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continues to serve the local interest."

But Chapel Hill Town Council member Pat Evans said Lee would be better prepared to champion the city's cause in the post-election legislature.

Evans pointed out that newly drawn legislative districts might in fact give Republicans an advantage in the upcoming election and that a senator with a history of consensus building would better serve Orange County's interests.

"It is important to have somebody to represent our community," she said. "It is my understanding that (Lee) has never introduced a piece of legislation that hasn't passed. He understands how to get the votes."

But Chapel Hill council member Mark Kleinschmidt said being a successful lawmaker requires more than simply generating votes.

He said Kinnaird's voting record shows that she votes her conscience and is willing to propose bills that align with her convictions even if she knows they

are doomed to failure.

"She doesn't say things like, 'I never submit a bill I don't think will pass,'" Kleinschmidt said. "I think it's important that our values continue to be reflected and I'm afraid we're going to lose that."

Carrboro Mayor Mike Nelson said that though his loyalty lies with fellow Carrboro resident Kinnaird, he respects the strides that Lee has made for minorities in the state.

"Howard Lee broke a lot of barriers when he was elected mayor of Chapel Hill," Nelson said. "If he had not broken racial barriers, I would not have been able to be elected as the first openly gay mayor in North Carolina."

No matter what the outcome of this year's primaries, the area will suffer a loss, said Carrboro alderman Jacquelyn Gist.

"I think it's really sad that the legislature put us in a position of losing a good legislator," she said. "Either way we'll be losing a great legislator. I think they're a great pair."

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by several in regards to sponsoring the petition with me."

Council member Dorothy Verkerk said the petition has plenty of merit.

"It's a damned if you do, damned if you don't situation," she said. "I think people enjoy Apple Chill, but I also realize it costs the town a lot of money. 'I'll have to think long and hard on this one.'"

Council member Jim Ward echoed Verkerk's comments. "Reasonable people are making reasonable points," he said. "I've been a member of this com-

munity for over 25 years, and (Apple Chill) has changed."

Verkerk said people from outside Chapel Hill coming in to enjoy the festivities is just part of the scene.

"It's important to realize that Chapel Hill is a leader in the state," she said. "It's important we offer these kinds of activities to other communities."

Brock said the issue really boils down to practicality. "I love this community, I want to see local activities, but why spend so much when we've got such problems? 'It's like spending money on other things when you need food.'"

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Sue Estroff, chairwoman of the Faculty Council.

She said the study of the humanities cannot take a back seat to these other projects at a University.

"At this point we're looking for some intellectual leadership," Estroff said. "He's proven himself to be a champion of the principles of this University, and he's earned a lot of respect for that."

Tommy Griffin, chairman of the Employee Forum, said Moeser has responded well to concerns voiced last

year by staff members but that he does not expect this speech to address the staff directly. "With the budget crisis how it is, I don't know how much else he has to talk about," Griffin said.

Provost Robert Shelton said he is looking forward to hearing about the strong academic programs and great undergraduate experience UNC can provide. Moeser has led the University admirably in the past year and has great accomplishments to talk about, Shelton said.

"I think there is a constant theme of being the best and taking the lead."

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ferences are accepted by Islam, which professes that final judgment will be made by Allah, the one supreme god, he said.

"Nowhere in the entire Quran is there any foundation for the so-called holy war," Badawi said. "Nowhere in the entire Quran is there any foundation for a Muslim to fight another person based solely on religion."

Badawi said many of the misinterpreted Quran passages about holy war were written while Muslims were suffering heavy persecution and had to fight for their beliefs. Even then, the Muslim warriors would spare people who promised not to aid the enemy, he said.

"Unfortunately, people are still quoting these passages 1,400 years later, saying you should fight," he said.

Escalating problems between Muslims and Jews in the Middle East have led many people to believe that religion is a common basis for holy war in the Islamic faith, Badawi said.

But in the Quran, he said, Jews and Christians are respected as "people of the book" because they all share similar religious roots. "If you look at the totality of history, you will see more peace between Israelis and Muslims than with many other faiths."

Senior Sarah Khanani said she wished more non-Muslims had been at the speech to see Badawi's views. Intolerance of Islam can only be defeated by the spread of accurate information, she said. "People just believe what they hear. If you hear someone on CNN saying it, you're more likely to believe it."

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adequate funding for UNC-system schools and community colleges. Lee said he also is taking steps to increase funding to UNC Hospitals.

But when the senators were questioned about their stances on a lottery referendum, Kinnaird and Lee took opposing sides of the debate.

"I do support a referendum for the people to vote for a lottery," Lee said. "The people have been asking to vote on a lottery for years."

But Kinnaird said that though she thinks a lottery would pass by a referendum vote, she does not favor bringing the lottery to the state.

The lottery would generate jobs in lottery agencies outside the state and would cost the state revenue spent on advertising, she said.

The senators had mixed reactions to a question about the relationship between the General Assembly and the UNC-system Board of Governors.

"I think the (BOG) is a politicized, unwieldy and not very effective body," Lee said. "I think the BOG should be cut down to no more than 18 non-elected officials."

Though they focused on educational issues, both senators mentioned their support for a moratorium on North Carolina executions.

But Kinnaird said she alone has repeatedly introduced a moratorium bill.

Both candidates said that no matter who wins, the loser will continue to support the victor.

"We've worked together for so many years," Kinnaird said. "We don't intend to stop now."

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Qur'anic Discussions

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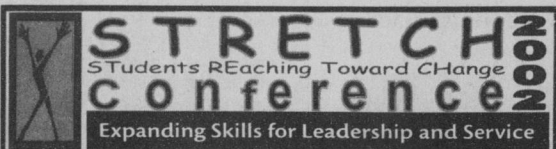
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Staff Report

The first meeting of The Daily Tar Heel Association of Student Leaders will be held at 7 p.m. today in 100 Hamilton Hall.

ASL is a forum hosted by the DTH that allows students - and specifically students in leadership roles on campus - to share their views of the DTH and to give DTH editors feedback on the paper's coverage.

The forum also is an opportunity for student leaders to provide DTH editors with information about events and issues they think should receive coverage in the paper. At this week's meeting, DTH editors also will seek feedback on what students would like to see from the paper's Sept. 11 one-year anniversary coverage. All students are welcome to attend.

Any student who wishes to be added to the ASL listserve to receive information about future ASL meetings should contact DTH Managing Editor Alex Kaplun at kaplun@email.unc.edu.

Further questions and comments about ASL can also be directed to Kaplun at the same e-mail address.

Future meetings will be held Oct. 3, Oct. 29 and Nov. 25. All future meetings will be at 7 p.m. in Student Union 3503.

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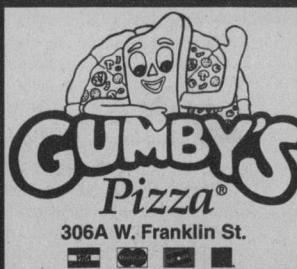
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