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Report suggests curriculum changes

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UNC's general education curriculum is sound and provides students with a comprehensive education, but some changes could reduce the curriculum's flaws, according to a report released earlier this week by the General Education Curriculum Evaluation Committee.

"It (general education) is doing a good job of helping students discover different areas of study," said Darryl Glass, associate dean of general educa-

tion and a member of the committee.

Committee members, including students, faculty and administrators, were appointed in summer 1988 by Gillian Cell, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. The committee interviewed department chairmen and conducted faculty and student surveys to collect information.

Cell said she was pleased with the report, which must be reviewed and passed by the arts and sciences faculty, the administrative boards and the Faculty Council before its recommenda-

tions are adopted.

"(The committee) believes that the curriculum needs adjustment rather than extensive change," the report says. In the report, the committee recommends nine adjustments in UNC's curriculum:

- That University administrators continue efforts to gain increased funding for curriculum development and implementation.

"The most serious problem with the curriculum is the college's shortage of resources to provide required courses

in sufficient numbers," the report says.

- That courses in a student's major be allowed to satisfy appropriate perspective requirements.

- That BA students be required to take upper-level perspective courses in only four of the five areas and be allowed to choose which to omit.

The second and third recommendations would allow students more flexibility, the report says. "We believe that the current curriculum requires somewhat too much breadth in course selection, and does so for the students whose

majors are least directed toward specific careers and least likely to result in overspecialization."

- That the Subcommittee on General Education study and report on the frequency with which courses on the perspective lists have been offered and the appropriateness of courses that fulfill both General College and BA requirements.

"In consultation with the relevant departments and the administrative boards, the deans should insist either that the courses be offered regularly,

that they be removed from the perspective lists, or that they be restricted to one of those lists," the report says.

- That the aims of the general education program be discussed in each department.

These aims and the department's role in meeting them should be made known to each instructor.

- That departments consider ways to require more writing of students in perspective courses and encourage

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Streaking may be linked to fraternity hazing

By BRYAN TYSON

Staff Writer

Three Phi Delta Theta fraternity pledges who were streaking behind the Morehead Planetarium were picked up by University police around 12:45 a.m. Monday after one pledge, who had a blood-alcohol content of 0.27 percent, fell and injured himself. According to sources who saw the pledges, the incident may have been related to hazing.

But Phi Delta Theta President Gibson Smith and one of the pledges said the incident was not related to the fraternity. "That's stupid," Smith said. "They did it on a whim. We don't have any responsibility in it."

South Orange Rescue Squad paramedics were called to the parking lot after James Henley Thompson, a freshman from Atlanta, fell and hit his head in the parking lot of the planetarium, according to Chapel Hill Police Planner Jane Cousins. Thompson, 18, of 407 Grimes Residence Hall, was taken to the emergency room of North Carolina Memorial Hospital where his blood-alcohol content was measured. He was released later that day.

Police did not charge any of the pledges in the incident.

Joe Tom King, also a freshman from Atlanta who lives at 23 Old West Residence Hall, and James William "Bill" Thompson, a freshman from Charlotte who lives at 1233 Granville West, were the other pledges involved, according to James H. Thompson. King confirmed that they were the three involved.

A male student who witnessed the event and spoke on condition of anonymity said he first saw the three pledges, along with several other pledges who were also naked, in front of the Chi Omega sorority house at 313 E. Franklin St.

The student also said there were two trucks behind the Chi Omega house. "The owners of the vehicles were out of their trucks and were yelling at the pledges from a hidden point of view."

The student described the rest of the incident as follows: After several minutes, the group of several naked men in

front of Chi Omega split up and went in separate directions. "The main group ran toward main Franklin Street but stopped before the Kappa Delta sorority house and began screaming. The vehicle owners ran, got into their two trucks and pulled out from behind Chi Omega, went down Franklin beeping their horns in front of Chi Omega, and then stopped at Kappa Delta."

Three people split off from the main group and began to cross Franklin Street, heading toward the Morehead Planetarium. "One of the pledges tripped in front of Chi Omega, but he got up and limped behind the other two that were running toward the planetarium. When he fell, the people in the truck yelled to him, 'Get up!', and to the other two accompanying him said, 'Wait for your pledge brother!' The two sort of slowed down a little bit until he caught up."

The three had continued across the planetarium parking lot toward the building and the bushes that surround it, when one of them fell. "I don't know if he fell behind the bushes or was dragged behind. Apparently, I think he fell behind the bushes."

Several minutes later University and Chapel Hill police officers arrived on the scene. "Two Chapel Hill police and three UNC police came down Franklin Street and circled the block. One pulled into the Morehead lot, and two others followed him."

University police officers took two of the pledges to get their clothes. The third person, who had fallen, stayed until a rescue squad could be called. "The rescue squad was entering the Morehead parking lot as one Chapel Hill police car was leaving. After a few minutes, a second rescue squad came."

"The people from the ambulance got him into a stretcher with a backboard and neckbrace. While the two rescue squads were still there, one of the trucks that was at the Chi Omega house pulled up in the parking lot toward the main building of the Morehead, but not right in front. One of the people inside the

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Forum addresses Greek roles

By JENNIFER PILLA

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A conference was held Wednesday night to discuss the role of black and white organizations on campus and the relationship between them.

The Greek Forum — sponsored by the Panhellenic Council, Inter-Fraternity Council (IFC), the Black Greek Council (BGC) and Student Government — gave students the opportunity to voice their opinions and ask questions about the relationship between black and white Greek organizations on campus.

These questions were presented to a panel of representatives from the Panhellenic Council, the BGC, the IFC and various fraternities and sororities.

The purpose of the forum was to improve relations between black and white Greek organizations by erasing some of the misconceptions people have about them, said Eileen Dordek, head of Fraternity/Sorority Relations and BGC liaison for the Panhellenic Council.

"There's such a mystique and misunderstanding about the organizations. We hope that this will be the first step in enhancing those relations."

The panel discussed pledging, rushing and monetary issues, but focused mainly on ways to improve race relations among Greeks. All of the panelists agreed that jointly held social and charity functions were an effective method of promoting understanding between black and white fraternities and sororities.

Panelists also expressed concern that improved relations end when these events are over.

Russell Dula, BGC president, said



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Kenny Pugh (right) and Corin Ortlam share a laugh at Wednesday night's Greek Forum

he hoped black and white Greek mixing was not just a fad. He added that any step toward mutual understanding between the races is appreciated.

Although panelists said more inter-

action between the two Greek systems should be planned, they drew the line at merging the two systems.

"There are cultural differences between a black person and a white per-

son," Dula said. "I don't think it would work. We should remain separate, but support each other."

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UNC police grievance hearing to start

By JEFF D. HILL

Staff Writer

The Step 4 grievance hearing of the University police department's only black female officer in its history begins today at the Carolina Inn.

"A lot of employees are waiting on this case," said Officer Keith Edwards, a 15-year veteran of University police who has accused the department of racist hiring and promotion practices.

"It gives them hope. For the whole two years, we have really been battling it out, myself and other officers, and it has been hard."

"It has been a lot of stress. We didn't even know if we could survive this. But, we have come to this point, and I do expect some results."

If a ruling is not in Edwards' favor, she said she may file suit against the University in federal court under Title

7, the Equal Employment Opportunity act. The act outlaws discrimination in employment and retaliation against employees who protest it.

Edwards' grievance stems from a 1987 reorganization of University police. She has charged that the department overlooked her on the basis of race when 13 white officers were promoted. She said some of the officers were less qualified than she was.

One of Edwards' main arguments will center on the discrimination charges, said Alan McSurely, her attorney.

McSurely said the findings of the University Staff Employee Grievance Committee in Step 3 of the grievance procedure were wrong. The committee found no discrimination in a hearing

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Chapel Hill leaders weigh future of homeless shelter lease



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Mediator Richard Richardson (left) leads the IFC discussion as Peggy Politzer and Mayor Jonathan Howes look on

By TOM PARKS

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The Chapel Hill Town Council could extend the Inter-Faith Council's (IFC) lease on the old municipal building at the corner of Columbia and Rosemary streets for 15 years after the IFC's lease ends in 1993, according to an IFC official.

The IFC's present lease is only effective for three years after the shelter reopens next year; it has been criticized as being too short because of the high cost of renovating the building.

Four Chapel Hill leaders, including Mayor Jonathan Howes and Sally Jessee of the Public-Private Partnership (PPP), met Tuesday at a forum in Greenlaw Hall to discuss the past and future of the Inter-Faith Council's Emergency Shelter.

Robert Seymour, an ex officio member of the IFC's board of directors, told the audience of about 60 students and area residents that some of the federal grants being used to pay for the shelter's renovation came with strings attached that require the shelter to be used for longer than the three-year lease.

"It looks as if it (the shelter's lease) will be extended," said Seymour, a former president of the IFC.

The three-year lease will go into effect when the shelter reopens, scheduled for April 1990.

Howes said the Chapel Hill Town Council, which would have to approve an extension of the lease, might con-

sider a 10- to 15-year lease for the shelter.

Jessee, the chairwoman of last year's PPP task force on the shelter's location, said even a 15-year lease would be less appropriate than a grant of ownership to the IFC. At the time the task force met, the council refused to extend the lease beyond four years, she said.

Trey Loughran, co-chairman of Campus Y's Student Homeless Outreach Coalition, said he was concerned

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