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Group Objects to KKK Leader's Name on Hall

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As student protesters continue efforts to rectify institutional racism at UNC, the Freedom Legacy Project has begun a petition to combat what members call one form of blatant racism on campus.

Members of the On the Wake of Emancipation Campaign flooded the quad in front of Saunders Hall on Monday to protest instances of racism in UNC's history, using the building's namesake as an example.

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The Freedom Legacy Project also has drawn up a petition to place a new plaque on Saunders Hall. The plaque would inform passers-by that the building is named after Col. William Lawrence Saunders, the founder of the North Carolina branch of the Ku Klux Klan after the Civil War and a former member of the UNC Board of Trustees.

The plaque currently on Saunders Hall states that the namesake was the secretary of state, the editor of the Colonial Records of North Carolina and a member of UNC's class of 1854 but does not mention Saunders' connection to the KKK.

The Freedom Legacy Project's goal is to enlighten students around campus

about various forms of institutional racism and to urge students to take action.

"The purpose of the project is for UNC to be as historically accurate as possible," said senior Jernmain Reeves, a leader of the Freedom Legacy Project. "The building makes Saunders out to be a good humanitarian, but he was a white supremacist."

Sophomore Monique Hall works with OWEC and helped lead Monday's protest. OWEC presented a list of demands, including a request for a truthful and inclusive depiction of history at the University, to Provost Robert Shelton.

Hall said something should be done

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The Word on the Street

In light of the Freedom Legacy Project's efforts to have a plaque added to Saunders Hall, The Daily Tar Heel surveyed 126 students to find out how many know about the issue.

Do you know who Saunders Hall is named after and what position he held in the community?

YES 44
NO 82 SAUNDERS HALL

Respondents who answered no to the above question were told of Saunders Hall's namesake before they were asked the second question.

Do you think the University should do something to change the name?

YES 61
NO 51

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New Student Body Officers Take Oaths



BY STEPHANIE HORVATH
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There were chuckles, heartfelt thanks and even a few tears as power changed hands Tuesday afternoon at the annual inauguration of the new student body officers.

Seasoned veterans introduced new players while saying their goodbyes in the Great Hall.

"What a great way to end your four years at Carolina — to say without a doubt that you have made this place better," said former Student Body President Brad Matthews.

Matthews said he has heard stories of past presidents who were reluctant to leave the stage and hand over the office to their successor. But for him, this was not the case. "It's very easy for me to take my hands off this podium because I'm very proud of this incoming administration," he said.

As his family looked on, Student Body President Justin Young emphasized his enthusiasm for the coming year. He then asked the audience to give his family a round of applause for supporting him.

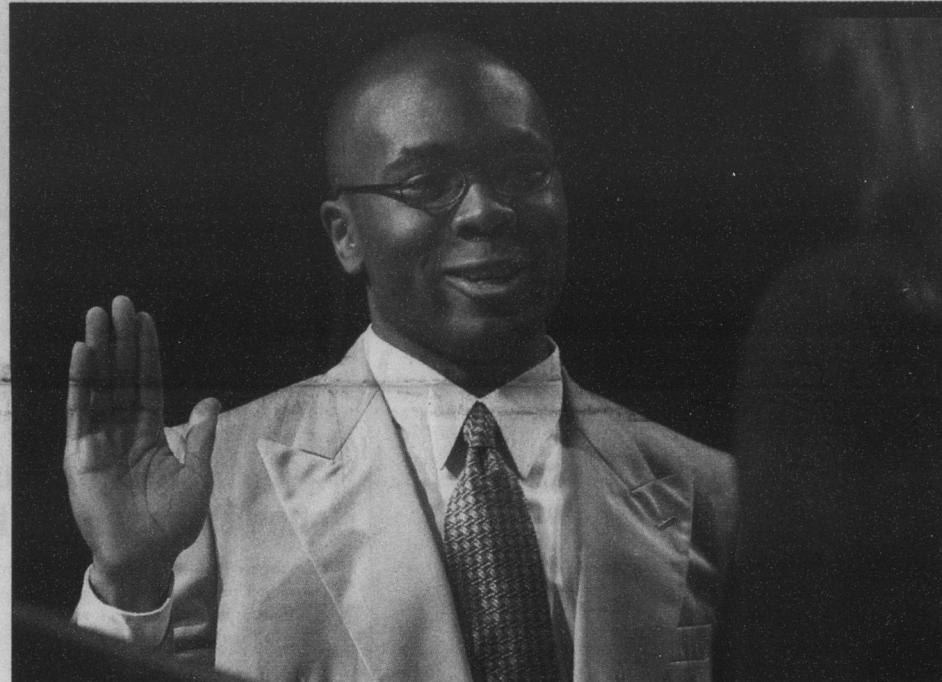
"Being up here at Carolina and having my family in Georgia, I don't get to see them very often," Young said after the inauguration. "Having them here to share an incredible experience is great."

Young's father, James Young, said he is proud of his son, though surprised he was elected at a university where he is a minority. "I think the odds were against (Justin)," he said. "But he's never been one to shirk from a challenge."

Young expressed his gratitude to the voters who elected him and said he wants to focus on making student government accessible.

"I want to kick the doors of student government wide open and help everyone and get everyone involved," he said.

Dusty Baker, student body secretary and former student body president, said the administration will work on outreach to students who feel separated from student government. "One of the most important things for us is to find those students who feel their ideas are being repressed," she said after the ceremony. "We def-



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Justin Young (above) is sworn in as student body president. Kativa Parker, Rudy Kleysteuber, Mikisha Brown (top left, left to right), also inaugurated, and former SBP Brad Matthews laugh while singing "Hark the Sound."

initely feel we can represent all student voices."

Former Student Body Vice President Lerissa Rentas fought back tears as she speculated on how her life will be without Suite C. "I'm having really mixed feelings about my leaving," she said. "It's going to be interesting to return to life as a normal student."

Student Body Vice President Rudy Kleysteuber's speech was perhaps the most revealing. After swearing his oath, Kleysteuber announced to the student body in his address that he is gay and said that, to his knowledge, he is the first openly gay officer in the executive branch.

Kleysteuber said Young was aware of his sexual orientation before selecting him for vice president but that it had no bearing on Young's decision. "He picked me because I was qualified and

because I will represent the entire student body — gay, straight, queer or anywhere in between," Kleysteuber said.

Kleysteuber said he revealed his sexuality partly to reach out to the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community. "I think students need a dedicated, responsible voice for LGBT issues, and I want them to know they can come to me," he said. "I just wanted to get this out in the open. That's the great thing about sexuality — you can reveal it or you can hide it. And nothing good ever came from hiding it."

Other officers inaugurated included Senior Class President Ben Singer and Vice President Ursula Dimmling; Residence Hall

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Chapel Hill Mayor Rosemary Waldorf said the Town Council has worked to eliminate any institutional racism.

Employees in the Department of Public Works filed a complaint with the federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission because they thought the town systematically kept minorities in lower-paid positions and did not give them ample opportunities to advance, Chapel Hill Mayor Rosemary Waldorf said.

Waldorf said the EEOC found no grounds for these claims, but the Town Council did take steps to ensure such complaints would not come up again.

She said that their lowest paid employees have a higher salary than the average in this region.

Waldorf also said the Town Council formed a committee of top and middle-level public works management and employees to talk about grievances and ways to improve upon those.

She added that the Town Council tried to stop these types of complaints by providing minorities with training opportunities that would help them be promoted.

Some local officials maintain that this type of racism is hard to pinpoint and eradicate. "Institutional racism is very prevalent in our society," said Carrboro Board of Aldermen member Jacquelyn Gist. "What's insidious about it is that good, well-intentioned people perpetuate it without meaning to."

Gist said institutional racism stems

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Durham Tech Solicits Orange County Satellite

BY ALDESHA GORE
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Orange County officials say a \$4 million bond proposal to build a local community college might take the back burner because of more pressing needs in the community.

Durham Technical Community College President Phail Wynn asked the Orange County Capital Needs Advisory Task Force last Wednesday to consider putting the proposal on the November ballot. If approved, the bond money would be used to build a satellite campus of Durham Tech in Orange County.

Durham Tech spokeswoman Wanda

Winslow said having a new community college facility in Orange County would allow the school to expand its offerings and reduce the number of students commuting from Chapel Hill to Durham.

"Twenty-two percent of our enrollment lives in Orange County," Winslow said. "With \$4 million, we could build a facility that can serve 1,500 to 2,000 in one day."

Orange County Board of Education member Keith Cook said he understands the need for a community college and why students might not want to commute back and forth between coun-

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Senate Passes Educational Tax-Break Bill

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The U.S. Senate Finance Committee unanimously passed a bill recently that would provide more than \$20 billion of educational tax benefits in the next decade for students, parents and employers.

The Affordable Education Act of 2001 would ease taxes on student loans, employer-provided education, state college savings plans and federal education savings accounts.

The bill, which must be approved by Congress, likely will be included as part of President Bush's tax cut plan.

Robert Samors, federal relations official for the UNC system, said the bill could make college more affordable for students.

"It's a given fact that students come

out of college with considerable loans to pay back," Samors said.

Under the proposed bill, the current 60-month deadline for paying back student loans would be eliminated.

"This is a positive development," Samors said. "It reduces the burden that's placed on students and their families."

Shirley Ort, UNC director of scholarships and student aid, said the bill

would raise the cutoff income level for loan-interest deductions.

Under the proposal, the adjusted gross income ceiling would increase from \$55,000 to \$65,000 for single taxpayers and from \$75,000 to \$130,000 for taxpayers filing jointly.

Students who have more loans would benefit, such as the out-of-state, graduate and professional students.

She added that about 5,000 UNC students have loans, totaling nearly \$66.8 million.

Steve Brooks, executive director at the N.C. State Education Assistance Authority, said one of the best features of the bill is that deposits into the state-managed college-savings funds will not be taxed anymore. "It's a great plan for future students," he said.

He also said the proposed education tax cut is a positive development for college students. "If there's going to be a tax cut, there are several ways to do it," Brooks said. "Educational issues are on the agenda, and that's encouraging."

Brooks cautioned that reforms will not happen immediately. "There's a long way to go," he said.

Both Samors and Ort echoed Brooks' sentiments.

"We need to pay close attention to see if the educational legislation will not get dropped off the table," Samors said.

And Ort added, "I hope it doesn't come to the point where Congress takes an either-or approach."

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Voters quickly forget what a man says.

Richard Nixon