more than 5,000 members.

Donald Penix, president of the order's N.C. lodge, said that the group sent a questionnaire to the candidates, and that Easley was the

only one to respond.

While no police organizations have endorsed Ballantine, he is proud to have the support of other law enforcement groups.

"One of the most important func-tions of government is to provide the safety of our people. I believe in tough but fair law enforcement. That's why sheriffs from all over North Carolina are backing me for governor," Ballantine states on his

campaign Web site.

Ballantine's office could not be reached before press time.

Program on Southern Politics, Media and Public Life at UNC, said he doesn't think the debates will have much of an effect on the candidates' campaigns due to a lack of unified coverage.

DAVID SPAGNOLA, POLICE COALITION

Ferrel Guillory, director of the

"We feel that Easley

has done a good

class ... in North

Carolina."

job for the working

He also predicted that Ballantine's numbers will rise before Election Day because of the Republican Party's large influence in North Carolina.

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SHELTER nizations, the department also will strive to increase rates of animal

adoption, she said. The new animal services direc-

tor is set to oversee these changes Whoever gets the job also will be charged with integrating the various aspects of animal services under the new department, as well as sponsoring programs and serving as a link to other county departments.

PEACE CORPS

He said he quickly learned that every community is different and to be ready to adapt to unique situ-

"I fell down a hill one day in

Paraiso and landed in a pile of human excrement," Reid said.

That was the inspiration for our

said he saw a real need in his com-

munity to reduce local farmers'

dependency on slash-and-burn

farming, a damaging agricultural

He began an ecotourism project in the cloud forests where farmers

On a more serious note, Reid

latrine project."

Ultimately, commissioners decided that they needed more time to make a final decision. Thus, the examination of Tuesday's report became just the latest step in transition process

"We may need to meet again because we're in this transitional phase," Carey said. The commissioners will make

their final decision when they meet again Nov. 3.

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PANEL

as a group, have dealt with their own hardships. "The image of Asians as the

model minority overshadows the trials ... that they have faced," she

One audience member questioned the importance of events like these, stating that some events during Race Relations Week are futile and do not create many tangible results.

Tim McMillan, assistant profes sor of African and African-American Studies, answered the question by pointing to the history of race relations on campus. He argued that 60 years ago, he would have been the only panelist allowed on stage because he is a white man. McMillan said progress happens over time, and the tangible results

are instigated through events such as Race Relations Week.

Junior Sumeet Banker, a member of the panel, attested to the "social force" of the wide variety of races he felt upon his arrival on campus. He stressed that people need to "maintain their social identity without the presence of segregation."

Black Student Movement President Erin Davis and Julius West, co-chairman of the BSM political action committee, also served on the panel.

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viding them with a supplemental income. "The most rewarding part of my experience was the relationships I formed with members of my com-

"I have a whole other family now, and living in a totally differ-ent reality has been a wonderful experience

munity," Reid said.

During their assignments, volunteers are provided full health benefits and a living stipend. All travel is paid for by the Peace Corps, and workers are awarded more than \$6,000 upon completion of their program

To be accepted in the Peace Corps, applicants must be U.S. citizens and over 18 years old. Graduates with at least a bachelor's degree are preferred, and there is a heavy interest in people with academic, work or volunteer experience, leadership skills and a real interest in cross-cultural exchange

But campus Peace Corps recruiter Chris Ormsby said that volunteers have come from diverse backgrounds and that anyone is encouraged to look into the pro-

Those interested can schedule an appointment with Ormsby by contacting the Career Center. There will be an information session at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 20 in Hanes

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GLBSTA

step in cooperation.

Face-to-face dialogue is the first step to creating any change, and that's what this was," said Jermaine Caldwell, a member of GLBTSA. "I know now that I need to be linking these communi ties because I'm a member of both

communities."

While the conversation among members of the groups became heated at times, it helped put the issues on the table, Watson said.

"We may have disagreed some times, but we definitely got the juices flowing," he said after the forum. "From here, we can get together to fix some of the issues we talked about.

Sarah Carucci, co-chairwoman of GLBTSA, said that without this heated debate, topics important to both groups might never be

"I'm glad people got passionate at times," she said after the event. "If people were formal the whole time, we wouldn't accomplish any-

Members from both organizations say they plan on furthering coordination between the two

"(Sexuality is) a big issue in the black community," Watson said.

"This is just the icebreaker for an

issue we're exploring this year."
Future projects involving both groups, including shared forums and joint hosting of speakers on campus, are in the works.

To continue "Coming Out" week the University's LGBT office will hold a brown bag lunch at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday in Union 3209, followed by a social event from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in Union 2511. The day's schedule will culmi-

nate in a bowling night beginning at 8 p.m. in the Student Union Underground.

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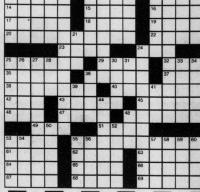


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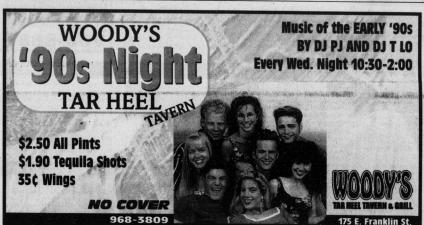
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