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NC Democratic Party Chair speaks at Brevard College

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Brevard College hosted Jerry Meek, Chairman of the North Carolina Democratic Party, in Dunham Auditorium on Oct. 27 at 7:00 p.m.

Meek, who has been involved with the Democratic party since the age of 13, was warmly welcomed by the Brevard community through the chairman of the Transylvania County Democratic Party, Marshall McCallie, who spoke of Meek as a "dynamic young leader" who will help to "take our country back."



Jerry Meek
photo from NC Democratic party website

encouraged the audience to support the Democratic party's effort to gain control of the House next year. Meek's strategy in doing so, he explained, is a return to a "grassroots party."

According to a study composed by two professors at Yale University, Meek said, going from "door to door" in an effort to inform others of voting registration resulted in a 10-12 percent increase in voters. This, according to Meek, was significantly higher than the half of one percent increase from "postcards" and "telemarketers."

"We have a tremendous opportunity in 2006," Meek said. "People are sick and tired of Republicans in office." To accomplish the goal, Meek also said that the Democratic party must "reach out to new people" and not allow Republicans to take over "issues of faith."

"We must be able to communicate
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"Things aren't going well in Washington," McCallie said. "It's time to take our country back...state by state, county by county, and precinct by precinct."

McCallie's brief statements were expanded upon when Meek took over and

BC student suffers spine injury near Dunham Music Center

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On Saturday Oct. 29 between 8:00 and 8:15 p.m. Jing Zhao, a Brevard College music student from China, fell over 5 feet into the cement window well in front of the Dunham Music Center. She is being treated for a spine injury at the Missions Hospital Spine Center in Ashville.

Brevard student Christopher Dimond, said he was walking towered Dunham when he heard the concerned voice of a woman telling someone to get an ambulance. He ran to the scene where he said "nearly six

feet down I saw the form of Jing Zhao curled up on her side- obviously injured." Dimond jumped down into the window well and held Jing's head, stabilizing her spine until an ambulance arrived. He was able to speak to Zhao who said she was on her way to Piano practice. "I suspect that she did not realize there was a large open space close to the corner. I think she tried to cut it too close taking what seemed to be the shortest distance," said Dimond. "She simply didn't see the hole and stepped right into empty space."

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Reuters fitness center opens

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The Reuter Fitness center is open and ready to serve the needs of Brevard College students and faculty.

President Drew Van Horn and Chair of the Brevard College board of Trustees Joseph McGuire were on hand to cut the ribbon during the opening ceremony on Oct. 20. The new facility boasts two totally renovated areas that are generously equipped with new free weights, cardiovascular and a myriad of other workout equipment.

The project was made possible largely by a grant from the Janirve Foundation, which gave \$225,000 towards the project. That's not all the foundation has been doing around campus, the new roof on Boshamer Gymnasium and the refinished floors in the gym were also a gift from the Janirve Foundation.

The new fitness center is located inside the Jenkins Campus Activity Center of the Boshamer Gym. Brevard College is undergoing a vibrant transformation with the hopes of recruiting new students. The target enrollment is growing towards 1000 undergraduates in a variety of programs.

"Today's college student is accustomed to having access to wellness and fitness facilities on campus," President Drew Van Horn said. "We feel it is impor-

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