

# Students get down with art Hunting district to be debated

## Hundreds have work on display

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The long, sterile hallways of a local administrative building now echo with the creativity of area pupils whose brightly colored masks, paintings, weavings and collages were unveiled to the community at a reception Monday.

The display is part of the annual Visions Art Show at the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools' central office, the Lincoln Center.

The center will host an open house at 5:30 p.m. today.

"Visions Show is an opportunity for the community to have an eye into students and how they work with theme and medium and the level of craftsmanship they put into their work," said Peggy McGill, an East Chapel Hill High School art teacher.

McGill said she selected senior Kathryn Pegg's unique painting for the show because her depiction of a man awash in blue and held down by a chain to the vibrant, green Earth was particularly striking in its conceptual underpinnings and in its imagery.

"Life can hold you down or you can be inspired by life," Pegg said, describing the theme behind her painting.

She said she was inspired by a biology class project she did about depression.

"I decided to change the colors all around because people associate depression with different shades of blue," Pegg said.

She said she hopes her painting and its colors illustrate the disorder so others can identify with her ideas and feelings on the issue.



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The art display features hundreds of other works from students in the district, depicting everything from cats, stars and moons to harps on mountains.

"I think it's pretty cool, and at least it brightens up the hall," said Denise Buckley, a budget analyst for city schools who works in the office.

The artwork is beneficial for both adults and children, some say, as it provides a learning opportunity for the students and helps enliven the office's general atmosphere.

"Really, to the people who work here, it provides that center for why we're here," said Josephine Harris, the district's director of special programming.

"We're here for the children."

Parent Eva Monteongo was impressed by the imagination exhibited in the show, which

included a work created by her daughter, as she browsed the halls of the Lincoln Center on Wednesday.

"She was so excited because she was chosen to be in the Visions Show," she said.

"I think it's very good, because it improves the children to get their artwork in this kind of event."

Harris said this year marks the first time that all the district's work could fit into one exhibit since its conception about 15 years ago.

About 200 to 300 people flock to the open houses of the show every year, she added, prompting this year's decision to hold two receptions.

"We have so much support for the arts in the community," she said.

The display will remain up until May 23.

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## OWASA, WRC to discuss rules

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Orange County residents who enjoy the thrill of the hunt might soon have a chance to pursue their hobby in a new location.

At tonight's board meeting, the Orange Water and Sewage Authority will discuss allowing limited hunting on a "mitigation tract" it bought in the early 1980s to make up for lost wildlife habitat.

The 500-acre site lies on the northern part of the Cane Creek watershed, to the west of Buckhorn Road, in the western part of the county.

The N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission proposed that both the mitigation tract and the Cane Creek Reservoir be open for hunting.

But OWASA does not want to allow hunting at the reservoir because board members perceive the group's primary goal as protecting water in its service area, board member Mac Clarke said.

Vice Chairman Milton Heath

added, "We cannot allow hunting on the reservoir because it's just too complicated and expensive."

Instead, OWASA staff recommends that some hunting be allowed only on the mitigation site and that the land be enrolled in the commission's Gamelands Program to help monitor hunting activity.

"We're hoping (tonight) to reach a determination as to what the board will support," Clarke said.

The board will meet at 7 p.m. in the Chapel Hill Town Hall.

Clarke said the board was under the impression that a compromise had been reached with the WRC that would allow limited hunting on the mitigation land and not the reservoir.

"They are talking about expanding what we had talked about," Heath said.

Clarke said this is the first time OWASA has dealt with the issue because it does not own any land that allows hunting.

When OWASA purchased the tract, one of the provisions in the agreement stated that it would allow hunters to use the land.

Clarke said the situation at the time of the land's purchase was dif-

ferent than what it is now. "Very few people lived in that area," he said.

OWASA hosted a public meeting in early March to garner citizen comments, and several residents came to express their concerns about the proposal.

"I just want to make sure safety issues are brought forth," resident Ted Hart said Wednesday.

He added that while he is glad OWASA is considering public opinion, he does not think the WRC is putting forth the same effort.

"They seem to want a win-lose situation which puts me and my horses and my family at risk," he said. "I never intended to live next to an area where hunting was allowed."

County Commissioner Barry Jacobs, a former OWASA chairman, said officials must find a balance between allowing and not allowing hunting and must determine when and where it should be legal.

"I'm not a hunter myself, but I think that it's legal and it's traditional, and in some cases it helps prevent overcrowding that helps other animals survive."

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## THE Daily Crossword By Alan P. Olschwang

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  - 16 Sign on for another hitch
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  - 20 Strapped footwear
  - 21 Mixing utensil
  - 22 Letters for ABC's daily program
  - 23 Castle protector
  - 24 Tuesday god
  - 25 Part 2 of quote
  - 30 Superman foe Luthor
  - 31 Squiggly swimmer
  - 32 Inundated
  - 36 Fashionable as pie?
  - 39 General pardon
  - 41 Rolling Stones bassist Bill
  - 42 The Greatest
  - 43 With it
  - 44 Part 3 of quote
  - 49 Indian title
  - 52 Stindex target
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  - 6 Kindergarten recitation
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  - 9 Visit
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  - 13 Stalk of asparagus
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  - 19 Mr. Detroit

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## Court to mull unpaid loan penalty

BY VICTORIA WILSON  
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The Supreme Court will clarify soon whether the federal government can dock Social Security benefits from delinquent student borrowers, but experts say existing measures have lowered default rates successfully on student loans.

The court will resolve two conflicting Circuit Court rulings about whether the government can garnish Social Security benefits to repay overdue student loans.

The confusion stems from a series of conflicting federal debt collection laws.

Regardless of the court's ultimate decision, lenders still will have many options to collect overdue loans.

Wayne Johnson, director of guaranty agency services for the N.C. State Education Assistance Authority, said North Carolina rarely has to deal with the problem of collecting defaulted loans. He said the state boasts a 1.6 percent default rate — the lowest in the country.

But NCSEAA and other guarantors, in extreme cases, can take drastic measures to ensure that lenders and the government are repaid.

Bob Murray, manager of corporate communications for United Student Aid Funds, said that a borrower will default on a federal Stafford Loan after 270 days, or about nine months, if the loan goes unpaid.

After the grace period, the consequences are severe.

"Collection costs are added to your (entire) costs," Murray said. "You may be denied professional licenses. In some cases your wages can be garnished and you can be sued."

Federal payments, such as tax refunds, also can be withheld, Johnson said.

Martha Holler, spokeswoman for Sallie Mae, said buying cars and houses could be difficult.

"Guarantors report repayment information to credit bureaus," she said. "That's going to hurt an individual's credit score."

But experts say that, in North

Carolina and nationwide, it has become more difficult for borrowers to default on their loans.

New measures were put in place after the national student loan default rate reached a record high of 22.4 percent in 1990.

Borrowers are required to complete counseling about their loans, and guarantors, lenders and schools contact borrowers to offer assistance to those individuals in financial difficulty.

"It takes quite a bit for a borrower to default," Johnson said.

The national default rate declined to 5.2 percent in the 2002-03 fiscal year.

There is no pattern of the type of borrower who defaults, but Murray said individuals who keep up with finances and complete their degrees are more likely to repay loans on time.

"If a borrower is paying attention, they're not going to have any problems."

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