

# Is the money worth it?

## Disagreements arise over usefulness of dorm officer-RA leadership retreats

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Weekend retreats for dorm officers and staff help them plan activities, get to know each other and promote leadership ability, says Doris Kaneklides, coordinator for residence hall programming. But some staff members feel the money spent on retreats could be used better elsewhere.

"The main complaints I've heard (from students) were that they felt like a number and they didn't feel like a part of the residence halls," Kaneklides says. "With (dorm) officers, there was an unequal situation. Some were enthusiastic, but especially in the high-rises the staffs were floundering."

The idea for the retreats came up in 1974 after a group of students from Hinton James expressed concern about the residence hall situation, Kaneklides says.

"It was very difficult to sell the idea at first," she says. "It was hard to get people to pay to go and hard to justify using social fees to residents."

The January 1975 retreat taken by the James Senate resulted in improvements in the dorm, Kaneklides says, and stimulated interest in retreats.

"Now every area has gone on an off-campus retreat except Stow (Spencer, Women's Triad, Old East, Old West and Carr)," she says. "And the only reason they haven't gone is that I was ill and couldn't take them in October as planned." The group is planning a retreat later this semester.

Some RAs, however, say the time and money put into the retreats aren't worth the benefits received from them.

"What could be accomplished by spending \$500 on a trip to the beach could be accomplished by a trip to Camp New Hope or in the Great Hall," says Mark Scandling, an Ehringhaus RA. The money spent on retreats should be used for dorm improvements, he says.

A South Campus RA who has been to three retreats says the trips are not as valuable for RAs as they are for dorm officers.

"Retreats are useful for officers to plan activities and get to know each other but they're not as good for the staff," she says. "They aren't really geared to RAs."

But Scott College Gov. Jimmy Huneycutt says the retreats help develop communication skills and teamwork, plan programming, examine leadership styles and help staff members get to know each other. Scott College went on a retreat in January in Jefferson City.

"When we got there, our facilitator (someone outside the group who helps see that goals are reached) showed us a New Games slide show," Huneycutt says. New Games are designed for mental and social interaction among the players with no possibility of physical harm. "Then we went around and got everyone's autograph and asked them questions about themselves. Then we had to call out people's names and say what we learned about them."

"Later we went outside and played some New Games, which helped develop trust and working together. They also helped build enthusiasm to plan and carry out programming."

The benefits of retreats for officers filter down to dorm residents, Huneycutt says. "If officers are enthusiastic and do a good job, dorm residents are happy, and maybe more of them will get more involved," he says.

"Just spending a weekend in a cabin with 50 people forces cooperation," says William Porterfield, Ehringhaus governor. "Retreats help get people away from Chapel Hill, where they won't be affected by the environment so they can

develop leadership and plan programming."

The retreat idea is not unique to UNC, Kaneklides says, but it has been especially useful here. Residence halls usually take one retreat early in the fall and a second in the spring. "I really sit down and talk to them if they want to take more than two," she says. Favorite areas for retreats are the North Carolina mountains and beaches.

Funding for officer retreats is more stable now, Kaneklides says. Some dorms have written the funding into their constitutions. This year, 50 cents per person from dorm rents each semester goes toward the costs of retreats, dorm films and special programs, she says. Each dorm receives about \$100. But even with this money, much of the cost for the trips comes out of officers' pockets.

Attendance on retreats depends on the governmental structure and size of the dorm, but staff and officers are eligible, Kaneklides says. "Ideally everyone should go, but there's no space or manpower to handle that number," she says. "An ideal number is 35 to 40."

"The officers realize good things come out of the retreats, and incoming officers look forward to them. They don't mind paying for the trips."



Herbert Bodman (left), John Cooley, Dale Tahtinen, R.H. Ramazini, Edward Azar ...continued instability predicted in Iran government

### Iran experts say

## Khomeini government won't last

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The current government in Iran will not last out the year, said a panel of experts at a symposium on the Iranian crisis Wednesday night in 100 Hamilton Hall.

"We're going to see successive governments in Iran," said panelist Dale R. Tahtinen, assistant director of foreign and defense policy studies at the American Enterprise Institute in Washington, D.C. "I'll be awfully surprised if Mehdi Bazargan (the Iranian Prime minister) will be around within the year."

"The question is how many transitions will take place. I think we will go through at least one more short-lived government. Then possibly things may settle down toward a more left-wing, progressive government."

The symposium brought together three of the foremost experts on the Iranian situation. The other two panelists were John Cooley, Washington correspondent for the *Christian Science Monitor* who formerly covered the Middle East, and R.H. Ramazani, Iran native and chairman of the department of government and political affairs at the University of Virginia.

"This is just the beginning of the problems in Iran," Ramazani said. "The revolution was not a monolithic,

homogeneous one.... Iran is not going through a coup d'etat or a political upheaval. It is going through a fundamental revolution. It's something which needs to be resolved over time."

The present Iranian situation is one of continuity rather than change, Ramazani said. "When you see the women demonstrating, it is not just a question of veils," he said. "What is at stake in Iran is the fundamentally secular approach to life vs. the fundamentally religious approach to life. It is a question of a theomorphic, god-oriented society or an anthropomorphic, man-oriented society."

The panel emphasized that Iran can expect to be plagued with continuing internal problems. The sectarian rivalry between the Sunni Moslem sect and the dominant Shiite Moslems (who control the present government), and the uprising of the Kurds (who are seeking autonomy), probably will keep Iran in turmoil for the foreseeable future, the panelists said.

Cooley also said he is apprehensive over Iran's recent switch in attitude toward Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization. The PLO already has established a physical base within Iran which Cooley said is the most significant alliance Iran has made since the revolution.

"Iran was Israel's largest supplier of oil," Cooley said. "Now, Iran has readily embraced the Arab boycott of

Israel....The Israelis have already crossed Egypt off their list of enemies and have now added Iran. Iran is a long-range strategic threat to them."

"The Iranians have also given indication that they may enter the Arab boycott of Egypt after the signing of the peace agreement," Cooley said.

All three panelists said massive arms sales to Iran and a poor conception of the Middle East situation are the major mistakes the United States has made in dictating its policy toward Iran during the past decade.

"I don't think embracing the shah was originally wrong," Tahtinen said. "The biggest mistake was opening up the American arsenal to him....Now, we have not only lost our stations there, but have lost position in the SALT talks as well."

"During the height of the Cold War, we lost the context (in which we held Iran)," Ramazani said. "Iran became a strategic prize."

"For too long we have tended to look upon the Middle East as a matter of pluses and minuses vis-a-vis with the Soviet Union," he said. "We need to reconceive our premises."

## ACCESS telephone line available to help with problems in Chapel Hill

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Have a problem and not sure where to turn for help? ACCESS, a crisis intervention and counseling service, provides answers to questions 24 hours a day for the residents in the Chapel Hill and Carrboro area.

ACCESS or the Alternative Community Counseling and Educational Services System handles everything from simple referrals to job-related calls to calls from suicidal persons, said Tim Williams, clinical director of ACCESS.

"It's hard to imagine any type of problem you couldn't call us about," Williams said.

The agency consists of two programs: a problem prevention program and a crisis intervention program. The latter primarily provides a 24-hour telephone counseling service for the public.

ACCESS counselors not only provide an ear for the lonely caller but can refer callers to agencies and organizations which can help them with their problems.

"We are your access to help," Williams said.

ACCESS has a full-time staff of five persons and 60 to 70 trained volunteers. Many of the volunteers are University students who want experience in counseling, Williams said.

"Being a counselor is a very complex kind of thing," he said. "It helps the volunteer grow as a person."

Williams considers the volunteers of ACCESS to be an exceptional staff and very oriented in their own personal growth and the personal growth of others.

A volunteer goes through a 20-hour training program and then a 24-hour apprenticeship with counselors answering the phones

before they actually work with counselees.

The crisis intervention program provides crisis lines for approximately 10 other agencies in the Triangle area, but the ACCESS line, 929-7177, is the only 24-hour phone service in Chapel Hill. The crisis lines total 600 calls per month.

ACCESS provides telephone services for several agencies including the Red Cross, the Orange and Durham County Advocates for Battered Women, Parent's Anonymous, the Triangle Area Men's Center and Hospice, a counseling service for persons with a terminal illness.

ACCESS was started in the late 1960s as a drug crisis program and was called Switchboard. The name was changed to ACCESS last year.

ACCESS provides another service for the area—a problem prevention program. Whereas the crisis intervention program helps persons with problems that exist, the prevention program helps persons cope with problems that will arise.

The prevention program stresses how to cope with life and work with others. One activity offered by the counseling service is Grounding Space and is similar to Outward Bound. It involves taking a group out to a course in the woods and allowing them to work together and build up their trust toward each other.

A lack of resources is a major problem for ACCESS, Williams said.

"I feel like if we had unlimited resources we would have unlimited services to provide."

Training programs will be offered the last weekend in April for those interested in being summer volunteers. Interested persons should contact ACCESS for more information.

## Morrison Gong Show tonight to help BSM

The Morrison Gong Show originally scheduled for February will be held at 8 p.m. today in Gerrard Hall.

The show will feature the Unknown Comic and several mime acts. Singers, musicians, a musical skit, a husband and wife singing team, a trumpet player and several dancing acts also will be in the show.

The Gong Show is being produced by the Morrison Action Committee. Tickets for the show are 50 cents and will be available at the door. Tickets also can be purchased at a table the committee will set up today in the Carolina Union. Acts wanting to sign up for the show may do so until 4 p.m. today at the table in the Union.

Money raised from the show will be used to help the Black Student Movement pay off its loan from Student Government made to offset losses from

the Kool and the Gang concert which the BSM sponsored last year, said Kathryn Pointer, coordinator of the show.

Prizes for the show's winners will be a dinner for two from Jordan's Le

Charolais, lunch for two at Chez Condoret, and dinner for two at the Four Thieves.

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