

Beal to explore volunteerism at UNC

By Jennifer Mueller
Staff Writer

You could say Denise Beal has more than her share of an apple a day. If she's not dealing with students who want to tweak her nose ring, she's getting carpet installed in her office, meeting with professors, looking for a used car or planning the next two years of her life in Chapel Hill.

Beal is the new service-learning coordinator for the still-fledgling allowing people to plan learning experiences in service, or a.p.p.l.e.s., program. A.p.p.l.e.s. integrates community service with classroom learning, actively involving students in campus and local service organizations.

After its genesis by a group of students in January 1990, a.p.p.l.e.s. quickly gained legitimacy through its association with the Center for Teaching and Learning. It has also found popular support: students voted in the spring for a 90-cent fee increase to create Beal's full-time position.

"Prior to my being brought on here, a.p.p.l.e.s. was student-initiated and student-run — there was no full-time person," Beal said. "It's not that I do everything per se; I just make it possible for all of it to happen."

Beal is used to making things happen. A recent graduate of Xavier in New Orleans, she received a fellowship and stayed on to direct a program at the Campus Outreach Opportunity League, a national organization that promotes and supports college student involvement in the community at over 600 campuses.

Before COOL, Beal was a member of a group of students who started a community service organization similar to UNC's Campus Y at Xavier.

"It was basically a database of organizations and a place to come and start organizations," she said. "People's



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needs are many and diverse, and therefore service has to have many and diverse functions.

"Actually, I wasn't even interested in community work," Beal said. "Service was something that upper-class people did."

Coming from a lower-income area of Mississippi, "There was always an extended family type of service," she said. "That's what community is about — it's like an extended family."

"If you knew Miss Sarah got out of the hospital yesterday and didn't have anybody to come by and do for her, you did," she explained.

At the moment, the UNC a.p.p.l.e.s. program is that extended family.

"I like working with students over a period of time to accomplish something," she said. "They're hard-working, thoughtful and even remind me of myself a few years ago."

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tee that chose Beal from about 35 applicants last spring, said it was a very competitive selection process. He highlighted Beal's freshness, energy and willingness to let students be in control as factors in her two-year appointment.

"She's dynamic, brilliant and fun to be around," he said. As the a.p.p.l.e.s. service-learning coordinator, Beal may seem to have an ideal job. She holds a position that has popular support at a well-known university, works closely with students and does what she loves. The catch? She still doesn't know the source of her salary.

Although students voted for a fee increase in the spring to support Beal's position, the moratorium issued over the summer by UNC-system President C.D. Spangler on all fee increases prevented the collection of that money this fall.

Beal is currently being paid from the a.p.p.l.e.s. reserve account but admitted that the money there will soon run out.

Steiner said: "It's inexcusable what's going on with the moratorium. She can't feel secure in her job."

"I feel bad for her and for students because their power has been usurped here," he said.

Beal is hopeful that the fee increase will go into effect next semester. "It's really hard to focus on getting the job done and raise the money for yourself to get the job done."

The job she has jumped into is no small task. Beal has spent her first month and a half at UNC meeting with instructors and leaders of campus and community groups to determine how a.p.p.l.e.s. will most effectively function in different classes.

Three courses are incorporating the program into their curriculum for the

first time this semester. Since a.p.p.l.e.s.' beginning, it has been involved with over a dozen courses. Students in these classes will spend the semester associating with a certain organization on campus or in the community.

At the end of the semester, students participating in the a.p.p.l.e.s. program will complete a project that will link in- and out-of-class learning experiences, Beal said.

"There is more to the service aspect than just augmenting the class," she said. "Students are learning about negotiating, critical thinking, consulting with people and analysis."

"These are things that we don't develop as much in the classroom; skills around judgment," she said. A section of English 1, "Exploring Racism and Sexism Through Composition and Community Service," is one of the courses within the a.p.p.l.e.s. program. The focus of the English class is what Beal refers to as "isms."

"It's not limited to overt acts and attitudes; it's also about awareness," she said. "It's educating people about a culture so they will come to value it more."

A new aspect of the program this fall is the reflection sessions, which will take place every two to three weeks.

Beal thinks the reflection sessions are the most important part of the a.p.p.l.e.s. experience. By providing feedback about the program and talk, students can gain a greater understanding of linkage between organizations.

"The reflection session serves as a place to translate the service component not just to the classroom, but other places as well," she said. "You can look at larger social issues."

Even after spending all of her money getting from New Orleans to Mississippi to Chapel Hill and seeking a salary, Beal said she doesn't regret the move.

"If I had known that this would happen, I would have come out in the spring to start looking for a salary," she said. "I think the program's worth it. People here have been really cool."

Anyone interested in participating in an a.p.p.l.e.s. program or joining the a.p.p.l.e.s. student group can contact Denise Beal in the Center for Teaching and Learning, located in the basement of Wilson Library.

New volunteer center links students, groups

By Kelly Ryan
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A new service is available in the county to match prospective volunteers with agencies desiring their skills.

Orange County's new volunteer center recently opened in response to a need in the area for a link between volunteers and volunteer opportunities.

The grand opening of the Volunteer Center of Orange County will take place in the United Way offices in NCNB Plaza Thursday from 4-6 p.m. A reception also will take place Tuesday at the Orange County Public Library in Hillsborough.

Moses Carey, chairman of the Orange County Commissioners; Chapel Hill Mayor Jonathan Howes; Carrboro Mayor Eleanor Kinnaird; and other local officials will be present to officially welcome the center to the community.

After a 1990 United Way survey of 100 non-profit and public agencies showed the need for a volunteer center in Orange County, a task force was established to raise money for the project.

Orange County residents Connie Huro and Sue Mattern, who had served on the United Way board as campaign chairwoman and president, respectively, headed the task force. They prepared a proposal to send to the National Volunteer Center, which sets aside money annually to establish volunteer centers across the country.

"Lo and behold, six days before Christmas, we received word that the National Volunteer Center had given us the start-up grant," Huro said.

Huro and Mattern were co-chairwomen of the original task force developed one and one-half years ago to determine the need in Orange County for a volunteer center.

A stipulation of the start-up grant was that the community match the funds to ensure countywide support, said Lynn Wareh, Orange County volunteer center director.

Five local corporations, including

Glaxo, IBM and Burroughs Wellcome, contributed a total of \$16,000 for the center, and, in early spring, the task force was ready to work on its final objective of hiring a director for the volunteer center.

Wareh, the only paid employee of the center, began work in mid-May. She said she relied on a volunteer advisory council for help with executive decision making, public relations and publicity.

Orange County is an ideal place for a volunteer center because of the large number of students in the area, Huro said.

"We believe there is a much greater emphasis in the younger generations in that they are willing to work in the community," she said.

Wareh said she will work with the Volunteer Action Center of the Campus Y to recruit students.

"Ideally, I would like to see students acting as volunteer counselors and have office hours," she said.

The existence of the center fills a missing link in the Triangle, as volunteer centers have served in Durham and Wake counties for more than 15 years, according to a leaflet describing the center.

Until recently, Orange County residents were forced to look to those centers for volunteer placement, Wareh said.

Volunteers are paired with organizations through an application and interview process. The volunteer center primarily is interested in the applicants' interests, skills and available times, Wareh said.

After Wareh's needs are identified, volunteer counselors supply agencies' names, directors and phone numbers, she said. After the initial meetings, the counselors check back with the volunteers.

The volunteer center will especially help smaller agencies in the community, which lack the resources to easily attract volunteers.

"Some of the smaller agencies are really benefiting from this," Wareh said.

Campus Calendar

MONDAY
Noon: A walk-in Study Skills Clinic will be conducted today at the Learning Skills Center by Christine Kelly in 104 Phillips Annex.

4 p.m. The Student Coalition for Action in Literacy (SCALE) invites you to an informal informational session for possible volunteers today at the Columbia Street Bakery. All those concerned about literacy issues are welcome.

JOB HUNT 101: A basic information session on how to use the UCPS office for seniors and graduate students will be held in 210 Hanes Hall.

5 p.m. The American Advertising Federation will hold its first meeting in 203 Howell Hall. All are welcome for a good time.

Applications for the Student Supreme Court are due in Union Suite C. Call 962-5201 if you have questions.

7:30 p.m. Hey you! Yeah, you with the eyes reading this! You gotta come and check out a.p.p.l.e.s. We're having an orientation meeting in 213 Union. Everyone come!

Ebony Readers/Onyx Theatre auditions will be held in 111 Murphree. Please have a prepared monologue of no longer than two minutes.

8 p.m. Future business leaders! Fall rush for Alpha Kappa Psi starts soon. Come join us at informal rush in the Union Film Auditorium. Formal rush starts at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 11-12 in 106 Carroll.

11 p.m. WXYC 89.3 FM will play the latest release from Mark Eitzel, "Songs of Love," in its entirety.

ITEMS OF INTEREST
Alpha Phi Omega has cash and books for people who used the Book Exchange. Money and books can be picked up in the APO complex in the Union

basement between 9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Monday and Wednesday or between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Thursday. Call 962-1044 to make other arrangements.

UNC-Soviet Exchange will be selling raffle tickets in the Pit from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. starting today. Tickets are \$7, and proceeds will help fund this year's exchange program. The drawing will be Sept. 15. You could win one of 25 great prizes from Russia. Get your tickets soon!

Carolina Women in Business announces its mentor program sign-up for all business school women. We'll match you with a local businesswoman in your business area, and you will spend a day "on the job" together. See what your career choice is really like. Sign up in Carroll lobby between Monday and Friday.

A walk-in clinic open to students in need of Academic Skills Assistance will be held at 3:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday in 104 Phillips Annex.

Students Older Than Average will hold a brown bag lunch at noon Tuesday in 210 Union. Everyone is welcome.

A walk-in Exam Prep Clinic will be conducted by Christine Kelly at noon Tuesday in the Learning Skills Center in 104 Phillips Annex.

Tutoring in French 1-4; Spanish 1-4; ECON 10; STAT 11 & 23; CHEM 11; Biology 11; and MATH 10, 16, 17, 18, 22, 30 & 31 Tuesday and Thursday nights in Dey Hall. Sponsored by the Student Government Tutoring Program.

Carolina Fever will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in 100 Hamilton. Help us paint banners at 5 p.m. in the CAA office, Union Suite A.

The N.C. Student Legislature invites all students interested in debating current issues to their 6 p.m. Tuesday meeting in 226 Union. Come and express your opinions!

Future Educators: Come and hear Don Steedman of the UNC School of Education speak at 7 p.m. on Tuesday in 203 Peabody. An SNCAE meeting will be held afterward.

Tar Heel Recycling Program (TARP) will be "talking trash" about dorms, apartments, frats and campus at their meeting 7 p.m. Tuesday in 209 Manning. Come help us and bring friends, too!

Amnesty International will hold its first meeting of the year at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Newman Center, 218 Pittsboro St., behind the Carolina Inn. All newcomers are welcome to attend.

Youth for Elderly Service (YES) will hold a general meeting for all returning and interested members 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in 209 Union.

In case you didn't know, the Stone Legacy is being continued. The Sonja Stone Task Force will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the BCC. Come to get informed and to help chart the direction of black studies at UNC.

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AED (Alpha Epsilon Delta), the pre-med fraternity, holds its meetings at 7:30 p.m. every Tuesday. This is the honorary pre-med fraternity for all those interested in health-related professions. All interested students are welcome.

UNC Young Democrats will present an informational forum concerning the changes in the Soviet Union at 8 p.m. Tuesday in 208 Union. All are invited.

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