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Masala Sells Dates for Charity

BY KATIE ABEL Staff Writer

Students got a chance to bid for a

night on the town and contribute money to UNC Children's Hospital on Thursday at Masala's first date auction.

Members of various campus cultural organizations, Student Body President Reyna Walters and Student Body President-elect Nic Heinke dressed in cultural attire and danced to their favorite tunes to win a free date with one of the more than 50 audience members

who attended the event. Two students pulled out their check-books and bid \$35 for a date with Heinke and \$20 for one with Walters.

Masala, the organization that bridges 15 campus cultural groups, including the Black Student Movement, the Carolina Hispanic Association and the Asian dents Association, raised \$540 for the hospital.

"The purpose was to raise money for worthwhile charity and at the same time increase awareness of the many multicultural assets on this campus said Sarath Kolluru, newsletter editor for Masala

Area restaurants and cinemas donat ed complimentary gift certificates for the event so all proceeds could go directly to the hospital.

Each student who participated in the auction answered questions about their cultural experiences at UNC.

Walters said her most memorable experience occurred when she attended the "Concert for Unity" as a sophomore. "It was the first time I got to see peo-

ple from many different cultures coming together," she said.

Janora McDuffie, a member of the Black Student Movement and senior class vice president, said cultural diversity at the University needed to be improved. "If we make individual efforts

to go outside our comfort zones and explore different cultures, it will be a od start to improving diversity McDuffie received a bid of \$30 from

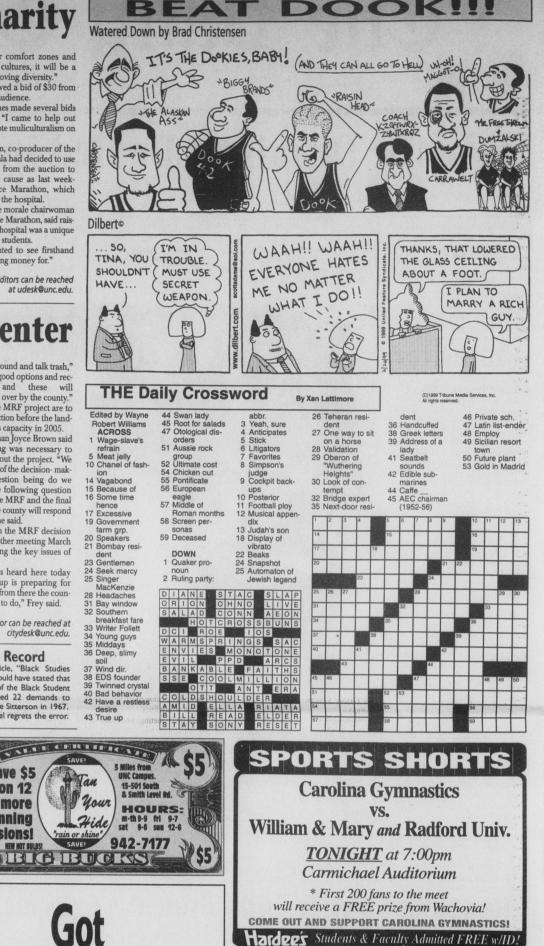
member of the audience. Junior Nick Jones made several bids uring the night. "I came to help out Masala and promote muliculturalism on campus," he said.

Tamara Johnson, co-producer of the auction, said Masala had decided to use the money raised from the auction to support the same cause as last weekend's UNC Dance Marathon, which

raised \$40,000 for the hospital. Tracy Engel, the morale chairwoman for the UNC Dance Marathon, said raising money for the hospital was a unique opportunity for all students. "We really wanted to see firsthand

what we were raising money for.'

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LOG Approves Recycling Center

BY KIM DRONZEK Staff Writer

A two-hour long Landfill Owners Group meeting Thursday night ended with the unanimous approval of a waste reduction project that could keep trash out of the almost full Orange County

Regional Landfill. The LOG approved the construction of a materials recovery facility that will package, process and sort materials for reuse and resale in the local area.

The LOG is an advisory group of Chapel Hill, Carrboro, Hillsborough and Orange County officials and residents who help oversee the landfill's operation

Financing the project and the benefits that it would provide were also dis-cussed. James Frey, a technical consul-

tant for the MRF project, said the finan-cial benefit of the MRF would show after the first year of the facility's oper-

Frey said that although the MRF would have a higher processing it would the county \$453,618.71. The LOG did not set a date for get-

ting county approval on its recommen-dation, and some members said they were becoming impatient with how long it was taking to make a decision. Carrboro Alderman Jacquelyn Gist said she was ready to make a decision

soon. "What are we all doing here?" she asked LOG. "I'm ready to start making decisions, and I'm starting to become impatient. Is there a time line in all of this?

Hillsborough Mayor Horace Johnson agreed with Gist. "From 1991 to 1999 is

me to sit around and talk trash." he said. "We have good options and rec ommendations, and these will

inevitably be taken over by the county." The goals of the MRF project are to reduce waste reduction before the landfill from reaches its capacity in 2005. LOG Chairwoman Joyce Brown said

Thursday's meeting was necessary to reach decisions about the project. "We (the LOG) are part of the decision- making, the main question being do we want an MRF, the following question being the size of the MRF and the final question of how the county will respond

process will be another meeting March to finish discussing the key issues of

show that the group is preparing for consideration, and from there the coun-ty will decide what to do," Frey said.

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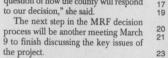
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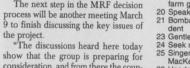
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