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## Group mulls diversity

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About 82 percent of students and faculty surveyed believe that UNC publicly embraces and celebrates diversity in the student body, according to the preliminary results of a diversity study.

The survey, presented to the Chancellor's Task Force on Diversity on Wednesday, expressed condensed responses from 1,461 students, 400 faculty members and 1,043 staff members regarding diversity on campus. The task force will see the complete breakdown of results Friday.

"The information seen today was aggregated," said Lynn Williford, director of the Office of Institutional Research. "The more useful and informative part is the breakdown and comparing how the different types of people responded to that question."

Despite results that were considered positive overall, Archie Ervin, committee chairman and director of the Office of Minority Affairs, said he is surprised at the number of respondents who were unsure if UNC adequately addresses racism and homophobia.

Preliminary results revealed that 42.5 percent of students — a pool that included undergraduate, graduate and professional students — agreed that the University

addresses racism adequately. Almost 35 percent of students said the same of issues of homophobia.

But about 29 percent of students said they do not know if the University addresses racism or homophobia.

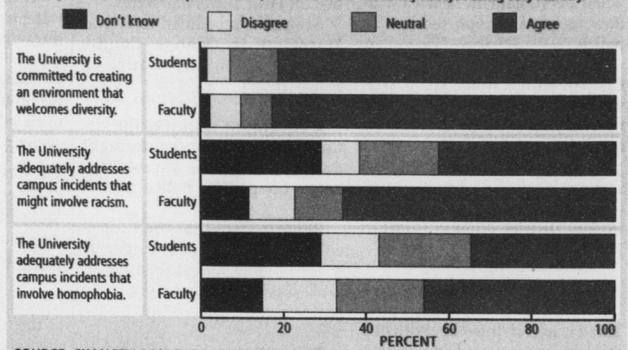
"What I was struck about was the responses of the people who did not know or could not address that," Ervin said. "The largest percentage of responses said they did adequately respond, and less than 10 percent disagreed."

Friday's breakdown will show data for the different groups within the student body.

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### STUDENT AND FACULTY DIVERSITY ASSESSMENT

The Office of Institutional Research presented preliminary results of a study assessing the state of diversity at the University. The results include responses from 1,461 students and 400 faculty surveyed during early February.



SOURCE: CHANCELLOR'S TASK FORCE ON DIVERSITY DTH/FIELDING CAGE

## Police, victim lack leads

Witnesses scarce for Friday's attack

BY JOSEPH R. SCHWARTZ  
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Thomas Stockwell has been overrun with cell phone calls since being assaulted Friday morning, but Chapel Hill police said they are still waiting for their phones to ring.

Although Stockwell, the victim of what local police have termed a hate crime, said he saw numerous people on Franklin Street at the time of the assault, only one has come forward.

And this single witness was unable to identify the attackers.

Jane Cousins, spokeswoman for the Chapel Hill Police Department, said Tuesday that a Chapel Hill Transit driver corroborated Stockwell's account but was unable to provide any further description of the suspects.

Chapel Hill Crime Stoppers offers up to \$1,200 for information leading to an arrest in any crime, but their hotline has provided no leads.

"We have not received a single call as of this afternoon, which is disappointing," Cousins said Wednesday. "Unfortunately, no one has come forward."

Almost one week after the assault, Stockwell said he's holding out hope that the crime will be solved, but he knows it rests in the hands of the witnesses.

He said he isn't sure why no one has provided a better description of the attackers.

"I don't know too many people that would just walk away from something like that," he said.

"Maybe someone is just embar-

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### CELEBRATION



DTH/SARA LEWKOWICZ

A dancer performs Wednesday night in the Great Hall of the Student Union as part of Peru Negro, a performance ensemble celebrating Peru's culture and history. The sold-out show's cast of more than 30 performers also included singers and musicians and allowed the audience to participate.

Peru Negro began as an ensemble made of 12 family members in Lima, Peru. The group's appearance on campus was the result of a collaboration between the Carolina Union Performing Arts Series and the Sonya Haynes Stone Center for Black Culture and History. For the full story, visit www.dthonline.com.

## Reported rape near downtown

BY MATT HAIR  
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Chapel Hill police are investigating a forcible rape reported Wednesday morning on the 200 block of West Franklin Street.

A local woman in her 30s was walking alone near 206 W. Franklin St. between 2:35 a.m. and 3 a.m. when two men, described as having pony-tails, pulled up to her in a red car, said police spokeswoman Jane Cousins.

The men, one described as in his 40s and the other in his 30s, then forced the victim to have sex outside the buildings near 214 W. Franklin St.

After notifying police, the victim was taken to UNC Hospitals for evidence gathering, a procedure that typically occurs after each reported rape.

But Cousins said that because there were no witnesses to the incident and both of the men were strangers to the victim, it is hard to tell if the suspects will be caught.

Wednesday's rape was the fourth reported in Chapel Hill since Jan. 1 and the third not listed as a blind report — when the victim reports the crime to police but no further investigation takes place.

In full reports like Wednesday's, police will continue to meet with the victim to try to collect enough evidence to catch the suspects, Cousins said.

The four rapes reported in the last two months equals the total reported during fiscal year 2002-03, according to Chapel Hill crime statistics.

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## Students sign on for change

GLBTSA mobilizes campaign

BY KATIE HOFFMANN  
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Friday's attack on a UNC junior has forced the University to examine whether or not it provides a safe environment for all students.

Twenty-one-year-old student Thomas Stockwell was assaulted by a group of men Friday morning on Franklin Street in what police have labeled a hate crime.

The incident not only sparked an outpouring of support but also inspired students and officials to take a serious look at what changes are necessary to ensure that such an attack will not happen again.

Members of the Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgender-Straight Alliance, which organized Tuesday's rally against the attack, said the most urgent need is to publicize UNC's nondiscrimina-

tion policy in regard to sexual orientation.

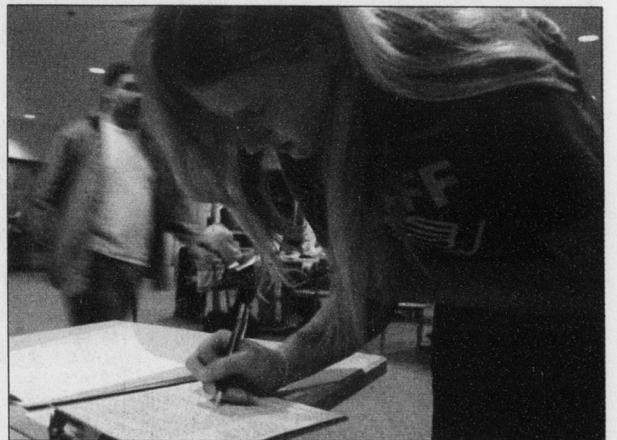
"The University has nondiscrimination laws, but the publicity of these policies is below par," said Jermaine Caldwell, an active participant in UNC's lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer community.

Along with touting the University's policies, GLBTSA members are circulating two petitions to draw attention to the lack of N.C. legislation concerning nondiscrimination.

The first, addressed to the N.C. General Assembly, asks that the legislature amend the 1991 Ethnic Intimidation Act to include sexual orientation, gender identity, sex, age and ability.

The second petition is to the UNC-system Board of Governors, asking that all 16 system schools adopt policies of nondiscrimination and nonharrasment to protect students on the basis

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DTH/GILLIAN BOLSOVER

Junior Missy Hendrick signs a petition Wednesday night to address the lack of N.C. legislation on sexual orientation. Students are circulating two petitions.



DTH/BRANDON SMITH

Mark "Chickenman" Andrews interacts with "the twins" in the back of his converted 1977 Frito-Lay Truck. He uses the truck for his handyman and Chickenman businesses, the latter of which involves teaching chickens to do tricks.

## Man plays mother hen to brood

BY SHANNAN BOWEN  
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GARNER — Chickens can do more than cluck and lay eggs.

They talk on the phone, feed from a baby's high chair and even ride on toy remote-controlled trucks.

At least, that's the scene at Mark Andrews' house.

Andrews, better known as the Chickenman, has about 30 chickens waddling around his coop in Garner — all trained to entertain.

"You love your daddy?" he asked Paul Lee, a 12-pound rooster strutting around its cage. The rooster nodded and crowed in response.

Past Paul Lee's pen, in Andrews' driveway, sits a 1977 Frito-Lay delivery truck, painted red and decorated with a large portrait of a chicken and a rooster across its side. The phrase "live and trained" is scrawled below the picture.

"Nobody's got a chicken horn," he said, pointing to a large horn

"You don't have to worry about us saying foul language. No pun intended."

MARK ANDREWS, THE CHICKENMAN

perched atop the truck with a lever by the driver's seat to set it off.

The truck also features a stage and speakers for events in which the chickens perform. Andrews also uses the truck for his painting and powerwashing business, with the chickens along for the ride.

"I've taken an old 'tater chip truck and turned it into a handyman-chickenman truck," he said.

Chickens first became a part of Andrews' life in 1998, when a friend gave him Aquila, a rooster, and Priscilla, a silkie chicken.

Not wanting to leave the chicks alone during the day, Andrews brought them to work, where they followed him around as he painted.

Co-workers began referring to

him as "the Chickenman." Soon, as more people in the community began recognizing Andrews, he thought his birds should take a larger spotlight.

But Andrews wanted to benefit others through his newfound love for chickens, so he created the Chicken Scratch Ministries — a charity that provides entertainment for nonprofit organizations.

"This is my way of using education," said Andrews, who graduated from N.C. State University in 1980. "I teach about life and animals."

A friend suggested that Andrews train the chickens to do unique activities — such as ride on top of

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