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NCSSM Teen Democrats attend Raleigh convention

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Something unusual happened at the Hilton in Raleigh on Saturday October 23. The Young Democrats of North Carolina held their annual fall convention there that day, but that was not the unusual aspect of the evening. At the dinner, attended by current Young Democrats and former alumni alike, Governor James B. Hunt, Jr. was presented with the first James B. Hunt, Jr. Lifetime Achievement Award.

The Young Democrats of North Carolina is an organization comprised of democrats between the ages of 18 and 35, who are interested in the politics of their home state. The

YDNC is the state branch of the Young Democrats of America. The YDA has 400,000 members nationwide and over 41 chartered units.

"We aren't only the future leaders of tomorrow, but the rising leaders of today," said Christy Agner, YDA National Secretary.

The annual fall Convention is a good place for candidates running for positions ranging from Town Council to State Senate to place their names and issues on the table.

"The Young Democrats give young people the chance to voice their views and eventually become the guiding star (of the senior Democrats)," said

George Miller, Jr., 1965 YD President.

It is also a good place for the younger generation of democrats to become acquainted with the procedures and values of their party. The Teen Democrats of North Carolina also attend this event to organize events for the coming year. Though not yet in the block of eligible voters, YD considers them to be an invaluable resource for the future.

"We want your children!" said current YDNC president, Morgan Jackson. He speaks of the future and the voting power that everyone will attain when they turn 18.

The dinner, held in three-course

fashion in the ballroom at the Hilton that evening, was accompanied by retrospective accounts of the YDNC over the past 50 years. The common theme of all these speeches was an emphasis on how Gov. Jim Hunt has influenced a large portion of North Carolina politics over these years.

"He (Jim Hunt) led us to a higher level. A higher level than any of us ever imagined," said Miller.

The culmination of the evening was the presentation of the 1st James B. Hunt Lifetime Achievement Award. This award will not be

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A taste of India only ten minutes away

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What do plastic bins, tan robes, and curry-covered potatoes have in common? They can all be found at the Hare Krishna dinners on Duke's East campus every Monday night. Members of the Hare Krishna religion prepare a hot, tasty meal and serve it on the steps of the Duke Coffeehouse, attracting a diverse crowd of hungry students.

On cold, wintry days, hot steam rises from the big vats of food, dispensing delicious aromas across a

fifty-foot radius. Behind each vat stands a member of the Hare Krishna religion, smiling and holding a silver ladle, overflowing with mysterious ethnic dishes. Each man contributes his own portion to the plate, adding to the colorful montage of curious dishes.

Each plate receives a whopping serving of rice or pasta as the main sustenance. But the exciting part of the Hare Krishna meals is the variety of sumptuous vegetarian side dishes to mix into and use to flavor one's rice. Included with the meal is a piece of white bread, perfect for dipping into vegetable sauces.

The Hare Krishnans serve traditional navy beans, but with an added Indian flavoring the beans taste far from

ordinary. Curry-covered potatoes follow the beans, offering a bright contrast to the dull maroon-colored beans. They also add a spicy element to the meal.

To counter the subtle sting of the potatoes, the Hare Krishna members offer a sweet nectar drink, that on good

mon. The cake served resembles American cake, except that the icing is sweet and sugary, not sweet and fluffy.

This meal leaves you not only satisfied and full-bellied, but with a feeling that you were a part of another culture even for a brief moment.

The Hare Krishna religion is based on the Supreme Krishna itself means "all-attractive." Members of the Hare Krishna religion chant as a way of seeking the Krishna directly. They say Hare as a



Hare Krishnan enjoying meal on Duke campus

call to the divine energy of Krishna. The purpose of calling the energy lies in returning to a natural state of consciousness and away from the tangled web of daily living. This is called the Krishna consciousness which is waiting to come out of every person.

The meals are cooked in devotion to Krishna and proves to expose students to the possibilities offered by the Hare Krishna religion. Alongside the table on which the food bins sit, lie pamphlets and books about the Hare Krishna religion. If you're interested in Asian philosophy or just looking for a good, hot bit of home-cooking, or well, tasty cooking, visit the Hare Krishnans Monday evenings, from 5:30 to 6:30.

Moving Day:

How come I don't have a single?

samantha lea

The unwritten rules of hall life have been all but obliterated this year. Lately students seem to be moving from room to room and from hall to hall with out thought to the possible consequences. Many juniors do not see a problem with the current trend of room switching.

"I think there should be a trial period for roommates at the beginning of the year. If they do not

get along they should be able to move into better circumstances," said Junior Tania Jones.

While juniors do not see anything wrong with moving to new rooms, many seniors are up in arms at the frequent tendency of students to switch rooms this year.

"Last year a few people did move, but this year some halls have gone crazy. They just don't seem to want to learn how to get along with different people and cope with change," said Senior Natasha Brown.

The problem seems to be in the lack of strong written rules. When a student wants to move they meet with their SLI, and if their SLI and the SLI on whatever hall they want to move to think moving will be the best answer to the student's problem, the student gets

to move.

"Student movement is mostly up to the SLI's discretion. More students have moved this year because so many students have left," said complex coordinator of BBR, Kim Shankle.

This year a lot of students have gone home, which has left several beds open. First Beall and Reynolds 2C have both had entirely empty rooms at some point during the year. This has given students more opportunity to move.

Last year there were only a couple free beds and a student who wanted to move could move there or would have to find a person willing to switch rooms. The process of moving was hard, and many students who wanted to move gave up when confronted with their choices.

"My roommate just wasn't what I ex-

pected, so we had a lot of trouble getting along. When a room on hall became open I asked Quanda if I could move in and she said yes. Now I get along great with both my old and new roommates!" said Junior Heather Rickman. This year moving is easy and so it happens more often.

On 3rd Bryan there were a couple problems in the beginning of the year. The only way to move the girls so they could be happy caused many of the girls on the hall to have to be shuffled among the rooms. This seems ridiculous to many students.

"Living with other students is part of the NCSSM experience," said Senior Gemille Ford.

Moving a couple of girls to different rooms best solved the problems

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