

Candidate speak out invites student queries

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Candidates running for student offices said they hoped a planned speak out in the Pit on Monday would give them a chance to interact with their prospective voters.

The speak out will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Candidates for senior class president will take the first hour of the speak out. Student body and Carolina Athletic

Speak Out

Feb. 2
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
the Pit

Association presidential candidates will answer questions for an hour each afterward.

During the first 50 minutes, candidates will have time to state their platforms and speak about their campaigns. The audience will have 10 minutes at the end of each hour to ask the candidates questions. Each candidate will have an opportunity to respond to each question.

Joe Kledis, chairman of the Elections Board, which is sponsoring the speak out, said that to his knowledge the speak out is the first of its kind in his four years at the University.

The board deliberately scheduled the

speak out when many students should be in or near the Pit to make the event as accessible as possible, Kledis said.

"What's unique about this opportunity is that there isn't any specific campus group or political group that the candidates might have to tailor their responses to," Kledis said.

"It's a great opportunity to see these candidates in living color."

Jeff Stencel, CAA co-presidential candidate said he hoped to hear student concerns that might not have been addressed in his and junior Jeff Pierce's platform.

Hunter McCrossin, a junior from

Rumson, N.J., and candidate for CAA co-president, said he and his co-presidential candidate, Walter Cohn, have been going around campus talking to students already.

"We want to see what they would like to see things done differently," McCrossin said.

Anne Neville, a junior from Berlin, Conn., and a student body president candidate, said she thought the speak out would let people come and see what issues she stood for.

"We are just going to be open to any questions that people would have about our platforms."

Students to receive awards from NCPA

BY MATT LECLERCQ
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The N.C. Press Association has selected six students to receive awards for their work at The Daily Tar Heel.

Leslie Wilkinson, DTH managing editor, received a second place award for feature page design last night at a NCPA ceremony. Five other students will receive the Duke University Award for Distinguished Journalism on Higher Education at Duke University tonight.

The Duke Award will recognize a series of articles examining the UNC system that appeared Aug. 20. Rising tuition costs, the diversity and unity of the system's 16 campuses, the need for

improved technology and newly-appointed system president Molly Broad were the focus of this series. "The paper provided a clear and concise exploration of the issues involved," contest judge Jim Jacobson said. "The package's excellent writing and relative brevity gave readers a better understanding of a complicated public policy debate."

For their reporting in the series "Turning Point," the NCPA will honor DTH Managing Editor Laura Godwin, Editor Erica Beshears and former State and National Editor Whitney Moore. Jake Zarnekar, graphics editor, and former design editor Michael Kanarek will be honored for page design of the articles.

Mediator appointed to Swain's case

BY LAUREN BEAL
STAFF WRITER

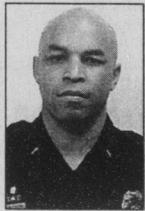
The mediator who helped resolve a 1996 UNC housekeepers dispute will be asked to aid discussion between University Police Lt. C.E. Swain and the University.

Attorneys for Swain and the University have agreed to use Jonathan Harkavy, a Greensboro civil rights lawyer, as the mediator in the civil suit.

Swain is suing the University for violating his constitutional rights and his rights under the whistle-blower act.

"The fact that (the University) agreed to Harkavy as mediator was no surprise," said Ashley Osment, who represents Swain along with Alan McSurely.

"Both parties have been impressed with his work in the past."



University Police Lt. C.E. SWAIN is suing the University for violating his rights under the whistle-blower act.

Harkavy was the mediator in the 1996 dispute between the University and 75 UNC housekeepers who claimed unfair employment practices against the University. A three-year settlement resulted from the discussions.

After hearing Thursday that the two sides chose him, Harkavy explained his role as mediator. "Basically, as a mediator I act as a facilitator between the two parties," he said. "I don't act as a judge but I do have the authority to make (the parties) communicate."

The agreement to use Harkavy follows a judge's order to both parties to work through their problems with mediation made in December. No date has been set for mediation, Osment said.

Conflict started when Swain accused the University of removing a citation he had issued to Caroline Hancock, daughter of Board of Trustees member Billy Armfield, for underage possession of alcohol.

In November, the University fired Swain for allegedly falsifying his timesheets. Swain appealed the ruling through the University's grievance process and filed a suit, but his grievance was denied.

Chancellor Michael Hooker reinstated Swain in December.

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Price to attend new county detention center open house

BY ANGELA LEA
STAFF WRITER

While the recent addition to the Orange County Detention Center came at a high cost, Friday's dedication of the annex will come with a different kind of price.

U.S. Rep. David Price, D-N.C., will be the first person to walk through the newly constructed building, said J.B. Faucette, jail administrator. Faucette said the addition would then be open for the public to tour from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. today.

"There won't be any grand speeches or ribbon cuttings, but there will be an open house to show the building," he said.

Faucette said construction on the \$3.1 million addition to the existing Orange County Detention Center began in July 1996 and was completed early this month.

The addition is the first renovation to the detention center since 1983, Faucette said.

The construction was funded with federal money because the center often houses federal inmates, Faucette said.

He said Orange County was fortunate to receive federal aid because taxes alone could not have covered the expense.

"It's very beneficial that we were able (to get federal money) because local

taxes would not have paid for (the expansion)," Faucette said.

Orange County Commissioner Moses Carey said he thought the addition was needed because of overcrowding.

"This expansion was a response to the growing number of prisoners that need to be incarcerated for short periods of time," he said.

The rising number of inmates, however, does not necessarily indicate an increase in crime, said Bill Crowther, chairman of the Orange County Board of Commissioners.

"I'm sure there are many factors, but I attribute (the increased number of prisoners) more to population growth than anything else," he said.

Regardless of the reason behind crowded conditions, Carey said such conditions were both inhumane and illegal and that the addition had been needed for a long time.

Prior to the expansion, the detention center had bed space for 71, while its average daily occupancy totaled 112, Faucette said. The annex provides room for 58 additional beds.

Faucette, like Carey, said he thought the expansion would improve the condition of the prison.

"Hopefully, this will help us have a more up-to-date, modern facility that falls consistently within space guidelines."

Campus calendar

Friday

4 p.m. — The Physics and Astronomy Department will present a colloquium titled "The Interaction of Plasma with Intense Lasers and the Quest for Fusion," featuring William L. Krueer of the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, in 265 Phillips Hall.

Items of Interest

The Conference on Race, Class, Gender and Ethnicity will present "The Impact of Drug Laws on Minorities, Women and Families," Saturday, Jan. 31 from 8:30 a.m. until 6 p.m. at the UNC School of Public Health. Admission is free. For more information contact Rona Karacaova at 933-9740.

Members of University Baptist Student Committee will host the Hard Hat Cafe at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, featuring a performance by the Clef Hangers. Free dessert and coffee

will also be served. The event is free.

Would you like to be a C-TOPS Orientation Counselor? Then stop by the Pit from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on weekdays, or come by 311 Carr Building. Applications may also be obtained at the Union desk. The application deadline is Feb. 5.

Anyone interested in coaching Club Track & Field, come to practice at the track at 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday. For more information call Brian at 918-7501 or Mike at 914-7700.

The Cross Cultural Communications Institute of the Sonja H. Stone Black Cultural Center is sponsoring a weekly dialogue workshop series for black and white women to come together and discuss issues. Dialogues will continue on Tuesday, Feb. 3 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the BCC, and will continue on Tuesdays for a minimum of three weeks.

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