

**STUDENTS**

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advertising their show and hang all their work in the studio's gallery. Although Suggs didn't have a specific theme in mind as she created the art for the show, she said, the similar shapes in her work tie the pieces together.

"I felt like everything I was doing was kind of random, but now that it's all done, it's all very similar," she said. "So it's kind of nice. It came together, and I wasn't planning it that way at all."

The first opening event for "symbiosis" will be held at Blecker Street Studios' gallery Friday from 6 to 9 p.m. The artists' reception will be held April 16 from 6 to 9 p.m., and the show will run until May 9.

Although Suggs' priority is preparing for the show, she might have to apply for a new job sooner than she'd planned. Suggs' housing situation for next year fell through, and she is considering applying for a job at the buying office for Urban Outfitters or Anthropologie, both of which Suggs said value employees with a young, creative perspective.

For now, Suggs is focusing on the satisfaction of being able to put her studio art degree to use in the real world. "I'm just more excited about actually finishing, having something to show for it."

**MacDonald nears finish line**

It was a year of late nights at his computer, of chilly, early-morning walks to his office in New East. A year of graphs, statistics, tedium, writing and even more revising.

But as Joe MacDonald neared

the end of writing his dissertation, he said he wouldn't have spent the past year doing anything else.

The final product, which MacDonald has almost completed and will defend in May, will mean a great deal more to him than the 400 pages that comprise it.

"With everything you do in life ... you do remember the hardship," said the fifth-year doctoral candidate. "But it's always something you're proud of, that you followed something through from beginning to end, and you've accomplished it."

The scale and unique topic of his dissertation have meant a lonely life, but he already is starting to see promising results. He has a telephone interview today with the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission in Cleveland, Ohio, and a personal interview Thursday with the Center for Urban Studies at Detroit's Wayne State University.

He's also in contact with other potential employers, but he still hasn't applied for any jobs outside of a 365-mile radius of his hometown in Detroit — and he hopes not to. Yet he understands that things might not mesh with his plans.

Job opportunities aside, MacDonald said, he appreciates the opportunity the project has given him to test his potential as a student and as a researcher.

"I think this is the only time in life when you can work on a huge process, and it's exactly as you wanted it to be," he said. "You want to use this time ... to show yourself that you can do good work that you're capable of."

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**SERVICE NC**

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years."

All 16 UNC-system schools participated in the event throughout the week, ASG President Jonathan Ducote said.

Some private universities and community colleges also took part. The event seeks to partner students with local volunteer organizations.

Cohen said that he expected about 5,000 participants this year but that he hopes that number will continue to grow in years to come.

The Chapel Hill project kicked off Saturday morning in Polk Place with a speech by School of Law Dean Gene Nichol, who emphasized the importance of public service at a state university such as UNC-Chapel Hill.

"There ought to be a great correlation between the work we do and the needs of the people of this

state," he said to the group of about 50 participants from UNC-CH. "Your commitment to public to public service is so essential. ... The greatest American value of all American values is that we're all in this together."

UNC-CH Student Body President Matt Tepper and Student Body President-elect Matt Calabria also were in attendance and participated in service projects.

One of the unique aspects of Service North Carolina is that it links with other service organizations to plan projects, said Sanja Bosman, co-chairwoman of the effort's Chapel Hill branch.

Following the opening ceremony, participants broke up into smaller groups assigned to projects, ranging from pulling weeds at Coker Arboretum to staffing the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life.

Student volunteers also staffed a three-on-three basketball tourna-

ment at Woollen Gym and attended the Southeast Student Renewable Energy Conference on the UNC-CH campus.

"I think this is a very effective way to give back to North Carolina," said Calabria, who helped with the Arboretum project. "We're trying to build bridges between the University and the state."

ASG leaders said they hope Service North Carolina will spread throughout the state and eventually become an independent organization.

"For the time being, we're the incubator," Ducote said. "The plan is for Service North Carolina to become independent next year."

"It's such a wonderful project, and it should be owned by the state of North Carolina, not the association."

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when you don't have a job or if you don't have the skills to get a new job, or if the job you have today pays half what it paid two years ago," Bowles said.

Bowles also spoke of the ideas he had for issues closer to the minds and wallets of North Carolinians.

He said free trade agreements have been lopsided and that other countries need to open their doors to U.S. businesses seeking profit in foreign markets.

Although he said reform was necessary, he added that the lack of enforcement of existing trade agreements was a large sore spot in current policy.

"I'm not going to vote for a single trade agreement until we start enforcing the ones we have on the books," he said.

In addition to increasing tourism revenue in the state and making infrastructure and technology changes in North Carolina, Bowles said one of his pivotal goals would be to fight for tobacco buy-out legislation.

"We have to have the tobacco buyout," he said. "It is absolutely critical. You're going to have to have somebody who will fight for it."

But the most important thing, Bowles said, was the future, represented by the faces in the room.

"This race is not about me," Bowles said in his concluding remarks. "This race in this election this year is about you. You are the future. It's your future that I'm fighting for."

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**SLEEPOUT**

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out, marking the first time in the event's history that participants outnumbered tents.

Campers borrowed two tents from the Black Student Movement's Relay for Life team, and some chose to sleep indoors and on the pavement in sleeping bags.

"It's really easy to look down on (the homeless)," said Alpha Phi Alpha member Brian Foxx, a senior from Fayetteville.

"The fact of the matter is that it can happen to anyone. It can happen to you."

Jarrod Jenkins, a sophomore member from Atlanta, organized this year's sleepout and noted that, despite adverse weather, fraternity members and guests remained throughout the night.

"Despite it being quite cold and extremely windy, people continued to sleep outside," he said.

Jenkins also remarked on the different facets of the project from campus to community and was thrilled with the efforts of all involved. "We all put in work. We've all done our part," Jenkins said.

"This is the first project I've spearheaded, so I'm very excited."

In addition to campus donations, local businesses contributed to the event, with Papa John's and Domino's donating pizza and Townsend Bertram & Co. donating tents.

"The Chapel Hill community has been very receptive," Jenkins said.

The group kept busy throughout the night, barbecuing, playing basketball, cards and games, and entertaining visitors, friends and curious onlookers.

"This is one of my favorite projects," Foxx said. "It brings the issue of homelessness to the college student."

Despite the upbeat nature of the evening, the members continued to emphasize the severity of the area's homeless problem, an issue that often goes overlooked in affluent places such as Chapel Hill.

"Being from Chapel Hill, lots of people aren't faced with this," Jenkins said.

"I think it's a chance for people to leave their comfort zone. It puts things in perspective. It's representative of some of the struggle they go through."

The event not only raised awareness for homelessness but also gave the members of Alpha Phi Alpha an opportunity to demonstrate their commitment to the community.

"It just shows that we have a legacy of service that we want to uphold," said member Deone Powell, a senior from Whitakers.

"We're not here to solve problems; we're just here to raise awareness."

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**JOBS**

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while but ultimately result in a weaker, less competitive economy.

"The countries that are extremely competitive today may be less so tomorrow," said Bob Cohen, spokesman for ITAA. When the worldwide playing field is leveled, he said, competition will determine where the jobs go.

But Steven Levine, interim director of the Carolina Asia Center, said the solutions to outsourcing problems go beyond mere economics. "I think that economic arguments in terms of maximum efficiency and profits are far from being the only decisions one has to make," Levine said. "These are human issues as I see them, not just corporate issues."

But Levine said that in the long term, globalization could benefit the entire world.

The worldwide benefits in the long term, Levine said, will outweigh the advantages of protectionist policies in the United States in the short term.

Instead, he suggested that the United States develop ways to combat the immediate unemployment that will be produced in manufacturing and service industries. "For a long time now the United States has been in a very privileged position in the global economy. ... To the extent that outsourcing of jobs is connected to the redistribution of wealth around the globe, I think that is a larger social justice," Levine said.

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