

The Order of the Grail-Valkyries

The Order of the Grail-Valkyries is UNC's second oldest honorary organization. Founded in 1920, the Order's purpose is to foster unity and understanding among various constituents of the campus community, and to recognize unselfish, dynamic leadership, excellence in scholarship, outstanding character, and innovative service within that community.

On Thursday, April 20, 2000, thirty-six members of the University community were inducted into the Order. They represent the best our University has to offer, and their enumerated accomplishments are indicative only of a small part of all that their achievements and character bring to the University Community.

By recognizing those individuals who exhibit the high ideals to which the Order is dedicated, the Order of the Grail-Valkyries hopes to honor their accomplishments and to inspire others to follow in their footsteps.

Congratulations, Neophytes!

RITA MARLENE BILLINGSLEY

For her commitment in providing educational access for North Carolina's rural students. As the current Director of the North Carolina Renaissance Program, which brings such students to UNC's campus for a week each year, Rita has fought for methods of sustainable funding to ensure the program's longevity. She has also implemented innovative strategies for high school student recruitment and program planning, adding to the program's appeal to North Carolina community and its existing level of excellence. Rita is a member of OPEYO! Dance Troupe and is the Panhellenic Council Vice President for Recruitment.

SHERILYNN JOY BLACK

For her promotion of multiculturalism on Carolina's campus. As the Vice President of Masala, Sherilyn has organized and implemented programming for 17 different multicultural groups on campus and developed ways to promote these groups to the greater campus community, including the successful Masala Multicultural Fashion Show. She has also worked extensively with the APPLIES service learning program as both a student and a teaching assistant for its Reflection Session Program. Sherilyn is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., the North Carolina Fellows Program, and is Vice President of UNC's Class of 2001.

REBEKAH PARKER CLOSE

For her lasting contributions to the University in the areas of student judicial representation and public service. Rebekah is a Senior Counsel of UNC's Attorney General's Staff and chaired the Silent Auction for the 2000 Dance Marathon. Through this auction, she raised over \$13,000 for the North Carolina Children's Hospital in less than two months. She is also a Senior Marshall, a member of Phi Beta Kappa, and volunteer with the Campus Y.

DAVID MICHAEL COOKE

For enriching the depth of student life through Christian fellowship and community volunteerism. David founded Alpha Iota Omega, the first official Christian fraternity on UNC's campus. As Mr. UNC, he established a university-wide service project, The Three Phases of Unity in the New Millennium. David has also displayed a commitment to service both by mentoring inner-city children in Durham and as a minority advisor here at UNC.

JASON HARRIS COWLEY

For his contribution to welfare issues within our state. Jason received a grant aimed at helping former welfare recipients support themselves and their families. Using this money, Jason has brought together a group of UNC students to form support teams to help these citizens in a variety of ways, such as assisting them in finding affordable daycare, pursuing higher education, and looking for employment. Jason is also a mentor in the CHiSP/Chiefs program, is involved with the Undergraduate Honor Court, and is the newly inaugurated Senior Class President.

ANNE ELIZABETH FAWCETT

For her unselfish investment in our University Community. Anne is the Vice-President of Carolina P.A.L.S. (Pediatric Attention, Love, and Support) and is currently organizing a journalism program for underprivileged middle school students. Extending a class project, she also organized panels to evaluate disability issues in the Triangle and continues to advocate for disabled members of the community. Anne is a staff writer for the Daily Tar Heel and a North Carolina Fellow.

ZACHARY EDLING FAY

For his commitment to unify diverse campus organizations. As a junior, Zach created the Unity Games to promote interaction and understanding among students with diverse backgrounds. Zach also served as Student Government's Human Relations Chair, planning UNC's Living with Compassion Series and facilitating Carolina's first all-day service day, Project UNC. Zach has served as President and Programs Director of Heels to Heaven and is a mentor to inner-city kids through Kings Park Ministry, Durham, NC.

SUSAN HUNTER GIBBS

For her leadership within the UNC School of Medicine. Susan served as assistant editor of the UNC Student Medical Journal and Co-Vice President of the Whitehead Medical Society. As a distinguished member of the Medical Scholars Program, she was sponsored to complete a year of research in Epidemiology. She also served as the Clinic Coordinator for the Student Health Action Coalition where she was responsible for vastly improving the clinic, earning membership in the Eugene S. Mayer Community Service Honor Society.

ERIKA LEIGH HAMILTON

For her development of diversity programs within the University. As President of Carolina Hispanic Association (CHiSPA), Erika organized multicultural educational events at Carolina and tutored Hispanic students in the Chapel Hill/Carrboro area. With the Department of Housing and Residential Education, she helped draft a proposal to implement diversity programs and living/learning options for students. Erika has also been a Varsity Rower and a member of the North Carolina Fellows Program.

STEPHEN ANDREW HAYWOOD

For his leadership in the Student Judicial System and his contributions to the development of a campus publication. Drew served as both Associate Student Attorney General and Student Attorney General, restructuring elements of the Student Code. He also helped found one of Carolina's most-read publications, The Blue and White, and served as its publisher during the magazine's first year. Drew is a member of the Dialectic and Philanthropic Societies and Honors Program.

EMILY ANNETTE HOWARD

For her visionary campus and humanitarian contributions. As Co-President of the Campus Y, Emily supervised twenty service and social justice committees and restructured executive retreats to facilitate the cohesiveness of its members. As the Co-Chair for the Youth United Committee, Emily spearheaded the public service component of the program, mentoring middle school students. Emily also participated in the Pilot Burch Field Research Seminar, completing an internship with the US Department of Education and is a member of the Honors Program.

ERIC DAVID JOHNSON

For his role in the fight against cancer and contributions to Student Government. Eric is the founder and Chair of Carolina Cancer Focus, an organization committed to raising cancer awareness in the University community. Additionally, upon recognizing the need for stronger high school recruitment, he re-structured the Student Ambassadors Program. Eric also served as Executive Assistant to the Student Body President and is member of the Honors Program.

MATTHEW TODD JONES

For his dedication to campus and state politics. As President of the UNC Young Democrats, Matt tripled its membership and facilitated the contribution of over 1700 student-volunteer hours to political campaigns. Matt is the State Coordinator of Teen Democrats of North Carolina and is the Statewide Campus Coordinator of the North Carolina Voters for Clean Elections. Matt is also President of Northern Hemisphere Live, a weekly call-in radio talk show on WYYC, and has served as the Vice-Chair of External Relations for Student Government.

CHARLES EDWARD LORDB

For his enrichment of UNC's academic climate through his promotion of international culture. Ted was a premier recipient of the Burch Fellowship, which he used to study indigenous door carvings in Zanzibar. He also chaired the Student Undergraduate Teaching Awards and has had a consistent influence in the UNC Undergraduate Honor Court, serving as Vice-Chair this year. Ted helped found the Campus Y Criminal Justice Awareness Committee, is a volunteer with UNC Project Literacy, and is a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

JAMES EDWARD LOW

For his diplomacy in and dedication to the Kenan-Flagler Business School. As Chairman of the Curriculum Advisory Board and Vice President of Learning Experience, Jim has worked extensively to ensure all 540 MBA students have a voice in building Kenan-Flagler's new curriculum. Jim also led the business school's Holiday Food Fight which collected more than 4,500 pounds of food. Jim is a Richard Jen Rette Fellow.

SUSAN MANSUKHALA KANSAGRA

For her promotion of cultural awareness and humanitarian devotion. Susan has served SANGAM, UNC's South Asian Awareness Organization, as the Sangam Nite Chair, Treasurer, and most recently, President. Susan also helped establish a new Hindu Uda Minor within the Asian Studies Department here at UNC. She is an active in the Campus Y as a Freshman Representative and an Advisory Board Member. This past summer, Susan worked with Global Volunteers in Africa to provide medical assistance, health education, and sustainable housing.

TREMAINE KORYNE MANSON

For his continued involvement in promoting diversity and race relations on campus. Tremayne has consistently been influential within the leadership of the Black Student Movement and was the named the Most Outstanding Freshman. He also helped found Alpha Iota Omega Christian Brotherhood, representing the multi-racial fraternity within the Office of Greek Affairs. Tremayne is a Co-Director for Carolina Fever.

JESSE KEITH BARTON MOORE

For his work towards abolishing domestic violence and community hunger. Jesse founded and chairs the UNC White Ribbon Campaign, a week aimed at raising awareness of men's violence against women. Thousands of male students have pledged their support for this cause. He also founded UNC Heels on Wheels, a program that delivers leftover food to needy community shelters. Last semester, he participated in a Burch Field Research Seminar in Capetown Africa studying democratization.

MATTHEW DAVID MUTTER

For his efforts in enriching the breadth of intellectual opportunities on campus. Matthew co-founded the group, Faith and Scholarship, which addresses the role and influence of spirituality within the context of university academia. The group hosts professors who lecture on the role of spirituality within both their personal development and their broader disciplines of study. As a visiting scholar at Edinburgh University, Scotland, Matthew received the Bates Prize for excellence in New Testament and Greek and the Gunnings Prize for excellence in Philosophical Theology. Matthew is a volunteer at the Charles House Community and a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

STEPHEN GOODNIGHT MYERS

For his commitment to campus and state politics. As Chairman of the College Republicans, Stephen significantly increased its membership and served as a voting delegate to the 1998 and 1999 North Carolina Federation of College Republicans conventions. Furthermore, he co-founded the monthly conservative publication The Phoenix. Stephen is also the Vice-Chairman of Students for Life and Liberty and a North Carolina Fellow.

MICHAEL OSTERWEIL

For her unyielding commitment to issues of equity in higher education. Michael was a founding member and Co-Chair of the Alliance for Creating Campus Equity and Seeking Social Justice (ACCESS), which addresses issues such as affirmative action and financial aid. As a Steering Member of the Campaign for Educational Access, Michael led the 48-hour Blitz build and trips to Florida and Honduras. She is the first student representative to serve on the Orange County Habitat Board of Trustees. Michael is also the Chair of Donor Life Bone Marrow Typing, a member of Phi Beta Kappa, a Big Buddy Group leader, and a volunteer with the NC Autism Society.

MANALI INDRAVADAN PATEL

For her innovative leadership in community development. As Co-Chair of Carolina's chapter of Habitat for Humanity, Manali organized and led domestic and international building trips including the 48-hour Blitz build and trips to Florida and Honduras. She is the first student representative to serve on the Orange County Habitat Board of Trustees. Manali is also the Chair of Donor Life Bone Marrow Typing, a member of Phi Beta Kappa, a Big Buddy Group leader, and a volunteer with the NC Autism Society.

TODD MISCHA PUGATH

For his continuing fight against unjust labor conditions throughout the world. As the President of Students for Economic and Labor Organized (UNC's protest against unfair labor practices of university-affiliated manufacturers, Todd also serves as the spokesman for this group on national television and has written a chapter for the book Behind the Swoosh: The Struggle of Indonesians Making Nike Shoes. His efforts led to the development of an academic class examining the relationship between UNC and Nike, and he was appointed by the Chancellor to the Labor Licensing Code Advisory Committee. Todd is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and is a North Carolina Fellow.

MELISSA SUSAN PUTMAN

For her outstanding contributions to all facets of campus life. Melissa received the Chancellor's Award in Philosophy and was one of two UNC students granted early acceptance to UNC's School of Medicine in their junior year. As Chair of the Honors Board and its Academic Committee, Melissa voiced student concerns on the program's transition into the Johnston Center for Undergraduate Excellence. She is the first student representative to the UNC community advocating for disabled children at the Arc of Orange County and towards the abolition of domestic violence as a volunteer with the Domestic Violence Advocacy Program. Melissa received a Burch Fellowship to study sign language at the Gallaudet University and is a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

MEHUL VASANT RAVAL

For his dedication to community service and academic endeavors at UNC. Mehul has devoted his time and leadership skills to SANGAM as a Freshman Representative, Minority Co-Chair, Service Co-Chair, and Vice President. As Service Co-Chair, he coordinated the SANGAM Outreach Program, which teaches over 700 school children about South Asia. Mehul is also active in Habitat for Humanity and has served two terms on the Student Advisory Committee to the Chancellor. Most recently, he was awarded the Undergraduate Health Fellowship to study medicine in India.

REGINALD KEITH ROBERSON

For his efforts to enhance spiritual life and race relations at Carolina. Reggie was a charter member of Alpha Iota Omega Christian Brotherhood and has been an integral leader for the past three years in Carolina's WayMaker Christian Fellowship, one of the most racially and ethnically diverse Christian fellowships on campus. He also served as a Minority Advisor in the Office of Minority Affairs and was the Race Relations Coordinator for Student Government. Reggie is a Drake Scholarship Winner and member of Psi Chi National Psychology Honor Society.

ROBYN ELIZABETH SCHRYVER

For her outstanding dedication to public service. Robyn served as President of the APPLIES Service-Learning Program, which annually provides over 700 students the opportunity to take education outside the classroom through funded internship and community volunteerism. Robyn also chairs the Student Organization Grant Committee for the Center of Public Service. She regularly volunteers at the MANNA Food Bank and tutors at East Chapel Hill High School. She is also a Resident Assistant and a North Carolina Fellow.

RYE MEAD SCHWARTZ-BARCOFF

For his commitment to academic excellence in the area of international relations and the Department of Peace, War, and Defense. Rye is currently working on two books with faculty in these areas and has already published articles individually. As Chair of planning for the Great Decisions Seminar, which examines current global issues, Rye worked to organize its classes and bring speakers to the University. He is the Chairman of the Future Naval Officers Association, a member of the Johnston Center for Undergraduate Excellence Advisory Committee, and a volunteer at the Durham County Youth Home.

ERICA KAYE SMILEY

For her committed pursuit of social justice. Erica organized demonstrations against the tuition increase and aided in the planning of a forum regarding the proposal. As Rules and Judiciary Chairperson of Student Congress, Erica helped create a student friendly version of the Student Code. She also co-authored the Student's Bill of Rights with the Progressive Student Coalition, was the Black Ink Business Editor, and currently serves as the Co-Chairperson for ACCESS.

MARGARET MCAUSLAN WAKELIN

For her continued advocacy of humanitarian interests at UNC. As Co-Chair of SEAC (Student Environmental Action Coalition), Margie improved University sustainability by encouraging greater use of recycled products. She also co-founded the Progressive Student Coalition and helped draft the Student's Bill of Rights. Margie is on the Steering Committee of the Campaign for Educational Access and is a North Carolina Fellow.

WARD ALEXANDER ZIMMERMAN

For his commitment to academic and service endeavors. As Vice President of the NC March of Dimes Collegiate Leadership Council, Ward organized Folic Acid Awareness Week and planned dinners for the Walk America campaign. Ward has also represented Carolina as the Vice President of Student Affairs for the Associations of Student Governments and improved the Food For Thought program during his time as the Chair of the Honors Program Student Advisory Board. Ward is President of the Order of the Old Well and a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

MOLLY CORRETT BROAD

For her advocacy of the University of North Carolina System, propagating its history of educational excellence and service to the state. Since her inauguration in April 1998, President Broad has worked towards expanding access to higher education to all North Carolinians, raising the educational quality and academic standards of our state's public schools, and forging bridges of collaboration between the state's sectors of business, government, and education. She has also provided the leadership to equip the University with the necessary resources and technology to continue its reputation of outstanding teaching into the next century. President Broad makes clear her commitment to the University's 154,000 students.

ANTHONY LOCKLEAR

For his dedication to providing quality advising to students at UNC through his work in the Office of Student Counseling. As Assistant Dean in the College of Arts and Sciences, Dean Locklear devotes himself to the service of students. Twice in his six years at UNC, he has received recognition for his leadership, dedication, and excellence in advising. Dean Locklear was also instrumental in the founding of two campus organizations, the American Indian Science and Engineering Society and Alpha Pi Omega, the nation's first Native American Sorority.

SYLVIA NOVINSKY

For her contribution to the UNC Law School, the community, as well as individual students since her arrival in 1997. As Director of Public Interest in the Law School, she has counseled numerous students and promoted Public Interest careers. One of her greatest accomplishments has been the founding of the UNC Law Pro Bono Program, which links students and area attorneys interested in pro bono work throughout the state. Earlier this year, she was promoted to Assistant Dean of Student Affairs for her commitment to the law school and influence on students struggling to continue their on-going fight for public service and social justice.

CHUCK STONE

For his continued involvement in campus life and extraordinary instruction in the classroom. Dr. Stone's knowledge and experiences make him one of the foremost professionals in his field and an outstanding educator. He has served as editor of the Philadelphia Daily News, covered presidential administrations, and met with prominent leaders such as Malcolm X and Martin Luther King. He still leads an active professional life while using these experiences to teach his students. His inspirational message can be heard in the numerous engagements at which he is asked to speak ranging from the Senior Banquet to the protest against tuition increases. Professor Stone is the Walter Spearman Chair in the School of Journalism and Mass Communication. His popularity as a teacher is evident as his Undergraduate Censorship class always holds a lengthy waitlist and all students, regardless of their academic interests, immediately recognize the name of this Carolina favorite.

RACHEL WILLIS

For her innovative teaching and mentoring of Carolina students for the past 15 years. Teaching in both the Economics and American Studies departments, Dr. Willis has consistently emphasized that learning does not stop in the classroom and that an education is not just about what you take in but what you give back. She has won several grants and awards for her innovative instruction, taking students to such places like North Carolina history mills and the UNC stem cogeneration facilities to apply classroom knowledge. Her American Studies 94 class was the first of its kind to examine the Role of the University and infusing lessons about its three-pronged mission. Speakers for the class have included Jonathan House, former mayor of Chapel Hill, the late chancellor Hooker, and former student president, Bill Friday. She has recently been awarded a Chapman Fellowship for her efforts in the classroom.

Forum Gives Candidates Chance to Share Platforms

Tonight's forum will allow candidates for positions in Orange County to share their opinions with voters.

By ROBERT ALBRIGHT
Staff Writer

Candidates for the Orange County School Board and the Orange County Commissioners are polishing up their platforms and preparing for a forum tonight in hopes of attracting voters before election day on May 2.

The Community Action Network, a local group which sponsored a forum in the fall for Chapel Hill-Carrboro municipal and school elections, is organizing tonight's candidate forum for aspiring county officials.

CAN member Nancy Gabriel said the televised meeting, set to begin at 7 p.m. at Chapel Hill Town Hall, would allow candidates to voice their opinions on a variety of issues relevant to the counties' residents.

"(CAN's) effort is to educate the public," she said. "The forum is important so the public can find out about the candidates."

Eight candidates are vying for three available Orange County School Board slots. The May 2 election is final for the school board, while two of three Republican candidates for Orange County Commissioner will go on to face the two Democratic candidates in November.

Board of Education candidate David Hunt said tonight's forum, which is the final forum before the primaries on May 2, would allow him and his fellow candidates to voice their concerns to the public. "Funding is always an issue

(that's discussed) at the forums," Hunt said. "We have to ask ourselves what are we going to do to improve our schools."

Hunt, who has daughters in elementary, middle and high school in Orange County, is not the only candidate with children in the schools.

School Board candidate Marcia Blum Compton also has children in Orange County's three levels of education.

"The school system has a good thing going, but they've got a long way to go," she said. "We need to look at resources and teacher salaries when reanalyzing the budget."

Budgetary concerns also dominate the platforms of other candidates.

Dana Thompson, who volunteers regularly at New Hope Elementary School, said her priorities depended on an effective budget.

"There have been small strides, but there is room to improve teachers, schools and curriculum," she said.

Some running for school board stressed the need to rearrange the current budget. Candidate Lee Fowler said too much money was being put in the wrong places. "The school board needs to focus on the basics of education," he said. "Why don't we go back to what worked before?"

Although Compton said she wanted to see a major overhaul of the financial aspects of education, incumbent Delores Simpson said she would focus on building upon previous School Board decisions. "To continue progress, we need to solidify some very basic improvements that we've made," she said.

Simpson, who has been on the board for eight years and served as chairwoman from 1998 to 1999, is one of two incumbents battling for the three available slots.

Keith Cook, the other incumbent,

along with candidates Richard Hathaway and Gary Horne, could not be reached for comment on Monday.

School board candidates will be joined by the candidates for commissioner.

Although the school board race is not based on partisanship, Orange County Commissioner candidate John Felten said those running for county commissioner must reveal their party affiliation because they have the power to tax.

Of the five candidates for commissioner, two are Democrats and three are Republican.

Incumbents Moses Carey and Margaret Brown, who are both Democrats, will not participate in the May 2, primary because no other Democrat challenged them.

However, the three Republican candidates will compete in the May 2 primary, with two of the three candidates being selected to challenge the Democrats in the November elections.

Felten, one of the three Republican candidates, said he had economic concerns that he wanted to address.

"Orange County needs smart economic development," he said. "We don't have the resources to support everything, so we need to watch out for growth and commercial development."

David Herman, another Republican candidate, said he hoped the forum would serve as a good mechanism to convey his ideas to the public. "I am tired of seeing residents not having a voice," he said. "I want to be that voice."

Judy Anderson, the other Republican candidate for county commissioner, could not be reached for comment Monday evening.

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