

Heartbreaker
Devils top Heels
in OT. See Page 5



BOT Hikes Fees
Trustees approve student fee
increases set to start in fall.

See Page 3



Nice Weekend
Today: Partly Cloudy, 48
Saturday: Sunny, 56
Sunday: Sunny, 55

The Daily Tar Heel

www.dailytarheel.com

Serving the students and the University community since 1893

Friday, January 26, 2001

Ballots To Lack GPSF Presidential Candidate

A former GPSF president said students might be reluctant to run due to the required time commitment.

By KARA EIDE
Staff Writer

There will be no candidates listed for the role of Graduate and Professional Student Federation president in student elections on Feb. 13, but the current office holder is confident someone will step up to fill his shoes.

Board of Elections Chairman Jeremy Tuchmayer said if a write-in candidate does not come through and the office is left unfilled, there would have to be a special election called by Student Body President Brad Matthews.

After a meeting for student election candidates Tuesday, members of the Board of Elections reported no students interested in filling the GPSF position.

"No one has gotten in touch with me about running for that office," Tuchmayer said.

The term of the current GPSF president, third-year law student Thad Woody, expires on the first Tuesday of April. Woody, who graduates in May, will not be running again but said he believes someone will even-



GPSF President Thad Woody, who graduates in May, is certain that someone will step forward to fill the position.

tually step up to the role. "I feel sure that some ambitious soul will step forward somewhere along the line," Woody said.

Woody, who was a write-in candidate in last year's election, said he ran because "quite honestly, no one else did."

But Woody said he is optimistic about finding a candidate. "It can certainly be done at the last minute, because (my friends and I) did it at the last minute," he said.

Tuchmayer, who is also unconcerned about the currently vacant ballot, said a requirement for graduate students to seek adviser approval might have delayed some students in declaring their candidacy. "Generally, graduate students have to get permission from their advisers before taking on extracurriculars such as this," Tuchmayer said.

At this point, a graduate student might still run, but his name will not appear on

the ballot. Any hopefuls will have to run through the write-in process.

Lee Connor, last year's GPSF president, has confidence in the write-in system. "Somebody will get elected by write-in, which isn't that uncommon," he said.

Connor said potential graduate student candidates might be taking some time to pursue this role because the office requires a high level of commitment.

"It's a very demanding office," he said. "You're trying to represent over 9,000 people."

The duties of the president include appointing an Officer's Committee and

Cabinet, running Senate meetings and representing the GPSF at University functions.

Woody said any interested students should contact Tuchmayer.

"Generally, graduate students have to get permission from their advisers before taking on extracurriculars such as this."

JEREMY TUCHMAYER
Board of Elections Chairman

with a lot of enthusiasm," he said. "But I think it's well worth it."

The University Editor can be reached at udesk@unc.edu.

Easley Fills 2 Cabinet Positions

Gov. Easley's appointments include Carmen Hooker Buell, wife of the late UNC Chancellor Michael Hooker.

By ALEX KAPLUN
State & National Editor

In a slew of appointments Thursday, Gov. Mike Easley filled two of the most high-profile posts in his Cabinet, one with a name familiar to the UNC campus.

Carmen Hooker Buell, widow of former UNC Chancellor Michael Hooker, was appointed secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services.

Easley also appointed Lyndo Tippet as secretary of the Department of Transportation and Eugene Conti as the department's chief deputy.

Hooker Buell has extensive experience in the health care field, including her current position as adjunct professor in UNC's School of Public Health and her services on the Massachusetts joint legislative committee on health care. Hooker Buell now works for a Research Triangle Park-based drug research company.

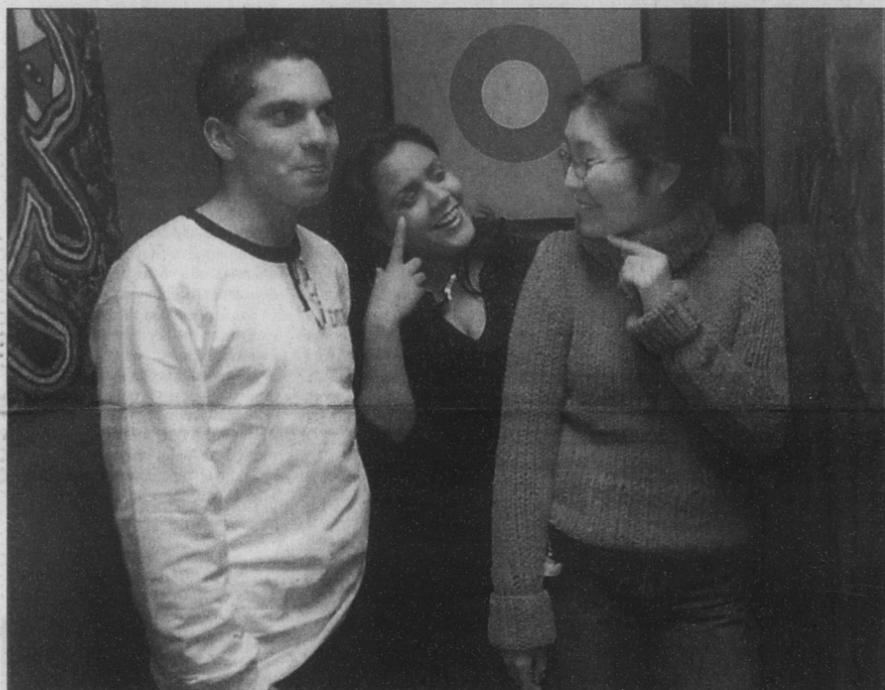
Hooker Buell said she is grateful to Easley for allowing her to return to public service.

"This is an opportunity for me to get back in the public sector," Hooker Buell said. "To work in the place I love, and do the thing I love."

She cited several important issues that the department will have to deal with over the next few years - including



Cabinet member Carmen Hooker Buell will head the Health and Human Services Department.



DTH/BRENT CLARK

The Artist's Escape owner Joey Calderone shares a laugh with UNC students Sarah Glover and Jennifer Han. The three took a break from planning a date auction being held there Saturday night.

Old East to Auction Off Its Bachelors

By JERMAINE CALDWELL
Features Editor

From her residence hall room, Sarah Glover can peek out of her second-story window and snatch a glimpse of the Old Well.

And whether the monument is idly standing by or visitors are snapping pictures of it, Glover raves about this view.

It's an Old East view.

Just a year ago, Glover or any female student could not enjoy this opportunity daily. Old East was an all-male residence hall for more than 200 years, until it and Old West were integrated last fall.

After a semester with the first flock of female students residing in the building, residents say there is a growing bond, no tension and a good atmosphere between the genders.

But come Saturday night, things might not be the same between people who occupy the historic hardwood - two Old East residents are hoping the relationships between students of the

residence hall will be enhanced.

Roommates Glover and Jennifer Han have a plan to bring fellow residents closer together and raise money for a charitable cause - a date auction featuring "The Bachelors of Old East."

The auction, being held at 7 p.m. at The Artist's Escape, will enable gutsy women to bid on 25 men - who Han dubbed "Old East and friends of Old East" - for dinner dates to places including Michael Jordan's 23 and the Macaroni Grill.

Admission is \$3, and the money will go to UNC's Dance Marathon.

One word explains how Han and Glover stumbled upon Old East and the date auction idea: luck.

And both Han and Glover admit it. The two transfer students landed spots in a triple in Old East during their first semester at UNC in the fall.

"I had no idea what Old East was about," said Han, a psychology major from Richmond, Va.

See AUCTION, Page 2

Proposed Lottery Bill Divides N.C. House

By BEN DESANTIS
Staff Writer

The first bill introduced to the 144th session of the N.C. General Assembly deals with one of the controversial issues legislatures will have to tackle this session - a statewide lottery.

House Bill 1, which would allow a state lottery primarily aimed at funding education, was introduced Wednesday, the first day of the legislative session.

Rep. Bill Owens, D-Camden, introduced the bill, motivated mainly, he said, by the millions of dollars N.C. residents spend annually on out-of-state lotteries.

Owens' bill would divert 25 percent of the lottery proceeds to prekindergarten programs. An additional 50 percent would fund various educational areas, including elementary and secondary education and college scholarships. The rest would be dispersed to fund various other state needs.

Owens said he realizes that other lottery bills previously have failed on the General Assembly floor, most recently in 1999. But Owens said he hopes this time will be different.

"I think this is going to be an uphill battle," he said. "And I'm not (so) naive (as) to think this is going to pass without a problem."

Rep. Leo Daughtry, R-Camden, opposes a lottery and said he does not believe the bill will pass. Daughtry said

the state should try to avoid a lottery, calling it a tax on the poor.

Lottery opponents have long argued that lower-income citizens are more likely to participate in a lottery in hope of getting rich, rendering lotteries, in effect, a regressive tax.

"It's a low-class thing for our state to get into and it's an unsure, undependable source of income," Daughtry said.

Gov. Mike Easley has also eased up on his support of a lottery, even though during his campaign Easley often advocated a lottery as a source of funding for education. Easley's press office said he has not yet taken an official stance on the bill.

But Owens said he understands the argument that a lottery would be detrimental to society.

"(The lottery) is a vice, like tobacco and alcohol," Owens said. "Maybe you shouldn't do it, but I think that choice should be left to the individual."

UNC economics Professor Patrick Conway also voiced concerns about the



Republican Leo Daughtry opposes the idea of a state lottery because he feels that it is a tax on the poor.

Little Richard Keeps Audience, Pants Up

By JUSTIN WINTERS
Staff Writer

"You might not like him, but it won't be boring," said one older woman to her grandson after he moaned over the fact that he thought he was going to a play. Oh boy, was she right.

With his unique humor and signature yell, the outrageous and cartoon-like Little Richard brought down Memorial Hall on Thursday night with a bit of luck and a whole lot of showmanship.

Playing nearly 20 songs from his 50-plus years of performing, he overcame minor lighting, sound and clothing problems to keep the audience members clapping their hands, singing along and even joining the stage to boogie woogie down.

"I am the beautiful Little Richard," he said with a grin across his face as he took the stage and climbed to the top of his piano. "I'm getting old, but I'm still here looking good."

And with a yelp, he seated himself and quickly pounded the first few notes of his hit, "Good Golly Miss Molly."

Richard's music is pure rock and roll, filling the room with an energy almost as kinetic as the singer himself. With every song, backed by the adept Little Richard band, his piano becomes less an instrument and more of an extension of Richard's hyperactive nature.

Working the ivories with ease and making sure the audience was keeping up as Richard only does (using our generation's "raise the roof" sign and moving to the edge of the stage to coax the crowd to sing along), the night's most entertaining moments were his side-splitting conversations with the jubilant, shouting members of the audience.

Inserting a joking "shut up" here and "y'all having a good time" there, Richard unveiled humorous anecdotes, including the fact that his pants were falling down, which kept everyone laughing. Luckily, he was handed a belt, to riotous applause, a few songs later.

On some tunes, the admitted perfectionist Richard seemed intent on getting the sound and lighting the exact volume and color, but his chipper mood won every situation over.

With every song, the best of which was the classic "Tutti Frutti," Richard reminded everyone attending that he truly deserves the nickname of "architect of rock and roll."

As the rocking Richard gave way to the preacher within, the performer slowed everything down toward the end of the two-hour set to give each audience member a personal picture and a book.

Then, with a bit of a wink, Richard ended the night with the perfect book-end to "Golly," his rousing rendition of "Long Tall Sally," which kept everyone dancing as they left the show.

The Arts & Entertainment Editor can be reached at artsdesk@unc.edu.



One of rock's founding fathers, Little Richard, brought his high-energy performance to Memorial Hall on Thursday.

Awop-bop-a-loo-mop-alop-bam-boom!

Little Richard