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Hear Them Speak  
The Blue & White and the DTH are  
co-sponsoring a forum for SBP candidates  
at 8 p.m. Thursday in 111 Carroll Hall.



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## DiPhi Forum Focuses on Platforms

By PAIGE AMMONS  
Staff Writer

The Joint Senate of the Dialectic and Philanthropic Societies hosted a student body president forum Monday evening, providing an informative venue for student inquiries.

The 30 students who were **student 2001 elections** present learned about the platforms of all the candidates and listened to their various promises for improving the University.

In their three-minute opening statements, the candidates promised everything from representing the diverse issues of UNC's student body to making the student body president more accessible.

The candidates were then bombarded by questions from the audience. Students' questions ranged from student judicial system reform to what platform issue was most valued by each candidate.

All seven candidates in attendance agreed that reform of the student judicial system is an issue that the student body president should address.

Candidate Correy Campbell thought this year's problems with the Honor Court centered on a lack of communication about the Honor Code. "Students should know the consequences," he said. "The Honor Court should promote what you can and cannot do."

Candidate Dustyn Baker agreed that educating freshmen about the Honor

Code is important to resolving the issue, while the other candidates thought the actual judicial system should be placed under review.

Candidate Justin Young narrowed the issue to three elements. "It boils down to review, reform, respect," he said.

Candidates Warren Watts and Annie Peirce support the Independent Defense Counsel, which solicits the help of professional attorneys in defending students.

Candidate Eric Johnson said one reform he would push for is the separation of the prosecution and defense representation within the Honor Court, which is one goal of the IDC.

Candidate Caleb Ritter also said the Honor Court needed change. "Small

groups of students shouldn't be able to affect another student so drastically."

In response to the question about which program was most important to each candidate, Watts emphasized the importance of more parking.

Campbell also said he would attack parking – but from a different angle. He said the ticketing issue was his major concern and that he plans to implement his automatic appeal plan, which would erase tickets for first offenses.

Johnson focused on safety issues. "If I could achieve one goal it would be if students feel unsafe, they could check out a 911 cell phone," he said.

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Candidate Dustyn Baker states her platform at the Dialectic and Philanthropic Societies' annual student body president forum Monday.

## Campuses Tout Party Elections

Some universities have developed political parties for student government that they say work well.

By APRIL BETHEA  
Staff Writer

While UNC student government candidates now forge the campaign trail on their own, other student leaders nationwide are getting firsthand experience with the American political process by forming political parties for campus elections.

Some former and current student leaders say parties divide student populations and can make it difficult to get things done on the campuses, while others say parties can be beneficial.

Student political groups are not a new fad on college campuses. The groups began to form on the UNC campus in the 1800s with the Dialectic and Philanthropic Societies.

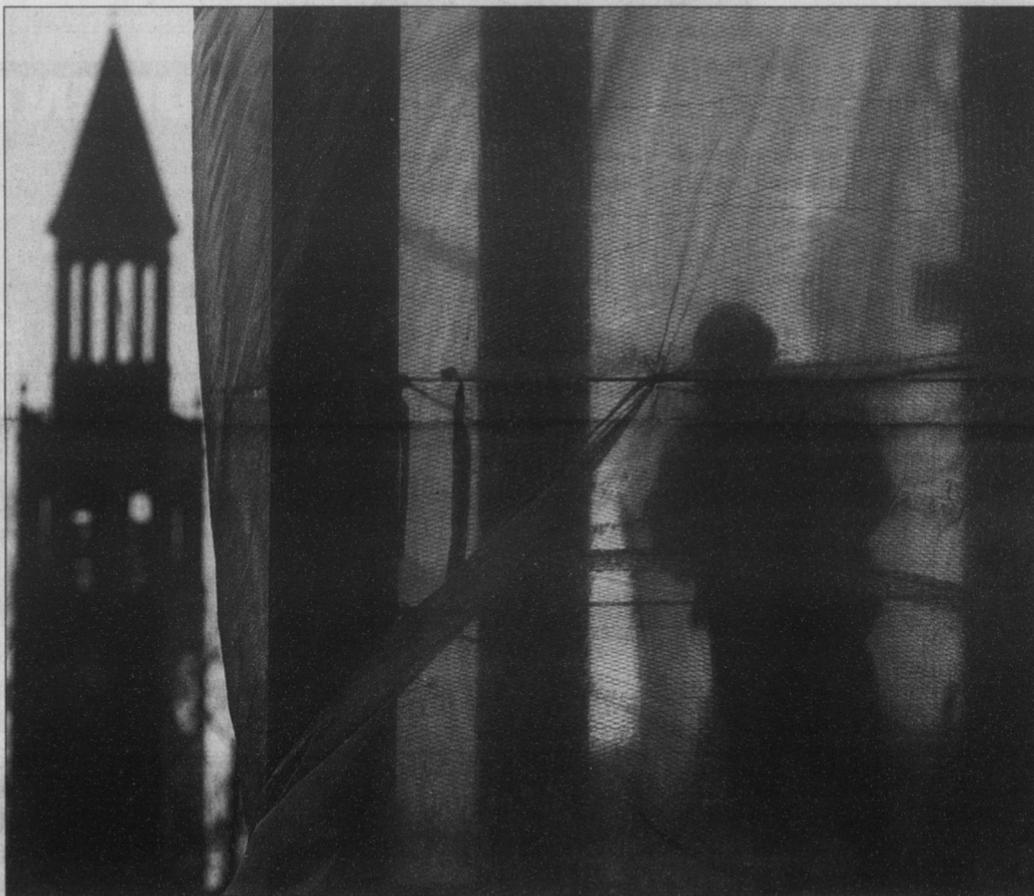
Political parties grew on the campus in the 1900s and continued until the election of independent candidate Thomas Bello, who was elected UNC student body president in 1970.

Today, all UNC student candidates run independently.

Robert Spearman, UNC student body president for the 1964-65 school

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## ALL IN A DAY'S WORK



A construction worker finishes his day building the new addition to the Student Union and cleans up his equipment as the sun sets Monday evening. The construction is expected to last until this May, and then the existing building will be renovated in two phases.

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## SBP Candidates Explore Campus Safety Problems

Candidates talked about their concerns for the areas of campus not covered by P2P routes and the need for better lighting.

By TYLER MALAND  
Staff Writer

After recent sexual assaults in the area and indecent exposure incidents in Davis Library last semester, student body president candidates shed personal light on campus safety and seek to meet students' demands for some improvements.

Though the majority of the race's 10 candidates said the campus is relatively safe, all stressed that improvements could be made in some safety practices – a sentiment that is echoed by Derek Poarch, director of the Department of Public Safety.

"I would say that campus is a safe place," he said. "There are always ways to improve safety." And each candidate has a plan to attack security problems.

■ Candidate Charlie Trakas said the lighting on campus is insufficient and the Safe Escort service alone is not an adequate solution. "It would be nice to have some sort of security present at all times," Trakas also said that a lack of awareness is the culprit for safety issues on campus. "Not enough attention is given to the subject," Trakas said.

■ Candidate Dustyn Baker said ensuring the safety of women on campus is one significant area of concern. "(Women) make up a large percentage of this campus, but we do not always feel safe." Baker said her main concerns with campus safety are Point-2-Point service, campus lighting and a lack of campus phones. "I think the personal P2P shuttles could be improved for students not on the P2P path."

■ Candidate Caleb Ritter said as student body president, he would increase 24-hour security presence around campus to reach excellent standards. "I think we need to extend hours with campus safety, especially since Davis is 24 hours now, and (we need) more of those blue call boxes."

■ Candidate Larry Harper said his main focus for campus safety will be improved lighting. "I think I would want to increase lighting, particularly on Stadium Drive for those walking back to South Campus." Harper also said he wants to increase the P2P operation hours around campus.

■ Candidate Justin Young said safety measures should extend to areas off the UNC campus. He said off-campus lighting should be a concern to the entire University. "We should hold landlords accountable for maintaining well-lit areas."

Young also said the Safe Escort service should be expanded to campus computer labs. "These places get overlooked, but students are still (at computer labs) until very late at night."

■ Candidate Correy Campbell said his main concern is a lack of police presence on campus and that he wants to increase police visibility. "Safety patrol (on campus) is pretty much a joke. They should be more out and about and give a sense of safety." Campbell also said P2P shuttle service should be increased, especially on Thursday nights. "They are usually jam-packed with people, and it forces some to walk home alone."

■ Candidate Warren Watts said more blue call boxes around campus would create a safer atmosphere. "I would put more call boxes along the perimeter of campus," Watts said. Watts said more self-defense classes should be given on campus. He also said, "We should make it known at C-TOPS that it is a pretty safe campus, but you should always walk with someone."

■ Candidate Annie Peirce said one of her main goals is to increase the number of call boxes on campus and ensure that

**Voters' Voices**  
This week, The Daily Tar Heel examines five issues picked by the student body that need student government attention.

**Today** — Safety  
**Weds.** — Race Relations  
**Thurs.** — Curriculum  
**Fri.** — Honor Court



## Land Tract Will Mix Residences, Research

By LEAH COLE  
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Residents voiced their complaints about the University's revised proposal to develop the Horace Williams property, claiming the community cannot support what is being planned.

The proposal, presented at Monday's Chapel Hill Town Council meeting, calls for the development of intermingled institutional/research, residential and retail facilities at the tract, a 970-acre piece of land along Airport Road.

The proposal is part of UNC's Master Plan, a blueprint for campus growth over the next 50 years. The tract is owned by the University but houses several town departments, such as public works.

The placement of residential and research facilities side by side was not coincidental. "Ultimately, the idea is that you could live and work here," said Adam Gross of the planning group

Ayers Saint Gross, which is developing the Master Plan. Planners predict that these facilities will eventually employ about 25,000 workers.

It is the creation of these jobs that worry many residents and council members.

Concerns were expressed about where new employees could afford to live. Also, residents are worried about the predicted 45,000 trips to and from this site each day. "First, about those 45,000 trips," resident Dan Coleman said. "The roads can't take

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Council member Flicka Bateman said the burden on local schools needs to be factored into decisions on the site.

## Democrats Discuss Current Racial Issues

Topics discussed included racial profiling, involvement in the civil rights movement and the recent appointment of John Ashcroft.

By ERIC MEEHAN  
Staff Writer

Their man might not have won the recent presidential election, but the Young Democrats continue to promote their political and social ideals.

About 50 Democrats of varying races met Monday night in 103 Bingham Hall to discuss a variety of racial issues affecting Americans.

The event was co-sponsored by the Black Student Movement and the UNC-Chapel Hill Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. The forum served to address a variety of concerns affecting both blacks and society as a whole.

Young Democrats Vice President Scott Jones started the forum with a brief history of the party's involvement in the civil rights movement. Then Secretary Susan Navarro discussed the appointment of conservative John Ashcroft as U.S. attorney general.

After discussion of these topics, UNC-CH NAACP President Ryan Wilson gave a short presentation on racial profiling. He cited examples to demonstrate what minorities face. For instance, in Illinois, Latinos account for less than 8 percent of the population but are pulled over 27 percent of the time. "I hope this shows that (racial profiling) is just a way to perpetuate racial stereotypes," he said. "It's not just a black problem; it's a nationwide problem."

Lively discussion followed Wilson's speech, but it was nothing compared to the rapid and passionate discussion following the next topic – reparations. BSM President Tyra Moore discussed the many diverse opinions held about what the government

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Doc Holliday in "Tombstone"