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Improvements sought for minority education

By Tiffany Ashhurst
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National and state leaders said Friday that poor and minority children were being served by existing educational programs but added that programs should be improved to address children's needs more effectively. Speakers at a weekend conference addressing the state's educational mission for poor and minority children, held in the University's Student Union, included Julius Chambers of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People Legal Defense and Educational Fund and N.C. Sen. Howard Lee, D-Orange County. Chambers and Lee said in Friday session that the federal government was doing little to improve educational programs for poor and minority children.

Existing federal programs can be used to help minority children, Chambers said.

African-American students should not be placed in special education programs and be labeled incapable of doing work comparable to that of other students, adding that the Chapter One program should be revamped, he said.

Chapter One provides supplementary education for children who score poorly on standardized tests. Minorities and underprivileged children of

ten are placed in Chapter One programs.

But Chambers noted that the Chapter One program was one of the few social programs in which budget increases had occurred.

"Even modest success with disadvantaged problems should be applauded," he said. "Investment in our children can and does work."

Lee addressed the problems differently, explaining that successful, existing programs should be recognized.

"The Senate Bill Two impacts the lives of poor local educators and leaders while offering great opportunities," Lee said.

Senate Bill Two is a state program that grants schools funding for extra programs and pays teachers for their involvement in programs outside of their teaching requirements.

Judith Washington, who attended the two-day conference, said she thought children were not being provided an adequate education.

Washington is executive director of the North Central Legal Assistance Program, which provides legal representation for students who have disputes with school systems.

"The (state education) administration should provide before- and after-school care programs, even if they have to open at 6 a.m. and feed children breakfast."

Groups sponsor AIDS awareness week

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What do a stand-up comedian, a panel discussion and a bike-and-run biathlon have in common?

Cynthia Carsten, spokeswoman for the Carolina AIDS Resource Ensemble, hopes together they will help promote education about AIDS and sexually transmitted diseases.

This week has been designated AIDS Awareness Week, jointly sponsored by the Kenan-Flagler School of Business, the Carolina AIDS Resources Ensemble, the Carolina Union Critical Issues Committee and the Student Health Service. Carsten said the week's purpose was to "promote more awareness, education, understanding and involvement."

Events will include a talk by nationally known speaker on sexually transmitted diseases "Dr. Bill" Goettel, a panel discussion titled "AIDS and Society, Where We are and Where We Need to Go" and a biathlon to raise money for the AIDS Task Force Fund.

Judy Kim, spokeswoman for the Critical Issues Committee, said the groups came together unexpectedly. "Early this semester, we wanted to get Dr. Bill, when health education service contacted us. They were also trying to get him. And since the business school was planning the biathlon the same week, we all decided to do one big thing."

Rob Ward, second-year MBA student and biathlon committee member, said the School of Business originally was planning the biathlon as a separate

event before they found out about the other groups.

The groups will have a table in the Pit all week to distribute literature on AIDS and to sell biathlon T-shirts.

The week's first special event will be "Dr. Bill" Goettel's program on sexually transmitted diseases at 8 p.m. Tuesday in Great Hall. Goettel, a licensed venereal diseases nurse in New York, will host a program that will include a comic routine and a game show.

Goettel said his unusual approach to serious issues helped him transmit his message. "If I strictly lecture about ways to prevent unwanted pregnancies and diseases, no one would show up. But if I offer some entertainment and laughter, then I might get a few."

Goettel started to develop his program when he was a member of the Syracuse University Health Services and was asked to do a column for the student newspaper. It was so successful he began a weekly radio program that was picked up by three stations in central New York. After four years, he started speaking at colleges, military bases and conventions nationwide.

Goettel said he saw himself as an educator and avoided giving advice. "Young people don't want advice," he said. "I just provide information and let the audience accept it or reject it."

Although his style may not be typical, Goettel said he believed it was appropriate. "There are many, many hazards out there. I am light-hearted and may come across as rude and crude, but it is intended for a laugh."

He also said that his response had been very positive. "Nobody has ever fallen asleep at my show."

On Wednesday, a panel discussion will be held at 8 p.m. in the Hanes Art Center auditorium. The discussion will address the future of AIDS, problems it will cause in society and in the workplace, and the government's role in treatment and research, Carsten said.

Dr. Charles Van Der Horst, director of the UNC AIDS Clinical Trials Unit and assistant professor in the infectious diseases division of the UNC medical school, will moderate the panel. "My role is to create controversy and encourage participation," Van Der Horst said.

He said the panel would address the problems behavior toward AIDS and the role of students in the epidemic.

The panel members are Rachele Kanigel, medical reporter for the News & Observer; Joe Herzenberg, Chapel Hill Town Council member; David Jones, public affairs director of the AIDS service coalition; Suzi Wilson, nurse practitioner in infectious diseases at the UNC medical school; and Paul Waldon, a 1989 UNC medical school graduate and AIDS patient.

Wilson said she hoped the discussion would raise awareness on how AIDS affects students. "The scary part is many students say 'It's not my problem, I'm not gay,'" she said.

Herzenberg agreed that people often misunderstood the disease. "The epidemic is in its 12th year, and many still think it's something that happens far away, and that's not true."

Waldon said his perspective as an AIDS patient would be important in the discussion. "I think any time I can get out and talk to people to get the message across, I should," he said.

The week's finale will be the biathlon, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Saturday in front of New Carroll Hall. It will consist of a 3.5-mile run around campus and a 10.5-mile bike ride through southern Orange County. Prizes will be given to top individual finishers in each age group as well as top teams and top racing and mountain bike finishers.

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Campus Calendar

MONDAY
3 p.m. UCPS will offer tactics for competing in a difficult job market for seniors and graduate students in 306 Hanes.
4 p.m. American Advertising Federation will present Lee Pava, former chairman of J. Walter Thompson, S. America, to speak about working the creative magic worldwide.
5 p.m. Women's Forum will welcome Mary O'Melia to hold a sexual harassment workshop in the Campus Y resource room.
6 p.m. R.A.P. will have a business meeting followed by a training session at 7 p.m. in 208 Union.
Homecoming Committee will meet in 210 Union.
Students Leaders Inaugural Forum: What's on the Campus Plate for 1992-93, in the Pl.
6:15 p.m. Black cultural center invites UNC athletes to a workshop concerning the UNC Black Athlete and his/her contributions to the University community.
7:30 p.m. UNC Fellowship of Christian Athletes will meet in Carmichael Ballroom.
Carolina Critic will meet in Suite C of the Union.
Group 84 of Amnesty International will discuss work for Syrian prisoner of conscience, Nabel Ibrahim, at the Newman Center.
SCA will meet in the Union Auditorium.

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