

Forum stresses need for affordable day-care

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"Tonight was 'child care night,'" Al Mebane, chairman of Chapel Hill's Human Services Advisory Board, summed up Tuesday at a semiannual forum on human services problems in Chapel Hill.

Four of the 13 service agencies represented at the Community Human Services Needs Forum dealt with local day-care centers. Above all, their representatives emphasized the necessity for more affordable day-care in the area.

The Orange County Rape Crisis Center, Planned Parenthood of Orange County, North State Legal Services, Volunteers for Youth, Shared Housing, Inc., Holy Family Day Care, the Alliance for the Mentally Ill and the Orange County Coalition for Battered Women also sent representatives to the meeting.

Affordable housing, affordable

health care and job training also emerged as needs that the town is not adequately fulfilling for its citizens.

The Board will submit a list of perceived needs and suggestions for meeting them to the Chapel Hill Town Council for review.

Mary Bridgers of the Day Care Services Association said that although day-care allows families to be self-supporting, it is expensive.

"In 1985, the average yearly income in the families that we serve was \$8,600, with three family members," she said.

Day Care Services Association was formed by the United Way to allocate money for day-care scholarships. "Without our help, these people would spend 30 to 60 percent of their gross income on child care," she said. "Our assistance helps families to be self-supporting by

allowing both parents to work or further education."

Karen Korby represented Chapel Hill Day Care Center, which received some of the United Way funding. While maintaining that there were enough day-care facilities in Chapel Hill, she echoed others' comments that it was prohibitively expensive.

Even when funding is available, some parents aren't aware of it, she said.

"It can be devastating not to know where to go — I see a need in the community to inform parents of available funding," she said. "Day-care directors will be instrumental in bringing about assistance and educating parents about it."

For another organization, the participants ranked the four top needs in the community as: 1) affordable housing; 2) accessible,

affordable day-care; 3) accessible, affordable health care; and 4) job training, said Darlene Wells of the Association of Community Agencies of Orange County.

At the Orange County Women's Center, which operates a general referral service, the most frequent requests for information have been for housing, financial advice, child care, counseling, single parents and young mothers, step parents and newcomers, representative Beverly Kawalec said.

For lower-income minority women, information on making more money, job hunting, building job skills and budgeting was seen as most important by those surveyed, she said.

The most un-met needs, a survey of OCWC members revealed, regarded alimony payments, therapy groups and shared housing.

131 believed dead in sinking of Haitian passenger ferry

From Associated Press reports

MONTROUIS, Haiti — Relatives of the passengers on a crowded ferry boat that sank off La Gonave Island gathered on the beach here Wednesday to await word of their families. At least 131 people drowned or were missing and feared dead, officials said.

The ferry, a 50-foot-long wooden Oque Lele, sank shortly before noon Tuesday about a mile from a wharf in Anse-a-Galets on La Gonave.

Tuesday was market day on La Gonave. Most of the passengers on the ferry, which shuttles between Montrouis on the mainland and La Gonave, were on their way home with goods they had bought to sell on the island.

Freud captives return home

PARIS — Joy over the release of two French hostages held in Lebanon was tempered Wednesday by speculation that the kidnappers, Iran or Syria, may raise the price of freedom for those who remain.

The return home Tuesday of Camille Sontag, 85, and Marcel Coudari, 54, brought the number of French captives to five that Shiite Moslem fundamentalists have freed this year.

At least five still are held. Coudari corroborated previous reports that a sixth French kidnap victim may be dead.

In each release, the hostages passed through Damascus, capital of Syria. French Premier Jacques Chirac has called Syria "the obligatory passageway to any solution in the Lebanese

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crisis."

Robot toys recalled

WASHINGTON — More than a million of the popular Voltron lion robot toys are being recalled because of illegal amounts of lead in the paint on metal parts, the Consumer Product Safety Commission said Wednesday.

Matchbox Toys (USA) Ltd. of Moonachie, N.J., is recalling Voltron lion toys made in Taiwan, the commission said.

Other Voltron toys made of plastic, and metal ones made in Japan, are not being recalled.

No reports of injuries have been received, but the company is advising parents to remove the Taiwan-made Voltron lions from use and to call toll-free for information on obtaining a replacement toy.

Nabisco holds company purge

WINSTON-SALEM — At least 100 people have been dismissed from the RJR Nabisco Inc. as part of the company's plan to give more control of its operating subsidiaries.

All the dismissed employees worked on the corporate staff at the company's world headquarters in Winston-Salem. The areas most affected as of Tuesday include the information systems and telecommunications department, the legal department and the tax department.

UNC group to protest state drinking laws

By **SHARON KEBSCHULL**
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In protest of the state's alcohol laws, UNC members of the Beer Rights Union plan to march every Sunday on campus and hope to hold a statewide march as well.

"If we keep doing it every Sunday, then they'll know we're serious," said J.D. Watson, a UNC freshman and co-chairman of BRU.

BRU wants to coordinate with

other North Carolina campuses to hold a march at the Capitol building in Raleigh early next year, he said. East Carolina University, which has an active protest group, held a demonstration Oct. 30.

"The people at ECU are real pissed about the law," Watson said. "They read an Associated Press article in the newspaper where BRU suggested people protest by drinking water out of beer bottles. They had a demon-

stration in the middle of the Green with a stage, three bands and 30 cases of longneck beer bottles filled with water to protest."

About 500 people attended that demonstration, named the "Drink-In," said ECU student John Smith, head of ECU Students In Protest (SIP). They plan to join BRU from UNC to protest in Raleigh, he said.

The group's first UNC march will be held Sunday if it doesn't rain, said BRU's other co-chairman, Comet (his full name). It will begin at the Pit at 2 p.m. and proceed counterclockwise around the campus, "to represent the turning back of time," he said.

Comet, 31, and Watson, 28, would also like to have a news conference

on the steps of the Judicial Building in Raleigh.

Smith, a sophomore, said SIP plans to march downtown next to the Greenville courthouse. Before the group can do that, it will have to get a marching permit, he said, but "it took so much to get the 'Drink-In' to work that we have to take a rest."

Both organizations also want 18- to 21-year-olds to register to vote.

"We want to go after the Republicans while they're on the run," said Watson, saying the law is their fault. He said the law violates civil rights and freedom of choice, adding that it is also a matter of states' rights.

"We need a peaceful disciplined way to protest," Watson said.

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values.

"A university, by its very nature, is supposed to be a place of light, of liberty and of learning," he said. A liberal arts education gives students a chance to examine their beliefs and prejudices, to learn to think and solve problems and to learn about others and what they believe in.

"Each of us are to learn who we are, and having learned who we are, be willing to share, to maintain our identity and our dignity and not to

give it up," he said.

Boulton said he sees the widespread protests of the late 1960s becoming prevalent again. "We are at a crossroads," he said. "We have to find out what we're here for and what we're about. That's why human rights are so important."

The University community offers special opportunities to all its members, Boulton said. "We need to take more advantage of the opportunities we've got, wherever they exist."

Election campaign managers look to the future

By **MICHAEL A. KOLB**
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With the election for the 4th District congressional seat over, campaign managers from both sides are thinking about what to do next.

John King, who ran Republican Rep. Bill Cobey's campaign in 1984 and 1986, was a YMCA director for 21 years. He said he was not very active in politics in high school and college, though he was elected student body vice president at Georgia State.

"I did enjoy the little amount of politics I was involved in," he said.

He said he did not expect to be a campaign manager but was asked to join the Cobey campaign in 1982 to serve as financial director, the year Cobey lost to Democrat Ike Andrews. He was hired mostly for his fund-raising talents, he said.

"I was financial director until August of 1984, when the old campaign manager was fired. He

(Cobey) then asked me to run the campaign," King said.

King said the only campaign he was involved in before Cobey's was Jimmy Carter's presidential campaign in 1976. Before he met Cobey, he said he considered himself more of a Southern Dixiecrat than a Republican. His work on the Carter campaign was because of "family connections with the Carters in southern Georgia."

Cobey was president of the Chapel Hill YMCA when he hired King to be executive director. King left the YMCA in 1981 to work on fund-raising projects. After Cobey was elected in 1984, King served as administrative assistant in his congressional office. He said the job involved keeping the "campaign structure" together.

King said one reason why Cobey lost his re-election bid against Democrat David Price was that "nobody gave them (the voters) a good reason to vote Republican."

"In this election we have to have a lot of Democrats vote Republican," King said. "People tend to vote more their party line after they have

been complacent."

King said he did not think Reagan swayed many voters. "Naturally, Reagan's popular, but just because he endorsed Bill Cobey doesn't mean they are going to vote for Bill Cobey," said King.

With the election over, King said he is working on finding jobs for all the full-time staff members. He also said he is considering various offers to help organize other campaigns. Rep. Jack Kemp of New York had approached him about organizing the Southeast for his possible presidential candidacy, he added.

"Once you're in the cycle and win, you are exposed to a lot of opportunities," King said. "Even if you lose, you develop some contacts. It opens up a lot of doors for you."

On the other side of the campaign was Michelle Smith, who was campaign manager for Price. Smith said she was introduced to Price through

a mutual friend while working as a legislative assistant for Democratic Sen. Tom Harkins of Iowa.

She said the key to victory in the election was an emphasis on grass-roots organization.

"A lot of people called the Price campaign a model campaign," she said. "When you don't see the small mistakes it looks that way. It (the campaign) soared."

With the campaign over, Smith said she was unsure of what she would do next. "There's an interesting cycle in politics. You have to meet someone you like."

Smith worked for various congressional campaigns while in college at the University of Iowa. She said the experience is very valuable for someone interested in getting involved in politics. "A lot of it (campaigning) is organization in the grass roots. You learn the nuts and bolts."

Memorial service scheduled for students

A memorial service for UNC freshman Sara Thomas and sophomore Jennifer Ney, who were killed

last week in an automobile accident, will be held at 3 p.m. today.

The service will be in Gerrard Hall.

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Appelbaum said.

Appelbaum said courses numbered 199 and below, those that can

be taken by undergraduates, were tested.

"We've been gaining about 175 seats each semester," he said. Appelbaum said the average class size is about 40 students, so the additional seats mean adding almost four or five additional sections.

Appelbaum said students who really intend to take the course would not be harmed. "It's our way of recovering reserved seats that aren't being used," he said.

"Most students who are dropped this way pre-registered but didn't come back to school," he said, "or they pre-register for Psych 10 for the fall semester, then take it in summer school."

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