

Students spruce up cemetery

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Every day, students walk past the Old Chapel Hill Cemetery on the way to class without realizing it is the last segregated space on campus.

The Delta Sigma Theta sorority sponsored a cemetery cleanup to beautify part of the space and educate people on the significance of the South Road landmark as part of the Campus Y's Race Relations Week.

A rock wall separates sections A and B from the rest of the cemetery, said Brittany Hill, vice president of Delta Sigma Theta. Sections A and B are where black University workers, some of whom were slaves, are buried.

The resting place also holds many famous figures that paved the way for the foundation of the University, such as Edward Kidder Graham, William Coker, William Carmichael Jr. and Louis Round Wilson.

Samuel Field Phillips, a lawyer who helped challenge segregation in Plessy v. Ferguson, is buried in the cemetery.

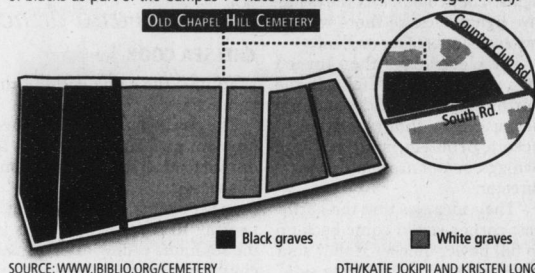
Not all the gravestones bear famous names; some have no names at all.

The cemetery, under the University's watch since 1988, is now almost full and all the plots have been purchased.

The first recorded burial was of a Burke County student, George

Grave sites reflect segregated past

Students cleaned up trash from sections of the cemetery containing the graves of blacks as part of the Campus Y's Race Relations Week, which began Friday.



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Clarke, who passed away Sept. 28, 1798.

Hill said that despite the rich history of the cemetery, it is consistently littered. The event was aimed at raising awareness of the ongoing vandalism problem.

Five 19th century headstones were smashed the day before renowned journalist Charles Kuralt was buried in the cemetery in 1997.

In the 1970s, 40 to 50 gravestones were broken at the base.

In 1985, impatient football fans even parked in Sections A and B. Hill said those two sections are not as nice as the others and lack trees.

Participants picked up trash and unruly weeds Monday in an attempt to reverse the damage done over the years.

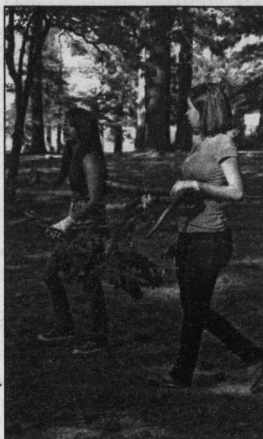
"People who have already died go unrecognized," said sophomore Porsche Governor, who helped with the cleanup.

"They don't have a gardener. This cemetery goes unnoticed. It's good to show respect for the deceased."

The other sections do not have an official gardener, either, but family members of the deceased make sure it is kept up, Governor said.

Senior Amelia Black, who also helped with the cleanup, said the graveyard awareness effort is in keeping with the goal of Race Relations Week.

"There's clearly a lot of restoration needed. I feel like if the chancellor is buried here it wouldn't look like this with beer cans."



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Juniors Angeli Ebeza and Jessica Lynch aid in the clean-up of Old Chapel Hill Cemetery on Monday as part of Race Relations Week.

Sophomore Olubunmi Fashusi said the event served as a chance to learn about different cultures.

"We can learn about one another's cultures," Fashusi said. "You don't have to be African-American."

But Governor said she hoped that in the future there would be "more events than just black people come out to support."

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Students stick it to Thorp's head

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A head shot of Chancellor Holden Thorp held court in the Pit on Monday, when students had the chance to scribble concerns and opinions about University issues on Post-it notes and attach them to Thorp's face.

The comments posted on the chancellor's picture ranged from serious ("Keep student rights to protest freely without restriction.") to humorous ("Why are you such a silver fox?").

Some were even threatening: "If you don't do something about pedestrians on Cameron, I'm going to hit every person crossing the street."

Members of the student advisory committee to the chancellor described the event as representative of the approachable, interactive environment Thorp wants to create with students in his first year on the job. They said they plan on incorporating the comments into discussions with Thorp.

Beyond seeking student input, the committee members said they hope to raise awareness of Thorp's open house taking place 4:30 p.m. Wednesday on the third floor of the Student Union.

"It's one of the best publicity tools we have," Student Body Vice President Todd Dalrymple said. "The picture immediately draws attention because of the shock value."

Most students only glanced as they walked by the picture. The event has been a familiar Pit staple since it originated with former Chancellor James Moeser.

But almost 70 Post-it notes still covered the Chancellor's face by the time the photo was taken down about 1:30 p.m.

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ever seen on it," said sophomore Reva Grace Phillips, who serves as executive assistant to Student Body President J.J. Raynor. "SACC has been aggressively pursuing student input more than ever before."

Sophomore Hogan Medlin, who serves as executive assistant to Thorp's desire to hear student voices.

"Chancellor Thorp wants to reach out to every student, including those without big titles," Medlin said. "He wants to hear all voices."

Although he stopped to check out what was going on, junior David Peterson decided not to write a Post-it.

"I'm satisfied with what's up there," Peterson said. "There's a wide variety of topics, many of them important: safety, tuition, as well as ones people don't usually think about."

Sophomore Samantha Ryan, a history and communication studies double major, wrote that Thorp should "get rid of the eight semester limit."

She said she would try and go to the open house on Wednesday, but wished there were even more opportunities to meet with Thorp.

"It's an excellent picture of the man," Ryan added.

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Women's Center moves to a new home

Cameron house is bigger and better

BY ALICE MILLER
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While students pack their bags for their fall break destinations, the Carolina Women's Center will also be packing up its belongings.

But the Women's Center is not leaving — just changing locations.

On Oct. 16, the center will be swapping its second-story office at 134 E. Franklin St. for a freestanding house at 215 W. Cameron St.

"We heard the space was open and we thought, sure, yeah, we are interested in checking it out," said Ashley Fogle, associate director of the Women's Center. "It is amazing. We cannot believe we had the opportunity to get it."

The Women's Center works to support and promote the equality of women and women's issues at UNC.

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Donna Bickford, center director.

The Cameron Street location is a historic home with a guest house, which will be used as an annex, also on the property, Fogle said.

Moving will not change the services and programs the center offers, Bickford said, but will allow them to expand.

At its current location, the Women's Center offers a lactation room for nursing mothers, a small library which doubles as a conference room and some other small-group meeting rooms.

The Cameron location will allow more room for all of these services.

"In the new house the conference room and the library will be separate," Bickford said. "People will be able to hang out and will not have to move out when we need the room."

The lactation facility they offer will also be improved and much nicer, Fogle said.

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Women's Center officials also said they are excited about the new space and opportunities the annex will offer.

"For the first time we will actually have some of our own space so we could do some of our own programs," Fogle said.

Group meetings, small discussions and movie viewings are all possible ways leaders have discussed to use the space.

Some students involved with the Women's Center also are looking forward to the new site.

Emily Joy Rothchild, a senior and undergraduate representative on the Women's Center's program advisory council, has been working at the center for two years.

Although she still likes the

Franklin Street office, she is particularly looking forward to new neighbors.

"The new location is by a few other centers on campus, like the public service center," Rothchild said. "I think it will be cool to be by other centers and have the feeling of being part of the campus community geographically."

The move from sharing office space to having a free-standing place may mean more than just increasing property size.

"I believe this will demonstrate the commitment Carolina has for the Women's Center," Rothchild said.

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Campus groups join forces to expand college access

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Two of the University's foremost advocates of expanding access to higher education have agreed to a collaborative relationship.

The partnership between student government's accessible education task force and the Carolina Advising Corps will extend at least through March.

"The task force and the Carolina Advising Corps' missions align perfectly," said Jennie Cox Bell, the interim program coordinator of the advising corps, a program that places recent UNC graduates as college advisers in underprivileged N.C. high schools.

After researching about 100 of North Carolina's most disadvantaged high schools, the arrangement became essential to achieving the groups' mutual goal of expanding access to higher education, said Michael Hutson, task force chairman.

"We didn't realize how much more effective things would be by working with the CAC," Hutson said.

Student government's research began toward the end of the 2007-08 academic year when Steve Farmer, director of admissions, provided a list of about 100 underprivileged N.C. high schools.

At least 50 percent of the student bodies at those schools received

reduced price lunches.

Hutson said that after obtaining that "standard of where to start," he spent the summer researching both graduation rates and the rates at which students applied to and enrolled in UNC-system schools.

"What we found was that drop-out rates would generally average anywhere from 15 percent to 55 percent, which was a very disturbing number," Hutson said. "There were certain schools where they sent nobody to Carolina. There was one school where only nine students graduated and nobody even applied to Carolina."

Hutson said that operations will focus on establishing or enhancing SAT preparation programs alongside the Carolina Advising Corps.

"One of the main factors we found in the students being denied admission was such low average SAT scores," he said. "The average SAT score in this group was in the low to mid-800s on a 1600-point scale."

Bell and Hutson's respective initiatives have each been buoyed by four-fold growth in participation within the past year.

"That has allowed us to take on more work just with the pure manpower abilities we have now," Hutson said.

With additional resources, Hutson said he hopes to send more volunteers to statewide events that educate students about the Free Application for Federal Student Aid and the college application process.

Such programs are crucial for prospective, first-generation college students who are often naive to the application procedure, Bell said.

"What's happening in North Carolina is not acceptable," Hutson said. "That's what we're out to change."

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ing for is an interest," Crosson said.

"If they request cage-free eggs and dining services sees an interest in that then they're more likely to make a switch."

Hart said many other universities have already made the switch to cage-free eggs, including Harvard University, the University of Minnesota and the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Battery cages for hens will be illegal in the European Union starting in 2012, and there is a proposed law in California that would forbid the practice there as well.

"I don't think anyone is this passionate about being cruel to animals," Crosson said. "I think they just care about money more than anything else."

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