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become more conscious of the way our government runs," Mayer said. "They've become aware of the things they've taken for granted."

But many residents interviewed during Tuesday's election stressed the importance of participation in local government.

Dale Renguette, who works at the Newman Catholic Student Center, said he's been voting in Chapel Hill municipal elections for 30 years.

"(Voting) is not going to change the world," Renguette said. "But I think it can do something to change the town."

Joe Herzenberg, a former member of the Chapel Hill Town Council, said he is "an addicted voter" and that he couldn't recall ever missing an election.

"(Voting) is what our country's all about," Herzenberg said.

But Herzenberg said that in many years of participating in local elections, he has been frustrated by a lack of student votes. He said that if every resident of Teague Residence Hall voted for one candidate, that candidate would probably win.

Shirley Ray, who helped man the voting booths at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Chapel Hill, also said she had seen few students visiting the poll site.

"Mostly senior citizens (came and voted)," said "Students aren't as interested in this kind of election."

But George Jackson, an epidemiology graduate student, said he cast his ballot because he felt a responsibility to contribute to local government.

"It's an obligation for people in a democracy to vote," Jackson said.

Chapel Hill resident Jeannette Tolley volunteered to regulate voting at Fetzer Gym. Tolley, who has worked the poll site since 1974, also emphasized that residents have a responsibility to vote.

"If people don't like the government, then they're responsible for it," Tolley said. "If you don't vote, you can't complain about what you get."

Most voters said that they considered the option to vote a privilege.

"I don't understand why people don't vote," said Betty Bell, a local artist.

"We're lucky to have a democracy where we get the chance."

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ketball game," he said.

After returning to Chile in 1978, Lagos became a leading advocate for the recreation of democracy.

In 1986, Lagos was jailed for his opposition to Pinochet.

He was inaugurated as the president of Chile in March 2000 and has maintained a close relationship with UNC while he serves as president.

Student Body Vice President Rudy Kleysteuber, who is a Chilean citizen, said he was touched by the president's appearance at UNC.

"Ricardo Lagos is an amazing man," Kleysteuber said. "But what is truly touching to me is that not only is he an inspirational leader in Chile, but he is part of the Carolina family."

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Franklin Roye, Kappa Psi alumni chairman, said that after raising most of the money, the fraternity wanted to take out a loan but was unable to because of a new University policy. Roye said they finally were able to acquire the money because several alumni and two brothers co-signed on a loan.

Overall, most fraternity presidents said that despite the cost, the safety offered by the new sprinklers is worth the monetary price. "It is a fair requirement, but it is difficult to raise money, especially now," Hosemann said. "It is definitely for a worthy cause, though."

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Woman Robbed on Franklin Street

By JON DOUGHERTY
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Jane Meads should have been having a great Friday morning.

Meads, 54, had just bought a new house and was on her way to Carrboro to sell another.

But on Friday she was robbed of an unspecified amount of money while in her car on Franklin Street.

"I wasn't really in criminal-chasing clothes," said Meads, a Chapel Hill resident.

"I was wearing a skirt and stockings, carrying briefcases and contracts."

Meads, a UNC graduate, said she was pulling away from the curb in her Chrysler Sebring convertible, which had been parked outside of Miami Subs, when she collided with some handtrucks that were in the road.

Some passers-by attempted to help Meads by moving the equipment and then giving her directions as she once

again tried to pull out into traffic, she said.

"The people standing around, they were very nice and helpful," Meads said. "They told me when to go back and forward and then when I was clear of the dummies."

Meads said it was during this confusion that the robbery took place.

Police reports state that at 10:33 a.m., an assailant stole an unspecified amount of money from Meads' wallet and fled on foot.

"One of the people helping leaned in

my window and asked if they could have a tip," she said.

"I was happy to help and opened my wallet. The man then reached over, took all the money from my wallet and ran away."

As of yet, no arrests have been made, but the case is under further investigation.

Chapel Hill Police Spokeswoman Jane Cousins could not be reached for comment Sunday.

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Campus Calendar

Today

6:30 p.m. - **The Carolina Undergraduate Health Fellowship** will have an interest meeting in 103 Bingham Hall. Learn how to get funding to do a health related travel study this summer.

7 p.m. - The Daily Tar Heel will have an **Association of Student Leaders** meeting in 209 Manning Hall. Representative from all student groups are invited to let DTH editors know about concerns and upcoming events. E-mail jermaine@email.unc.edu for more information.

7:30 p.m. - **The Dialectic and Philanthropic Societies** will hold a debate on the philosophical topic "Resolved: A man can change his nature by exertion of his will" in 308 New West Hall.

7:30 p.m. - **The Fellowship of Christian Athletes** welcomes everyone to come join them for a time of fun, fellowship, and worship. FCA meets every Monday at 7:30 pm in the Ram's Room of Kenan Field House (south entrance to the football stadium).

8 p.m. - **Students for Students International** will host a Concert 4 Unity. The concert brings together different cultural performance groups on campus including Hip Hop Nation, Kamikazi, Mezmerythm and more. The event will be held in Hill Hall. Tickets are on sale in the Pit. All money goes to charity.

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