

CAMPUS AND CITY

Faculty members quiet in BCC debate

By Jennifer Friedman
Staff Writer

Campus leaders in the debate over establishing a free-standing black cultural center say they are disappointed that faculty members are not taking a more active part in deciding the issue. Scott Wilkens, co-president of the Campus Y, said he "sensed a general reluctance on the part of individual faculty members to take a stand."

"A lot of departments are looking for their own spaces, so they may see (a free-standing center) as siphoning funds

away from their own departments," Wilkens said.

Wilkens said he was "surprised and disappointed" that more faculty members had not expressed support for moving the Sonya H. Stone Black Cultural Center into a free-standing building.

"We can't sit back and wait for them to take the initiative," Wilkens said. "I can't see what more we can do to encourage individual faculty members."

Chancellor Paul Hardin, who opposes a free-standing BCC in favor of expanding its present Student Union facility, said he considered faculty mem-

bers' opinions on the subject as important as those of the students.

Hardin said the faculty was involved in the issue, citing the April 13 Faculty Council meeting at which the issue was discussed. "The bulk of those who spoke agree with my position," he said.

But Campus Y Director Zenobia Hatcher-Wilson said she thought most faculty members still did not understand the debate.

"There's still a lot of lack of knowledge about what the issues are," she said. "I was a faculty member at the University of Cincinnati and I know that as faculty...if it's not in our area we don't get involved."

Some faculty members who missed meetings on the subject said they had been preoccupied with other concerns and were unable to keep themselves informed about the issue.

David Halperin, director of graduate studies in the Department of Religious Studies, said he had no opinion on the matter and had "not thought very much about it." He doubted students could do anything to get him more interested.

Stirling Haig, chairman of the Department of Romance Languages, said he had been "busy with so many other administrative things that I haven't been able to keep up with the issue."

Hatcher-Wilson said faculty members could become more involved by discussing the BCC at meetings and by talking about the issues with students.

"For those who are not yet sure, they should ask questions to students who are involved in this issue," she said.

BCC Director Margo Crawford said most faculty members who studied the issue supported a free-standing building.

"Usually the faculty with whom I

come into contact are already in favor of a free-standing BCC," she said. "As for those who drop in to discuss the issue, most of them leave favoring a free-standing BCC."

Walter Spearman professor of journalism Chuck Stone said he would like to encourage faculty members to be "involved in the exchange to the extent that they feel they need to be."

Stone, who has taught at six universities, said faculty members may have been reluctant to get involved because education was their first priority.

"One has to be careful not to get sucked up in social actions and ignore their primary function, which is to teach," he said.

Stone said he supported whatever solution the students want. "I'm not an advocate of a free-standing BCC, but if the majority of students want it then I feel constrained to support it as well."

Promoting an "open and honest dialogue" is important in fostering debate, Stone said. White faculty members should not feel they are going to be labeled as racists for raising questions or objections, he added.

"The college campus is the last bastion of the free exchange of ideas, even if they pain us," Stone said.

"If we cannot have an open and honest discussion, we are taking something away from this university atmosphere."

Campus Calendar

MONDAY
5 p.m. The Carolina Gay and Lesbian Association will hold a summer organizational meeting today at 5 p.m. in Room 211 of the Student Union.
7:30 p.m. The Society for Creative Anachronisms will meet in Room 210 of the Student Union.

ITEMS OF INTEREST
International Student Orientation Counselor applications are available at the International Center, next to Great Hall in the Union. Undergraduate and graduate students who are willing to return to Chapel Hill Aug. 19 and who would like to assist newly arrived foreign students should apply.

Seniors and Graduate Students: If you have accepted a job or will be going to graduate or professional school next year, please stop by UCPPS, 211 Hanes and complete a follow-up form. If you are still job hunting, be sure you have resumes on file at UCPPS, and call 962-CPPS to hear about new job openings.

Buddies collect 3 tons of food from students for Orange Co. needy

By Dana Pope
City Coordinator

Organizations that help Orange County needy will have an additional three tons of food to distribute this year, thanks to a recent University graduate and his Little Buddy.

University graduate Michael Lowry, his Little Buddy Anthony Daniels and four student volunteers collected 6,000 pounds of food in three days by placing boxes in dormitories before students moved out.

Their food collection program could be instituted as an annual program at the Campus Y, Director Zenobia Hatcher-Wilson said.

"I would ask him to come see me if he wants (to discuss the program)," she said, and added that the program sounded like a great idea.

The Y's Hunger Committee, which sponsors other food drives, possibly could take over the program, she said.

Lowry said earlier this month that he would like for the program to be instituted on an annual basis and would talk to the Campus Y this summer.

Lowry, who graduated May 10 with a bachelor of arts degree, said he started the food collection program because he wanted to set an example for Daniels, a sixth-grader at Ephesus Road Elementary School.

"I wanted to show my Little Buddy that he could make a difference," Lowry said. "I know I worked him hard carrying cans and things."

Lowry and Daniels gave the food to four area organizations — the Inter-Faith Council in Chapel Hill, the Orange County Department of Social Services, the Orange Congregations and Missions based in Hillsborough and the Faith Deliverance Church.

Lowry said he gave about half of

the food to the Hillsborough organizations so it could be redistributed in the rural areas of Orange County.

"It's going to help rural areas... where it's needed most," he said.

Lowry said he was surprised at the amount of food and other items donated. Stuffed animals, clothes and Christmas ornaments also were placed in the boxes, he said.

"My original expectations were that we would only get about 2500 pounds," he said. "There was anything (in the boxes) people thought the needy and impoverished could use."

"My main concern with the program was to make sure the food wasn't thrown away. I have seen how food is thrown away in the past because students didn't want to take it home."

"It seems that Chapel Hill students are socially conscious enough to make the extra effort (to put the food in the boxes)," he said. "It was very... enlightening and it kind of reaffirmed my faith in the campus."

Lowry said Carl Henderson, Greg Mayo, Sanjib Mohanty and Don Vecchiarello helped out two of the three collection days.

At the May 11 Chapel Hill Town Council meeting, council member Joyce Brown publicly commended Lowry for collecting the food.

"I think this helped the groups help the needy and it helped keep the food out of the landfill," Brown said.

Hatcher-Wilson said the Big Buddy-Little Buddy program was established in 1971 and was not affiliated with the Big Brother-Big Sister program.

"(Big Buddy) is designed to be a friendship-mentor relationship... between University students and students in the Chapel Hill-Carrboro school system who have been identified as needing a special friend," she said.

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Town council votes to test landfill options

By Debbie McMahon
Staff Writer

The Chapel Hill Town Council gave engineers the go-ahead to study potential sites for a new Orange Regional Landfill last week, despite residents' attempts to deny them access.

The council's May 11 decision goes to the Carrboro Board of Aldermen and the Orange County Commissioners at their meetings on May 19. If they agree with the decision, written notices will be sent to landowners 30 days prior to the start of the testing.

The search for a landfill site, which began in late 1989, faltered in mid-April when Joyce Engineering, Inc. sent letters to 49 landowners on the four potential sites requesting access to their properties.

Eighteen of the 49 landowners denied the engineers access, 23 allowed access and eight failed to respond.

The investigations involve drilling test holes and ditches to determine ground water depth and flow, bedrock depth and soil types.

Reginald Gillespie, an attorney representing Orange County landowner Randy Fox, asked the council to delay its decision until the Landfill Search Committee could eliminate at least one of the potential sites. Delaying the investigations could minimize the loss of timber and destruction of land during testing, he said.

Gillespie noted that reducing the number of testing sites would save the town between \$20,000 and \$25,000 for each site not tested.

Orange County resident Mark Marcoplos recommended postponing the search until an effective waste reduction plan could be implemented.

But Scott Franklin, a member of Stop Eubanks Area Landfill, spoke in support of testing on the four sites because he said it would verify the unsuitability of Site 17, the Blackwood division of Duke Forest.

Some council members seemed hesitant to allow the engineers to enter the private properties without permission.

Council member Julie Andresen said she wanted to ensure that all landowners were made aware that they would be reimbursed for damages incurred on their properties during testing.

Council member Joyce Brown said that some points raised against the use of specific sites may have been valid.

Brown also questioned the need for such large landfill sites. The four sites vary in size from 818 acres to 1,643 acres, 500 to 1,150 acres of which are suitable for landfill use.

Council member Art Werner supported further testing, saying the data that would be collected would help remove doubts about the sites.

The four sites are:

■ Site 2 — an 818-acre tract south of the Cane Creek Reservoir off of N.C. 54 in Bingham Township.

■ Site 9 — an 824-acre tract between N.C. 57 and N.C. 86 near Hillsborough.

■ Site 11 — a 1643-acre tract northeast of Hillsborough in Eno Township.

■ Site 17 — a 853-acre tract in the Blackwood division of Duke Forest.

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