke
- 2 Reverberate
- 3 Large amount
- 4 Klutz
- 5 Millstream channel
- 6 Main artery
- 7 Carryall
- 8 End of a cigar
- 9 Society page word
- 10 Necessitate
- 11 Get on
- 12 Montana city
- 13 Siammin' Sammy
- 18 Brief death notice
- 19 Predicament
- 23 Meat paste
- 24 Escritores

### 25 Chemical compound

- 26 Units of resistance
- 27 Remarkable deed
- 28 Seneca or Huron
- 29 Zellweger of "Jerry Maguire"
- 31 Theater passage
- 32 Perry's creator
- 33 Fairness in the workplace grp.
- 34 Majors and Marvin
- 36 Stocky marsupial
- 37 Fence piece
- 38 Minnesota
- 42 New Orleans team

### 43 Room full of birds

- 44 Metallic element
- 45 Greek letter
- 46 Accordionist Floren
- 47 Dostoyevsky novel, with "The"
- 48 Mad. Ave. pro
- 50 Christiania, today
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- 52 Once again
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