

'Woman's Place' for sharing experiences

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Every Wednesday at noon, women of all ages, interests, backgrounds and sexual preferences come together to discuss issues of interest to women at A Woman's Place, located in the Presbyterian Student Center. "A Woman's Place is here to help women learn about themselves and each other," program director Debbie Lee says. "Women face special problems and challenges in adjusting to a rapidly changing society. Things happen in the world which affect their lives every day, opening up new choices and new options."

"What we're trying to do here is help people make those choices, whatever they are." The weekly bag lunch provides community and campus women with the opportunity to meet each other, as well as to meet women who are active in the women's movement in this area. "I come here because I'm interested in being in touch with women's issues and what's going on," explains Elisa Jones, who has eaten Wednesday lunches at A Woman's Place for the past two years. Jones is chairperson of the Project Committee for the Chapel Hill Friends Meeting, a representative to the Board of North Carolinians for ERA and a member of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF). "I'm also active with the Triangle Area

Lesbian Feminists," she says. Carolyn Cole, a homemaker and mother of one, says she comes to A Woman's Place to meet new people. "I just moved here from Wisconsin," she explains. Miriam Singer, president of the Chapel Hill chapter of the National Organization for Women, also attends the lunches. Siphra Rolland, 75, has been a part of A Woman's Place for two years. She is the Chapel Hill representative to WILPF. Discussion topics at the lunches vary. Sexism in children's textbooks dominated one meeting, and a future topic is "How Women View Their Bodies." The relaxed, informal atmosphere encourages open discussion of varying

views. "I don't feel like I have the answers for people," says director Lee. "The more exposure they have to different ideas, the better choices they can make for themselves." Lee is particularly interested in involving students in A Woman's Place. "The Wednesday lunch is really a good opportunity for students who have that time period open to meet women in the community." Lee says although A Woman's Place is associated with the Presbyterian Student Center, it is not designed primarily for Presbyterians or Christians. "It's for all women in the community," she says. For more information on A Woman's Place, contact Debbie Lee at 967-8006.



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Grand jury to decide on Waylon's case

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UPI) — Country music superstar Wynn Jennings and his business manager were bound over to a federal grand jury Wednesday on charges of conspiracy to possess and distribute cocaine. U.S. Magistrate Kent Sandidge III dismissed similar charges against Lori Evans, 21, Jennings' personal secretary. There was no indication when the grand

jury would hear the case. Both were allowed to remain free on \$7,500 non-surety bond.

Black leader vows fight

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The chairman of Congress' Black Caucus told President Carter Wednesday that unemployment is "killing" American blacks, and said he would fight Carter "with all the vigor I possess until we do something about joblessness." "He smiled," Rep. Parren Mitchell, D-Md., told reporters after a White House meeting in which he said he reprimanded

Carter for alleged "neglect" of black economic problems. "But he did indicate he expected me and others to fight him on this issue."

Smith sweeps election

SALISBURY, Rhodesia (UPI) — Rhodesian Prime Minister Ian Smith won a sweeping victory in general elections Wednesday and appeared headed toward gaining the parliamentary majority needed to resist Anglo-American peace proposals and impose his "internal" solution to demands for black majority rule.

Cuban-U.S. exchange

WASHINGTON (UPI) — With a carefully coordinated set of ceremonies, the

United States and Cuba will exchange official envoys Thursday for the first time in 17 years.

The two countries will open so-called diplomatic "interests sections" simultaneously in Havana and Washington at noon Thursday.

Hodges to go official

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (UPI) — Although Luther Hodges Jr. has been campaigning for months for democratic senate nomination, he will make his campaign official Sept. 7 with a five-city swing across North Carolina, it was announced Wednesday.

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FORUM — Ed Nanney
Striving to present a balanced program, the committee selects and presents speakers which represent the wide-ranging interests of the university community. Classroom visits, informal receptions and other opportunities for personal contact with students are incorporated into the speaker's itinerary when possible.

GALLERY — Susanna Bowen
The Gallery Committee involves working with and meeting new, exciting people who are interested in expanding their knowledge of Art. A variety of exhibits ranging from crafts to sculpture will be selected and displayed by the committee.

PERFORMING ARTS — Carolyn Jack
The committee provides the UNC campus with entertainment and cultural events in the areas of dance, comedy and variety, music and drama. It seeks to enrich campus life not only with professional programs, but with opportunities for students to display their own talents and to create their own cultural atmosphere.

PUBLICITY — Richard Young
Utilizing *The Tar Heel*, other newspapers, monthly calendars, posters and fliers, radio and TV, and the infamous Cuba, the committee's staff of artists and writers will keep the university community abreast of what is to come.

RECREATION — Helen Ruth Fleming
The Recreation Committee is in charge of coordinating and creating both competitive and spontaneous events. Areas of interest include: the College Bowl, bowling, billiards, bridge and chess. Whether through tournaments, exhibitions or instruction, the committee provides a year-round program of activities.

SOCIAL — Ana Mari McCleanhan
Weekly entertainment in Deep Jonah, the Union coffeehouse, will be the major focus of the Social Committee whose program also includes dances in the Pit, disco nights and other informal parties and gatherings.

SOUTH CAMPUS — Nick Long
The South Campus Committee will attempt to coordinate programs between the dorms "south of the Bell Tower" and the various Union committees. It will serve as a catalyst to create a better living-learning environment for South Campus residents and for the entire campus as well.

SPECIAL PROJECTS — Dana Papke
As the name implies, Special Projects encompasses a myriad of focal points whether initiated by an individual student or student groups. In addition, the committee organizes such projects as the Free University Program enabling students to engage in the "classroom experience" as either student or teacher.

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