

Some experts see swing toward 'traditional family values'

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Although some people claim the traditional family disappeared with the increase in families with two working parents and the use of day care, experts say the focus of working parents is returning to the family. Many families are having problems dealing with the social changes of the 1980s, said Charles Mayeux, director of personal and family counseling at Family Services of Wake County. Most families today have two working parents, he said. The search for adequate day care places pressure on those families. The changing attitudes toward the equality of the sexes has increased the pressure. "Men are having problems with women being more independent," Mayeux said. "The responsibilities (of the man) as a total breadwinner are changing." Fear that their children are easily susceptible to drug abuse increases the parents' stress and may lead to family problems, he said. But many people today are favor-

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ing a return to traditional family values, said Sharon Landesman, director of the Frank Porter Graham Child Development Center. "It is increasingly evident that fathers are taking time off to be with their wives and newborn babies," she said. Fathers are changing their schedules so they may attend school meetings or take children to doctors' appointments, Landesman said. More working mothers are requesting 75 percent to 80 percent work loads so they can spend more time with their children, she said. But this shift does not mean mothers are taking less important jobs, she said. "It used to be that choosing a part-time job meant choosing a low-status job — that is no longer the case," she said. Many parents today turn down job offers in other cities so their children will not have the difficulty of adjust-

ing to a new area, Landesman said. "I know of many parents who have chosen not to take an exciting job so their children won't have to move," she said.

The large number of divorced parents has led to a change in their children's ideas of an acceptable family, Landesman said.

Most children of divorced parents believe children can grow up in a good family environment with divorced parents, she said.

According to a study on families, children in single-parent families think just as highly of their parents as those who live in two-parent families, she said.

Divorce has a great effect on the family and can harm the children in the long run, said Mary Chapman, a sophomore economics major from Raleigh.

She and her brother moved often and were shifted between her parents' homes because of their divorce, Chapman said.

Shelley Milspaw, a sophomore biology major from Winston-Salem whose parents are divorced, said she is not really concerned about divorce because she is better prepared for

marriage than her parents. But she said she will still take precautions. "I think I'll be more careful in who I marry than my parents were," she said.

There has been a change in the extended family, Mayeux said.

Instead of grandparents and cousins, many families are made up of step-parents and step-siblings, he

said. "There is a change in the way we deal with each other," he said. Future family attitudes and problems are difficult to predict, Mayeux said.

But it is likely the problems of many families will continue to be affected by the area in which they live. "Inner-city families are going to

continue to disintegrate as the big metropolitan areas decline." Suburban families are likely to continue to do well, he said.

Despite the problems facing many families today, they will remain both strong and necessary, Mayeux said. "Although the family structure and relations are changing, they are still an important part of society," he said.

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Protest

sales and was not channeling those profits into AIDS research.

"I don't see how 20,000 (AIDS patients) should be made to pay for this one drug," McGrath said. "They are absolutely raping people taking this drug. It's like putting a price on life."

The protesters also want Burroughs to take over the federal program that provides AZT for people without Medicare or medical insurance, McGrath said.

Burroughs sells AZT to the government at the retail price, and money from the government's AIDS research fund is used to pay for it, he said.

But, Bartlett said, AZT is not even the company's highest-priced drug, and revenues from the drug's sales

go into the Burroughs research program.

"It's not our highest-priced drug," she said. "The sales of our existing products fuel the research monies. We have a very large AIDS research program organized."

The company contributed \$5 million to the government's AIDS program in October 1988, she said.

Bartlett said the average dosage for an AIDS patient is 12 capsules each day. A bottle of 100 capsules costs \$150.24, she said, adding that the drug stops the AIDS virus' ability to reproduce itself.

AZT is the only drug approved by the government for AIDS treatment, Bartlett added.

Burroughs has had contact with ACT UP in the past, Bartlett said.

"We have had some dialogue with the group in the past," she said. "We were aware of their concerns and their positions."

The ACT UP protest had been in the planning stages for about two months, Signorile said. All four of the protesters are members of ACT UP, and one of them takes AZT, he said.

The entire incident took only about an hour and did very little damage to the building, Bartlett said, but the incident left the employees of Burroughs upset.

"It's distressing to our employees," she said. "People worked so hard on this drug for so many years. It's hard to understand why we would be a target."

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Reporter punished for casting 9 votes

HOUSTON — A reporter for the student newspaper at the University of Houston who voted nine times in a recent campus election to demonstrate the flaws in the voting system was put on disciplinary probation last week.

Scott Streater said his actions were a "journalistic investigation with no malicious intent."

Streater had heard rumors that people had voted multiple times in past elections, and he tried to find out if it was possible, he said. He cast one vote at nine different poll sites, but he did it in a way that wouldn't sway the outcome of the elections.

He then told the election committee what he had done and wrote an article that appeared in The Daily Cougar the following day, he said.

Student Association officials learned of Streater's actions through reading the front-page newspaper article, said student body president Mikal Evan Belicove in a telephone interview last week.

The Student Association then filed a complaint against Streater, Belicove said. "It was a clear violation of student life policy and a clear violation of our election code."

Streater could have received a sentence ranging from a verbal

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reprimand to expulsion, but the disciplinary probation means he will be expelled if he commits another violation. He must also perform 30 hours of community service for the Student Association.

"I didn't expect that much," Streater said in a telephone interview Monday. "I actually only expected to get a written or verbal reprimand."

The Student Association recognized his lack of malicious intent and the reason he voted more than once, but said he had gone about it in the wrong way, Streater said.

"I don't see how else I could have done it. I would have never done what I did unless I intended to write an article about it."

Belicove said he would investigate the election procedures next fall. "I am willing to look into the elections. For me not to would be hypocritical. Streater said he planned to appeal his sentence.

Law students aid homeless

BERKELEY, Calif. — Law stu-

dents at the University of California at Berkeley are making a firm commitment to help the homeless by giving up their plush hotel accommodations and fine dining on interviewing trips in exchange for firms' donating the money to charity.

Originating at Harvard, "The Firm Commitment" program allows students to opt for cheaper accommodations if the interviewing firm gives the money it saves to a charity for the homeless.

An exchange student from Harvard started the program at Berkeley this year, said Brian Thompson, assistant to the law school dean at Berkeley.

A special travel agent arranges the plan between the students and the attorneys. Students agree to accept rooms in less expensive hotels and eat their meals at moderately priced restaurants in exchange for the firm's giving what it would have spent on a luxurious hotel and dinner at fine restaurants to a fund for the homeless.

"The response has been quite good," Thompson said, "although several firms have been reluctant to go along with it."

— compiled by Susan Holdsclaw

Bill

the subcommittee and regular committee, he thought it had a good chance before the General Assembly.

"I think it does have a chance before the House. That's why I want to get a vote on it."

Members of the UNC-system subcommittee expressed differing views on the proposed law.

Rep. Harry Grimmer, R-Mecklenburg, said he was in favor of it because he didn't think taxpayers wanted their money going to fund such groups.

"I don't think the state's taxpayers would support it if they had a voice in the matter. I'm here to support the taxpayer."

Although Grimmer said he thought student governments did have the right to allocate student fees, he said he thought the issue of tax money going to the groups was more important.

"The bill says the issue is whether taxpayers want their money going to this purpose."

Grimmer said he thought the bill would probably have a good chance of getting out of the subcommittee,

but he wasn't sure if it would do well before the full Education Committee.

Rep. Anne Barnes, D-Orange, said the bill was against the rights of students to allocate fees. This right has been around for a long time and should continue in the future, she said.

"I think students deserve the right to control student money. That's the way it's always been."

The General Assembly shouldn't get involved in student government procedures, Barnes said.

"I don't think the legislature should be telling student governments what they can and can't use money for. It may be necessary to do someday, but I don't think it's necessary now."

Rep. W.W. Dickson, R-Gaston, said although he hadn't seen the bill, he had read a lot about it.

"I would tend to agree with it. I think it's an abnormal behavior pattern that should not be propagated by state laws."

Rep. Annie Kennedy, D-Forsyth, said she did not want to comment on the bill because she had not read it. However, she said she would

oppose the bill if she felt it was discriminatory.

"I oppose any law that's discriminatory on any of the bases. That's my general philosophy."

Rep. Ed Warren, D-Greene, said he had not seen the bill and wouldn't make a decision on it until after it's presented to the subcommittee. Rep. Peggy Wilson, R-Rockingham, could not be reached for comment.

UNC Student Congress Speaker Gene Davis said despite the possibility of the bill never getting out of the subcommittee, he was still trying to mobilize students against it.

Davis said he circulated a resolution against the bill to students attending a N.C. Student Legislature meeting at UNC-Wilmington last weekend. The general feeling of the students was very positive, Davis said.

"A lot of people were in favor of it (the resolution). I believe that it would have passed if it had come up on the floor."

Amy Wajda also contributed to this story.

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