

CIRQUE

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with Memorial Hall closed for at least another year, it's refreshing to see University planners are still attracting exciting and diverse arts events to campus.

And judging from the smiles on audience members' faces — young and old alike — Cirque Inc.'s "Dream It Live" was by all means a hit, making it a delightful close to the this year's Performing Arts Series.

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CABINET

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mote events that unite different student groups," he said. "Students feel disconnected, and this year, (student government) can try to help fix that."

Junior Leia Kelly was appointed as chairwoman of the Women's Affairs Committee. The committee was established last year, and Kelly said the youth of the project helped attract her.

"The Women's Affairs Committee is a much-needed force on campus," she said. "I'm looking forward to putting a structure in place to help move (the committee) forward."

Kelly said she views the newly conceived committee as an opportunity to advance part of Tepper's campaign platform and "build a bridge between student government and the rest of campus."

Tepper was positive about both the number of candidate applications and the final selections. "With the Cabinet members we chose, we are on our way to re-establishing the legitimacy of student government with the student body."

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HOUSEKEEPERS

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concerns they have been airing to UNC administrators this semester. Workers have held numerous meetings, including one with the chancellor, to discuss numerous complaints about policies practiced in the housekeeping department.

In the meantime, union leaders called on attendees of Saturday's meeting to reorganize union brigades within the campus community that educate workers of their union rights and reduce fears that union members are singled out at the University.

The meeting focused on promoting the Workers Fairness Campaign, which includes a pledge to be signed by elected officials and local employers stating that, among other things, they have an obligation to "make decisions that promote and defend the rights and civil liberties of workers and residents."

"The Workers Fairness Campaign is designed to create a window of opportunity to recruit people into the union and to build a congregation," said Saladin Muhammed, organizational coordination leader and international representative for the University electrical workers.

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BOG

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it was any other election.

The eight new members were presented to the House by a special nominating committee. They were elected the same day.

In previous years, BOG candidates would roam the halls of the legislature introducing themselves to legislators and discussing their ideas. There also was debate on the House floor about the nominees.

Keber attributed the expedited process to partisan parity in the House. He said the leadership likely decided it was in the best interest to make sure the final group of appointees was balanced.

The appointees include two blacks and four women. The election was the first after a lawsuit that resulted in the legislature banning quotas on the BOG for women, racial minorities and members of the minority political party.

Debate was eliminated from the process because House members voted to proceed with a vote, said House Democratic leader Joe Hackney, D-Orange. "It was simply a process appropriate to the co-speakership. There were four Democrats and four Republicans. What the process assured was that it would come out that way."

But Taylor said that while active campaigning is time-consuming for both candidates and legislators, she missed the advantages face-to-face discussion provides. "I personally would like to spend some time back over there when things slow down a little — if they ever do — and go by and say hello to people."

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Iraqis expected to welcome U.S. aid

Experts say U.S. must gain trust

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Many worry that it will be difficult for the United States to impart democratic values to a historically oppressed people such as the Iraqis, but experts say humanitarian aid can help gain the people's trust and facilitate the process.

Wade Silverman, a psychologist from Coral Gables, Fla., said the Iraqi people have been traumatized by years of totalitarian rule.

"They have suffered long-term physical, emotional and mental stress at the hands of Hussein, said

Silverman, an expert in helping people cope with terror.

He said the Iraqi people think the threat of Hussein's government still exists even though it has been vanquished by the coalition forces.

Most opposition on behalf of the Iraqi people to the U.S. attack on Hussein is a result of this trauma, Silverman added.

The majority of Iraq is not genuinely in support of Hussein, but the trauma inflicted by years of totalitarian rule has distorted their thinking.

"It'll be awhile before it sinks in that they are no longer victims," Silverman said.

But he said that once the wounds heal, the Iraqi people will

be able to accept and appreciate U.S. involvement and the implementation of democracy.

"The whole thing about the U.S. not being welcome (by the Iraqi people) was ridiculous," Silverman said.

Whether the Iraqis realize it yet or not, he said, they welcome the fall of Hussein.

Many Iraqis already have begun to show outward support for U.S. forces, though Silverman said most of this support also is a product of trauma.

"They are used to cheering for winners."

Dan Reiter, a professor of political science at Emory University, said he agrees, adding that the more ground the United States

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WADE SILVERMAN, PSYCHOLOGIST

gained in Iraq, the more support it had from its people.

"(The Iraqis) seemed to be going with whoever was going to win," Reiter said.

Silverman said that no matter whether trauma encourages a false sense of support for or enmity toward the United States, coalition forces must gain Iraqi trust to eliminate the impact of Hussein-induced trauma and create a true sense of support for democracy.

"We're talking humanitarian with a capital H," he said.

"As soon as we can feed the kids, get education going, get public safety going, show signs that we're trying to help the community — that's the best we can do."

"We'll need as much cooperation from the Iraqi people as possible," Reiter said.

He added that the United States' immediate concerns are the establishment of law and order

and the provision of basic services such as electricity and clean water.

U.S. forces have to be patient and amicable toward the traumatized people of Iraq, Silverman said.

Having observed U.S. Marines smiling at Iraqi children and giving them candy, he said the United States already has adopted the appropriate strategy for interacting with Iraqis.

But Sarah Shields, UNC professor of history, said that after years under Hussein's rule, the Iraqis are ready for change — whether or not it comes with humanitarian aid.

"The Iraqi people have had experience with democratic institutions but have never had the power to carry out democracy for themselves."

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APRIL REPORT

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graduate student issues.

"I was glad that we were able to generate attention on the financial issues that graduate students face," she said. "We opened up a dialogue on campus with administrators, faculty and also the students."

But not all feedback was posi-

tive.

Williamson said she is most concerned about the proposal to remove overhead receipts, a source of funding that comes from research grants and often pays for graduate student research positions.

She also said she is unhappy about the trend toward increasing tuition.

But Schmitt's greatest disap-

pointment is that the officers simply ran out of time.

"My personal disappointment is that it's over, and we were only in office for a year," Schmitt said. "We only had time to lay the groundwork. I personally won't get to see (the issues) resolved."

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